

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

England & Wales · Charity number 205112

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1962-06-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: ALMSHOUSES FOR POOR PERSONS NOT LESS THAN 60 YEARS OF AGE WHO HAVE RESIDED IN THE AREA OF THE BOROUGH OF ABINGDON AND SUCH PARTS OF THE AREAS OF THE ANCIENT PARISHES OF ST. HELEN, ABINDGDON AND ST. NICHOLAS, ABINGDON AS ARE NOT SITUATED IN THE SAID BOROUGH FOR NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS NEXT PRECEDING TIME OF APPOINTMENT. INCOME TO BE APPLIED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ALMSPEOPLE AND SUBJECT THERETO THE GOVERNORS MAY APPLY A YEARLY SUM OF NOT MORE THAN ú1, 800 OR SUCH SUM AS THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVE FROM TIME TO TIME TOWARDS THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE ALBERT PARK PUBLIC RECREATION GROUND.

Activities: Provision of almshouses for older people in need as defined in the Charity's Scheme. Education support grants but area of benefit restricted to Abingdon. Grants to voluntary organizations in Abingdon who support the needy. Relief of poverty by providing essential goods to the needy.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SEE OBJECTS
- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£943,947	£1,264,929	£24,545,159	5
2023-12-31	£942,056	£1,241,075	£23,553,711	5
2022-12-31	£983,661	£1,092,676	£23,189,344	5
2021-12-31	£924,558	£743,015	£25,789,903	5
2020-12-31	£860,382	£778,416	£23,652,565	5

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charles Birks	Chair	2021-09-02
ANDREW JOHN SKINNER		2025-07-03
Dr Angharad Sarah Ayrton Saunders		2022-07-07
Gabriella Barody		2022-09-08
KEVIN SENIOR		2016-07-07
LAURENCE Dennis KING		2017-08-03
Penelope Clover		2025-06-05
Rawda Jehanli		2024-07-04
Rev Dr Jennifer Brown		2025-11-06
Sarah Hardwick		2026-02-05
Simon Hills		2026-05-07
Simon McConnell		2016-10-06
Stephen William Workman		2023-06-01

Linked charities

- MAUD TEESDALE (205112-1)
- JOHN COXE (205112-10)
- THOMAS BARTON (205112-11)
- HANNAH HAWKINS FOR POOR (205112-12)
- RICHARD GREEN (205112-13)
- ROBERT MORRIS (205112-14)
- RICHARD CURTYN (205112-15)
- WILLIAM LEE (205112-16)
- JOHN MORRIS (205112-17)
- JOHN PERKINS (205112-18)
- THE CHARITY OF JOHN BLACKNALL (205112-19)
- CLAYTON AND MORRIS (205112-2)
- THE CHARITY OF RICHARD WRIGGLESWORTH (205112-20)
- ABINGDON ALMSHOUSE AND RELIEF IN NEED CHARITIES (205112-21)
- THE TOMKINS' ALMSHOUSE CHARITY (205112-22)
- TWITTY'S ALMSHOUSE CHARITY (205112-23)
- LIONEL BOSTOCK FOR POOR (205112-3)
- THOMAS BOSTOCK (205112-4)
- THOMAS AND MARGARET DENTON (205112-5)
- HANNAH HAWKINS FOR SERMON (205112-6)
- LIONEL BOSTOCK FOR SERMON (205112-7)
- THOMAS MAYOTT (205112-8)
- MARY CHICKEN (205112-9)

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**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
REPORT BY THE GOVERNORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024**

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Incorporating:	The Twitty's Almshouse Charity The Tomkins Almshouse Charity The Abingdon Almshouse and Relief in Need Charity The Charity of John Blacknall The Charity of Richard Wrigglesworth	
Statutory and other information		
Co-optative Governors	Mr C E Birks (Master from 01.1.24) Mr L D King Mrs G Butt (to 01.02.24) Mr K W Senior Mr S J McConnell Mrs J D Kent Mrs A Saunders Mr. S Workman Mrs M Evans	
Ex Officio Governors	Rector - Rev Dr E C Miller (to 03.10.24) Mayor Cllr Dr G Lewis OBE (to 02.05.24) Mayor Cllr G Barody (from 06.06.24)	
Nominative Governors	Cllr G Barody (to 02.05.24) Cllr O Forder (to 05.06.24) Cllr T Greenaway Cllr C Sanderson (from 04.07.24) Cllr R Jehanli (from 04.07.24)	
Emeritus Governor	Mr M W Matthews	
Clerk to the Governors	Mrs A Acott	
Address of the Charity	4 St Helen's Wharf Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 5EN	
Principal Bankers	National Westminster Bank Plc 11 Market Place Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 3HH	
Solicitors	Challenor & Son Stratton House Bath Street Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 3LA	Blake Morgan LLP Seacourt Tower West Way Oxfordshire OX2 0FB
Auditor	Crowe UK LLP R+ Building 2 Blagrove Street Reading Berkshire RG1 1AZ	
Investment managers	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited Part of Rathbones Group Plc. 2 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN	
Property managing agents	Orpwood Ltd t/a Adkin Orpwood House School Road Ardington, Wantage Oxfordshire OX12 8PQ	
Registered Charity No	205112	

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Governors present their annual report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ending 31st December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the requirements of the relevant regulations issued under the Charities Act 2011, having regard to the applicable version of the Charities SORP.

1. STATUS, ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTION

The Ancient Corporation of the Master and Governors of the Hospital of Christ of Abingdon ("Ancient Corporation") was created by Letters Patent of King Edward VI in 1553. Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is now a Registered Charity regulated by a Scheme sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 25 January 1971. The charity number, present Governors and advisors are listed on page 2.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Christ's Hospital is a Registered Charity regulated by a Scheme sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 25 January 1971 and subsequent Orders of 1999 and 2002. The Governors perform their obligations under the Schemes for the constituent charities by applying the income of the Charity to provide charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon in Oxfordshire and such part of the ancient parishes of St Helen, St Helen Without and St Nicolas, Abingdon as do not fall within the boundaries of the town. The Governors are able to extend the area of benefit to the immediate surroundings of Abingdon in certain circumstances.

During the year we said goodbye to The Reverend Dr Charles Miller who retired after 18 years service as an Ex Officio governor and Mrs Glynne Butt who had served as Governor for 20 years and Master from 2015, Mayor Cllr Gabby Barody was appointed as Ex Officio Governor, replacing Mayor Dr G Lewis OB Cllr O Forder resigned Cllr C Saunderson, and Cllr Rawda Jehanli were appointed as Nominative Governors. All newly appointed Governors are provided with a copy of the Scheme dated 25th January 1971 and subsequent Orders, a copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the last financial year, the Charity Commission book (or email link) "The Essential Trustee" and access to a copy of the Almshouse Association book "Standards of Almshouse Management". They also have a briefing meeting with the Master and the Clerk. Governors are encouraged to attend the various seminars organised by the Almshouse Association.

At the Governors' Meeting in December 2024, it was proposed and unanimously agreed to renew the appointment of Mr Charlie Birks to be Master for the year commencing 1st January 2025. Mr Birks respectfully accepted.

Much of the work of the charity is carried out by the Governors-in-Charge, supported day by day by the Clerk, Finance & Admin Assistant, Almshouse Administrator and Park Keeper. Governors-in-Charge during the year were as follows:

Mr S Workman	- Park & Gardens (from 01.06.23)
Mrs G Butt	- Almshouse Residents (to 01.02.24)
Mrs M. Evans	- Almshouse Residents (from 02.02.24)
Mr L D King	- Almshouse Property
Mr S J McConnell	- Estates (property)
Mr K W Senior	- Finance
Mr C Birks	- Grants

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Governors delegate day to day responsibility for various aspects of the Charity's affairs to:

The Clerk	<i>who manages the staff and the almshouse property portfolio, maintains the Charity's accounting and other records and carries on the administration of the Charity to comply with applicable laws and regulations. The Clerk also manages the Archivist who is responsible for the recording and safe keeping of material for the archives of the Charity.</i>
The Investment Managers	<i>who manage the portfolios held by the Charity under a discretionary management mandate.</i>
The Property Managing Agents	<i>who manage the investment property held by the Charity.</i>
The Chartered Surveyors	<i>who advise on the structural integrity of the Charity's almshouse property to ensure a suitable standard is maintained.</i>

2.1 Scheme of Governance

Governors met on eleven Thursdays (including a strategy meeting) during the year to enable them to discharge their responsibilities. At these meetings, Governors receive reports from the Governors-in-Charge on their activities in the previous month which confirm, or recommend for discussion, actions to be taken in both the short and longer term. These written and verbal reports provide each Governor with the information necessary to discharge their duties.

The Governors retain responsibility for all key decisions, including approval of:

- *The strategy and policies adopted by the Charity to achieve its charitable objectives.*
- *The annual budget.*
- *Major capital expenditure, including property acquisition and refurbishment.*
- *The annual financial statements.*
- *The appointment of residents to vacant almshouses.*
- *Under extraordinary circumstances the need to set aside a license to occupy an almshouse.*
- *Grant applications.*

A framework of authorities is in place, which maps out the structure of delegation as well as specifying those issues which remain the preserve of the Governors. This framework emphasizes the key role of specific Governor responsibility in the exercise of executive control, subject to reporting and ratification by the Governors, as described above. The relevant individuals are identified earlier in this report on page 3.

- *The Finance Governor monitors and reviews the Charity's financial and internal control as well as its investments.*
- *The Grants Governor receives, considers and evaluates applications for charitable assistance, according to the provisions of the Scheme.*
- *The Almshouse Property Governor oversees the management of both almshouses and health and safety matters relating to the almshouses and workplaces.*
- *The Almshouse Residents' Governor looks after the best interests of the residents and takes the lead role in the appointment of new residents.*
- *The Park and Gardens Governor oversees the management of Albert Park and the almshouse gardens.*
- *The Estates (Property) Governor oversees the management of investment properties to ensure rental and maintenance matters are dealt with in line with the Scheme.*

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2.2 Related Parties and Conflicts of Interest

During the year various Governors are involved either as trustees or in the management of a number of voluntary organisations majority of which are in Abingdon, including:

- The Albert Memorial Trust (Registered Charity No 1076274)
- Abingdon and Witney College
- The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity No 1160080)
- Abingdon School (Registered Charity No 1071298)
- Friends of Abbey Buildings Trust (Registered Charity No 1183398)
- Friends of Abingdon Civic Society (Registered Charity No 1183397)
- Quest for Learning (Registered Charity No 1107219)
- St Michael's and All Angels' Church DCC
- Abingdon Town Council
- Friends of St Edmunds School (1096121)
- Fitzharrys Manor Estates Residents Association
- Sunningwell Poor's Land Charity (Registered Charity No 200725)
- Sunningwell Poor's Land Schools Foundation (Registered Charity No 285506)
- The Law Society
- Institute of Marketing
- Institute of Management
- Sustainable Dialogues
- Abingdon Surgery Patients Group
- The Mental Health Foundation
- Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
- Dunmore School
- Abingdon Learning Trust
- Riverside Collection Management (05662567)
- Manor Preparatory School
- Ewelme Almshouse Charity (200581)
- Pendon Museum (313614)

The Charity is also a member of the Almshouse Association to whom an annual subscription is paid.

The Governors have adopted a comprehensive policy to identify all transactions with related parties or other transactions which might involve any conflict of interest. These are detailed in Note 13.

2.3 Remuneration

Our approach to remuneration is designed to ensure we can attract and retain the talented and motivated people we need to achieve our mission and deliver our strategic goals. It is applied consistently across the organisation. We aim to pay competitively in the not-for-profit sector within the context of affordability. We therefore consider factors such as salaries paid in comparable organisations.

No remuneration was paid either directly or indirectly to any Governor or connected person during the period under review. Reimbursement of expenses occurs infrequently and then only when Governors or staff are acting on Christ's Hospital or Almshouse Association business and only on production of a valid receipt and the completion of a reimbursement form.

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2.4 Insurance

The Governors maintain indemnity insurance of up to £1 million. The annual premium charged in these financial statements was £868.00 (2023: £868.00). The Governors fully recognise that this does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

2.5 Risk Management Statement

The Governors have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks which they believe the Charity faces. The external risks and exposure thereto are kept under constant review, together with the internal aspects of health and safety.

A risk management register is maintained and is reviewed annually to ensure risks are effectively managed by the Charity. The major risks and preventative measures in place are as follows:

Falling investment income

The investment managers, Investec Wealth and Management Ltd, manage the Charity's portfolio within agreed parameters (medium/high risk) which are monitored at least quarterly, and all Governors are provided with summaries of those reports. A representative of the investment company presents a formal annual report and discussion of the portfolio during at least one of the Governors' meetings, usually March. The investment company ensure that the Charity invests in 'defensive' stocks which remain mostly unaffected by economic variations.

Reduction in Commercial & Residential rental income due to voids

Adkin are a specialist property management company who manage the Charity's property and land and report monthly to the Governors, making recommendations as to the best way to maximise the return on the Charity's portfolio, whilst remaining within the remit of the Scheme.

Damage to Property, i.e. Fire.

The Governors seek professional advice on the risks associated with Almshouses and other property and install and monitor safety equipment and measures on a regular basis. In April 2015, a major Fire Safety inspection took place and as a result of this upgrades were made to fire equipment and policies. In September 2019, the local Fire Officer also visited and was satisfied by the systems in place and the supporting paperwork. In September 2021 Turner Fire Security Ltd were appointed to carry out a fire risk assessment the findings of which have been implemented during 2023.

Information Damage i.e. Fraud, cyber crime

The Governors have taken advice on prevention of information theft and regularly review the Charity's Fraud policy to reflect the ever-advancing ability of 'fraudsters' to gain access to sensitive information. In 2023 some older computer equipment was replaced to ensure the latest best practice for back-up and protection of information is adhered to.

As a result of a review into of our security and back up concerns a new IT consultant was engaged as of May 2024.

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2.6 Public Benefit

In following the Charity's aims and objectives, Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance in complying with their duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 on public benefit. The provision of almshouse accommodation for those in need provides an identifiable public benefit which is directly in line with the Charity's aims. Beneficiaries of almshouses must be in need and will be drawn from that section of the public which has been defined in the Scheme.

The Charity gives 'relief in need' through education grants and grants of domestic items to those who cannot afford them and fall outside the help of the local authority. This year they also gave a considerable number of substantial grants to local charities for specific purposes to benefit residents in our area of benefit. All the above are directly identifiable public benefit.

The Charity also maintains Albert Park, a park which is permanently open for use by any member of the public and easily accessible to all levels of mobility. This is also in line with the Charities scheme document.

3. OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

3.1 Objects

The Objects of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon and its subsidiary charities were created to provide charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon-on-Thames in Oxfordshire.

The Charity's strategy is to provide funds both for individuals and organisations to provide help and relief within the terms of the Schemes. This can only be achieved within the conditions at the time. The primary objective is the provision of almshouse accommodation. Funds are also available for the relief of need and education of residents within the area of benefit.

The Charity owns Albert Park recreation ground and its surrounding roads, and whilst the Governors fully recognise their responsibility for the maintenance of these, it does provide a major drain on the Charity's resources.

The Charity measures its success in several ways. It aims to achieve a 90% occupation rate for almshouses, to maximise the grants paid out and to adhere as closely as possible to its annual budget in all areas. The Charity is very proud of its commitment to keeping almshouses as up to date as possible within the confines of their listed building status (see 'The estate').

The Governors are pursuing the process of transforming Christ's Hospital of Abingdon into a Charity Limited by Guarantee (CLG). Blake Morgan solicitors are preparing the relevant documentation to present to the Charity Commission. They are conducting a review of what the Charity does and what land and property it holds, advising on how the process of transformation would take place.

A significant area of work emerged around the First Registration of currently unregistered land and how to manage this in order for it to come under the purview of the new CLG. Governors also embarked on a period of reflection and analysis of the Charity's areas of operation.

Transforming into a CLG presents the Charity with an opportunity to review its scheme to ensure it is meeting the need for effective and appropriate control. The resulting changes should provide security for trustees and a clear understanding for new trustees to quickly integrate in managing the Charity. It is hoped a schedule of the proposed scheme changes for Governors to consider and agree will be ready in the second quarter of 2025.

The Governors are now actively reviewing the sustainability of the Charity as a whole. A long term view is to be formulated to build in resilience to our many and diverse requirements

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3.2 Grants

The consequences of the pandemic and cost of living crisis continue to be far more complex than first envisaged. Families and Schools are struggling with finances, organisations are finding it difficult to recruit volunteers. Our young citizens are struggling with a complex set of issues that is of considerable concern for their mental health and future prospects, especially in our most deprived areas. Provision of mental health and SEN support cannot cope with demand.

We have a good relationship with our 13 state funded schools, the majority have had a personal visit to discuss their issues, and are encouraged to apply for grants to assist with school activities, equipment, and student support. It has become very apparent a growing number of students are very resource intensive, we have been pleased to help by supporting schools in resolving very difficult situations by providing professional support for the students teachers and the family. The aim is to ensure all students have access to an education structured to their needs, whilst reducing the impact on the school as a whole.

We have been working closely with home school liaison/support staff, as well as County and District Councils, CAB and Health care providers, in relieving hardship. The Charity continues to provide help to individuals with Relief in Need payments for equipment and/or basic necessities such as cookers, washing machines, fridge freezers, furniture, carpets. Provisions to institutions tend to be more substantial and are usually for equipment to help them function and provide life skills for vulnerable people.

This year the charity has increased funding for vulnerable adults in training programs within various projects in Abingdon. Organisations as various as the, Be Free Young Carers, One Planet, Yellow Submarine, The Abingdon Bridge, as well as a number of youth sporting clubs, have all benefited from Christ's Hospital of Abingdon. We have pursued our proactive approach with some vigour in encouraging schools, and organisations with making grant applications to ensure they are aware of the Charity's capabilities and policies. The response not only to our generosity but also the ability to make where necessary swift decisions have been universally applauded. The gratitude expressed when on a number of occasions support has not been available from any other source reinforces our standing within the town. Numbers of grants and values can be found within Note 6 of the accounts.

3.3 The Estate

The Governors are proud of the Charities' ownership of several freehold properties in Abingdon that are of considerable historic and heritage interest. They are mindful of the inalienable nature of these properties and their duty to maintain them. The most important of these properties are shown here with their listing:

Long Alley Almshouses and Hall	1446	Grade I
Brick Alley Almshouses and outbuildings	1718	Grade I
St Helen's Wharf Almshouse	1884	Grade II
St Helen's Wharf Office	1884	Grade II
St John's Almshouses	1801	Grade II
Tomkins Almshouses & Clock Tower	1733	Grade II
Twitty's Almshouses	1710	Grade II
Albert Monument (within Albert Park)	1865	Grade II
Conduit House	circa 1500	Grade II
Albert Park	Listed Victorian Park	
The Exchequer Room (forming part of the Church of St Helen, Abingdon)		

Associated with these properties are furniture, fittings, historic artefacts and an extensive archive housed in a climate-controlled building known as the Liversidge or Muniment room, which the Governors view as both historic and inalienable.

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3.4 Albert Park and Long Alley Garden.

The Governors are committed to maintaining Albert Park for use by the people of Abingdon. Challenges remain regarding climate change along with ecological responsibilities and dealing with the consequences of Honey Fungus. We continue to replace trees in the Park which have died, or been subject to vandalism, with species which are more resistant to changing climatic conditions. We also maintain the mature trees in the Park through a planned maintenance programme, ensuring dead branches are removed so as not to pose a risk to Park users during stormy weather.

4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE AND RECORD OF ACTIVITIES

The Charity has again had a successful year despite the impact on society caused by the many world conflicts and climate change as well as the financial challenges to the UK. Income from rent and dividends has held up compared to the previous year, but expenses have increased significantly, due to increased levels of grant awards and increased expenditure on property. The revaluation of property has resulted in an increase of £130,575. There was a very small movement on the Commercial Property due to a decreased life of lease at Mullards Way and there was approximately 2.5% increase on the total Residential Properties.

It was felt that it was not necessary to undertake fundraising, as the investment portfolio, and modest contributions from residents towards maintenance, continue to contribute significantly to the planned expenditure.

The Quinquennial maintenance program for Tomkins, Twittys, and Long Alley Almshouses has been completed along with the refurbishment of number 5 Tomkins.

Repair and cleaning of the stained-glass windows in Long Alley Hall has returned them to their former glory. This exercise although costly acknowledged the governors' responsibility to the Historical buildings of Abingdon, they were much admired on Heritage open day.

Due to the increased risk to internet security Governors have engaged a company to maintain our systems and strengthen resistance against attack.

As part of our desire to make the Charity fall in line with climate objectives the diesel tractor has now been replaced with an electric vehicle.

4.1 Residents

The residents continue to have the benefit from an Almshouse Administrator, who not only acts as a good neighbour and takes an interest in their welfare but is a safety coordinator for all routine testing of alarms, water hygiene and minor repairs.

Residents benefit from regular visits, and gatherings when circumstances allow, or phone/email contact on a daily or weekly basis, depending on their needs.

The Governors are sorry to report that twice in 2023 they voted to set aside a resident's license to occupy their almshouse. One resident left their almshouse as requested in October 2023. In the other case the charity commenced the legal process to evict the resident and they finally left in May 2024.

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4.2 The Estate

Maintaining Heritage and Ensuring Safety

The Governors of the Charity are dedicated to preserving the heritage of our esteemed estate while managing the financial burden associated with maintaining our listed buildings. This report aims to outline the measures taken to maintain and improve the Charity's assets, ensuring the well-being of our residents and fulfilling our charitable objectives and safety obligations.

Asset Maintenance and Enhancements

Renovations and Refurbishments

The policy of the Governors is to ensure that each almshouse, as it falls vacant, is updated to a high standard ready for reoccupation. Notably, Five Tomkins has been completely renovated after twenty-two years of occupation. Additionally, Three, and Five, Brick Alley, as well as Two Long Alley were deep cleaned 6 long alley was redecorated and flooring replaced.

Quinquennial Work

Extensive quinquennial work was completed during the year, including significant repairs at Tomkins, Twitty's, St John's, and Long Alley. Important repairs and adjustments were also made to the stained glass windows at Long Alley, ensuring their longevity and aesthetic value.

Flood Management

In September, heavy rains caused flooding at Long Alley, necessitating emergency pumping and sandbagging. Continuous monitoring of river levels has been instituted to help prevent such occurrences in the future.

Regular Maintenance Activities

Scheduled maintenance activities, such as legionella and water temperature testing, boiler servicing and repairs, emergency lighting, and portable appliance testing, were carried out throughout the year. Our thirty-two almshouses and offices require constant attention to minor faults and accidental damage. The permanent appointment of a Park Keeper/Handyman earlier this year has significantly improved the timely execution of minor repairs, ensuring our residents' safety and comfort.

Fire and Security Measures

Fire alarms were triggered multiple times across different locations, often due to cooking incidents, resulting in fire brigade attendance in some cases. Additionally, security services were called to investigate personal alarm activations, which were either medical emergencies or accidental triggers. Minimal issues were reported with intruder alarms, with only a few false alarms.

Conclusion and Future Outlook

The Governors remain committed to the careful stewardship of the Charity's resources, ensuring the preservation of our assets while prioritising the safety and well-being of our residents. Through diligent maintenance and strategic improvements, we strive to uphold the integrity and heritage of our estate.

Looking forward, the Governors will continue to focus on both preserving the historical significance of our estate and enhancing living conditions for our residents. We will remain vigilant in our efforts to address any challenges promptly, ensuring that our estate remains a safe, welcoming, and well-maintained environment for all.

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5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our Auditors agreed that a professional revaluation was not necessary until 2026 therefore the Governor in Charge of Property, Mr S J McConnell conducted a review with their agreement to assess the current value of all Commercial and Residential Property and the Land. This resulted in an increase in value of £130,575 from the previous year. Professional valuations of investment properties will take place no less than every 3 years. In the intervening years the Governor in Charge of Property, using his considerable knowledge and experience, will undertake a review of values. From this review the Governors will decide if a formal, professional valuation is then necessary.

All transactions were deemed to be in the normal course of business and the Governors consider the Charity to be a 'going concern'.

Careful and conservative forecasts and budgets for the next year are prepared by the Clerk and Governors in Charge each November and reviewed at the December meeting of all Governors. The Charity's Governors (Trustees) feel that it is as well placed as it can be to meet significant refurbishment costs in the future. The net surplus for the year was £991,448 (2023: surplus £364,367).

5.1 Investment policy

The management of the Charity's investment portfolio is conducted by professional investment managers under discretionary management powers delegated by the Governors, under broad guidelines set by the Governors. These guidelines have been reviewed during the year and currently require that the managers protect the value of the capital and income of the Charity in real terms over the medium term by seeking a balanced return between income and capital growth, avoiding elevated risk. At any one time, the portfolios may comprise fixed interest and equity investments within these criteria. Portfolio exposure to equities is limited to 90% of the total fund value. In the avoidance of high risk, the managers are instructed not to involve the Charity in derivatives trading, underwriting or off-market transactions. Where necessary, the allocation of income and capital is apportioned according to the figures at the start of the year.

The Governors continue to monitor administrative costs and fees. The Governors are content that they are continuing to avoid high risks. The Governors reserve the right to exclude companies that carry out activities contrary to their aims or from holding investments which might damage the Charity's reputation. This policy is reviewed with the investment company during their annual report to the Governors, usually in the May Governors' meeting.

In order to measure our performance, we review the total fund return against a benchmark fund return of similar risk status.

As reported above a detailed report by the investment managers is delivered in person to a full meeting of the Governors at least annually. The entire area remains under the continuing scrutiny of the Governors and the Governor responsible for Finance in pursuit of the risk control as outlined above. The portfolio on 31st December 2024 was £16,774,841 (2023: £15,626,841). The investments made a revaluation gain of £1,184,551 (2023: £860,386 gain). During 2017 the Governors took the decision to sub-divide the Main Fund into Capital and Income generating sub-sections to better leverage the asset to meet the ongoing costs. . An agreement was made by the Governors to set up a separate Fixed Interest Fund (6.5M) to generate income for grants, this will be set up by Investec in January 2025

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5.2 Reserves Policy

Christ's Hospital has historically financed its operations through income derived from its endowment investments. In recent years it has also received maintenance contributions from almshouse residents. Due to the limited area of benefit, Governors have decided it is not practicable to seek donations or benefactors on a significant level. It must be noted that the instability in world markets as a result of the war in Ukraine and the conflict in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories has led to a significant rise in inflation.

As such Governors realise endowment alone is insufficient to provide enough income. It has become necessary to maintain a level of reserves to finance future operations in the long term. They believe that total assets of around £20 million are required under current conditions. It is therefore the intention of Christ's Hospital to try to maintain investment assets at this level. The level will be reviewed as circumstances change.

Total funds held by the Charity at the year-end stood at £24,545,159 (2023: £23,553,711). The Charity's unrestricted funds, excluding designations and unrestricted fixed assets, stood at £9,730,018 (2023: £9,145,662) at the year-end. If the market value of listed investments that are held to generate income to support the Charity's activities is excluded from the above sum, the remaining free reserves are negative £11,144 (2023: £339,857 positive).

Free reserves are held for the following reasons:

- a) There is a significant cost to maintaining Listed buildings of which the charity has eight sets (noted under 'estates') plus a Listed Victorian Park (Albert Park). Whilst investment monies are put aside in restricted funds for the upkeep of the Almshouses and emergency use, it is unknown when an emergency may occur and whether it will be covered by available designated funds. Repairs to ageing Listed buildings are increasingly complex and costly.
- b) It is anticipated that the Conservation area already in existence around Albert Park may be expanded. This may bring additional expense and the need for specialist contractors' expertise as the Charity strives to maintain, to a higher standard, the newly designated dwellings which it owns in the surrounding area.
- c) Considerations are to be made shortly as to the future of certain leasehold properties which revert to Christ's Hospital control in 2037. There may be significant investment needed to bring them to an acceptable modern standard.
- d) the charity like to have the capacity to spend on grants over and above the budgeted level, whilst still maintaining the ratio for allocation of expenditure required by the Charity Scheme i.e. expenditure on grants cannot currently be greater than that on almshouses.

**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

6. FUNDS

In addition to the unrestricted funds, which represent accumulated income available to the Governors for such purposes as they may decide, the funds controlled by the Governors fall into a number of classes:

6.1 Permanent endowment funds

These funds represent assets which are permanent capital held by the Governors. The property within these funds comprises:

- Freehold land and buildings held for the Charities' own use.
- Freehold land and buildings held for charitable purposes, including almshouses and Albert Park
- Investments in listed securities and real estate.

Two further funds have been created by orders of the Charity Commissioners made on 21 August and 13 December 1984 to recoup endowment monies spent on the Albert Park service area and in connection with Mullard (Abingdon) Housing Trust, respectively.

6.2 Designated fund

Extraordinary Repair Fund - This fund has been set up by the Governors in response to the Almshouse Association's guidance to have a fund for each group of almshouses to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the Charity's Almshouses. The designated fund balance at the year-end was £632,692 (2023: £560,733) per Note 14.

6.3 Restricted funds

These funds represent income and other assets which may be applied only for specified purposes. These amount to £1,597,009 (2023: £1,446,758) per Note 15.

The Charity of John Blacknall Church branch

Income payable to the incumbent and churchwardens of the Parish of St Nicolas applicable to the maintenance of the Church of St Nicolas, Abingdon.

The Charity of Richard Wrigglesworth Education branch

Funds available to assist with the education of individuals under the age of 25 by way of exhibition, grant or towards preparing them for entry into a trade.

Almshouse branches

Funds for the provision and maintenance of almshouses and their residents.

Relief in Need branches

Funds are available to support people in conditions of need, hardship or distress either individually or generally.

Extraordinary repair funds

Funds created in response to orders of the Charity Commissioners to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the Charities' almshouses and other property.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (CONTINUED)
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7. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Governors will continue to comply with the requirements of the Charity's Scheme to provide almshouse accommodation, relief in need, educational support and the provision and maintenance of Albert Park. The Governors remain committed to their policies of maintaining the Charity's assets and particularly the historic nature of many of the buildings. In refurbishing the almshouses to first-rate standards, consideration is being given to the increased expectations of potential residents. The Charity is committed to making positive improvements to the condition of Albert Park and the park's workstation building, much has already been achieved.

The Governors are committed to changing the status of the charity from an unincorporated association to a Company Limited by Guarantee. The Charity has supported people in the area of benefit for 470 years and it is the Governors' firm intention that this should be continued for the foreseeable future. They are taking active measures to ensure that the relevant local people are aware of the help Christ's Hospital can offer and that the size of grants offered has increased where appropriate and justified. The Governors are committed to the objective of providing charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon -on-Thames in Oxfordshire for an indefinite period. Fundamental to the achievement of this objective is the maintenance of an effective system of corporate governance. This is concerned with the direction and control of the organisation and, in particular, with the role of Governors and the need to ensure an effective framework of accountability and risk management.

This report was approved by the Governors on 3 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr C E Birks - Master

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Governors 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 Governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Governors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the governors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Other information

The Governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Governors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities act requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Governors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Governors

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 13, the Governors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Governors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Governors either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Details of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, are set out below.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the Charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the charity were the Charities Act 2011, together with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statements.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the Charity for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the Charity were Charity Commission regulations, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Health and Safety regulations. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Governors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance Governor about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Governors, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's governors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's governors as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Crowe UK LLP

Crowe U.K. LLP
Statutory Auditor
Reading

Date: 1 May 2025

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations	2	-	4,100	-	4,100	4,100
Investments	3	645,856	64,532	6,715	717,103	717,717
Charitable activities - contributions from Almspeople		221,057	-	-	221,057	219,868
Other		<u>1,687</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,687</u>	<u>371</u>
Total income and endowments		<u>868,600</u>	<u>68,632</u>	<u>6,715</u>	<u>943,947</u>	<u>942,056</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	47,526	8,359	142,150	198,035	191,796
Charitable activities						
- Grants payable		466,090	18,241	-	484,331	532,777
- Provision of Almshouses		402,569	59,922	-	462,491	420,954
- Albert Park maintenance		<u>114,218</u>	<u>5,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,072</u>	<u>95,548</u>
Total expenditure	4	<u>1,030,403</u>	<u>92,376</u>	<u>142,150</u>	<u>1,264,929</u>	<u>1,241,075</u>
Net gains/(loss) on investments		<u>691,202</u>	<u>121,515</u>	<u>499,713</u>	<u>1,312,430</u>	<u>663,386</u>
Net surplus/(deficit)		<u>529,399</u>	<u>97,771</u>	<u>364,278</u>	<u>991,448</u>	<u>364,367</u>
Transfers between funds	14	<u>54,957</u>	<u>52,480</u>	<u>(107,437)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		584,356	150,251	256,841	991,448	364,367
Total funds brought forward		<u>9,145,662</u>	<u>1,446,758</u>	<u>12,961,291</u>	<u>23,553,711</u>	<u>23,189,344</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>9,730,018</u>	<u>1,597,009</u>	<u>13,218,132</u>	<u>24,545,159</u>	<u>23,553,711</u>

The notes on pages 22 to 38 form part of these financial statements

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	35,195	41,486
Investment properties	8	7,113,575	6,983,000
Investments	9	<u>16,774,841</u>	<u>15,625,841</u>
		23,923,611	22,650,327
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Debtors	10	183,890	132,512
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>703,778</u>	<u>998,047</u>
		887,668	1,130,559
LIABILITIES:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(266,120)</u>	<u>(227,175)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>621,548</u>	<u>903,384</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>24,545,159</u>	<u>23,553,711</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Unrestricted funds			
General	14	9,097,326	8,584,929
Designated	14	<u>632,692</u>	<u>560,733</u>
		9,730,018	9,145,662
Restricted funds	15	1,597,009	1,446,758
Endowment funds	16	<u>13,218,132</u>	<u>12,961,291</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	17	<u>24,545,159</u>	<u>23,553,711</u>

Approved and authorised for issue by the Governors on 3/4/25 and signed on their behalf by



Mr C Birks - Master



Mr K W Senior - Governor

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CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
CASHFLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Net cash used in operating activities (see below)	(1,044,702)	(926,624)
<i>Cash flows from investing activities</i>		
Interest, dividends and rents from investments	717,103	717,717
Purchase of plant and equipment	-	-
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(2,220)	(24,797)
Proceeds from sale of investments	14,007,690	4,626,583
Purchase of investments	<u>(13,951,771)</u>	<u>(5,321,562)</u>
Net cash provided by/ (used in) by investing activities	770,802	(2,059)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(273,900)	(928,683)
Cash and cash equivalent brought forward	<u>1,064,558</u>	<u>1,993,241</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	<u>790,658</u>	<u>1,064,558</u>
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	991,448	364,367
Depreciation charges	8,511	4,819
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(717,103)	(717,717)
(Gain)/loss on investments	(1,315,126)	(663,386)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(51,377)	14,988
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>38,945</u>	<u>70,305</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,044,702)	(926,624)
	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash awaiting investment with investment managers	86,880	66,511
Cash in hand	504,638	537,347
Notice deposits (less than three months)	<u>199,140</u>	<u>460,700</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents (Note 18 & 19)	<u>790,658</u>	<u>1,064,558</u>

The notes on pages 22 to 38 form part of these financial statements

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is a charity registered in the UK (charity number 205112) with its registered office at 4 St Helens Wharf, Wharf Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 5EN.

b) Going Concern

The Governors consider that there are sufficient reserves held at the year-end to manage any foreseeable downturn in the UK and global economy. The Governors consider there are no material uncertainties relating to going concern and continue to adopt the going concern basis, meaning the Charity has adequate resources to continue its activities for at least the twelve months from the signing of these accounts.

c) Income

Dividends and rents are accounted for in the year to which they relate.

Legacies and voluntary income are accounted for in the year in which they are received.

d) Expenditure

Grants awarded by the Governors are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period that they are made to the extent that a legal or constructive obligation exists.

Almshouses and Almspeople costs are accounted for on an accruals basis in the year to which they relate.

Pension costs charged in the SOFA represent contributions payable by the charity in that year.

Included within charitable activities are governance costs, which comprise the costs of running the Charity, including strategic planning for its future development, also internal and external audit, any legal advice for the Charity and all the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are allocated on the basis of time spent (15% Grants Payable, 75% Provision of Almshouses, and 10% Albert Park Maintenance).

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

e) Grant making

The charity's grant-making process is informed by the best practices of peer organisations, and the Charity Commission's guidelines and recommendations.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one-year or multi-year grant.

Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the Trust.

f) Freehold land and buildings

Freehold land and buildings held for the Charity's use are included on the balance sheet at cost. The buildings are depreciated over 50 years on a straight line basis.

The Charity owns certain fixed assets which are historic, inalienable and form part of the permanent endowment, the more important of which are listed in the Report of the Governors. No reliable cost information is available for these assets and their heritage nature means conventional valuation procedures would be unreliable. The Governors have no intention to dispose of these assets in the foreseeable future.

g) Other tangible fixed assets

Furniture and equipment are capitalised when considered appropriate and depreciation is calculated to write off the cost over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. A de-minimis capitalisation limit of £1,000 is applied. The following rates and bases have been used:

Office furniture, fixtures and fittings	20% straight line basis
Office equipment	25% straight line basis
Park equipment	25% straight line basis

h) Fixed asset investment properties

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at fair value. The Governors obtain an independent valuation at least every three years. Realised gains and losses on investment properties are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Fixed asset investments

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Realised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment income is recognised in the financial statements on an accruals basis when the charity becomes legally entitled to it. Investment income not directly attributable to a specific fund is apportioned to the various funds based on their opening balance position.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of 3 months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

k) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

l) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

m) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

n) Leases

In respect of operating leases for which the charity is the lessor, the charity classifies the leasing of the investment properties as an operating lease. The rents received from investment properties are recognised in the financial statements for the period they relate to.

In respect of operating leases for which the charity is the lessee, rentals are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

o) Funds

Unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds represent funds which are expendable at the discretion of the governors in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Designated funds

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Governors for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those which must be applied in accordance with the purpose specified by the donor. Expenditure relating to these purposes is charged directly to the fund.

Endowment Funds

Endowment funds consist of investments. The purpose to which that investment may be applied is restricted in accordance with the terms of the endowment trust.

p) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Governors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that has a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is in respect of the investment property valuation. The charity's investment properties are stated at their estimated fair value as disclosed in Note 8.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2. INCOME - DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Albert Park - contribution	-	4,100	4,100	4,100
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>4,100</u>

3. INCOME - INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Equity dividends and interest	318,334	64,532	6,715	389,581	396,259
Bank Interest	44,469	-	-	44,469	30,372
Rents	<u>283,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>283,053</u>	<u>291,086</u>
	<u>645,856</u>	<u>64,532</u>	<u>6,715</u>	<u>717,103</u>	<u>717,717</u>

4. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

2024	Direct Costs £	Staff costs £	Depreciation costs £	Support Costs* £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cost of raising funds						
Investment managers fees**	90,241	-	-	-	90,241	66,921
Property costs	<u>107,794</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,794</u>	<u>124,875</u>
	198,035	-	-	-	198,035	191,796
Charitable activities						
Grants Payable (Note 6)	466,274	5,667	1,277	11,113	484,331	532,777
Provision of Almshouses	288,144	73,010	6,383	94,954	462,491	420,954
Albert Park maintenance	<u>91,322</u>	<u>20,490</u>	<u>851</u>	<u>7,409</u>	<u>120,072</u>	<u>95,548</u>
Total resources expended	<u>1,043,775</u>	<u>99,167</u>	<u>8,511</u>	<u>113,476</u>	<u>1,264,929</u>	<u>1,241,075</u>
Support costs included within provision of Almshouses						
Audit	-	-	-	25,866	25,866	19,240
Office salaries	37,784	-	-	-	37,784	79,724
Office costs	30,940	-	-	-	30,940	24,658
Professional fees	-	-	-	13,522	13,522	7,850
Sundry	<u>2,928</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,928</u>	<u>3,449</u>
	<u>71,652</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,388</u>	<u>111,040</u>	<u>134,921</u>

* Support costs are allocated on an estimate of time spent administering the Almshouses. See Note 1d for details.

** Investment management fees include 5 quarters this year (2023: 4 quarters). This corrects a historic timing difference.

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4. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

2023	<i>Direct Costs</i> £	<i>Staff costs</i> £	<i>Depreciation costs</i> £	<i>Support costs</i> £	<i>Total 2023</i> £	<i>Total 2022</i> £
<i>Cost of raising funds</i>						
<i>Investment managers fees</i>	66,921	-	-	-	66,921	69,621
<i>Property costs</i>	<u>124,875</u>	-	-	-	<u>124,875</u>	<u>289,982</u>
	191,796	-	-	-	191,796	359,603
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
<i>Grants Payable (Note 6)</i>	516,794	11,958	723	3,302	532,777	319,362
<i>Provision of Almshouses</i>	275,006	98,729	3,614	43,605	420,954	281,175
<i>Albert Park maintenance</i>	<u>74,382</u>	<u>18,482</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>2,202</u>	<u>95,548</u>	<u>132,536</u>
<i>Total resources expended</i>	<u>1,057,978</u>	<u>129,169</u>	<u>4,819</u>	<u>49,109</u>	<u>1,241,075</u>	<u>1,092,676</u>
<i>Support costs included within provision of Almshouses</i>						
<i>Audit</i>	-	-	-	19,240	19,240	21,682
<i>Office salaries</i>	79,724	-	-	-	79,724	84,857
<i>Office costs</i>	24,658	-	-	-	24,658	21,329
<i>Professional fees</i>	-	-	-	7,850	7,850	-
<i>Sundry</i>	<u>3,449</u>	-	-	-	<u>3,449</u>	<u>5,933</u>
	<u>107,831</u>	-	-	<u>27,090</u>	<u>134,921</u>	<u>133,801</u>

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5. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

Staff costs were as follows:-

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	132,352	118,113
Social security costs	12,987	6,043
Pension contributions	<u>5,502</u>	<u>5,013</u>
	<u><u>150,841</u></u>	<u><u>129,169</u></u>

No employees earned in excess of £60,000 (2023 – none).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Governors and the Clerk to the Governors. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel (including employers NI and employers' pension) of the charity were £46,673 (2023: £44,269). None of the Governors received any remuneration in the current or preceding year.

During the year no (2023: None) Governors were reimbursed expenses for making purchases on behalf of the Almshouses.

The average monthly number of employees was as follows:-

	No.	No.
Almshouses and Almspeople (1 full-time)	1	1
Albert Park (1 part-time)	1	1
Management and administration (2 full-time, 1 part-time)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u><u>5</u></u>	<u><u>5</u></u>

The charity contributes to the personal pension schemes for certain of its employees. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the funds in respect of the year. £Nil amounts were outstanding at the year end (2023: £Nil).

There were no redundancy payments made in the year (2023: none).

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6. GRANTS PAYABLE (Direct cost)

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Educational		
Charitable payments for nil (2023: 3) individuals	-	13,007
Charitable payments for 13 (2023: 11) educational institutions	<u>284,180</u>	<u>254,086</u>
	284,180	267,093
Relief		
Charitable payments for 28 (2023: 31) individuals	28,624	31,092
Other social institutions 22 (2023: 27) institutions	<u>141,911</u>	<u>205,784</u>
	170,535	236,876
John Blacknall Church branch	<u>11,559</u>	<u>12,825</u>
	<u>466,274</u>	<u>516,794</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	74,480	49,180	123,660
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>2,220</u>	<u>2,220</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>74,480</u>	<u>51,400</u>	<u>125,880</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	60,180	21,994	82,174
Charge for the year	<u>1,300</u>	<u>7,211</u>	<u>8,511</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>61,480</u>	<u>29,205</u>	<u>90,685</u>
Net book values			
At 31 December 2024	<u>13,000</u>	<u>22,195</u>	<u>35,195</u>
<i>At 31 December 2023</i>	<u>14,300</u>	<u>27,186</u>	<u>41,486</u>

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8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Freehold land and buildings		
Valuation		
At 1 January 2024	6,983,000	7,180,000
Revaluation	<u>130,575</u>	<u>(197,000)</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>7,113,575</u>	<u>6,983,000</u>

All properties were valued as at 31 December 2023 by professional valuers in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Manual issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on the basis that the properties are held for investment purposes. A formal valuation of the investment properties is to be carried out every three years. In the years between formal valuation the Governors will assess the value of the investment property.

	Total
	£
Commercial	2,095,000
Residential	3,303,575
Freehold land (leased until 2025)	495,000
Freehold land (leased until 2037)	<u>1,220,000</u>
	<u>7,113,575</u>

The charity earns rental income by leasing its properties to tenants under non-cancellable operating leases. Leases in which substantially all risks and rewards of ownership are retained by another party, the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments, including prepayments, made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

At the balance sheet date, the charity had contracted with tenants to receive the following future minimum lease payments:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Not later than one year	188,659	202,599
Later than one year and not later than five years	229,253	288,269
Later than five years	<u>77,571</u>	<u>100,974</u>
	<u>495,483</u>	<u>591,842</u>

There are no contingent rents recognised as income.

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9. INVESTMENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Market value at 1 January 2024	15,559,329	14,003,965
Additions	13,951,771	5,321,562
Disposals	(14,007,690)	(4,626,583)
Revaluation gains	<u>1,184,551</u>	<u>860,386</u>
Market value at 31 December 2024	16,687,961	15,559,330
Cash awaiting investment	<u>86,880</u>	<u>66,511</u>
Total as at 31 December 2024	<u>16,774,841</u>	<u>15,625,841</u>
*Historical costs of investments at 31 December 2024	<u>15,930,392</u>	<u>10,239,077</u>

The year-end market value is made up as follows:

UK fixed interest	1,356,070	881,890
UK equities	1,196,030	5,091,076
Overseas fixed interest	415,496	422,405
Overseas equities	11,462,527	6,727,469
Other assets	1,787,796	1,501,446
Cash and accrued interest	<u>556,922</u>	<u>1,001,555</u>
	<u>16,774,841</u>	<u>15,625,841</u>

10. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	147,239	109,869
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>36,651</u>	<u>22,643</u>
	<u>183,890</u>	<u>132,512</u>

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11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	38,358	58,407
Accruals	<u>227,762</u>	<u>168,768</u>
	<u>266,120</u>	<u>227,175</u>

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Basic financial assets	17,662,509	16,756,400
Basic financial liabilities	(266,120)	(227,175)

Basic financial assets are all investments (excluding investment properties), debtors plus cash in hand minus prepayments.

Basic financial liabilities are all creditors less due in less than one year plus creditors due in more than one year minus taxation payable.

The entity's income, expense, gains and losses in respect of financial instruments are summarised below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Total dividend and interest income for basic financial assets	434,050	426,631
Total gains/(losses) in respect of basic financial assets	1,184,551	860,386

13. RELATED PARTIES

One Governor (Mr K W Senior) is trustees of the Albert Memorial Trust (Abingdon) Charity (Registered Charity no. 1076274) to whom the Charity paid £1000 (2023: £1,000) and whom granted £716 (2023: £609) during the year to cover the insurance costs of the memorial in Albert Park, Abingdon.

Six Governors (Cllr Mrs G Barody, Cllr Mr T Greenaway, Cllr Sanderson, Cllr O Forder, Mayor Cllr Dr G Lewis OBE and Cllr Jehanli) are members of the Abingdon Town Council which granted the Charity £500 (2023: £4,100) during the year towards a town council meal for Christmas.

Two Governors (Mr L King and Cllr Mrs G Barody) are Trustee of The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity no. 1160080) which offers young people advice and counselling. During the year the Charity granted £44,360 (2023: £45,439) towards supporting their services to the people of Abingdon.

Two Governors (Mrs A Saunders and Mayor Cllr Dr G Lewis OBE) have links to St Edmunds School to whom which the charity paid £74,905 (2023: £32,260) during the year to support various activities.

One Governor (Mrs G Lewis) has links to St Nicholas Church to whom which the charity paid £11,559 during the year to support various activities.

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13. RELATED PARTIES (continued)

One Governor (Rev Dr E C Miller – Left Oct 2024) is a trustee of St Nicholas School to whom which the charity paid £18,104 during the year to support various activities.

One Governor (Mr K W Senior) is Governor at Abingdon School to whom which the charity paid £1,000 during the year (2023: £nil) to support the provision of Robocon laptops.

A close family member of one of the governors (Mr S Workman) is employed by Dunmore School to whom which the charity paid £1,700 during the year to support various activities and school trips.

14. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2024 £</i>	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
Designated funds						
- extraordinary						
repair fund	<i>560,733</i>	13,557	(3,140)	45,671	15,871	632,692
General funds	<u><i>8,584,929</i></u>	<u>855,043</u>	<u>(1,027,263)</u>	<u>645,531</u>	<u>39,086</u>	<u>9,097,326</u>
	<u><i>9,145,662</i></u>	<u>868,600</u>	<u>(1,030,403)</u>	<u>691,202</u>	<u>54,957</u>	<u>9,730,018</u>

Extraordinary Repair Fund

This fund has been set up by the Governors in response of the Almshouse Association's guidance to have a fund for each Almshouse to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the charities' Almshouses.

Property Capital Fund

A temporary endowment fund was created, pursuant to an order of the Charity Commissioners sealed on 16 October 1972, in respect of the property known as South Abingdon Community Centre. This property was sold during the year ended 31 December 2000 and the proceeds were used to open a Property Capital Fund which has now been transferred to general funds.

Transfers

The transfer from General Fund to Extraordinary Repair Fund is made in accordance with the recommendations of the Almshouse Association. The charity has transferred in excess of the minimum required and varies depending on the Governors best estimate of the state and costs required for that set of Almshouses.

Transfer from the Property Capital Fund to General fund is in order to release this designated fund which is deemed no longer required by the Governors.

The transfer from General Funds to the Endowment Recoupment Funds is in accordance with the Recoupment Orders.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2024</i>	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains/ (Losses)	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Albert Park grant	-	4,100	(4,100)	-	-	-
Fielding Alms House Legacy	-	50,000	(50,000)	-	-	-
Conduit House Restoration Grant	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	4,100	(4,100)	-	-	-
John Blacknall						
Church branch	12,162	-	(11,559)	(581)	1,704	1,726
Relief in need branch	<u>466,965</u>	<u>30,498</u>	<u>(10,395)</u>	<u>40,824</u>	<u>18,868</u>	<u>546,760</u>
	479,127	30,498	(21,954)	40,243	20,572	548,486
Richard Wigglesworth						
Relief in need branch	114,195	5,958	(8,276)	9,496	4,517	125,890
Education	<u>43,541</u>	<u>2,262</u>	<u>(258)</u>	<u>3,753</u>	<u>1,515</u>	<u>50,813</u>
	157,736	8,220	(8,534)	13,249	6,032	176,703
Abingdon Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	264,156	9,409	(5,348)	22,577	7,697	298,491
Extraordinary repair	230,367	5,627	(1,304)	18,958	6,341	259,989
Relief in need branch	<u>(68,745)</u>	<u>(309)</u>	<u>(10,277)</u>	<u>(5,774)</u>	<u>(968)</u>	<u>(86,073)</u>
	425,778	14,727	(16,929)	35,761	13,070	472,407
Tomkins Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	157,002	5,394	(25,741)	14,670	3,925	155,250
Extraordinary repair	<u>136,961</u>	<u>2,974</u>	<u>(689)</u>	<u>10,021</u>	<u>4,919</u>	<u>154,186</u>
	293,963	8,368	(26,430)	24,691	8,844	309,436
Twitty's Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	(52,692)	(757)	(13,624)	(4,133)	(16)	(71,222)
Extraordinary repair	141,974	3,454	(800)	11,631	3,955	160,214
Legacy	<u>872</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>985</u>
	<u>90,154</u>	<u>2,719</u>	<u>(14,429)</u>	<u>7,571</u>	<u>3,962</u>	<u>89,977</u>
Total restricted funds	<u><u>1,446,758</u></u>	<u><u>68,632</u></u>	<u><u>(92,376)</u></u>	<u><u>121,515</u></u>	<u><u>52,480</u></u>	<u><u>1,597,009</u></u>

Almshouse branches

Funds for the provision and maintenance of almshouses and their residents.

Relief in Need branches

Funds available to support people in conditions of need, hardship or distress either individually or generally.

Extraordinary repair fund

Funds created in response to orders of the Charity Commissioners to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the charities' almshouses and other property.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)

The Charity of John Blacknall - Church branch

Income payable to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the Parish of St Nicolas applicable to the maintenance of the Church of St Nicolas, Abingdon.

The Charity of Richard Wigglesworth

Education Branch Funds available to assist with the Education of individuals under the age of 25 by way of exhibition, grant or towards preparing them for entry into a trade.

Transfers

The transfers to John Blacknall Church Branch and the Richard Wigglesworth Education Fund are made to meet the requirements of the Scheme of that Charity.

Transfers from Almshouse funds to Extraordinary Repair Funds are made in accordance with the recommendations of the Almshouse Association. The charity has transferred in excess of the minimum required and varies depending on the Governors best estimate of the state and costs required for that set of Almshouses.

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16. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2024</i>	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains/ (Losses)	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Christ's Hospital						
Permanent	11,547,585	-	(108,442)	381,210	(113,147)	11,707,206
Capital recoupment						
- Order A	195,711	4,827	(4,626)	16,263	2,541	214,716
- Order B	<u>76,430</u>	<u>1,888</u>	<u>(1,809)</u>	<u>6,359</u>	<u>985</u>	83,853
	11,819,726	6,715	(114,877)	403,832	(109,621)	12,005,775
John Blacknall						
Permanent	744,136	-	(17,779)	62,501	1,423	790,281
Richard Wigglesworth						
Permanent						
- General	125,929	-	(3,009)	10,577	241	133,738
- Education	46,053	-	(1,100)	3,868	87	48,908
	171,982	-	(4,109)	14,445	328	182,646
Abingdon Almshouse						
Permanent						
- Almshouse branch	108,593	-	(2,594)	9,121	208	115,328
- Relief in need branch	<u>56,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,346)</u>	<u>4,733</u>	<u>108</u>	59,851
	164,949	-	(3,940)	13,854	316	175,179
Tomkins Almshouse						
Permanent	<u>41,672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(996)</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>81</u>	44,257
Twitty's Almshouse						
Permanent	<u>18,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(449)</u>	<u>1,581</u>	<u>36</u>	19,994
	<u>12,961,291</u>	<u>6,715</u>	<u>(142,150)</u>	<u>499,713</u>	<u>(107,437)</u>	13,218,132

Capital Recoupment Funds were set up in accordance with the Charity Commission Recoupment orders August 1984 and December 1984 to recoup the permanent endowment. The other Funds are permanent Endowment funds held in accordance with the restriction and used to generate restricted funds for the charity.

Transfers

Capital Recoupment Order 'A' sealed on the 13th December 1984 in the sum of £215,000 for 'land and buildings', repayment being £1,039.46 per annum for 53 years from the date of the Order.

Capital Recoupment Order 'B' sealed on the 21st August 1984 in the sum of £65,000 for 'provision of a service area in Albert Park', repayment being £0.55% per annum of the sum expended for 50 years from the date of the Order.

For both Orders the Governors shall permit the dividends accruing to be invested thereon by way of accumulation until twelve months after the last payment.

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17. ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2024	Tangible Fixed assets £	Investment properties £	Investments £	Net current assets £	Total £
Endowed	22,195	7,113,575	6,082,362	-	13,218,132
Restricted	-	-	1,597,009	-	1,597,009
Unrestricted	<u>13,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,095,470</u>	<u>621,548</u>	<u>9,730,018</u>
	<u>35,195</u>	<u>7,113,575</u>	<u>16,774,841</u>	<u>621,548</u>	<u>24,545,159</u>

2023	Tangible Fixed assets £	Investment properties £	Investments £	Net current assets £	Total £
Endowed	25,886	6,983,000	5,949,611	-	12,958,497
Restricted	-	-	1,446,758	-	1,446,758
Unrestricted	<u>15,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,229,472</u>	<u>903,384</u>	<u>9,148,456</u>
	<u>41,486</u>	<u>6,983,000</u>	<u>15,625,841</u>	<u>903,384</u>	<u>23,553,711</u>

18. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO NET FUNDS

	2024 £	2023 £
(Decrease)/increase in cash during the year	<u>(273,900)</u>	<u>(928,683)</u>
Change in net funds	<u>(273,900)</u>	<u>(928,683)</u>
Net funds at 1 January 2024	<u>1,064,558</u>	<u>1,993,241</u>
Net funds at 31 December 2024	<u>790,658</u>	<u>1,064,558</u>

19. ANALYSIS OF NET FUNDS

	Net funds at 1 January 2024 £	Cash change £	Net funds at 31 December 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	537,347	(32,709)	504,638
Cash awaiting investment	66,511	20,369	86,880
Cash deposits	<u>460,700</u>	<u>(261,560)</u>	<u>199,140</u>
	<u>1,064,558</u>	<u>(273,900)</u>	<u>790,658</u>

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20. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2020 the Charity has future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024	<i>2023</i>
Equipment	£	£
Not later than one year	2,163	2,163
Later than one year and not later than five years	<u>180</u>	<u>2,344</u>
	<u>2,343</u>	<u>4,507</u>

21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2024 the Charity had no capital commitments (2023 - £Nil) and no charitable commitments (2023 - £Nil).

22. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There are no matters of a material nature to report in the post balance sheet period.

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23. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – COMPARATIVES BY FUND TYPE

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Endowment Funds</i>	<i>Total 2023</i>
	£	£	£	£
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>				
<i>Donations</i>	-	4,100	-	4,100
<i>Investments</i>	668,637	44,627	4,453	717,717
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>- contributions from Almspeople</i>	144,374	75,494	-	219,868
<i>Other</i>	<u>371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>371</u>
 <i>Total income and endowments</i>	 <u>813,382</u>	 <u>124,221</u>	 <u>4,453</u>	 <u>942,056</u>
 <i>Expenditure on:</i>				
<i>Raising funds</i>	25,830	4,295	161,671	191,796
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>- Grants payable</i>	514,038	18,739	-	532,777
<i>- Provision of Almshouses</i>	243,722	177,232	-	420,954
<i>- Albert Park maintenance</i>	<u>87,986</u>	<u>7,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,548</u>
 <i>Total expenditure</i>	 <u>871,576</u>	 <u>207,828</u>	 <u>161,671</u>	 <u>1,241,075</u>
 <i>Net gains/(loss) on investments</i>	 <u>256,054</u>	 <u>42,562</u>	 <u>364,770</u>	 <u>663,386</u>
 <i>Net surplus/(deficit)</i>	 <u>197,860</u>	 <u>(41,045)</u>	 <u>207,552</u>	 <u>364,367</u>
 <i>Transfers between funds</i>	 <u>(2,794)</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>2,794</u>	 <u>-</u>
 <i>Net movement in funds</i>	 195,066	 (41,045)	 210,346	 364,367
 <i>Total funds brought forward</i>	 <u>8,950,596</u>	 <u>1,487,803</u>	 <u>12,750,945</u>	 <u>23,189,344</u>
 <i>Total funds carried forward</i>	 <u>9,145,662</u>	 <u>1,446,758</u>	 <u>12,961,291</u>	 <u>23,553,711</u>

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Incorporating:	The Twitty's Almshouse Charity The Tomkins Almshouse Charity The Abingdon Almshouse and Relief in Need Charity The Charity of John Blacknall The Charity of Richard Wrigglesworth	
Statutory and other information		
Co-optative Governors	Mr L D King (Master, stood down 31 December 2023) Mr C Birks (Master, appointed 1 January 2024) Mrs G Butt (resigned 1 February 2024) Mr T R Ayling (resigned 6 July 2023) Mr K W Senior Mr S J McConnell Mrs J D Kent Mrs A Saunders Mr S Workman (appointed 1 June 2023) Mrs M Evans (appointed 7 December 2023)	
Ex Officio Governors	Rector - Rev Dr E C Miller Mayor Cllr Mr A Foulsham (resigned 1 June 2023) Mayor Cllr Dr G Lewis OBE (appointed 6 July 2023)	
Nominative Governors	Cllr Mrs M Crick (resigned 1 June 2023) Mrs G Barody Cllr Mrs C Briggs (resigned 1 June 2023) Cllr O Forder (appointed 7 September 2023) Cllr T Greenaway (appointed 7 September 2023)	
Emeritus Governor	Mr M W Matthews	
Clerk to the Governors	Mrs A Acott	
Address of the Charity	4 St Helen's Wharf Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 5EN	
Principal Bankers	National Westminster Bank Plc 11 Market Place Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 3HH	
Solicitors	Challenor & Son Stratton House Bath Street Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 3LA	Blake Morgan LLP Seacourt Tower West Way Oxfordshire OX2 0FB
Auditor	Crowe UK LLP Aquis House 49 – 51 Blagrove Street Reading Berkshire RG1 1PL	
Investment managers	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited 2 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN	
Property managing agents	Orpwood Ltd t/a Adkin Orpwood House School Road Ardington, Wantage Oxfordshire OX12 8PQ	
Registered Charity No	205112	

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The Governors present their annual report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ending 31st December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the requirements of the relevant regulations issued under the Charities Act 2011, having regard to the applicable version of the Charities SORP.

1. STATUS ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTION

The Ancient Corporation of the Master and Governors of the Hospital of Christ of Abingdon ("Ancient Corporation") was created by Letters Patent of King Edward VI in 1553. Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is now a Registered Charity regulated by a Scheme sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 25 January 1971. The charity number, present Governors and advisors are listed on page 2.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Christ's Hospital is a Registered Charity regulated by a Scheme sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 25 January 1971 and subsequent Orders of 1999 and 2002. The Governors perform their obligations under the Schemes for the constituent charities by applying the income of the Charity to provide charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon in Oxfordshire and such part of the ancient parishes of St Helen, St Helen Without and St Nicolas, Abingdon as do not fall within the boundaries of the town. The Governors are able to extend the area of benefit to the immediate surroundings of Abingdon in certain circumstances.

In 2022 it was foreseen that with the upcoming retirement of Mr T Ayling in July 2023 and Mrs Butt in January 2024 there would be vacancies for two Co-optative Governors for which there were no potential candidates. Having advertised the posts the charity was fortunate to receive several applications. A short list of candidates was interviewed by the Master, Mr T Ayling and Mr C Birks. At a Special Meeting of the Governors on Thursday 9th June 2022 it was proposed and unanimously agreed by those present that Mr Steve Workman should be appointed a Co-optative Governor in July 2023 and Mrs Marion Evans in December 2023. Special meetings were organized prior to these events to re-confirm these appointments and both these appointments have been successfully executed.

All newly appointed Governors are provided with a copy of the Scheme dated 25th January 1971 and subsequent Orders, a copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the last financial year, the Charity Commission book (or email link) "The Essential Trustee" and access to a copy of the Almshouse Association book "Standards of Almshouse Management". They also have a briefing meeting with the Master and the Clerk. Governors are encouraged to attend the various seminars organised by the Almshouse Association.

During the year Mayor Cllr Dr G Lewis OBE was appointed a Ex Officio Governor and Cllr O Forder and Cllr T Greenaway were appointed Nominative Governors.

Mr L King's three year appointment as Master came to an end on 31st December 2023. At the Governors' Meeting on the 7th of September 2023 it was proposed and unanimously agreed to invite Mr Charlie Birks to be Master for the three years commencing 1st January 2024. Mr Birks respectfully accepted. Mr Birks appointment was confirmed at the meeting of Governors in December 2023.

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Much of the work of the charity is carried out by the Governors-in-Charge, supported day by day by the Clerk, Finance & Admin Assistant, Almshouse Administrator and Park Keeper. Governors-in-Charge during the year were as follows:

Mr T R Ayling	- Park & Gardens (to 06.7.23)
Mr S Workman	- Park & Gardens (from 01.06.23)
Mrs G Butt	- Almshouse Residents (to 01.02.24)
Mrs M. Evans	- Almshouse Residents (from 02.02.24)
Mr L D King	- Almshouse Property
Mr S J McConnell	- Estates
Mr K W Senior	- Finance
Mr C Birks	- Grants

Governors delegate day to day responsibility for various aspects of the Charity's affairs to:

The Clerk	<i>who manages the staff and the almshouse property portfolio, maintains the Charity's accounting and other records and carries on the administration of the Charity to comply with applicable laws and regulations. The Clerk also manages the Archivist who is responsible for the recording and safe keeping of material for the archives of the Charity.</i>
The Investment Managers	<i>who manage the portfolios held by the Charity under a discretionary management mandate.</i>
The Property Managing Agents	<i>who manage the investment property held by the Charity.</i>
The Chartered Surveyors	<i>who advise on the structural integrity of the Charity's almshouse property to ensure a suitable standard is maintained.</i>

2.1 Scheme of Governance

Governors met on ten Thursdays during the year to enable them to discharge their responsibilities. At these meetings, Governors receive reports from the Governors-in-Charge on their activities in the previous month which confirm, or recommend for discussion, actions to be taken in both the short and longer term. These written and verbal reports provide each Governor with the information necessary to discharge their duties.

The Governors retain responsibility for all key decisions, including approval of:

- *The strategy and policies adopted by the Charity to achieve its charitable objectives.*
- *The annual budget.*
- *Major capital expenditure, including property acquisition and refurbishment.*
- *The annual financial statements.*
- *The appointment of residents to vacant almshouses.*
- *Under extraordinary circumstances the need to set aside a license to occupy an almshouse.*
- *Grant applications.*

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A framework of authorities is in place, which maps out the structure of delegation as well as specifying those issues which remain the preserve of the Governors. This framework emphasizes the key role of specific Governor responsibility in the exercise of executive control, subject to reporting and ratification by the Governors, as described above. The relevant individuals are identified earlier in this report on page 3.

- *The Finance Governor monitors and reviews the Charity's financial and internal control as well as its investments.*
- *The Grants Governor receives, considers and evaluates applications for charitable assistance, according to the provisions of the Scheme.*
- *The Almshouse Property Governor oversees the management of both almshouses and health and safety matters relating to the almshouses and workplaces.*
- *The Almshouse Residents' Governor looks after the best interests of the residents and takes the lead role in the appointment of new residents.*
- *The Park and Gardens Governor oversees the management of Albert Park and the almshouse gardens.*
- *The Estates (Property) Governor oversees the management of investment properties to ensure rental and maintenance matters are dealt with in line with the Scheme.*

2.2 Related Parties and Conflicts of Interest

During the year various Governors are involved either as trustees or in the management of a number of voluntary organisations in Abingdon, including:

- The Albert Memorial Trust (Registered Charity No 1076274)
- The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity No 1160080)
- Abingdon and Witney College
- Abingdon School (Registered Charity No 1071298)
- Abingdon Museum Friends (Registered Charity No 1137089)
- Dementia Friendly Abingdon (Part of Healthy Abingdon Registered Charity No 1172245)
- Friends of Abbey Buildings Trust (Registered Charity No 1183398)
- Friends of Abingdon Civic Society (Registered Charity No 1183397)
- Charity Mentors Oxfordshire (Registered Charity No 1164429)
- Quest for Learning (Registered Charity No 1107219)
- Stonewater, The Foyer
- Abingdon North East Abingdon Community Association (Registered Charity No 1192878)
- St Michael's and All Angels' Church DCC
- Abingdon Town Council
- Friends of St Edmunds School (1096121)
- St Nicolas Land Trust
- St Nicolas Church DCC
- St Nicolas School and Education CIO
- The trust for the Development of St Helen's Church
- Abingdon Parochial Parish Council
- Albert Park Residents Association
- Fitzharrys Manor Estates Residents Association
- Sunningwell Poor's Land Charity (Registered Charity No 200725)
- Sunningwell Poor's Land Schools Foundation (Registered Charity No 285506)
- The Law Society

The Charity is also a member of the Almshouse Association to whom an annual subscription is paid.

The Governors have adopted a comprehensive policy to identify all transactions with related parties or other transactions which might involve any conflict of interest. These are detailed in Note 13.

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2.3 Remuneration

Our approach to remuneration is designed to ensure we can attract and retain the talented and motivated people we need to achieve our mission and deliver our strategic goals. It is applied consistently across the organisation. We aim to pay competitively in the not-for-profit sector within the context of affordability. We therefore consider factors such as salaries paid in comparable organisations.

No remuneration was paid either directly or indirectly to any Governor or connected person during the period under review. Reimbursement of expenses occurs infrequently and then only when Governors or staff are acting on Christ's Hospital or Almshouse Association business and only on production of a valid receipt and the completion of a reimbursement form.

2.4 Insurance

The Governors maintain indemnity insurance of up to £1 million. The annual premium charged in these financial statements was £868.00 (2022: £868.00). The Governors fully recognise that this does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

2.5 Risk Management Statement

The Governors have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks which they believe the Charity faces. The external risks and exposure thereto are kept under constant review, together with the internal aspects of health and safety.

A risk management register is maintained and is reviewed annually to ensure risks are effectively managed by the Charity. The major risks and preventative measures in place are as follows:

Falling investment income

The investment managers, Investec Wealth and Management Ltd, manage the Charity's portfolio within agreed parameters (medium/high risk) which are monitored at least quarterly, and all Governors are provided with summaries of those reports. A representative of the investment company presents a formal annual report and discussion of the portfolio during at least one of the Governors' meetings, usually March. The investment company ensure that the Charity invests in 'defensive' stocks which remain mostly unaffected by economic variations.

Reduction in Commercial & Residential rental income due to voids

Adkin are a specialist property management company who manage the Charity's property and land and report monthly to the Governors, making recommendations as to the best way to maximise the return on the Charity's portfolio, whilst remaining within the remit of the Scheme.

Damage to Property, i.e. Fire.

The Governors seek professional advice on the risks associated with Almshouses and other property and install and monitor safety equipment and measures on a regular basis. In April 2015, a major Fire Safety inspection took place and as a result of this upgrades were made to fire equipment and policies. In September 2019, the local Fire Officer also visited and was satisfied by the systems in place and the supporting paperwork. In September 2021 Turner Fire Security Ltd were appointed to carry out a fire risk assessment the findings of which have been implemented during 2023.

Information Damage i.e. Fraud, cyber crime

The Governors have taken advice on prevention of information theft and regularly review the Charity's Fraud policy to reflect the ever-advancing ability of 'fraudsters' to gain access to sensitive information. In 2023 some older computer equipment was replaced to ensure the latest best practice for back-up and protection of information is adhered to.

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2.6 Public Benefit

In following the Charity's aims and objectives, Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance in complying with their duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 on public benefit. The provision of almshouse accommodation for those in need provides an identifiable public benefit which is directly in line with the Charity's aims. Beneficiaries of almshouses must be in need and will be drawn from that section of the public which has been defined in the Scheme.

The Charity gives 'relief in need' through education grants and grants of domestic items to those who cannot afford them and fall outside the help of the local authority. This year they also gave a considerable number of substantial grants to local charities for specific purposes to benefit residents in our area of benefit. All the above are directly identifiable public benefit.

The Charity also maintains Albert Park, a park which is permanently open for use by any member of the public and easily accessible to all levels of mobility. This is also in line with the Charities scheme document.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

3.1 Objects

The Objects of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon and its subsidiary charities were created to provide charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon-on-Thames in Oxfordshire.

The Charity's strategy is to provide funds both for individuals and organisations to provide help and relief within the terms of the Schemes. This can only be achieved within the conditions at the time. The primary objective is the provision of almshouse accommodation. Funds are also available for the relief of need and education of residents within the area of benefit.

The Charity owns Albert Park recreation ground and its surrounding roads, and whilst the Governors fully recognise their responsibility for the maintenance of these, it does provide a major drain on the Charity's resources.

The Charity measures its success in several ways. It aims to achieve a 90% occupation rate for almshouses, to maximise the grants paid out and to adhere as closely as possible to its annual budget in all areas. The Charity is very proud of its commitment to keeping almshouses as up to date as possible within the confines of their listed building status (see 'The estate').

In February 2023 the Governors agreed to begin the process of transforming Christ's Hospital of Abingdon into a Charity Limited by Guarantee (CLG). Having sought the advice of two legal firms, the Charity engaged Blake Morgan to advise and act on their behalf. The firm undertook a review of what the Charity does and what land and property it holds, to advise on how the process of transformation would take place. A significant area of work emerged around the First Registration of currently unregistered land and how to manage this in order for it to come under the purview of the new CLG.

Governors also embarked on a period of reflection and analysis of the Charity's areas of operation. It was recognised that transforming into a CLG presented the Charity with an opportunity to review its scheme to ensure it was meeting need in effective and appropriate ways. The year closed with a schedule of proposed scheme changes for Governors to consider and agree on in the new year.

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3.2 Grants

The pandemic and cost of living crisis are proving to be more of a challenge for families, schools and organisations than first realized. Our young citizens are struggling with a complex set of issues that is of considerable concern for their mental health and future prospects, especially in our most deprived areas. Provision of mental health and SEN support is facing a serious financial situation in the County.

The majority of our 13 state funded schools have had a personal visit to discuss their issues and are encouraged to apply for grants to assist with school activities, equipment, and student support. It has become very apparent a small number of students are very resource intensive, we have been pleased to help by supporting schools to resolve very difficult situations in providing an education for these students, whilst reducing the impact on the school as a whole. We have been working closely with home school liaison/support staff, as well as County and District Councils, CAB and Health care providers, to provide help on a personal basis to families.

The Unicorn School (Registered charity no 1070807) applied for a grant in relation to continuing support for a student.

The Charity continues to provide help to individuals with Relief in Need payments for equipment and/or basic necessities such as cookers, washing machines, fridge freezers, furniture, carpets. Provisions to institutions tend to be more substantial and are usually for equipment to help them function and provide life skills for vulnerable people. This year the charity has increased funding for vulnerable adults in training programs within various projects in Abingdon. Organisations as various as the Salvation Army, Be Free Young Carers, One Planet, Yellow Submarine, The Abingdon Bridge, as well as a number of youth sporting clubs, have all benefited from Christ's Hospital of Abingdon.

We have pursued our proactive approach with some vigour in encouraging schools, and organisations with making grant applications to ensure they are aware of the Charity's capabilities and policies. The response not only to our generosity but also the ability to make where necessary swift decisions have been universally applauded. The gratitude expressed when on a number of occasions support has not been available from any other source reinforces our standing within the town.

Numbers of grants and values can be found within Note 6 of the accounts.

3.3 The estate

The Governors are proud of the Charities' ownership of several freehold properties in Abingdon that are of considerable historic and heritage interest. They are mindful of the inalienable nature of these properties and their duty to maintain them. The most important of these properties are shown here with their listing:

Long Alley Almshouses and Hall	1446	Grade I
Brick Alley Almshouses and outbuildings	1718	Grade I
St Helen's Wharf Almshouse	1884	Grade II
St Helen's Wharf Office	1884	Grade II
St John's Almshouses	1801	Grade II
Tomkins Almshouses & Clock Tower	1733	Grade II
Twitty's Almshouses	1710	Grade II
Albert Monument (within Albert Park)	1865	Grade II
Conduit House	circa 1500	Grade II
Albert Park		Listed Victorian Park
The Exchequer Room (forming part of the Church of St Helen, Abingdon)		

Associated with these properties are furniture, fittings, historic artefacts and an extensive archive housed in a climate-controlled building known as the Liversidge or Muniment room, which the Governors view as both historic and inalienable.

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3.4 Albert Park and Long Alley Garden.

The Governors are committed to maintaining Albert Park for use by the people of Abingdon. Due to a stroke the part time park keeper has been absent since August 2023. Using contractors the Governor in Charge has been able to maintain and in certain cases improve standards

4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE AND RECORD OF ACTIVITIES

The Charity has again had a successful year despite concerns over the war in Ukraine and more recently the conflict in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the economic pressure these hostilities might bring to the rest of the world. Income from rent and dividends has held up compared to the previous year, but expenses have increased significantly, due to increased levels of grant awards and increased expenditure on property. The official revaluation of property has resulted in a downward revaluation of £197,000, although the investments made a revaluation gain of £860,386

It was felt that it was not necessary to undertake fundraising, as the investment portfolio, and modest contributions from residents towards maintenance, continue to contribute significantly to the planned expenditure.

4.1 Residents

The residents continue to have the benefit from an Almshouse Administrator, who not only acts as a good neighbor and takes an interest in their welfare but is a safety coordinator for all routine testing of alarms, water hygiene and minor repairs.

Residents benefit from regular visits, and gatherings when circumstances allow, or phone/email contact on a daily or weekly basis, depending on their needs.

The Governors are sorry to report that twice in the year they voted to set aside a resident's license to occupy their almshouse. One resident left their almshouse as requested. In the other case the resident has not left their almshouse and the charity has commenced the legal process to evict the resident.

4.2 The estate

The Governors are mindful and indeed proud of the Charity's heritage but the age and listed building status of some of the assets does entail a financial burden. Despite the heavy demand on resources, the Governors follow their primary duty of maintaining the Charity's assets. However, continuing work will always be necessary.

The policy of the Governors remains to ensure that each almshouse, as it falls vacant, is updated to a first-rate standard ready for reoccupation.

A Quinquennial Inspection was conducted during May 2021 and a report received at the end of September 2021 showing recommended works to be undertaken over the next 5 years in degrees of urgency. Each year's recommendations are reviewed thoroughly prior to initiation.

It must never be forgotten, however, that within the Governors' responsibility of preserving the Charity's assets, there is no room whatsoever for any complacency. The entire theme of this report remains as usual to demonstrate the Governors' concern at the need to husband the Charity's resources to maximum effect, never forgetting the need to fulfil the charitable objectives laid down in our governing documents.

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5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity employed independent valuers to assess the current value of all Commercial, Residential Property and Land. This resulted in a decrease in value of £197,000 from the previous year. Professional valuations of investment properties will now take place no less than every 3 years. In the intervening years the Governor in Charge of Property, using his considerable knowledge and experience, will undertake a review of values. From this review the Governors will decide if a formal, professional valuation is then necessary.

All transactions were deemed to be in the normal course of business and the Governors consider the Charity to be a 'going concern'.

Careful and conservative forecasts and budgets for the next year are prepared by the Clerk and Governors in Charge each November and reviewed at the December meeting of all Governors. The Charity's Governors (Trustees) feel that it is as well placed as it can be to meet significant refurbishment costs in the future. The net surplus for the year was £364,367 (2022 deficit £260,055).

5.1 Investment policy

The management of the Charity's investment portfolio is conducted by professional investment managers under discretionary management powers delegated by the Governors, under broad guidelines set by the Governors. These guidelines have been reviewed during the year and currently require that the managers protect the value of the capital and income of the Charity in real terms over the medium term by seeking a balanced return between income and capital growth, avoiding elevated risk. At any one time, the portfolios may comprise fixed interest and equity investments within these criteria. Portfolio exposure to equities is limited to 90% of the total fund value. In the avoidance of high risk, the managers are instructed not to involve the Charity in derivatives trading, underwriting or off-market transactions. Where necessary, the allocation of income and capital is apportioned according to the figures at the start of the year.

The Governors continue to monitor administrative costs and fees. The Governors are content that they are continuing to avoid high risks. The Governors reserve the right to exclude companies that carry out activities contrary to their aims or from holding investments which might damage the Charity's reputation. This policy is reviewed with the investment company during their annual report to the Governors, usually in the March Governors' meeting.

In order to measure our performance, we review the total fund return against a benchmark fund return of similar risk status.

As reported above a detailed report by the investment managers is delivered in person to a full meeting of the Governors at least annually. The entire area remains under the continuing scrutiny of the Governors and the Governor responsible for Finance in pursuit of the risk control as outlined above. The portfolio on 31st December 2023 was £15,569,841 (2022: £14,739,909). During 2017 the Governors took the decision to sub-divide the Main Fund into Capital and Income generating sub-sections to better leverage the asset to meet the ongoing costs.

5.2 Reserves Policy

Christ's Hospital has historically financed its operations through income derived from its endowment investments. In recent years it has also received maintenance contributions from almshouse residents. Due to the limited area of benefit, Governors have decided it is not practicable to seek donations or benefactors on a significant level. It must be noted that the instability in world markets as a result of the war in Ukraine and the conflict in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories has led to a significant rise in inflation.

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As such Governors realise endowment alone is insufficient to provide enough income. It has become necessary to maintain a level of reserves to finance future operations in the long term. They believe that total assets of around £20 million are required under current conditions. It is therefore the intention of Christ's Hospital to try to maintain investment assets at this level. The level will be reviewed as circumstances change.

Total funds held by the Charity at the year-end stood at £23,553,711 (2022 £23,189,344). The Charity's unrestricted funds, excluding designations and unrestricted fixed assets, stood at £9,145,662 (2022: £8,950,596) at the year-end. If the market value of listed investments that are held to generate income to support the Charity's activities is excluded from the above sum, the remaining free reserves are £316,765 (2022: £726,490).

Free reserves are held for the following reasons:

- a) There is a significant cost to maintaining Listed buildings of which the charity has eight sets (noted under 'estates') plus a Listed Victorian Park (Albert Park). Whilst investment monies are put aside in restricted funds for the upkeep of the Almshouses and emergency use, it is unknown when an emergency may occur and whether it will be covered by available designated funds. Repairs to ageing Listed buildings are increasingly complex and costly.
- b) It is anticipated that the Conservation area already in existence around Albert Park may be expanded. This may bring additional expense and the need for specialist contractors' expertise as the Charity strives to maintain, to a higher standard, the newly designated dwellings which it owns in the surrounding area.
- c) Considerations are to be made shortly as to the future of certain leasehold properties which revert to Christ's Hospital control in 2037. There may be significant investment needed to bring them to an acceptable modern standard.
- d) the charity like to have the capacity to spend on grants over and above the budgeted level, whilst still maintaining the ratio for allocation of expenditure required by the Charity Scheme i.e. expenditure on grants cannot currently be greater than that on almshouses.

The Governor in Charge of Finance has recognised the level of free reserves and the strategy for use of this was discussed during 2022, it was agreed that we must investigate ways of giving larger grants to organisations that can make the most impact to relieve need in Abingdon. Discussion regarding the amendments to the Charity's scheme to simplify it and incorporate the expansion of Abingdon's estates were considered and it was agreed to progress these.

6. FUNDS

In addition to the unrestricted funds, which represent accumulated income available to the Governors for such purposes as they may decide, the funds controlled by the Governors fall into a number of classes:

6.1 Permanent endowment funds

These funds represent assets which are permanent capital held by the Governors. The property within these funds comprises:

- Freehold land and buildings held for the Charities' own use.
- Freehold land and buildings held for charitable purposes, including almshouses and Albert Park
- Investments in listed securities and real estate.

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Two further funds have been created by orders of the Charity Commissioners made on 21 August and 13 December 1984 to recoup endowment monies spent on the Albert Park service area and in connection with Mullard (Abingdon) Housing Trust, respectively.

6.2 Designated fund

Extraordinary Repair Fund - This fund has been set up by the Governors in response to the Almshouse Association's guidance to have a fund for each group of almshouses to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the Charity's Almshouses. The designated fund balance at the year-end was £560,733 (2022: £521,437) per Note 14.

6.3 Restricted funds

These funds represent income and other assets which may be applied only for specified purposes. These amount to £1,446,758 (2022: £1,487,803) per Note 15.

The Charity of John Blacknall Church branch

Income payable to the incumbent and churchwardens of the Parish of St Nicolas applicable to the maintenance of the Church of St Nicolas, Abingdon.

The Charity of Richard Wrigglesworth Education branch

Funds available to assist with the education of individuals under the age of 25 by way of exhibition, grant or towards preparing them for entry into a trade.

Almshouse branches

Funds for the provision and maintenance of almshouses and their residents.

Relief in Need branches

Funds are available to support people in conditions of need, hardship or distress either individually or generally.

Extraordinary repair funds

Funds created in response to orders of the Charity Commissioners to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the Charities' almshouses and other property.

7. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Governors will continue to comply with the requirements of the Charity's Scheme to provide almshouse accommodation, relief in need, educational support and the provision and maintenance of Albert Park.

The Governors remain committed to their policies of maintaining the Charity's assets and particularly the historic nature of many of the buildings. In refurbishing the almshouses to first-rate standards, consideration is being given to the increased expectations of potential residents.

The Charity is committed to making positive improvements to the condition of Albert Park and the park's workstation building.

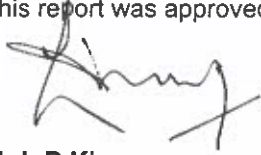
The Governors are committed to changing the status of the charity from an unincorporated association to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
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The Charity has supported people in the area of benefit for 470 years and it is the Governors' firm intention that this should be continued for the foreseeable future. They are taking active measures to ensure that the relevant local people are aware of the help Christ's Hospital can offer and that the size of grants offered has increased where appropriate and justified.

The Governors are committed to the objective of providing charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon -on-Thames in Oxfordshire for an indefinite period. Fundamental to the achievement of this objective is the maintenance of an effective system of corporate governance. This is concerned with the direction and control of the organisation and, in particular, with the role of Governors and the need to ensure an effective framework of accountability and risk management.

This report was approved by the Governors on 4 . 4 . 24 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr L D King -

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Governors 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 Governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Governors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the governors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Other information

The Governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Governors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities act requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Governors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Governors

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 13, the Governors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Governors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Governors either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Details of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, are set out below.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the Charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the charity were the Charities Act 2011, together with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statements.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the Charity for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the Charity were Charity Commission regulations, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Health and Safety regulations. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Governors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance Governor about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Governors, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's governors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's governors as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Crowe UK LLP


Crowe U.K. LLP
Statutory Auditor
Reading

Date: 4 APRIL 2024

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	41,486	21,508
Investment properties	8	6,983,000	7,180,000
Investments	9	<u>15,625,841</u>	<u>14,739,909</u>
		22,650,327	21,941,417
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Debtors	10	132,512	147,500
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>998,047</u>	<u>1,257,297</u>
		1,130,559	1,404,797
LIABILITIES:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(227,175)</u>	<u>(156,870)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>903,384</u>	<u>1,247,927</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>23,553,711</u>	<u>23,189,344</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Unrestricted funds			
General	14	8,584,929	8,429,159
Designated	14	<u>560,733</u>	<u>521,437</u>
		9,145,662	8,950,596
Restricted funds	15	1,446,758	1,487,803
Endowment funds	16	<u>12,961,291</u>	<u>12,750,945</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	17	<u>23,553,711</u>	<u>23,189,344</u>

Approved and authorised for issue by the Governors on 4/1/24 and signed on their behalf by


Mr L D King


Mr K W Senior – Governor

The notes on pages 21 to 36 form part of these financial statements

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations	2	-	4,100	-	4,100	59,100
Investments	3	668,637	44,627	4,453	717,717	698,389
Charitable activities						
- contributions from Almspeople		144,374	75,494	-	219,868	225,012
Other		<u>371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>1,160</u>
Total income and endowments		<u>813,382</u>	<u>124,221</u>	<u>4,453</u>	<u>942,056</u>	<u>983,661</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	25,830	4,295	161,671	191,796	359,603
Charitable activities						
- Grants payable		514,038	18,739	-	532,777	319,362
- Provision of Almshouses		243,722	177,232	-	420,954	281,175
- Albert Park maintenance		<u>87,986</u>	<u>7,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,548</u>	<u>132,536</u>
Total expenditure	4	<u>871,576</u>	<u>207,828</u>	<u>161,671</u>	<u>1,241,075</u>	<u>1,092,676</u>
Net gains/(loss) on investments		<u>256,054</u>	<u>42,562</u>	<u>364,770</u>	<u>663,386</u>	<u>(2,491,544)</u>
Net surplus/(deficit)		<u>197,860</u>	<u>(41,045)</u>	<u>207,552</u>	<u>364,367</u>	<u>(2,600,559)</u>
Transfers between funds	14	<u>(2,794)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,794</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		195,066	(41,045)	210,346	364,367	(2,600,559)
Total funds brought forward		<u>8,950,596</u>	<u>1,487,803</u>	<u>12,750,945</u>	<u>23,189,344</u>	<u>25,789,903</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>9,145,662</u>	<u>1,446,758</u>	<u>12,961,291</u>	<u>23,553,711</u>	<u>23,189,344</u>

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CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
CASHFLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Net cash used in operating activities (see below)	(926,624)	(801,131)
<i>Cash flows from investing activities</i>		
Interest, dividends and rents from investments	717,717	698,389
Purchase of plant and equipment	-	(4,043)
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(24,797)	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	4,626,583	3,123,267
Purchase of investments	<u>(5,321,562)</u>	<u>(2,510,111)</u>
Net cash (used in)/ provided by investing activities	(2,059)	1,307,502
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(928,683)	506,371
Cash and cash equivalent brought forward	<u>1,993,241</u>	<u>1,486,870</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	<u><u>1,064,558</u></u>	<u><u>1,993,241</u></u>
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	364,367	(2,600,559)
Depreciation charges	4,819	4,175
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(717,717)	(698,389)
(Gain)/loss on investments	(663,386)	2,491,544
Decrease/(increase)/ in debtors	14,988	(26,846)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>70,305</u>	<u>28,944</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	(926,624)	(801,131)
	2023 £	2022 £
Cash awaiting investment with investment managers	66,511	735,944
Cash in hand	537,347	314,638
Notice deposits (less than three months)	<u>460,700</u>	<u>942,659</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents (Note 18 & 19)	<u><u>1,064,558</u></u>	<u><u>1,993,241</u></u>

The notes on pages 21 to 36 form part of these financial statements

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is a charity registered in the UK (charity number 205112) with its registered office at 4 St Helens Wharf, Wharf Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 5EN.

b) Going Concern

The Governors consider that there are sufficient reserves held at the year-end to manage any foreseeable downturn in the UK and global economy. The Governors consider there are no material uncertainties relating to going concern and continue to adopt the going concern basis, meaning the Charity has adequate resources to continue its activities for at least the twelve months from the signing of these accounts.

c) Income

Dividends and rents are accounted for in the year to which they relate.

Legacies and voluntary income are accounted for in the year in which they are received.

d) Expenditure

Grants awarded by the Governors are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period that they are made to the extent that a legal or constructive obligation exists.

Almshouses and Almspeople costs are accounted for on an accruals basis in the year to which they relate.

Pension costs charged in the SOFA represent contributions payable by the charity in that year.

Included within charitable activities are governance costs, which comprise the costs of running the Charity, including strategic planning for its future development, also internal and external audit, any legal advice for the Charity and all the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are allocated on the basis of time spent (15% Grants Payable, 75% Provision of Almshouses, and 10% Albert Park Maintenance).

**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

e) Grant making

The charity's grant-making process is informed by the best practices of peer organisations, and the Charity Commission's guidelines and recommendations.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one-year or multi-year grant.

Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the Trust.

f) Freehold land and buildings

Freehold land and buildings held for the Charity's use are included on the balance sheet at cost. The buildings are depreciated over 50 years on a straight line basis.

The Charity owns certain fixed assets which are historic, inalienable and form part of the permanent endowment, the more important of which are listed in the Report of the Governors. No reliable cost information is available for these assets and their heritage nature means conventional valuation procedures would be unreliable. The Governors have no intention to dispose of these assets in the foreseeable future.

g) Other tangible fixed assets

Furniture and equipment are capitalised when considered appropriate and depreciation is calculated to write off the cost over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. A de-minimis capitalisation limit of £1,000 is applied. The following rates and bases have been used:

Office furniture, fixtures and fittings	20% straight line basis
Office equipment	25% straight line basis
Park equipment	25% straight line basis

h) Fixed asset investment properties

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at fair value. The Governors obtain an independent valuation at least every three years. Realised gains and losses on investment properties are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Fixed asset investments

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Realised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment income is recognised in the financial statements on an accruals basis when the charity becomes legally entitled to it. Investment income not directly attributable to a specific fund is apportioned to the various funds based on their opening balance position.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of 3 months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

k) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

l) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

m) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

n) Leases

In respect of operating leases for which the charity is the lessor, the charity classifies the leasing of the investment properties as an operating lease. The rents received from investment properties are recognised in the financial statements for the period they relate to.

In respect of operating leases for which the charity is the lessee, rentals are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

o) Funds

Unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds represent funds which are expendable at the discretion of the governors in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Designated funds

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Governors for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those which must be applied in accordance with the purpose specified by the donor. Expenditure relating to these purposes is charged directly to the fund.

Endowment Funds

Endowment funds consist of investments. The purpose to which that investment may be applied is restricted in accordance with the terms of the endowment trust.

p) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Governors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that has a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is in respect of the investment property valuation. The charity's investment properties are stated at their estimated fair value as disclosed in Note 8.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2. INCOME - DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Conduit House Restoration Grant	-	-	-	5,000
Fielding Alms House Legacy	-	-	-	50,000
Albert Park - contribution	-	4,100	-	4,100
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,100</u>

3. INCOME - INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Equity dividends and interest	347,179	44,627	4,453	396,259	411,431
Bank Interest	30,372	-	-	30,372	12,079
Rents	291,086	-	-	291,086	274,879
	<u>668,637</u>	<u>44,627</u>	<u>4,453</u>	<u>717,717</u>	<u>698,389</u>

4. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

2023	Direct Costs £	Staff costs £	Depreciation costs £	Support costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cost of raising funds						
Investment managers fees	66,921	-	-	-	66,921	69,621
Property costs	124,875	-	-	-	124,875	289,982
	191,796	-	-	-	191,796	359,603
Charitable activities						
Grants Payable (Note 6)	516,794	11,958	723	3,302	532,777	319,362
Provision of Almshouses	275,006	98,729	3,614	43,605	420,954	281,175
Albert Park maintenance	74,382	18,482	482	2,202	95,548	132,536
Total resources expended	<u>1,057,978</u>	<u>129,169</u>	<u>4,819</u>	<u>49,109</u>	<u>1,241,075</u>	<u>1,092,676</u>
Support costs included within provision of Almshouses						
Audit	-	-	-	19,240	19,240	21,682
Office salaries	79,724	-	-	-	79,724	84,857
Office costs	24,658	-	-	-	24,658	21,329
Professional fees	-	-	-	7,850	7,850	-
Sundry	3,449	-	-	-	3,449	5,933
	<u>107,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,090</u>	<u>134,921</u>	<u>133,801</u>

Support costs are allocated on an estimate of time spent administering the Almshouses.

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4. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

2022	<i>Direct Costs</i> £	<i>Staff costs</i> £	<i>Depreciation costs</i> £	<i>Support costs</i> £	<i>Total 2022</i> £	<i>Total 2021</i> £
<i>Cost of raising funds</i>						
<i>Investment managers fees</i>	69,621	-	-	-	69,621	71,966
<i>Property costs</i>	<u>289,982</u>	-	-	-	<u>289,982</u>	<u>91,358</u>
	359,603	-	-	-	359,603	163,324
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
<i>Grants Payable (Note 6)</i>	301,177	12,728	626	4,831	319,362	235,924
<i>Provision of Almshouses</i>	125,401	106,801	3,131	45,842	281,175	234,203
<i>Albert Park maintenance</i>	<u>102,747</u>	<u>26,151</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>3,220</u>	<u>132,536</u>	<u>109,564</u>
<i>Total resources expended</i>	<u>888,928</u>	<u>145,680</u>	<u>4,175</u>	<u>53,893</u>	<u>1,092,676</u>	<u>743,015</u>
<i>Support costs included within provision of Almshouses</i>						
<i>Audit</i>	-	-	-	21,682	21,682	17,116
<i>Office salaries</i>	84,857	-	-	-	84,857	81,131
<i>Office costs</i>	21,329	-	-	-	21,329	20,401
<i>Sundry</i>	<u>5,933</u>	-	-	-	<u>5,933</u>	<u>2,910</u>
	<u>112,119</u>	-	-	<u>21,682</u>	<u>133,801</u>	<u>121,558</u>

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5. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

Staff costs were as follows:-

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and wages	118,113	132,291
Social security costs	6,043	8,087
Pension contributions	<u>5,013</u>	<u>5,302</u>
	<u><u>129,169</u></u>	<u><u>145,680</u></u>

No employees earned in excess of £60,000 (2022 – Nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Governors and the Clerk to the Governors. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel (including employers NI and employers' pension) of the charity were £44,269 (2022: £56,289). None of the Governors received any remuneration in the current or preceding year.

During the year no (2022: None) Governors were reimbursed expenses for making purchases on behalf of the Almshouses.

The average monthly number of employees was as follows:-

	No.	No.
Almshouses and Almspeople (1 full-time)	1	1
Albert Park (1 part-time)	1	1
Management and administration (2 full-time, 1 part-time)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u><u>5</u></u>	<u><u>5</u></u>

The charity contributes to the personal pension schemes for certain of its employees. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the funds in respect of the year. £Nil amounts were outstanding at the year end (2022: £Nil).

There were no redundancy payments made in the year (2022: none).

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6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Educational		
Charitable payments for 3 (2022: 2) individuals	13,007	25,200
Charitable payments for 11 (2022: 8) educational institutions	<u>254,086</u>	<u>113,260</u>
	267,093	138,460
Relief		
Charitable payments for 31 (2022: 15) individuals	31,092	12,105
Other social institutions 27 (2022: 15) institutions	<u>205,784</u>	<u>136,007</u>
	236,876	148,112
John Blacknall Church branch	<u>12,825</u>	<u>14,605</u>
	<u>516,794</u>	<u>301,177</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	74,480	24,383	98,863
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>24,797</u>	<u>24,797</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>74,480</u>	<u>49,180</u>	<u>123,660</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	56,510	20,845	77,355
Charge for the year	<u>3,670</u>	<u>1,149</u>	<u>4,819</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>60,180</u>	<u>21,994</u>	<u>82,174</u>
Net book values			
At 31 December 2023	<u>14,300</u>	<u>27,186</u>	<u>41,486</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>17,970</u>	<u>3,538</u>	<u>21,508</u>

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8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Freehold land and buildings		
Valuation		
At 1 January 2023	7,180,000	6,830,000
Revaluation	<u>(197,000)</u>	<u>350,000</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>6,983,000</u>	<u>7,180,000</u>

All properties were valued as at 31 December 2023 by professional valuers in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Manual issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on the basis that the properties are held for investment purposes.

	Valuer - Adkin £	Valuer - Vail Williams £	Total £
Commercial	-	2,095,000	2,095,000
Residential	3,223,000	-	3,223,000
Agricultural land	495,000	-	495,000
Freehold land (leased until 2025)	-	70,000	70,000
Freehold land (leased until 2037)	<u>-</u>	<u>1,100,000</u>	<u>1,100,000</u>
	<u>3,718,000</u>	<u>3,265,000</u>	<u>6,983,000</u>

The charity earns rental income by leasing its properties to tenants under non-cancellable operating leases. Leases in which substantially all risks and rewards of ownership are retained by another party, the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments, including prepayments, made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

At the balance sheet date, the charity had contracted with tenants to receive the following future minimum lease payments:

	2023 £	2022 £
Not later than one year	202,599	189,185
Later than one year and not later than five years	288,269	307,421
Later than five years	<u>100,974</u>	<u>34,393</u>
	<u>591,842</u>	<u>530,999</u>

There are no contingent rents recognised as income.

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9. INVESTMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Market value at 1 January 2023	14,003,965	17,458,667
Additions	5,321,562	2,510,111
Disposals	(4,626,583)	(3,123,267)
Revaluation gains	<u>860,386</u>	<u>(2,841,546)</u>
Market value at 31 December 2023*	15,559,330	14,003,965
Cash awaiting investment	<u>66,511</u>	<u>735,944</u>
Total as at 31 December 2023	<u>15,625,841</u>	<u>14,739,909</u>
*Historical costs of investments at 31 December 2023	<u>10,239,077</u>	<u>10,755,265</u>

The year-end market value is made up as follows:

UK fixed interest	881,890	931,069
UK equities	5,091,076	7,181,177
Overseas fixed interest	422,405	588,524
Overseas equities	6,727,469	3,807,555
Other assets	1,501,446	1,495,640
Cash and accrued interest	<u>1,001,555</u>	<u>736,944</u>
	<u>15,625,841</u>	<u>14,740,909</u>

10. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	109,869	127,335
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>22,643</u>	<u>20,165</u>
	<u>132,512</u>	<u>147,500</u>

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11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	58,407	32,775
Accruals	<u>168,768</u>	<u>124,095</u>
	<u>227,175</u>	<u>156,870</u>

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Basic financial assets	16,733,757	16,124,541
Basic financial liabilities	(227,175)	(156,870)

Basic financial assets are all investments (excluding investment properties), debtors plus cash in hand minus prepayments.

Basic financial liabilities are all creditors less due in less than one year plus creditors due in more than one year minus taxation payable.

The entity's income, expense, gains and losses in respect of financial instruments are summarised below:

	2023 £	2022 £
Total dividend and interest income for basic financial assets	426,631	423,510
Total gains/(losses) in respect of basic financial assets	860,386	(2,841,546)

13. RELATED PARTIES

Two Governors (Mr K W Senior and Mr T R Ayling) are trustees of the Albert Memorial Trust (Abingdon) Charity (Registered Charity no. 1076274) to whom the Charity paid £1000 (2022: £800) and whom granted £609 (2022: £486) during the year to cover the insurance costs of the memorial in Albert Park, Abingdon.

Seven Governors (Cllr Mrs C Briggs, Mayor Cllr Mr A Foulsham, Cllr Mrs G Barody and Cllr Mrs M Crick, Mayor Cllr Dr G Lewis OBE, Cllr Mr T Greenaway, Cllr Mr O Forder) are members of the Abingdon Town Council which granted the Charity £4,100 (2022: £4,100) during the year towards the upkeep of Albert Park.

One Governor (Mr L King) are Trustee of The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity no. 1160080) which offers young people advice and counselling. During the year the Charity granted £45,439 (2022: £32,312) towards supporting their services to the people of Abingdon.

One Governor (Cllr Mrs G Barody) has links to Stonewater Foyer to whom the Charity paid £Nil (2022: £6,055) during the year to fund the Stonewater Baby Sensory Room.

One Governor (Mrs A Saunders) has links to St Edmunds School to whom which the charity paid £32,260 during the year to support various activities.

One Governor (Mrs G Lewis) has links to St Nicholas Church to whom which the charity paid £12,825 during the year to support various activities.

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13. RELATED PARTIES (continued)

One Governor (Rev Dr E C Miller) is a trustee of St Nicholas School to whom which the charity paid £18,008 during the year to support various activities.

Two Governor (Mr K W Senior and Mrs G Butt) are Governors at Abingdon School to whom which the charity paid £nil during the year (2022: £2,000) to support Robotics outreach to Abingdon's three local secondary schools.

A close family member of one of the governors (Mr K W Senior) is the chair of Dementia Friendly Abingdon to whom which the charity paid £1,500 during the year to support various activities.

14. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2023 £</i>	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2023 £
Designated funds						
- extraordinary repair fund	521,437	8,910	(1,508)	14,917	16,977	560,733
General funds	<u>8,429,159</u>	<u>804,472</u>	<u>(870,068)</u>	<u>241,137</u>	<u>(19,771)</u>	<u>8,584,929</u>
	<u>8,950,596</u>	<u>813,382</u>	<u>(871,576)</u>	<u>256,054</u>	<u>(2,794)</u>	<u>9,145,662</u>

Extraordinary Repair Fund

This fund has been set up by the Governors in response of the Almshouse Association's guidance to have a fund for each Almshouse to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the charities' Almshouses.

Property Capital Fund

A temporary endowment fund was created, pursuant to an order of the Charity Commissioners sealed on 16 October 1972, in respect of the property known as South Abingdon Community Centre. This property was sold during the year ended 31 December 2000 and the proceeds were used to open a Property Capital Fund which has now been transferred to general funds.

Transfers

The transfer from General Fund to Extraordinary Repair Fund is made in accordance with the recommendations of the Almshouse Association. The charity has transferred in excess of the minimum required and varies depending on the Governors best estimate of the state and costs required for that set of Almshouses.

Transfer from the Property Capital Fund to General fund is in order to release this designated fund which is deemed no longer required by the Governors.

The transfer from General Funds to the Endowment Recoupment Funds is in accordance with the Recoupment Orders.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2023</i>	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains/ (Losses)	Transfers	<i>At 31 December 2023</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Albert Park grant	-	4,100	(4,100)	-	-	-
John Blacknall						
Church branch	5,738	-	(12,825)	164	19,085	12,162
Relief in need branch	<u>460,364</u>	<u>20,481</u>	<u>(7,965)</u>	<u>13,170</u>	<u>(19,085)</u>	<u>466,965</u>
	466,102	20,481	(20,790)	13,334	-	479,127
Richard Wigglesworth						
Relief in need branch	112,728	4,044	(6,944)	3,225	1,142	114,195
Education	<u>42,106</u>	<u>1,494</u>	<u>(122)</u>	<u>1,205</u>	<u>(1,142)</u>	<u>43,541</u>
	154,834	5,538	(7,066)	4,430	-	157,736
Abingdon Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	259,142	6,256	(4,003)	7,413	(4,652)	264,156
Extraordinary repair	216,449	3,699	(625)	6,192	4,652	230,367
Relief in need branch	<u>(57,947)</u>	<u>(42)</u>	<u>(9,098)</u>	<u>(1,658)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(68,745)</u>
	417,644	9,913	(13,726)	11,947	-	425,778
Tomkins Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	195,857	55,712	(82,514)	5,603	(17,656)	157,002
Extraordinary repair	<u>114,408</u>	<u>1,954</u>	<u>(330)</u>	<u>3,273</u>	<u>17,656</u>	<u>136,961</u>
	310,265	57,666	(82,844)	8,876	-	293,963
Twitty's Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	5,323	24,238	(78,915)	152	(3,490)	(52,692)
Extraordinary repair	132,798	2,270	(383)	3,799	3,490	141,974
Legacy	<u>837</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>872</u>
	<u>138,958</u>	<u>26,523</u>	<u>(79,302)</u>	<u>3,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,154</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>1,487,803</u>	<u>124,221</u>	<u>(207,828)</u>	<u>42,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,446,758</u>

Almshouse branches

Funds for the provision and maintenance of almshouses and their residents.

Relief in Need branches

Funds available to support people in conditions of need, hardship or distress either individually or generally.

Extraordinary repair fund

Funds created in response to orders of the Charity Commissioners to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the charities' almshouses and other property.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)

The Charity of John Blacknall - Church branch

Income payable to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the Parish of St Nicolas applicable to the maintenance of the Church of St Nicolas, Abingdon.

The Charity of Richard Wigglesworth

Education Branch Funds available to assist with the Education of individuals under the age of 25 by way of exhibition, grant or towards preparing them for entry into a trade.

Transfers

The transfers to John Blacknall Church Branch and the Richard Wigglesworth Education Fund are made to meet the requirements of the Scheme of that Charity.

Transfers from Almshouse funds to Extraordinary Repair Funds are made in accordance with the recommendations of the Almshouse Association. The charity has transferred in excess of the minimum required and varies depending on the Governors best estimate of the state and costs required for that set of Almshouses.

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16. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2023</i>	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains/ (Losses)	Transfers	<i>At 31 December 2023</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Christ's Hospital						
Permanent	11,366,538	-	(144,119)	325,166	-	11,547,585
Capital recoupment						
- Order A	187,448	3,200	(2,377)	5,362	2,078	195,711
- Order B	<u>73,294</u>	<u>1,253</u>	<u>(930)</u>	<u>2,097</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>76,430</u>
	11,627,280	4,453	(147,426)	332,625	2,794	11,819,726
John Blacknall						
Permanent	<u>732,469</u>	-	<u>(9,287)</u>	<u>20,954</u>	-	<u>744,136</u>
Richard Wigglesworth						
Permanent						
- General	123,955	-	(1,572)	3,546	-	125,929
- Education	<u>45,331</u>	-	<u>(575)</u>	<u>1,297</u>	-	<u>46,053</u>
	169,286	-	(2,147)	4,843	-	171,982
Abingdon Almshouse						
Permanent						
- Almshouse branch	106,890	-	(1,355)	3,058	-	108,593
- Relief in need branch	<u>55,472</u>	-	<u>(703)</u>	<u>1,587</u>	-	<u>56,356</u>
	162,362	-	(2,058)	4,645	-	164,949
Tomkins Almshouse						
Permanent	<u>41,019</u>	-	<u>(520)</u>	<u>1,173</u>	-	<u>41,672</u>
Twitty's Almshouse						
Permanent	<u>18,529</u>	-	<u>(233)</u>	<u>530</u>	-	<u>18,826</u>
	<u>12,750,945</u>	<u>4,453</u>	<u>(161,671)</u>	<u>364,770</u>	<u>2,794</u>	<u>12,961,291</u>

Capital Recoupment Funds were set up in accordance with the Charity Commission Recoupment orders August 1984 and December 1984 to recoup the permanent endowment. The other Funds are permanent Endowment funds held in accordance with the restriction and used to generate restricted funds for the charity.

Transfers

Capital Recoupment Order 'A' sealed on the 13th December 1984 in the sum of £215,000 for 'land and buildings', repayment being £1,039.46 per annum for 53 years from the date of the Order.

Capital Recoupment Order 'B' sealed on the 21st August 1984 in the sum of £65,000 for 'provision of a service area in Albert Park', repayment being £0.55% per annum of the sum expended for 50 years from the date of the Order.

For both Orders the Governors shall permit the dividends accruing to be invested thereon by way of accumulation until twelve months after the last payment.

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17. ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2023	<i>Tangible Fixed assets</i> £	<i>Investment properties</i> £	<i>Investments</i> £	<i>Net current assets</i> £	Total £
Endowed	25,886	6,983,000	5,949,611	-	12,958,497
Restricted	-	-	1,446,758	-	1,446,758
Unrestricted	<u>15,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,229,472</u>	<u>903,384</u>	<u>9,148,456</u>
	<u>41,486</u>	<u>6,983,000</u>	<u>15,625,841</u>	<u>903,384</u>	<u>23,553,711</u>

2022	<i>Tangible Fixed assets</i> £	<i>Investment properties</i> £	<i>Investments</i> £	<i>Net current assets</i> £	Total £
Endowed	-	7,180,000	5,570,945	-	12,750,945
Restricted	-	-	1,487,803	-	1,487,803
Unrestricted	<u>21,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,681,161</u>	<u>1,247,927</u>	<u>8,950,596</u>
	<u>21,508</u>	<u>7,180,000</u>	<u>14,739,909</u>	<u>1,247,927</u>	<u>23,189,344</u>

18. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO NET FUNDS

	2023 £	2022 £
(Decrease)/increase in cash during the year	<u>(928,683)</u>	<u>506,371</u>
Change in net funds	<u>(928,683)</u>	<u>506,371</u>
Net funds at 1 January 2023	<u>1,993,241</u>	<u>1,486,870</u>
Net funds at 31 December 2023	<u>1,064,558</u>	<u>1,993,241</u>

19. ANALYSIS OF NET FUNDS

	<i>Net funds at 1 January 2023</i> £	<i>Cash change</i> £	<i>Net funds at 31 December 2023</i> £
Cash at bank and in hand	314,638	222,709	537,347
Cash awaiting investment	735,944	(669,433)	66,511
Cash deposits	<u>942,659</u>	<u>(481,959)</u>	<u>460,700</u>
	<u>1,993,241</u>	<u>(928,683)</u>	<u>1,064,558</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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20. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – COMPARATIVES BY FUND TYPE

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i> £	<i>Restricted Funds</i> £	<i>Endowment Funds</i> £	<i>Total 2022</i> £
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>				
<i>Donations</i>	-	59,100	-	59,100
<i>Investments</i>	618,521	72,408	7,460	698,389
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
- <i>contributions from Almspeople</i>	125,578	99,434	-	225,012
<i>Other</i>	<u>930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>1,160</u>
 <i>Total income and endowments</i>	 <u>745,029</u>	 <u>230,942</u>	 <u>7,690</u>	 <u>983,661</u>
 <i>Expenditure on:</i>				
<i>Raising funds</i>	34,435	6,432	318,736	359,603
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
- <i>Grants payable</i>	298,029	21,333	-	319,362
- <i>Provision of Almshouses</i>	206,561	74,614	-	281,175
- <i>Albert Park maintenance</i>	<u>69,431</u>	<u>63,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,536</u>
 <i>Total expenditure</i>	 <u>608,456</u>	 <u>165,484</u>	 <u>318,736</u>	 <u>1,092,676</u>
 <i>Net gains/(loss) on investments</i>	 <u>(1,405,467)</u>	 <u>(262,558)</u>	 <u>(823,519)</u>	 <u>(2,491,544)</u>
 <i>Net surplus/(deficit)</i>	 <u>(1,268,894)</u>	 <u>(197,100)</u>	 <u>(1,134,565)</u>	 <u>(2,600,559)</u>
 <i>Transfers between funds</i>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>
 <i>Net movement in funds</i>	 <u>(1,268,894)</u>	 <u>(197,100)</u>	 <u>(1,134,565)</u>	 <u>(2,600,559)</u>
 <i>Total funds brought forward</i>	 <u>10,219,490</u>	 <u>1,684,903</u>	 <u>13,885,510</u>	 <u>25,789,903</u>
 <i>Total funds carried forward</i>	 <u>8,950,596</u>	 <u>1,487,803</u>	 <u>12,750,945</u>	 <u>23,189,344</u>

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

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CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Incorporating:	The Twitty's Almshouse Charity The Tomkins Almshouse Charity The Abingdon Almshouse and Relief in Need Charity The Charity of John Blacknall The Charity of Richard Wigglesworth
Statutory and other information	
Co-optative Governors	Mr L D King (Master from 1.1.21) Mr M W Matthews (left 3.2.22) Mrs G Butt Mr T R Ayling Mr K W Senior Mr S J McConnell Mrs J D Kent Mr C Birks Mrs A Saunders (from 7.7.22)
Ex Officio Governors	Rector - Rev Dr E C Miller Mayor Cllr Mrs C Briggs (to 8.6.22) Mayor Cllr Mr A Foulsham (from 9.6.22)
Nominative Governors	Cllr Mrs H Pighills (left 8.6.22) Cllr Mrs M Crick Cllr Mrs G Barody (from 9.6.22) Cllr Mrs C Briggs (from 9.6.22)
Emeritus Governor	Mr M W Matthews (from 3.2.22)
Clerk to the Governors	Mrs G Kent (left 30.9.22) Mrs A Acott (from 1.10.22)
Address of the Charity	4 St Helen's Wharf Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 5EN
Principal Bankers	National Westminster Bank Plc 11 Market Place Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 3HH
Solicitors	Challenor & Son Stratton House Bath Street Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 3LA
Auditor	Crowe UK LLP Aquis House 49 – 51 Blagrove Street Reading Berkshire RG1 1PL
Investment managers	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited 2 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN
Property managing agents	Orpwood Ltd t/a Adkin Orpwood House School Road Ardington Wantage Oxfordshire OX12 8PQ
Registered Charity No	205112

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The Governors present their annual report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland Published on 16 July 2014.

STATUS ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTION

The Ancient Corporation of the Master and Governors of the Hospital of Christ of Abingdon ("Ancient Corporation") was created by Letters Patent of King Edward VI in 1553. Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is now a Registered Charity regulated by a Scheme sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 25 January 1971.

The charity number, present Governors and advisors are listed on page 2. All Governors, both Co-optative and Nominative, are invited to nominate candidates to fill a vacancy for a Co-optative Governor and are asked to provide a resume of their nominee's career and other interests. Further soundings are undertaken, and an opportunity created for Governors to meet the preferred candidate(s) before their name is put forward formally to a special meeting for election.

Nominative Governors are appointed by Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council whilst the Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames and the incumbent of the United Benefice of Abingdon - on - Thames with Shippon, hold office as Governors ex officio.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Christ's Hospital is a Registered Charity regulated by a Scheme sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 25 January 1971 and subsequent Orders of 1999 and 2002. The Governors perform their obligations under the Schemes for the constituent charities by applying the income of the Charity to provide charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon in Oxfordshire and such part of the ancient parishes of St Helen, St Helen Without and St Nicolas, Abingdon as do not fall within the boundaries of the town. The Governors are able to extend the area of benefit to the immediate surroundings of Abingdon in certain circumstances.

When appointing new Governors, care is taken to seek a candidate with the particular skills judged to be required by the Charity at that time. This will ensure that as successive Governors are appointed in future years, they may in their turn successfully maintain the Charity for the public benefit.

Ordinarily prospective Co-optative Governors are proposed by existing Governors. They are requested to meet with the Master then submit a resume of their career and interests for consideration by members of the Ancient Corporation. New Governor suitable applicants are invited to proceed to appointment if members of the Ancient Corporation are unanimous. All newly appointed Governors are provided with a copy of the Scheme dated 25th January 1971 and subsequent Orders, a copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the last financial year, the Charity Commission book (or email link) "The Essential Trustee" and a copy of the Almshouse Association book "Standards of Almshouse Management". They also have a briefing meeting with the Master and the Clerk. Governors are encouraged to attend the various seminars organised by the Almshouse Association.

As a result of the retirement of Mr M Matthews in February 2022 there existed a vacancy for a Co-optative Governor for which there was no potential candidates. It was decided to advertise the position of Co-optative Governor in the regional press and other media. The charity was fortunate in receiving several excellent potential applications. A short list of candidates was interviewed by Mr L King, Mr T Ayling and Mr C Birks. At a Special Meeting of the Governors on Thursday 9th June 2022 it was proposed and unanimously agreed by those present to appoint Mrs Angharad Saunders to the position of Co-optative Governor with effect from 6th July 2022. It was further agreed at the same meeting that Mr Steve Workman should be appointed a Co-optative Governor in July 2023 and Mrs Marion Evans in December 2023 so that each would have a handover period of 1 month with Mr Ayling and Mrs Butt who would retire as governors the month following (respectively).

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Special meetings would be organized prior to these events to re-confirm these appointments.

Much of the day-to-day work of the Governors is carried out by the Governors-in-Charge, supported by the Clerk, Finance & Admin Assistant, Almshouse Administrator and Park Keeper. Governors-in-Charge during the year were as follows:

Mr T R Ayling	- Park & Gardens
Mrs G Butt	- Almshouse Residents
Mr L D King	- Almshouse Property
Mr S J McConnell	- Estates
Mr M W Matthews	- Grants & Archives (to Feb 2022)
Mr K W Senior	- Finance
Mr C Birks	- Grants

Governors delegate day to day responsibility for various aspects of the Charity's affairs to:

<i>The Clerk</i>	who manages the staff and the almshouse property portfolio, maintains the Charity's accounting and other records and carries on the administration of the Charity to comply with applicable laws and regulations. The Clerk also manages the Archivist who is responsible for the recording and safe keeping of material for the archives of the Charity.
<i>The Investment Managers</i>	who manage the portfolios held by the Charity under a discretionary management mandate.
<i>The Property Managing Agents</i>	who manage the investment property held by the Charity.
<i>The Chartered Surveyors</i>	who advise on the structural integrity of the Charity's almshouse property to ensure a suitable standard is maintained.

Scheme of Governance

Governors met on ten Thursdays during the year to enable them to discharge their responsibilities. Early in the year these meeting took place in St Helen's Church Parish Centre and then moved to the Long Alley Hall. At these meetings, Governors receive reports from the Governors-in-Charge on their activities in the previous month which confirm, or recommend for discussion, actions to be taken in both the short and longer term. These written and verbal reports provide each Governor with the information necessary to discharge their duties.

The Governors retain responsibility for all key decisions, including approval of:

- The strategy and policies adopted by the Charity to achieve its charitable objectives.
- The annual budget.
- Major capital expenditure, including property acquisition and refurbishment.
- The annual financial statements.
- The appointment of residents to vacant almshouses.
- Grant applications.

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A framework of authorities is in place, which maps out the structure of delegation as well as specifying those issues which remain the preserve of the Governors. This framework emphasizes the key role of specific Governor responsibility in the exercise of executive control, subject to reporting and ratification by the Governors, as described above. The relevant individuals are identified earlier in this report on page 3.

- The Finance Governor monitors and reviews the Charity's financial and internal control as well as its investments.
- The Grants Governor receives, considers and evaluates applications for charitable assistance, according to the provisions of the Scheme.
- The Almshouse Property Governor oversees the management of both almshouses and health and safety matters relating to the almshouses and workplaces.
- The Almshouse Residents' Governor looks after the best interests of the residents and takes the lead role in the appointment of new residents.
- The Park and Gardens Governor oversees the management of Albert Park and the almshouse gardens.
- The Estates (Property) Governor oversees the management of investment properties to ensure rental and maintenance matters are dealt with in line with the Scheme.

Related Parties and Conflicts of Interest

Various Governors are involved either as trustees or in the management of a number of voluntary organisations in Abingdon, including The Albert Memorial Trust (Registered Charity No 1076274), The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity No 1160080), Abingdon Carousel (Registered Charity No 1177322) and Dementia Friendly Abingdon (Part of Healthy Abingdon Registered Charity No 1172245), Friends of Abbey Buildings (Registered Charity No 1183398), Friends of Abingdon Civic Society (Registered Charity No 1183397), Charity Mentors Oxfordshire (Registered Charity No 1164429), Quest for Learning (Registered Charity No 1107219) and Stonewater, The Foyer – Abingdon and St Michael's and All Angels' Church.

Various Governors are also involved either as trustees or in the management of schools in Abingdon who are free to apply for educational assistance for pupils in need, several Governors are involved with Abingdon School (Registered Charity No. 1071298) and one Governor with The Manor Preparatory School and one Governor with St Edmunds Catholic Primary School.

One Governor is the Team Rector of Abingdon and Vicar of St Helen's Church, Abingdon. The Church may encounter those seeking almshouse accommodation or financial assistance under the Relief in Need part of the Charity's Scheme.

The Charity is also a member of the Almshouse Association to whom an annual subscription is paid.

The Governors have adopted a comprehensive policy to identify all transactions with related parties or other transactions which might involve any conflict of interest. These are detailed in Note 13.

Remuneration

Our approach to remuneration is designed to ensure we can attract and retain the talented and motivated people we need to achieve our mission and deliver our strategic goals. It is applied consistently across the organisation. We aim to pay competitively in the not-for-profit sector within the context of affordability. We therefore consider factors such as salaries paid in comparable organisations.

No remuneration was paid either directly or indirectly to any Governor or connected person during the period under review. Reimbursement of expenses occurs infrequently and then only when Governors or staff are acting on Christ's Hospital or Almshouse Association business and only on production of a valid receipt and the completion of a reimbursement form.

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Insurance

The Governors maintain indemnity insurance of up to £1 million. The annual premium charged in these financial statements was £868.00 (2021: £868.00). The Governors fully recognise that this does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

Risk Management Statement

The Governors have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks which they believe the Charity faces. The external risks and exposure thereto are kept under constant review, together with the internal aspects of health and safety.

A risk management register is maintained and is reviewed annually to ensure risks are effectively managed by the Charity. The major risks and preventative measures in place are as follows:

Falling investment income

The investment managers, Investec Wealth and Management Ltd, manage the Charity's portfolio within agreed parameters (medium/high risk) which are monitored at least quarterly, and all Governors are provided with summaries of those reports. A representative of the investment company presents a formal annual report and discussion of the portfolio during at least one of the Governors' meetings, usually March. The investment company ensure that the Charity invests in 'defensive' stocks which remain mostly unaffected by economic variations.

Reduction in Commercial & Residential rental income due to voids

Adkin are a specialist property management company who manage the Charity's property and land and report monthly to the Governors, making recommendations as to the best way to maximise the return on the Charity's portfolio, whilst remaining within the remit of the Scheme.

Damage to Property, i.e. Fire.

The Governors seek professional advice on the risks associated with Almshouses and other property and install and monitor safety equipment and measures on a regular basis. In April 2015, a major Fire Safety inspection took place and as a result of this upgrades were made to fire equipment and policies. In September 2019, the local Fire Officer also visited and was satisfied by the systems in place and the supporting paperwork. In September 2021 Turner Fire Security Ltd were appointed to carry out a fire risk assessment the findings of which have been scheduled for implementation during 2022.

Information Damage i.e. Fraud, cyber crime

The Governors have taken advice on prevention of information theft and regularly review the Charity's Fraud policy to reflect the ever-advancing ability of 'fraudsters' to gain access to sensitive information. In 2022 some older computer equipment replaced to ensure the latest best practice for back-up and protection of information is adhered to.

Disease Transmission - Global pandemic

The Covid 19 virus has affected almost every part of life concerned with the Charity. The health of the almshouse residents has been upper most and this has been managed by the implementation of Covid secure processes. The Finances have of course been affected as with many other people and organisations. Th income from investments has dropped as many companies have seen their own income streams diminish, but this has been mitigated as far as possible by the investment management company who have invested heavily in the 'pharma' industry which is booming. The collection of commercial rent has also been challenging as many commercial tenants have experienced a dip in income.

The law prevented court action against tenants until 25th March 2022, but a reasonable approach including negotiation will be the basis on which outstanding rents will be collected. A provision was made in 2020, 2021 and in the 2022 accounts for the possibility of bad debts.

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The code of practice in respect of commercial rent collection has been updated in line with the Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Act 2022. This Act helps tenants still reeling from the effects of the pandemic to confront their debts, come to an agreement with their landlord on rent arrears and start to grow their business again. To that end, the Act ringfences rent debt built up by businesses who were forced to close during the pandemic. It establishes a binding arbitration system which then decides what happens to that ringfenced debt. At this time, we have not entered into arbitration with any of our tenants.

Risk of Flooding

Events in January 2021 highlighted the risk to our riverside properties. The water levels at Abingdon Lock were within 20cm of the highest ever recorded. As a result, the "Action Plan in Case of Flooding" was updated by The GIC of Almshouse Properties, The GIC of Residents and The Clerk. The Plan was approved by the Governors.

Staff Absence/Cover

The charity has identified the crucial areas of staffing and tries to maintain a level of staffing skills competence across the team that can cover short term absence. It has also contingency plans in place to bring in temporary cover staff if the absence is likely to become long term. This cover system was in place and being used effectively from September 2021 until May 2022.

Public Benefit

In following the Charity's aims and objectives, Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance in complying with their duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 on public benefit. The provision of almshouse accommodation for those in need provides an identifiable public benefit which is directly in line with the Charity's aims. Beneficiaries of almshouses must be in need and will be drawn from that section of the public which has been defined in the Scheme.

The Charity gives 'relief in need' through education grants and grants of domestic items to those who cannot afford them and fall outside the help of the local authority. This year they also gave a considerable number of substantial grants to local charities for specific purposes to benefit residents in our area of benefit. All the above are directly identifiable public benefit.

The Charity also maintains Albert Park, a park which is permanently open for use by any member of the public and easily accessible to all levels of mobility. This is also in line with the Charities scheme document.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The Objects of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon and its subsidiary charities were created to provide charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon-on-Thames in Oxfordshire.

The Charity's strategy is to provide funds both for individuals and organisations to provide help and relief within the terms of the Schemes. This can only be achieved within the conditions at the time. The primary objective is the provision of almshouse accommodation. Funds are also available for the relief of need and education of residents within the area of benefit.

The Charity owns Albert Park recreation ground and its surrounding roads, and whilst the Governors fully recognise their responsibility for the maintenance of these, it does provide a major drain on the Charity's resources.

The Charity measures its success in several ways. It aims to achieve a 90% occupation rate for almshouses, to maximise the grants paid out and to adhere as closely as possible to its annual budget in all areas. The Charity is very proud of its commitment to keep almshouses as up to date as possible within the confines of their listed building status (see 'The estate').

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The Governors met in June 2021 to discuss possible strategic changes to the Charities status, rules and activities. Subjects included Governor's length of service, the benefits or otherwise of converting to a CIO, expanding the rules of eligibility for almshouse residents. Actions were agreed and documented and satisfactory progress has been made in 2022 as follows.

Governor Mrs A Saunders is leading a working group of Mr L King, Mr K Senior and Mrs A Acott to further these strategic changes and to date two firms of lawyers have been interviewed and invited to help identify the different options available to the charity and to help decide on the best way forward for the charity's move to becoming incorporated. The two firms of lawyers are due to report back early in 2023. Initial reviews have confirmed that there are a number of complex issues and the timescale for conclusion is a minimum of 12 months.

Grants

To achieve the Charity's objects for the public benefit, the Grants Governor considers all applications made for assistance, whether for educational support or relief in terms laid down in the controlling Schemes, including the area of benefit and the availability or otherwise of specific or general funds.

The ongoing consequences of the pandemic and the cost of living are proving challenging for families, schools and organisations. The mental health of our youth is proving to be a considerable concern, especially in the lower income areas. The State-funded provision for mental health support and assessments is vastly oversubscribed and waiting times can be up to four years.

All state schools are encouraged to apply for grants to assist with school activities, equipment, and student support.

Students, or their parents, who are both resident within Abingdon and in financial need, may apply to the Charity for support with their education, providing they are educated in Abingdon. The school who has applied for assistance with fees during 2022 is The Unicorn School (Registered charity no 1070807).

The Charity has also helped individuals with Relief in Need payments for equipment and/or basic necessities such as cookers, washing machines, fridge freezers and furniture. Provisions to institutions tend to be more substantial and are usually for equipment to help them function and provide life skills for vulnerable adults. Within the last 12 months the charity has helped to fund day trips for young carers and training sessions for vulnerable adults within various projects in Abingdon.

We have a proactive approach of encouraging schools and organisations to make grant applications making them aware of the Charity's availability and policies. We are encouraged by the extent and value of requests. The gratitude expressed for our commitment and swift response re-enforces our determination to support the citizens of Abingdon.

Numbers of grants and values can be found within Note 6 of the accounts.

The estate

The Governors are proud of the Charities' ownership of several freehold properties in Abingdon that are of considerable historic and heritage interest. They are mindful of the inalienable nature of these properties and their duty to maintain them. The most important of these properties are shown here with their listing:

Long Alley Almshouses and Hall	1446	Grade I
Brick Alley Almshouses and outbuildings	1718	Grade I
St Helen's Wharf Almshouses	1884	Grade II
St John's Almshouses	1801	Grade II
Tomkins Almshouses & Clock Tower	1733	Grade II *
Twitty's Almshouses	1710	Grade II
Albert Monument (within Albert Park)	1865	Grade II
Conduit House	circa 1500	Grade II
Albert Park	Listed Victorian Park	
The Exchequer Room (forming part of the Church of St Helen, Abingdon)		

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Associated with these properties are furniture, fittings, historic artefacts and an extensive archive housed in a climate-controlled building known as the Liversidge or Muniment room, which the Governors view as both historic and inalienable.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE AND RECORD OF ACTIVITIES

The Charity has again had a successful year despite concerns over Covid 19 and the economic pressure this brings. Income from rent and dividends has held up compared to the previous year, and again less significant property expenditure has been undertaken. The official revaluation of property has made a significant impact on the surplus for the year which would otherwise have been reasonably modest.

It was felt that it was not necessary to undertake fundraising, as the investment portfolio, and modest contributions from residents towards maintenance, continue to contribute significantly to the planned expenditure.

Residents

The residents continue to have the benefit of an Almshouse Administrator, who not only acts as a good neighbor and takes an interest in their welfare but is a safety coordinator for all routine testing of alarms, water hygiene and minor repairs.

Residents benefit from regular visiting, and gatherings when circumstances allow, or phone/email contact on a daily or weekly basis, depending on their needs.

The estate

The Governors are mindful and indeed proud of the Charity's heritage but the age and listed building status of some of the assets does entail a financial burden. Despite the heavy demand on resources, the Governors follow their primary duty of maintaining the Charity's assets. However, continuing work will always be necessary.

The Governors are delighted and proud to confirm that the damaged stonework of Conduit House a Grade II building in Albert Park Circa.1500 was repaired and completely refurbished in 2022 to a high standard at a cost of £31k

The policy of the Governors remains to ensure that each almshouse, as it falls vacant, is upgraded to the most modern standards ready for reoccupation. As vacancies are unpredictable, the amount of expenditure can differ from that budgeted.

A Quinquennial Inspection was conducted during May 2021 and a report received at the end of September showing recommended works to be undertaken over the next 5 years in degrees of urgency. Each year's recommendations are reviewed thoroughly prior to initiation.

It must never be forgotten, however, that within the Governors' responsibility of preserving the Charity's assets, there is no room whatsoever for any complacency. The entire theme of this report remains as usual to demonstrate the Governors' concern at the need to husband the Charity's resources to maximum effect, never forgetting the need to fulfill the charitable objectives laid down in our governing documents.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity employed independent valuers to assess the current value of all Commercial, Residential Property and Land. This resulted in an increase in value of £350,000 from the previous year. Professional valuations of investment properties will now take place no less than every 3 years. In the intervening years the Governor in Charge of Property, using his considerable knowledge and experience, will undertake a review of values. From this review the Governors will decide if a formal, professional valuation is then necessary.

All transactions were deemed to be in the normal course of business and the Governors consider the Charity to be a 'going concern.'

Careful and conservative forecasts and budgets for the next year are prepared by the Clerk and Governors in Charge each November and reviewed at the December meeting of all Governors. The Charity's Governors (Trustees) feel that it is as well placed as it can be to meet significant refurbishment costs in the future. Net outgoing resources before other gains or losses were £ 109,015 (2021: net incoming £181,543).

Investment policy

The management of the Charity's investment portfolio is conducted by professional investment managers under discretionary management powers delegated by the Governors, under broad guidelines set by the Governors. These guidelines have been reviewed during the year and currently require that the managers protect the value of the capital and income of the Charity in real terms over the medium term by seeking a balanced return between income and capital growth, avoiding elevated risk. At any one time, the portfolios may comprise fixed interest and equity investments within these criteria. Portfolio exposure to equities is limited to 90% of the total fund value. In the avoidance of high risk, the managers are instructed not to involve the Charity in derivatives trading, underwriting or off-market transactions. Where necessary, the allocation of income and capital is apportioned according to the figures at the start of the year.

The Governors continue to monitor administrative costs and fees. The Governors are content that they are continuing to avoid high risks. The Governors reserve the right to exclude companies that carry out activities contrary to their aims or from holding investments which might damage the Charity's reputation. This policy is reviewed with the investment company during their annual report to the Governors, usually in the March Governors' meeting.

In order to measure our performance, we review the total fund return against a benchmark fund return of similar risk status.

As reported above a detailed report by the investment managers is delivered in person to a full meeting of the Governors at least annually. The entire area remains under the continuing scrutiny of the Governors and the Governor responsible for Finance in pursuit of the risk control as outlined above. The portfolio on 31st December 2022 was £14,739,909 (2021: £17,563,643). During 2017 the Governors took the decision to sub-divide the Main Fund into Capital and Income generating sub-sections to better leverage the asset to meet the ongoing costs.

Reserves Policy

Christ's Hospital has historically financed its operations through income derived from its endowment investments. In recent years it has also received maintenance contributions from almshouse residents. Due to the limited area of benefit, Governors have decided it is not practicable to seek donations or benefactors on a significant level. It must be noted that the instability in world markets as a result of the war in Ukraine has led to a significant rise in inflation.

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As such Governors realise endowment alone is insufficient to provide enough income. It has become necessary to maintain a level of reserves to finance future operations in the long term. They believe that total assets of around £20 million are required under current conditions. It is therefore the intention of Christ's Hospital to try to maintain investment assets at this level. The level will be reviewed as circumstances change.

Total funds held by the Charity at the year-end stood at £23,189,344 (2021: £25,789,903). The Charity's unrestricted funds, excluding designations and unrestricted fixed assets, stood at £8,407,651 (2021: £9,592,223) at the year-end. If the market value of listed investments that are held to generate income to support the Charity's activities is excluded from the above sum, the remaining free reserves are £726,490 (2021: £768,993).

Free reserves are held for the following reasons:

- a) There is a significant cost to maintaining Listed buildings of which the charity has eight sets (noted under 'estates') plus a Listed Victorian Park (Albert Park). Whilst investment monies are put aside in restricted funds for upkeep of the Almshouses and emergency use, it is unknown when an emergency may occur and whether it will be covered by available designated funds. Repairs to ageing Listed buildings are increasingly complex and costly.
- b) It is anticipated that the Conservation area already in existence around Albert Park may be expanded. This may bring additional expense and the need for specialist contractors' expertise as the Charity strives to maintain, to a higher standard, the newly designated dwellings which it owns in the surrounding area.
- c) Considerations are to be made shortly as to the future of certain leasehold properties which revert to Christ's Hospital control in 2037. There may be significant investment needed to bring them to an acceptable modern standard.
- d) The charity like to have the capacity to spend on grants over and above the budgeted level, whilst still maintaining the ratio for allocation of expenditure required by the Charity Scheme i.e. expenditure on grants cannot currently be greater than that on almshouses.

The Governor in Charge of Finance has recognised the level of free reserves is increasing and the strategy for use of this was discussed during 2022, it was agreed that we must investigate ways of giving larger grants to organisations that can make the most impact to relieve need in Abingdon. Discussion regarding the amendments to the Charity's scheme to simplify it and incorporate the expansion of Abingdon's estates were considered and it was agreed to progress these.

FUNDS

In addition to the unrestricted funds, which represent accumulated income available to the Governors for such purposes as they may decide, the funds controlled by the Governors fall into a number of classes:

Permanent endowment funds

These funds represent assets which are permanent capital held by the Governors. The property within these funds comprises:

- Freehold land and buildings held for the Charities' own use.
- Freehold land and buildings held for charitable purposes, including almshouses and Albert Park
- Investments in listed securities and real estate.

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Two further funds have been created by orders of the Charity Commissioners made on 21 August and 13 December 1984 to recoup endowment monies spent on the Albert Park service area and in connection with Mullard (Abingdon) Housing Trust, respectively.

Designated fund

Extraordinary Repair Fund - This fund has been set up by the Governors in response to the Almshouse Association's guidance to have a fund for each group of almshouses to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the Charity's Almshouses. The designated fund balance at the year-end was £521,437 (2021: £605,62) per Note 14.

Restricted funds

These funds represent income and other assets which may be applied only for specified purposes. These amount to £1,487,806 (2021: £1,684,903) per Note 15.

The Charity of John Blacknall Church branch

Income payable to the incumbent and churchwardens of the Parish of St Nicolas applicable to the maintenance of the Church of St Nicolas, Abingdon.

The Charity of Richard Wigglesworth Education branch

Funds available to assist with the education of individuals under the age of 25 by way of exhibition, grant or towards preparing them for entry into a trade.

Almshouse branches

Funds for the provision and maintenance of almshouses and their residents.

Relief in Need branches

Funds available to support people in conditions of need, hardship or distress either individually or generally.

Extraordinary repair funds

Funds created in response to orders of the Charity Commissioners to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the Charities' almshouses and other property.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Governors will continue to comply with the requirements of the Charity's Scheme to provide almshouse accommodation, relief in need, educational support and the provision and maintenance of Albert Park.

The Governors remain committed to their policies of maintaining the Charity's assets and particularly the historic nature of many of the buildings. In refurbishing the almshouses to modern standards, consideration is being given to the increased expectations of potential residents.

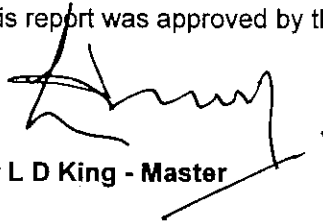
The Charity is committed to maintaining Albert Park in its current, well-maintained condition, although vandalism seems to be an ongoing problem.

The Charity has supported people in the area of benefit for 469 years and it is the Governors' firm intention that this should be continued for the foreseeable future. They are taking active measures to ensure that the relevant local people are aware of the help Christ's Hospital can offer and that the size of grants offered has increased where appropriate and justified.

**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Governors are committed to the objective of providing charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon on Thames in Oxfordshire for an indefinite period. Fundamental to the achievement of this objective is the maintenance of an effective system of corporate governance. This is concerned with the direction and control of the organisation and, in particular, with the role of Governors and the need to ensure an effective framework of accountability and risk management.

This report was approved by the Governors on 6 APRIL 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr L D King - Master

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 judgments 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;
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Governor's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Other Information

The Governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Governor's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities act requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Governors

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 13, the Governors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Governors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Governors either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Details of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, are set out below.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the Charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the charity were the Charities Act 2011, together with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statements.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the Charity for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the Charity were Charity Commission regulations, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Health and Safety regulations. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to the recognition of legacy income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance Governor about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON**

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Crowe U.K. LLP

Crowe U.K. LLP
Statutory Auditor
Reading

Date: 6 April 2023

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

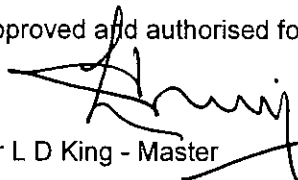
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations	2	-	59,100	-	59,100	4,100
Investments	3	618,521	72,408	7,460	698,389	704,361
Charitable activities - contributions from Almspeople		125,578	99,434	-	225,012	215,421
Other		<u>930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>676</u>
Total income and endowments		<u>745,029</u>	<u>230,942</u>	<u>7,690</u>	<u>983,661</u>	<u>924,558</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	34,435	6,432	318,736	359,603	163,324
Charitable activities						
- Grants payable		298,029	21,333	-	319,362	235,924
- Provision of Almshouses		206,561	74,614	-	281,175	234,203
- Albert Park maintenance		<u>69,431</u>	<u>63,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,536</u>	<u>109,564</u>
Total expenditure	4	<u>608,456</u>	<u>165,484</u>	<u>318,736</u>	<u>1,092,676</u>	<u>743,015</u>
Net gains/(loss) on investments		<u>(1,405,467)</u>	<u>(262,558)</u>	<u>(823,519)</u>	<u>(2,491,544)</u>	<u>1,955,795</u>
Net surplus/(deficit)		<u>(1,268,894)</u>	<u>(197,100)</u>	<u>(1,134,565)</u>	<u>(2,600,559)</u>	<u>2,137,338</u>
Transfers between funds	14	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(1,268,894)</u>	<u>(197,100)</u>	<u>(1,134,565)</u>	<u>(2,600,559)</u>	<u>2,137,338</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>10,219,490</u>	<u>1,684,903</u>	<u>13,885,510</u>	<u>25,789,903</u>	<u>23,652,565</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>8,950,596</u>	<u>1,487,803</u>	<u>12,750,945</u>	<u>23,189,344</u>	<u>25,789,903</u>

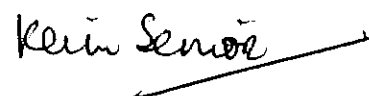
The notes on pages 21 to 36 form part of these financial statements

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	21,508	21,640
Investment properties	8	7,180,000	6,830,000
Investments	9	<u>14,739,909</u>	<u>17,563,643</u>
		21,941,417	24,415,283
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Debtors	10	147,500	120,654
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,257,297</u>	<u>1,381,894</u>
		1,404,797	1,502,548
LIABILITIES:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(156,870)</u>	<u>(127,928)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,247,927</u>	<u>1,374,620</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>23,189,344</u>	<u>25,789,903</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Unrestricted funds			
General	14	8,429,159	9,613,863
Designated	14	<u>521,437</u>	<u>605,627</u>
		8,950,596	10,219,490
Restricted funds	15	1,487,803	1,684,903
Endowment funds	16	<u>12,750,945</u>	<u>13,885,510</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	17	<u>23,189,344</u>	<u>25,789,903</u>

Approved and authorised for issue by the Governors on ~~6 APRIL~~ 2023 and signed on their behalf by


Mr L D King - Master


Mr K W Senior - Governor

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CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
CASHFLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Net cash used in operating activities (see below)	(801,131)	(497,050)
<i>Cash flows from investing activities</i>		
Interest, dividends and rents from investments	698,389	704,361
Purchase of plant and equipment	(4,043)	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	3,123,267	2,682,109
Purchase of investments	<u>(2,510,111)</u>	<u>(2,878,357)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,307,502	508,113
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	506,371	(11,063)
Cash and cash equivalent brought forward	<u>1,486,870</u>	<u>1,475,807</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	<u>1,993,241</u>	<u>1,486,870</u>
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(2,600,559)	2,137,338
Depreciation charges	4,175	3,670
Loss on sale of investments	-	-
Loss on disposal	-	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(698,389)	(704,361)
(Gain)/loss on investments	2,491,544	(1,955,795)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(26,846)	19,270
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>28,944</u>	<u>2,828</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(801,131)	(497,050)
	2022 £	2021 £
Cash awaiting investment with investment managers	735,944	104,976
Cash in hand	314,638	349,438
Notice deposits (less than three months)	<u>942,659</u>	<u>1,032,456</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents (Note 19)	<u>1,993,241</u>	<u>1,486,870</u>

The notes on pages 21 to 36 form part of these financial statements

**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the *Charities Act 2011* and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the *Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008* only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following *Accounting and Reporting by Charities*, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* effective from 1 April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is a charity registered in the UK (charity number 205112) with its registered office at 4 St Helens Wharf, Wharf Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 5EN.

b) Going Concern

The Governors consider that there are sufficient reserves held at the year-end to manage any foreseeable downturn in the UK and global economy. The Governors consider that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and for this reason the Governors continue to adopt the 'going concern' basis in preparing the accounts.

c) Income

Dividends and rents are accounted for in the year to which they relate.

Legacies and voluntary income are accounted for in the year in which they are received.

d) Expenditure

Grants awarded by the Governors are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period that they are made to the extent that a legal or constructive obligation exists.

Almshouses and Almspeople costs are accounted for on an accruals basis in the year to which they relate.

Pension costs charged in the SOFA represent contributions payable by the charity in that year.

Included within charitable activities are governance costs, which comprise the costs of running the Charity, including strategic planning for its future development, also internal and external audit, any legal advice for the Charity and all the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are allocated on the basis of time spent (15% Grants Payable, 75% Provision of Almshouses, and 10% Albert Park Maintenance).

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

e) Grant making

The charity's grant-making process is informed by the best practices of peer organisations, and the Charity Commission's guidelines and recommendations.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one-year or multi-year grant.

Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the Trust.

f) Freehold land and buildings

Freehold land and buildings held for the Charity's use are included on the balance sheet at cost. The buildings are depreciated over 50 years on a straight line basis.

The Charity owns certain fixed assets which are historic, inalienable and form part of the permanent endowment, the more important of which are listed in the Report of the Governors. No reliable cost information is available for these assets and their heritage nature means conventional valuation procedures would be unreliable. The Governors have no intention to dispose of these assets in the foreseeable future.

g) Other tangible fixed assets

Furniture and equipment are capitalised when considered appropriate and depreciation is calculated to write off the cost over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. A de-minimis capitalisation limit of £1,000 is applied. The following rates and bases have been used:

Office furniture, fixtures and fittings	20% straight line basis
Office equipment	25% straight line basis
Park equipment	25% straight line basis

h) Fixed asset investment properties

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at fair value. The Governors obtain an independent valuation every three years. Realised gains and losses on investment properties are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Fixed asset investments

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Realised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment income is recognised in the financial statements on an accruals basis when the charity becomes legally entitled to it. Investment income not directly attributable to a specific fund is apportioned to the various funds based on their opening balance position.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of 3 months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

k) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

l) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

m) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

n) Leases

In respect of operating leases for which the charity is the lessor, the charity classifies the leasing of the investment properties as an operating lease. The rents received from investment properties are recognised in the financial statements for the period they relate to.

In respect of operating leases for which the charity is the lessee, rentals are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

o) Funds

Unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds represent funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Designated funds

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Governors for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those which must be applied in accordance with the purpose specified by the donor. Expenditure relating to these purposes is charged directly to the fund.

Endowment Funds

Endowment funds consist of investments. The purpose to which that investment may be applied is restricted in accordance with the terms of the endowment trust.

p) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that has a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is in respect of the investment property valuation. The charity's investment properties are stated at their estimated fair value as disclosed in Note 8.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. INCOME - DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Conduitt House Restoration Grant	-	5,000	5,000	-
Fielding Alms House Legacy	-	50,000	50,000	-
Albert Park - contribution	-	4,100	4,100	4,100
	<u>-</u>	<u>59,100</u>	<u>59,100</u>	<u>4,100</u>

3. INCOME - INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Equity dividends and interest	331,563	72,408	7,460	411,431	440,600
Bank Interest	12,079	-	-	12,079	8,483
Rents	274,879	-	-	274,879	255,278
	<u>618,521</u>	<u>72,408</u>	<u>7,460</u>	<u>698,389</u>	<u>704,361</u>

4. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

2022	Direct Costs £	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Support costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cost of raising funds						
Investment managers fees	69,621	-	-	-	69,621	71,966
Property costs	289,982	-	-	-	289,982	91,358
	359,603	-	-	-	359,603	163,324
Charitable activities						
Grants Payable (Note 6)	301,177	12,728	626	4,831	319,362	235,924
Provision of Almshouses	125,401	106,801	3,131	45,842	281,175	234,203
Albert Park maintenance	102,747	26,151	418	3,220	132,536	109,564
Total resources expended	<u>888,928</u>	<u>145,680</u>	<u>4,175</u>	<u>53,893</u>	<u>1,092,676</u>	<u>743,015</u>
Support costs included within provision of Almshouses						
Audit	-	-	-	21,682	21,682	17,116
Office salaries	84,857	-	-	-	84,857	81,131
Office costs	21,329	-	-	-	21,329	20,401
Sundry	5,933	-	-	-	5,933	2,910
	<u>112,119</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,682</u>	<u>133,801</u>	<u>121,558</u>

Support costs are allocated on an estimate of time spent administering the Almshouses.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

2021	Direct Costs £	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Support costs £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<i>Cost of raising funds</i>						
Investment managers fees	71,966	-	-	-	71,966	64,481
Property costs	<u>91,358</u>	-	-	-	<u>91,358</u>	<u>186,085</u>
	163,324	-	-	-	163,324	250,566
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
Grants Payable (Note 6)	220,733	12,170	355	2,666	235,924	166,724
Provision of Almshouses	98,925	103,058	1,778	30,442	234,203	266,908
Albert Park maintenance	<u>80,020</u>	<u>26,229</u>	<u>1,537</u>	<u>1,778</u>	<u>109,564</u>	<u>94,219</u>
Total resources expended	<u><u>563,002</u></u>	<u><u>141,457</u></u>	<u><u>3,670</u></u>	<u><u>34,886</u></u>	<u><u>743,015</u></u>	<u><u>778,417</u></u>
<i>Support costs included within provision of Almshouses</i>						
Audit	-	-	-	17,116	17,116	16,927
Office salaries	81,131	-	-	-	81,131	79,832
Office costs	20,401	-	-	-	20,401	20,430
Sundry	<u>2,910</u>	-	-	-	<u>2,910</u>	<u>1,066</u>
	<u><u>104,442</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>17,116</u></u>	<u><u>121,558</u></u>	<u><u>118,255</u></u>

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5. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

Staff costs were as follows:-

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries and wages	132,291	128,295
Social security costs	8,067	8,474
Pension contributions	<u>5,302</u>	<u>4,688</u>
	<u><u>145,680</u></u>	<u><u>141,457</u></u>

No employees earned in excess of £60,000 (2021 – £60,000).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Governors and the Clerk to the Governors. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel (including employers NI and employers' pension) of the charity were £56,289 (2021: £51,606). None of the Governors received any remuneration in the current or preceding year.

During the year 0 (2021: 2) Governors were reimbursed expenses for making purchases on behalf of the Almshouses.

During the previous year, 1 Governor was provided with a UBS Camera and Microphone for £50 to assist with online Governor meetings. No such expenses were incurred during the current year.

The average monthly number of employees was as follows:-

	No.	No.
Almshouses and Almspeople (1 full-time)	1	1
Albert Park (1 full-time)	1	1
Management and administration (2 full-time, 1 part-time)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u><u>5</u></u>	<u><u>5</u></u>

The charity contributes to the personal pension schemes for certain of its employees. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the funds in respect of the year. £Nil amounts were outstanding at the year end (2021: £Nil).

There were no redundancy payments made in the year (2021: none).

On 1st September 2021, 1 employee began long-term sick leave (6 months) and it was agreed to pay their salary in full during this time. This was outside of their contractually agreed sick pay provision of 20 days full pay and 20 days half pay. In addition, a temporary, part-time position was created to provide cover for the sick employee. The additional costs relating to 2022 are £7,438 (2021: £7,697).

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6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Educational		
Charitable payments for 2 (2021: 2) individuals	25,200	14,111
Charitable payments for 8 (2021: 8) educational institutions	<u>113,260</u>	<u>74,605</u>
	138,460	88,716
Relief		
Charitable payments for 15 (2021: 18) individuals	12,105	7,276
Other social institutions 15 (2021: 12) institutions	<u>136,007</u>	<u>112,855</u>
	148,112	120,131
John Blacknall Church branch	<u>14,605</u>	<u>11,886</u>
	<u>301,177</u>	<u>220,733</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	74,480	20,340	94,820
Additions	-	4,043	4,043
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>74,480</u>	<u>24,383</u>	<u>98,863</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	52,840	20,340	73,180
Charge for the year	3,670	505	4,175
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>56,510</u>	<u>20,845</u>	<u>77,355</u>
Net book values			
At 31 December 2022	<u>17,970</u>	<u>3,538</u>	<u>21,508</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>21,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,640</u>

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8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Freehold land and buildings		
Valuation		
At 1 January 2022	6,830,000	6,335,000
Revaluation	<u>350,000</u>	<u>495,000</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>7,180,000</u>	<u>6,830,000</u>

All properties, except residential properties, were valued as at 31 December 2022 by professional valuers in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Manual issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on the basis that the properties are held for investment purposes. Residential properties were valued as at 31 December 2022 by the Property Governor.

	Valuer - Adkin	Valuer - Vall Williams	Valuer - GL Heard & Partners	Total
	£	£	£	£
Commercial	-	1,850,000	305,000	2,155,000
Residential	3,550,000	-	-	3,550,000
Agricultural land	410,000	-	-	410,000
Freehold land (leased until 2025)	-	65,000	-	65,000
Freehold land (leased until 2037)	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
	<u>3,960,000</u>	<u>2,915,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>	<u>7,180,000</u>

The charity earns rental income by leasing its properties to tenants under non-cancellable operating leases. Leases in which substantially all risks and rewards of ownership are retained by another party, the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments, including prepayments, made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

At the balance sheet date, the charity had contracted with tenants to receive the following future minimum lease payments:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Not later than one year	189,185	202,527
Later than one year and not later than five years	307,421	318,887
Later than five years	<u>34,393</u>	<u>108,784</u>
	<u>530,999</u>	<u>630,198</u>

There are no contingent rents recognised as income.

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9. INVESTMENTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Market value at 1 January 2022	17,458,667	15,801,624
Additions	2,510,111	2,878,357
Disposals	(3,123,267)	(2,682,109)
Revaluation gains	<u>(2,841,546)</u>	<u>1,460,795</u>
Market value at 31 December 2022*	14,003,965	17,458,667
Cash awaiting investment	<u>735,944</u>	<u>104,976</u>
Total as at 31 December 2022	<u>14,739,909</u>	<u>17,563,643</u>
*Historical costs of investments at 31 December 2022	<u>10,755,265</u>	<u>10,942,331</u>

The year-end market value is made up as follows:

UK fixed interest	931,069	973,999
UK equities	7,181,177	9,833,717
Overseas fixed interest	588,524	321,259
Overseas equities	3,807,555	5,258,451
Other assets	1,495,640	1,071,241
Cash and accrued interest	<u>736,944</u>	<u>104,976</u>
	<u>14,740,909</u>	<u>17,563,643</u>

10. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	127,335	104,222
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>20,165</u>	<u>16,432</u>
	<u>147,500</u>	<u>120,654</u>

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11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	32,775	10,206
Accruals	<u>124,095</u>	<u>117,722</u>
	<u><u>156,870</u></u>	<u><u>127,928</u></u>

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Basic financial assets	16,124,541	19,049,759
Basic financial liabilities	(156,870)	(127,928)

Basic financial assets are all investments (excluding investment properties), debtors plus cash in hand minus prepayments.

Basic financial liabilities are all creditors less due in less than one year plus creditors due in more than one year minus taxation payable.

The entity's income, expense, gains and losses in respect of financial instruments are summarised below:

	2022 £	2021 £
Total dividend and interest income for basic financial assets	423,510	449,083
Total (losses)/gains in respect of basic financial assets	(2,841,546)	1,460,795

13. RELATED PARTIES

Two Governors (Mr K W Senior and Mr T R Ayling) are trustees of the Albert Memorial Trust (Abingdon) Charity (Registered Charity no. 1076274) to whom the Charity paid £800 (2021: £800) and whom granted £486 (2021: £419) during the year to cover the insurance costs of the memorial in Albert Park, Abingdon.

Six Governors (Cllr Mrs H Pighills, Cllr Mr C Birks, Cllr Mayor Mrs C Briggs, Cllr Mayor Mr A Foulsham, Cllr Mrs G Barody and Cllr Mrs M Crick) are members of the Abingdon Town Council which granted the Charity £4,100 (2021: £4,100) during the year towards the upkeep of Albert Park.

One Governor (Mr L King) is a Trustee of The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity no. 1160080) which offers young people advice and counselling. During the year the Charity granted £32,312 (2021: £26,629) towards supporting their services to the people of Abingdon.

One Governor (Cllr Mrs G Barody) has links to Stonewater Foyer to whom the Charity paid £6,055 (2021: £nil) during the year to fund the Stonewater Baby Sensory Room.

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14. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2022 £</i>	<i>Incoming resources £</i>	<i>Resources expended £</i>	<i>Gains £</i>	<i>Transfers £</i>	<i>At 31 December 2022 £</i>
Designated funds						
- extraordinary repair fund	605,627	13,857	(2,345)	(95,702)	-	521,437
General funds	<u>9,613,863</u>	<u>731,172</u>	<u>(606,111)</u>	<u>(1,309,765)</u>	-	<u>8,429,159</u>
	<u>10,219,490</u>	<u>745,029</u>	<u>(608,456)</u>	<u>(1,405,467)</u>	-	<u>8,950,596</u>

Extraordinary Repair Fund

This fund has been set up by the Governors in response of the Almshouse Association's guidance to have a fund for each Almshouse to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the charities' Almshouses.

Property Capital Fund

A temporary endowment fund was created, pursuant to an order of the Charity Commissioners sealed on 16 October 1972, in respect of the property known as South Abingdon Community Centre. This property was sold during the year ended 31 December 2000 and the proceeds were used to open a Property Capital Fund which has now been transferred to general funds.

Transfers

The transfer from General Fund to Extraordinary Repair Fund is made in accordance with the recommendations of the Almshouse Association. The charity has transferred in excess of the minimum required and varies depending on the Governors best estimate of the state and costs required for that set of Almshouses.

Transfer from the Property Capital Fund to General fund is in order to release this designated fund which is deemed no longer required by the Governors.

The transfer from General Funds to the Endowment Recoupment Funds is in accordance with the Recoupment Orders.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2022 £</i>	<i>Incoming resources £</i>	<i>Resources expended £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Transfers £</i>	<i>At 31 December 2022 £</i>
Conduit House	-	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	-	-	-
Restoration Grant						
Fielding Alms House	-	<u>50,000</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	-	-	-
Legacy						
Albert Park grant	-	<u>4,100</u>	<u>(4,100)</u>	-	-	-
John Blacknall						
Church branch	24,564	-	(14,605)	(4,221)	-	5,738
Relief in need branch	<u>516,226</u>	<u>34,831</u>	<u>(9,181)</u>	<u>(81,512)</u>	-	<u>460,364</u>
	540,790	34,831	(23,786)	(85,733)	-	466,102
Richard Wrigglesworth						
Relief in need branch	135,170	6,946	(7,614)	(21,774)	-	112,728
Education	<u>47,370</u>	<u>2,481</u>	<u>(185)</u>	<u>(7,560)</u>	-	<u>42,106</u>
	182,540	9,427	(7,799)	(29,334)	-	154,834
Abingdon Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	274,930	34,708	(9,386)	(41,110)	-	259,142
Extraordinary repair	251,659	5,795	(981)	(40,024)	-	216,449
Relief in need branch	<u>(56,837)</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>(9,716)</u>	<u>8,078</u>	-	<u>(57,947)</u>
	469,752	41,031	(20,083)	(73,056)	-	417,644
Tomkins Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	192,999	59,996	(31,445)	(25,693)	-	195,857
Extraordinary repair	<u>133,885</u>	<u>3,206</u>	<u>(542)</u>	<u>(22,141)</u>	-	<u>114,408</u>
	326,884	63,202	(31,987)	(47,834)	-	310,265
Twitty's Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	9,611	19,779	(22,125)	(1,942)	-	5,323
Extraordinary repair	154,352	3,549	(600)	(24,503)	-	132,798
Legacy	<u>974</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(156)</u>	-	<u>837</u>
	<u>164,937</u>	<u>23,351</u>	<u>(22,729)</u>	<u>(26,601)</u>	-	<u>138,958</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>1,684,903</u>	<u>230,942</u>	<u>(165,484)</u>	<u>(262,558)</u>	-	<u>1,487,803</u>

Almshouse branches

Funds for the provision and maintenance of almshouses and their residents.

Relief in Need branches

Funds available to support people in conditions of need, hardship or distress either individually or generally.

Extraordinary repair fund

Funds created in response to orders of the Charity Commissioners to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the charities' almshouses and other property.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)

The Charity of John Blacknall - Church branch

Income payable to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the Parish of St Nicolas applicable to the maintenance of the Church of St Nicolas, Abingdon.

The Charity of Richard Wigglesworth

Education Branch Funds available to assist with the Education of individuals under the age of 25 by way of exhibition, grant or towards preparing them for entry into a trade.

Transfers

The transfers to John Blacknall Church Branch and the Richard Wigglesworth Education Fund are made to meet the requirements of the Scheme of that Charity.

Transfers from Almshouse funds to Extraordinary Repair Funds are made in accordance with the recommendations of the Almshouse Association. The charity has transferred in excess of the minimum required and varies depending on the Governors best estimate of the state and costs required for that set of Almshouses.

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16. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2022</i>	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains/ (Losses)	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Christ's Hospital						
Permanent	12,140,987	230	(240,224)	(534,455)	-	11,366,538
Capital recoupment						
- Order A	229,207	5,361	(10,065)	(37,055)	-	187,448
- Order B	<u>89,631</u>	<u>2,099</u>	<u>(3,938)</u>	<u>(14,498)</u>	-	<u>73,294</u>
	12,459,825	7,690	(254,227)	(586,008)	-	11,627,280
John Blacknall						
Permanent	<u>929,343</u>	-	<u>(42,051)</u>	<u>(154,823)</u>	-	<u>732,469</u>
Richard Wigglesworth						
Permanent						
- General	157,272	-	(7,116)	(26,201)	-	123,955
- Education	<u>57,516</u>	-	<u>(2,603)</u>	<u>(9,582)</u>	-	<u>45,331</u>
	214,788	-	(9,719)	(35,783)	-	169,286
Abingdon Almshouse						
Permanent						
- Almshouse branch	135,621	-	(6,137)	(22,594)	-	106,890
- Relief in need branch	<u>70,381</u>	-	<u>(3,184)</u>	<u>(11,725)</u>	-	<u>55,472</u>
	206,002	-	(9,321)	(34,319)	-	162,362
Tomkins Almshouse						
Permanent	<u>52,044</u>	-	<u>(2,355)</u>	<u>(8,670)</u>	-	<u>41,019</u>
Twitty's Almshouse						
Permanent	<u>23,508</u>	-	<u>(1,063)</u>	<u>(3,916)</u>	-	<u>18,529</u>
	<u>13,885,510</u>	<u>7,690</u>	<u>(318,736)</u>	<u>(823,519)</u>	-	<u>12,750,945</u>

Capital Recoupment Funds were set up in accordance with the Charity Commission Recoupment orders August 1984 and December 1984 to recoup the permanent endowment. The other Funds are permanent Endowment funds held in accordance with the restriction and used to generate restricted funds for the charity.

Transfers

Capital Recoupment Order 'A' sealed on the 13th December 1984 in the sum of £215,000 for 'land and buildings', repayment being £1,039.46 per annum for 53 years from the date of the Order.

Capital Recoupment Order 'B' sealed on the 21st August 1984 in the sum of £65,000 for 'provision of a service area in Albert Park', repayment being £0.55% per annum of the sum expended for 50 years from the date of the Order.

For both Orders the Trustees shall permit the dividends accruing to be invested thereon by way of accumulation until twelve months after the last payment.

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17. ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2022	Tangible Fixed assets £	Investment properties £	Investments £	Net current assets £	Total £
Endowed	-	7,180,000	5,570,945	-	12,750,945
Restricted	-	-	1,487,803	-	1,487,803
Unrestricted	<u>21,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,681,161</u>	<u>1,247,927</u>	<u>8,950,596</u>
	<u>21,508</u>	<u>7,180,000</u>	<u>14,739,909</u>	<u>1,247,927</u>	<u>23,189,344</u>

2021	Tangible Fixed assets £	Investment properties £	Investments £	Net current assets £	Total £
Endowed	-	6,830,000	7,055,510	-	13,885,510
Restricted	-	-	1,684,903	-	1,684,903
Unrestricted	<u>21,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,823,230</u>	<u>1,374,620</u>	<u>10,219,490</u>
	<u>21,640</u>	<u>6,830,000</u>	<u>17,563,643</u>	<u>1,374,620</u>	<u>25,789,903</u>

18. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO NET FUNDS

	2022 £	2021 £
(Decrease)/increase in cash during the year	<u>506,371</u>	<u>11,063</u>
Change in net funds	<u>506,371</u>	<u>11,063</u>
Net funds at 1 January 2022	<u>1,486,870</u>	<u>1,475,807</u>
Net funds at 31 December 2022	<u>1,993,241</u>	<u>1,486,870</u>

19. ANALYSIS OF NET FUNDS

	Net funds at 1 January 2022 £	Cash change £	Net funds at 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	349,438	(34,800)	314,638
Cash awaiting investment	104,976	630,968	735,944
Cash deposits	<u>1,032,456</u>	<u>(89,797)</u>	<u>942,659</u>
	<u>1,486,870</u>	<u>506,371</u>	<u>1,993,241</u>

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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20. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – COMPARATIVES BY FUND TYPE

	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Endowment Funds £</i>	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>				
<i>Donations</i>	-	4,100	-	4,100
<i>Investments</i>	618,830	77,541	7,990	704,361
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>- contributions from Almspeople</i>	115,988	99,433	-	215,421
<i>Other</i>	<u>631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>676</u>
 <i>Total income and endowments</i>	 <u>735,449</u>	 <u>181,074</u>	 <u>8,035</u>	 <u>924,558</u>
 <i>Expenditure on:</i>				
<i>Raising funds</i>	35,595	6,649	121,080	163,324
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>- Grants payable</i>	218,416	17,508	-	235,924
<i>- Provision of Almshouses</i>	166,911	67,292	-	234,203
<i>- Albert Park maintenance</i>	<u>101,715</u>	<u>7,849</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,564</u>
 <i>Total expenditure</i>	 <u>522,637</u>	 <u>99,298</u>	 <u>121,080</u>	 <u>743,015</u>
 <i>Net gains on investments</i>	 <u>722,531</u>	 <u>134,977</u>	 <u>1,098,287</u>	 <u>1,955,795</u>
 <i>Net surplus/(deficit)</i>	 <u>935,343</u>	 <u>216,753</u>	 <u>985,242</u>	 <u>2,137,338</u>
 <i>Transfers between funds</i>	 <u>(1,397)</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>1,397</u>	 <u>-</u>
 <i>Net movement in funds</i>	 933,946	 216,753	 986,639	 2,137,338
 <i>Total funds brought forward</i>	 <u>9,285,544</u>	 <u>1,468,150</u>	 <u>12,898,871</u>	 <u>23,652,565</u>
 <i>Total funds carried forward</i>	 <u>10,219,490</u>	 <u>1,684,903</u>	 <u>13,885,510</u>	 <u>25,789,903</u>

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2021**

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Incorporating:	The Twitty's Almshouse Charity The Tomkins Almshouse Charity The Abingdon Almshouse and Relief in Need Charity The Charity of John Blacknall The Charity of Richard Wigglesworth
Statutory and other information	
Co-optative Governors	Mr L D King (Master from 1.1.21) Mr M W Matthews Lt Col A F M Douglas (left 6.8.21) Mrs G Butt Mr T R Ayling Mr K W Senior Mr S J McConnell Mrs J D Kent Mr C Birks (from 2.9.21)
Ex Officio Governors	Rev Dr E C Miller Mayor Cllr Mrs C Briggs (from 3.6.21 as Mayor)
Nominative Governors	Cllr Mrs H Pighills Cllr Mrs M Crick Cllr Mr A Foulsham (from 1.7.21)
Clerk to the Governors	Mrs G K Kent
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CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Governors present their annual report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

STATUS ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTION

The Ancient Corporation of the Master and Governors of the Hospital of Christ of Abingdon ("Ancient Corporation") was created by Letters Patent of King Edward VI in 1553. Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is now a Registered Charity regulated by a Scheme sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 25 January 1971.

The charity number, present Governors and advisors are listed on page 1 & 2. All Governors, both Co-optative and Nominative, are invited to nominate candidates to fill a vacancy for a Co-optative Governor and are asked to provide a resume of their nominee's career and other interests. Further soundings are undertaken, and an opportunity created for Governors to meet the preferred candidate(s) before their name is put forward formally to a special meeting for election.

Nominative Governors are appointed by Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council whilst the Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames and the incumbent of the United Benefice of Abingdon with Shippon, hold office as Governors *ex officio*.

Governors holding office during the period were as shown page 1.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Christ's Hospital is a Registered Charity regulated by a Scheme sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 25 January 1971 and subsequent Orders of 1999 and 2002. The Governors perform their obligations under the Schemes for the constituent charities by applying the income of the Charity to provide charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon in Oxfordshire and such part of the ancient parishes of St Helen, St Helen Without and St Nicolas, Abingdon as do not fall within the boundaries of the town. The Governors are able to extend the area of benefit to the immediate surroundings of Abingdon in certain circumstances.

Prospective Co-optative Governors are requested to meet with the Master then submit a resume of their career and interests for consideration by members of the Ancient Corporation. Suitable applicants are invited to proceed to appointment if members of the Ancient Corporation are unanimous. All newly appointed Governors are provided with a copy of the Scheme dated 25th January 1971 and subsequent Orders, a copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the last financial year, the Charity Commission book (or email link) "The Essential Trustee" and a copy of the Almshouse Association book "Standards of Almshouse Management". They also have a briefing meeting with the Master or the Clerk. Governors are encouraged to attend the various seminars organised by the Almshouse Association.

Much of the day-to-day work of the Governors is carried out by the Governors-in-Charge, supported by the Clerk, Finance & Admin Assistant, Almshouse Administrator and Park Keeper. Governors-in-Charge during the year were as follows:

Mr T R Ayling	- Park & Gardens
Mrs G Butt	- Almshouse Residents
Lt Col A F M Douglas	- Almshouse Property until 6.8.21
Mr L D King	- Almshouse Property from 7.8.21
Mr S J McConnell	- Estates
Mr M W Matthews	- Grants & Archives
Mr K W Senior	- Finance

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Governors delegate day to day responsibility for various aspects of the Charity's affairs to:

<i>The Clerk</i>	who manages the staff and almshouse property portfolio, maintains the Charity's accounting and other records and carries on the administration of the Charity to comply with applicable laws and regulations.
<i>The Investment Managers</i>	who manage the portfolios held by the Charity under a discretionary management mandate.
<i>The Property Managing Agents</i>	who manage the investment property held by the Charity.
<i>The Chartered Surveyors</i>	who advise on the structural integrity of the Charity's Almshouse property to ensure a suitable standard is maintained.

Scheme of Governance

Governors meet on the first Thursday of each month throughout the year to enable them to discharge their responsibilities. These meetings took place both online until May 2021 and then moved to the local parish centre. At these meetings, Governors receive reports from the Governors-in-Charge on their activities in the previous month which confirm, or recommend for discussion, actions to be taken in both the short and longer term. These written and verbal reports provide each Governor with the information necessary to discharge their duties.

The Governors retain responsibility for all key decisions, including approval of:

- The strategy and policies adopted by the Charity to achieve its charitable objectives.
- The annual budget.
- Major capital expenditure, including property acquisition and refurbishment.
- The annual financial statements.
- The appointment of residents to vacant almshouses.
- Grant applications.

A framework of authorities is in place, which maps out the structure of delegation as well as specifying those issues which remain the preserve of the Governors. This framework emphasizes the key role of specific Governor responsibility in the exercise of executive control, subject to reporting and ratification by the Governors, as described above. The relevant individuals are identified earlier in this report.

- The Finance Governor monitors and reviews the Charity's financial and internal control as well as its investments.
- The Grants Governor receives, considers and evaluates applications for charitable assistance, according to the provisions of the Scheme.
- The Almshouse Property Governor oversees the management of both almshouses and health and safety matters relating to the almshouses and workplaces.
- The Almshouse Residents' Governor looks after the best interests of the residents and takes the lead role in the appointment of new residents.
- The Park and Gardens Governor oversees the management of Albert Park and the almshouse gardens.
- The Estates (Property) Governor oversees the management of investment properties to ensure rental and maintenance matters are dealt with in line with the Scheme.
- The Archives Governor is responsible for the recording and safe keeping of material for the archives of the Charity, working with the Archivist.

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Related Parties and Conflicts of Interest

Various Governors are involved either as trustees or in the management of a number of voluntary organisations in Abingdon, including The Albert Memorial Trust (Registered Charity No 1076274), The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity No 1160080), Abingdon Carousel (Registered Charity No 1177322) and Dementia Friendly Abingdon (Part of Healthy Abingdon Registered Charity No 1172245).

Various Governors are also involved either as trustees or in the management of schools in Abingdon who are free to apply for educational assistance for pupils in need, several Governors are involved with Abingdon School (Registered Charity No. 1071298) and one Governor with The Manor Preparatory School.

One Governor is the Team Rector of Abingdon and Vicar of St Helen's Church, Abingdon. The Church may encounter those seeking almshouse accommodation or financial assistance under the Relief in Need part of the Charity's Scheme.

The Charity is also a member of the Almshouse Association to whom an annual subscription is paid.

The Governors have adopted a comprehensive policy to identify all transactions with related parties or other transactions which might involve any conflict of interest. These are detailed in Note 13.

Remuneration

Our approach to remuneration is designed to ensure we can attract and retain the talented and motivated people we need to achieve our mission and deliver our strategic goals. It is applied consistently across the organisation. We aim to pay competitively in the not-for-profit sector within the context of affordability. We therefore take into account factors such as salaries paid in comparable organisations.

No remuneration was paid either directly or indirectly to any Governor or connected person during the period under review. Reimbursement of expenses occurs infrequently and then only when Governors or staff are acting on Christ's Hospital or Almshouse Association business and only on production of a valid receipt and the completion of a reimbursement form.

Insurance

The Governors maintain indemnity insurance of up to £1 million. The annual premium charged in these financial statements was £868 (2020: £868). The Governors fully recognise that this does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

Risk Management Statement

The Governors have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks which they believe the Charity faces. The external risks and exposure thereto are kept under constant review, together with the internal aspects of health and safety.

A risk management register is maintained and is reviewed annually to ensure risks are properly managed by the Charity. The major risks and preventative measures in place are as follows:

Falling investment income

The investment managers, Investec Wealth and Management Ltd, manage the Charity's portfolio within agreed parameters (medium/high risk) which are monitored at least quarterly, and all Governors are provided with summaries of those reports. A representative of the investment company presents a formal annual report and discussion of the portfolio during at least one of the Governors' meetings, usually March. The investment company ensure that the Charity invests in 'defensive' stocks which remain mostly unaffected by economic variations.

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Reduction in Commercial & Residential rental income due to voids

Adkin are a specialist property management company who manage the Charity's property and land and report monthly to the Governors, making recommendations as to the best way to maximise the return on the Charity's portfolio, whilst remaining within the remit of the Scheme.

Damage to Property, i.e Fire,

The Governors seek professional advice on the risks associated with Almshouses and other property and install and monitor safety equipment and measures on a regular basis. In April 2015, a major Fire Safety inspection took place and as a result of this upgrades were made to fire equipment and policies. In September 2019, the local Fire Officer also visited and was satisfied by the systems in place and the supporting paperwork. In September 2021 Turner Fire Security Ltd were appointed to carry out a fire risk assessment the findings of which have been scheduled for implementation during 2022.

Information Damage i.e Fraud, cyber crime

Again, the Governors have taken advice on prevention of information theft and regularly review the Charity's Fraud policy to reflect the ever-advancing ability of 'fraudsters' to gain access to sensitive information. It is planned to replace some older computer equipment shortly to ensure the latest best practice for back-up and protection of information is adhered to.

Disease Transmission - Global pandemic

The Covid 19 virus has affected almost every part of life concerned with the Charity. The health of the almshouse residents has been upper most and this has been managed by the implementation of Covid secure processes. The Finances have of course been affected as with many other people and organisations. The income from investments has dropped as many companies have seen their own income streams diminish, but this has been mitigated as far as possible by the investment management company who have invested heavily in the 'pharma' industry which is booming. The collection of commercial rent has also been challenging as many commercial tenants have experienced a dip in income. The law has prevented court action against tenants until 25th March 2022, but a reasonable approach including negotiation will be the basis on which outstanding rents will be collected. A provision has been made in 2020 and 2021 accounts for the possibility of bad debts.

Risk of Flooding

Events in January 2021 highlighted the risk to our riverside properties. The water levels at Abingdon Lock were within 20cm of the highest ever recorded. As a result, the "Action Plan in Case of Flooding" was updated by The GIC of Almshouse Properties, The GIC of Residents and The Clerk. The Plan was approved by the Governors.

Staff Absence/Cover

The charity has identified the crucial areas of staffing and tries to maintain a level of staffing skills competence across the team that can cover short term absence. It has also contingency plans in place to bring in temporary cover staff if the absence is likely to become long term. This cover system is currently in place and being used effectively as one member of staff was signed off sick in September 2021.

Public Benefit

In following the Charity's aims and objectives, Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance in complying with their duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 on public benefit. The provision of almshouse accommodation for those in need provides an identifiable public benefit which is directly in line with the Charity's aims. Beneficiaries of almshouses must be in need and will be drawn from that section of the public which has been defined in the Scheme.

The Charity gives 'relief in need' through education grants and grants of domestic items to those who cannot afford them and fall outside the help of the local authority. This year they also gave a significant number or substantial grants to local charities for specific purposes to benefit residents in our area of benefit. All the above are directly identifiable public benefit.

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The Charity also maintains Albert Park, a park which is permanently open for use by any member of the public and easily accessible to all levels of mobility. This is also in line with the Charities scheme document.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The Objects of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon and its subsidiary charities were created to provide charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon-on-Thames in Oxfordshire.

The Charity's strategy is to provide funds both for individuals and organisations so as to provide help and relief within the terms of the Schemes. This can only be achieved within the conditions at the time. The primary objective is the provision of almshouse accommodation. Funds are also available for the relief of need and education of residents within the area of benefit.

The Charity owns Albert Park recreation ground and its surrounding roads, and whilst the Governors fully recognise their responsibility for the maintenance of these, it does provide a major drain on the Charity's resources.

The Charity measures its success in several ways. It aims to achieve a 90% occupation rate for almshouses, to maximise the grants paid out and to adhere as closely as possible to its annual budget in all areas. The Charity is very proud of its commitment to keep almshouses as up to date as possible within the confines of their listed building status (see 'The estate').

The Governors met in June 2021 to discuss possible strategic changes to the Charities rules and activities. Subjects included Governor's length of service, the benefits or otherwise of converting to a CIO, expanding the rules of eligibility for almshouse residents. Actions were agreed and documented and will be progressed in 2022

Grants

To achieve the Charity's objects for the public benefit, the Grants Governor considers all applications made for assistance, whether for educational support or relief in terms laid down in the controlling Schemes, including the area of benefit and the availability or otherwise of specific or general funds.

Students, or their parents, who are both resident within Abingdon and in financial need, may apply to the Charity for support with their education providing they are educated in Abingdon. At present, this means that students attending any of the seventeen schools located in the area of benefit within Abingdon are eligible for educational grants. The school who has applied for assistance with fees during 2021 is The Unicorn School (Registered charity no 1070807). Other grants which are provided for assistance with school activities and equipment. Most predominantly in the early part of 2021, during the Covid 19 lockdown, was the need was for computer equipment so that pupils could continue with remote learning. Most Schools applied, and around £31,000 worth of laptops were supplied to premium pupils. Also, private mental health consultations were the other large part of the funding to schools, especially in the lower income areas, where the State-funded provision for assessments was vastly oversubscribed and waiting times were more than two and a half years.

The Charity has also helped individuals with Relief in Need payments for equipment and/or basic necessities such as cookers, a washing machine, furniture and work boots. Provisions to institutions tend to be more substantial and are usually for equipment to help them function or courses for vulnerable adults. Within the last 12 months the charity has helped to fund day trips for young carers and training sessions for vulnerable adults within various projects in Abingdon.

Officials working in areas where such circumstances might arise continue to be reminded of the Charity's availability and policies. We are encouraged by the larger value of requests.

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Numbers of grants and values can be found within Note 6.

The estate

The Governors are proud of the Charities' ownership of several freehold properties in Abingdon that are of considerable historic and heritage interest. They are mindful of the inalienable nature of these properties and their duty to maintain them. The most important of these properties are shown here with their listing:

Long Alley Almshouses and Hall	1446	Grade I
Brick Alley Almshouses and outbuildings	1718	Grade I
St Helen's Wharf Almshouses	1884	Grade II
St John's Almshouses	1801	Grade II
Tomkins Almshouses & Clock Tower	1733	Grade II
Twitty's Almshouses	1710	Grade II
Albert Monument (within Albert Park)	1865	Grade II
Conduit House	circa 1500	Grade II
Albert Park	Listed Victorian Park	
The Exchequer Room (forming part of the Church of St Helen, Abingdon)		

Associated with these properties are furniture, fittings, historic artefacts and an extensive archive housed in a climate-controlled building known as the Liversidge or Muniment room, which the Governors view as both historic and inalienable.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE AND RECORD OF ACTIVITIES

The Charity has again had a successful year in spite of concerns over Covid 19 and the economic pressure this brings. Income from rent and dividends has held up compared to the previous year, and again less significant property expenditure has been undertaken. The official revaluation of property has made a significant impact on the surplus for the year which would otherwise have been reasonably modest (£65,000) It was felt again that it was not necessary to undertake fundraising, as the investment portfolio, and modest contributions from residents towards maintenance, continue to contribute significantly to the planned expenditure.

Residents

The residents continue to have the benefit of an Almshouse Administrator, who not only acts as a good neighbor and takes an interest in their welfare but is a safety coordinator for all routine testing of alarms, water hygiene and minor repairs.

Residents benefit from regular visiting, and gatherings when circumstances allow, or phone/email contact on a daily or weekly basis, depending on their needs.

The estate

The Governors are mindful and indeed proud of the Charity's heritage but the age and listed building status of some of the assets does entail a financial burden. Despite the heavy demand on resources, the Governors follow their primary duty of maintaining the Charity's assets. However, continuing work will always be necessary.

The policy of the Governors remains to ensure that each almshouse, as it falls vacant, is upgraded to the most modern standards ready for reoccupation. As vacancies are unpredictable, the amount of expenditure can differ from that budgeted.

A Quinquennial Inspection was conducted during May 2021 and a report received at the end of September showing recommended works to be undertaken over the next 5 years in degrees of urgency. Each year's recommendations are reviewed thoroughly prior to initiation.

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It must never be forgotten, however, that within the Governors' responsibility of preserving the Charity's assets, there is no room whatsoever for any complacency. The entire theme of this report remains as usual to demonstrate the Governors' concern at the need to husband the Charity's resources to maximum effect, never forgetting the need to fulfil the charitable objectives laid down in our governing documents.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity employed independent valuers to assess the current value of all Commercial, Residential Property and Land. This resulted in an increase in value of £495,000 from the previous year. Professional valuations of investment properties will now take place no less than every 3 years. In the intervening years the Governor in Charge of Property, using his considerable knowledge and experience, will undertake a review of values. From this review the Governors will decide if a formal, professional valuation is then necessary.

All transactions were deemed to be in the normal course of business and the Governors consider the Charity to be a 'going concern'.

Careful and conservative forecasts and budgets for the next year are prepared by the Clerk and Governors in Charge each November and reviewed at the December meeting of all Governors. The Charity's Governors (Trustees) feel that it is as well placed as it can be to meet significant refurbishment costs in the future. Net incoming resources before other gains or losses were £88,788 (2020: £81,966).

Investment policy

The management of the Charity's investment portfolio is conducted by professional investment managers under discretionary management powers delegated by the Governors, under broad guidelines set by the Governors. These guidelines have been reviewed during the year and currently require that the managers protect the value of the capital and income of the Charity in real terms over the medium term by seeking a balanced return between income and capital growth, avoiding high risk. At any one time, the portfolios may comprise fixed interest and equity investments within these criteria. Portfolio exposure to equities is limited to 90% of the total fund value. In the avoidance of high risk, the managers are instructed not to involve the Charity in derivatives trading, underwriting or off-market transactions. Where necessary, the allocation of income and capital is apportioned according to the figures at the start of the year.

The Governors continue to monitor administrative costs and fees. The Governors are content that they are continuing to avoid high risks. The Governors reserve the right to exclude companies that carry out activities contrary to their aims or from holding investments which might damage the Charity's reputation. This policy is reviewed with the investment company during their annual report to the Governors, usually in the March Governors' meeting.

In order to measure our performance, we review the total fund return against a benchmark fund return of similar risk status.

As reported above a detailed report by the investment managers is delivered in person to a full meeting of the Governors at least annually. The entire area remains under the continuing scrutiny of the Governors and the Governor responsible for Finance in pursuit of the risk control as outlined above. The portfolio on 31st December 2021 was £17,563,643 (2020: £15,889,057). During 2017 the Governors took the decision to sub-divide the Main Fund into Capital and Income generating sub-sections to better leverage the asset to meet the ongoing costs.

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Reserves Policy

Christ's Hospital has historically financed its operations through income derived from its endowment investments. More recently it has also received maintenance contributions from almshouse residents. Due to the limited area of benefit, Governors have decided it is not practicable to seek donations or benefactors on a significant level. It must also be noted that, the issues with the instability between Russia and Ukraine and anticipated rise in inflation seems to have unsettled the markets to some extent.

As such Governors realise endowment alone is insufficient to provide enough income. It has become necessary to maintain a level of reserves to finance future operations in the long term. They believe that total assets of around £20 million are required under current conditions. It is therefore the intention of Christ's Hospital to try to maintain investment assets at this level. The level will be reviewed as circumstances change.

Total funds held by the Charity at the year-end stood at £25,789,903 (2020: £23,652,565). The Charity's unrestricted funds, excluding designations and unrestricted fixed assets, stood at £9,592,223 (2020: £8,727,005) at the year-end. If the market value of listed investments that are held to generate income to support the Charity's activities is excluded from the above sum, the remaining free reserves are £768,993 (2020: £868,059).

Free reserves are held for the following reasons:

- a) *There is a significant cost to maintaining Listed buildings of which the charity has 8 sets (noted under 'estates') plus a Listed Victorian Park (Albert Park). Whilst investment monies are put aside in restricted funds for upkeep of the Almshouses and emergency use, it is unknown when an emergency may occur and whether it will be covered by available designated funds. Repairs to ageing Listed buildings are increasingly complex and costly.*
- b) *It is anticipated that the Conservation area already in existence around Albert Park may be expanded. This may bring additional expense and the need for specialist contractors' expertise as the Charity strives to maintain, to a higher standard, the newly designated dwellings which it owns in the surrounding area.*
- c) *Considerations are to be made shortly as to the future of certain leasehold properties which revert to Christ's Hospital control in 2037. There may be significant investment needed to bring them to an acceptable modern standard.*
- d) *The charity like to have the capacity to spend on grants over and above the budgeted level, whilst still maintaining the ratio for allocation of expenditure required by the Charity Scheme i.e expenditure on grants cannot currently be greater than that on almshouses.*

The Governor in Charge of Finance has recognised the level of free reserves, although reduced from last year, is still high and the Charity must continue to explore the possibilities for giving larger grants to organisations that can make the most impact to relieve need in Abingdon. Discussion regarding the amendments to the Charity's scheme to simplify it and incorporate the expansion of Abingdon's estates were considered and it was agreed to progress these.

FUNDS

In addition to the unrestricted funds, which represent accumulated income available to the Governors for such purposes as they may decide, the funds controlled by the Governors fall into a number of classes:

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Permanent endowment funds

These funds represent assets which are permanent capital held by the Governors. The property within these funds comprises:

- Freehold land and buildings held for the Charities' own use.
- Freehold land and buildings held for charitable purposes, including almshouses and Albert Park
- Investments in listed securities and real estate.

Two further funds have been created by orders of the Charity Commissioners made on 21 August and 13 December 1984 to recoup endowment monies spent on the Albert Park service area and in connection with Mullard (Abingdon) Housing Trust respectively.

Designated fund

Extraordinary Repair Fund - This fund has been set up by the Governors in response to the Almshouse Association's guidance to have a fund for each group of almshouses to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the Charity's Almshouses. The designated fund balance at the year-end was £605,627 (2020: £535,139) per Note 14.

Restricted funds

These funds represent income and other assets which may be applied only for specified purposes. These amount to £1,684,903 (2020: £1,468,150) per Note 15.

The Charity of John Blacknall Church branch

Income payable to the incumbent and churchwardens of the Parish of St Nicolas applicable to the maintenance of the Church of St Nicolas, Abingdon.

The Charity of Richard Wrigglesworth Education branch

Funds available to assist with the education of individuals under the age of 25 by way of exhibition, grant or towards preparing them for entry into a trade.

Almshouse branches

Funds for the provision and maintenance of almshouses and their residents.

Relief in Need branches

Funds available to support people in conditions of need, hardship or distress either individually or generally.

Extraordinary repair funds

Funds created in response to orders of the Charity Commissioners to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the Charities' almshouses and other property.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Governors will continue to comply with the requirements of the Charity's Scheme to provide almshouse accommodation, relief in need, educational support and the provision and maintenance of Albert Park.

The Governors remain committed to their policies of maintaining the Charity's assets and particularly the historic nature of many of the buildings. In refurbishing the almshouses to modern standards, consideration is being given to the increased expectations of potential residents.

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The Charity is committed to maintaining Albert Park in its current, well-maintained condition, although vandalism seems to be an ongoing problem.

The Charity has supported people in the area of benefit for 468 years and it is the Governors' firm intention that this should be continued for the foreseeable future. They are taking active measures to ensure that the relevant local people are aware of the help Christ's Hospital can offer and that the size of grants offered has increased where appropriate and justified.

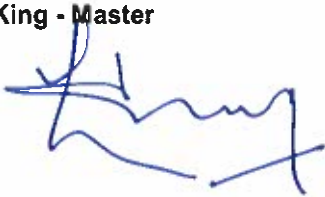
When appointing new Governors, care is taken to seek a candidate with the particular skills judged to be required by the Charity at that time. This will ensure that, as successive Governors are appointed in future years, they may in their turn successfully maintain the Charity for the public benefit.

The Governors are committed to the objective of providing charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon on Thames in Oxfordshire for an indefinite period. Fundamental to the achievement of this objective is the maintenance of an effective system of corporate governance. This is concerned with the direction and control of the organisation and, in particular, with the role of Governors and the need to ensure an effective framework of accountability and risk management.

This report was approved by the Governors on *7th APRIL* and signed on their behalf by:

2022

Mr L D King - Master



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 judgments 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;
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Governor's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Other information

The Governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Governor's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities act requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Governors

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 13, the Governors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Governors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Governors either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Details of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, are set out below.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the Charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the charity were the Charities Act 2011, together with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statements.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the Charity for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the Charity were Charity Commission regulations, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Health and Safety regulations. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be completeness of other income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance Governor about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Crowe UK LLP

Crowe U.K. LLP
Statutory Auditor
Reading

Date *7 APRIL 2022*

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations	2	-	4,100	-	4,100	4,100
Investments	3	618,830	77,541	7,990	704,361	646,565
Charitable activities						
- contributions from Almspeople		115,988	99,433	-	215,421	200,527
Other		<u>631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>676</u>	<u>9,190</u>
Total income and endowments		<u>735,449</u>	<u>181,074</u>	<u>8,035</u>	<u>924,558</u>	<u>860,382</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	35,595	6,649	121,080	163,324	250,565
Charitable activities						
- Grants payable		218,416	17,508	-	235,924	166,724
- Provision of Almshouses		166,911	67,292	-	234,203	266,908
- Albert Park maintenance		<u>101,715</u>	<u>7,849</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,564</u>	<u>94,219</u>
Total expenditure	4	<u>522,637</u>	<u>99,298</u>	<u>121,080</u>	<u>743,015</u>	<u>778,416</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>722,531</u>	<u>134,977</u>	<u>1,098,287</u>	<u>1,955,795</u>	<u>304,869</u>
Net surplus/(deficit)		<u>935,343</u>	<u>216,753</u>	<u>985,242</u>	<u>2,137,338</u>	<u>386,835</u>
Transfers between funds	14,16	<u>(1,397)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		933,946	216,753	986,639	2,137,338	386,835
Total funds brought forward		<u>9,285,544</u>	<u>1,468,150</u>	<u>12,898,871</u>	<u>23,652,565</u>	<u>23,265,730</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>10,219,490</u>	<u>1,684,903</u>	<u>13,885,510</u>	<u>25,789,903</u>	<u>23,652,565</u>

The notes on pages 21 to 36 form part of these financial statements

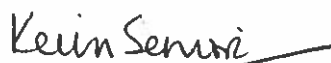
CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	21,640	25,310
Investment properties	8	6,830,000	6,335,000
Investments	9	<u>17,563,643</u>	<u>15,889,057</u>
		24,415,283	22,249,367
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Debtors	10	120,654	139,924
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,381,894</u>	<u>1,388,374</u>
		1,502,548	1,528,298
LIABILITIES:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(127,928)</u>	<u>(125,100)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,374,620</u>	<u>1,403,198</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>25,789,903</u>	<u>23,652,565</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Unrestricted funds			
General	14	9,613,863	8,750,405
Designated	14	<u>605,627</u>	<u>535,139</u>
		10,219,490	9,285,544
Restricted funds	15	1,684,903	1,468,150
Endowment funds	16	<u>13,885,510</u>	<u>12,898,871</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	17	<u>25,789,903</u>	<u>23,652,565</u>

Approved and authorised for issue by the Governors on 7 April 2022 and signed on their behalf by



Mr L D King - Master



Mr K W Senior – Governor

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CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
CASHFLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Net cash used in operating activities (see below)	(497,050)	(581,462)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest, dividends and rents from investments	704,361	646,565
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,682,109	3,104,911
Purchase of investments	<u>(2,878,357)</u>	<u>(3,427,054)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	508,113	324,422
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	11,063	(257,040)
Cash and cash equivalent brought forward	<u>1,475,807</u>	<u>1,732,847</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	<u>1,486,870</u>	<u>1,475,807</u>
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	2,137,338	386,835
Depreciation charges	3,670	3,775
Loss on disposal	-	10,520
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(704,361)	(646,565)
(Gain)/loss on investments	(1,955,795)	(304,869)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	19,270	(43,874)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>2,828</u>	<u>12,716</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(497,050)	(581,462)
	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash awaiting investment with investment managers	104,976	87,433
Cash in hand	349,438	364,355
Notice deposits (less than three months)	<u>1,032,456</u>	<u>1,024,019</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,486,870</u>	<u>1,475,807</u>

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CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the *Charities Act 2011* and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the *Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008* only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following *Accounting and Reporting by Charities*, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* effective from 1 April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is a charity registered in the UK (charity number 205112) with its registered office at 4 St Helens Wharf, Wharf Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 5EN.

b) Going Concern

The Governors consider that there are sufficient reserves held at the year-end to manage any foreseeable downturn in the UK and global economy. The Governors consider that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and for this reason the Governors continue to adopt the 'going concern' basis in preparing the accounts.

c) Income

Dividends and rents are accounted for in the year to which they relate.

Legacies and voluntary income are accounted for in the year in which they are received.

d) Expenditure

Grants awarded by the Governors are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period that they are made to the extent that a legal or constructive obligation exists.

Almshouses and Almspeople costs are accounted for on an accruals basis in the year to which they relate.

Pension costs charged in the SOFA represent contributions payable by the charity in that year.

Included within charitable activities are governance costs, which comprise the costs of running the Charity, including strategic planning for its future development, also internal and external audit, any legal advice for the Charity and all the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are allocated on the basis of time spent (15% Grants Payable, 75% Provision of Almshouses, and 10% Albert Park Maintenance).

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

e) Grant making

The charity's grant-making process is informed by the best practices of peer organisations, and the Charity Commission's guidelines and recommendations.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one-year or multi-year grant.

Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the Trust.

f) Freehold land and buildings

Freehold land and buildings held for the Charity's use are included on the balance sheet at cost. The buildings are depreciated over 50 years on a straight line basis.

The Charity owns certain fixed assets which are historic, inalienable and form part of the permanent endowment, the more important of which are listed in the Report of the Governors. No reliable cost information is available for these assets and their heritage nature means conventional valuation procedures would be unreliable. The Governors have no intention to dispose of these assets in the foreseeable future.

g) Other tangible fixed assets

Furniture and equipment are capitalised when considered appropriate and depreciation is calculated to write off the cost over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. A de-minimis capitalisation limit of £1,000 is applied. The following rates and bases have been used:

Office furniture, fixtures and fittings	20% straight line basis
Office equipment	25% straight line basis
Park equipment	25% straight line basis

h) Fixed asset investment properties

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at fair value. The Governors obtain an independent valuation every three years. Realised gains and losses on investment properties are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Fixed asset investments

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Realised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment income is recognised in the financial statements on an accruals basis when the charity becomes legally entitled to it. Investment income not directly attributable to a specific fund is apportioned to the various funds based on their opening balance position.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of 3 months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

k) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

l) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

m) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

n) Leases

In respect of operating leases for which the charity is the lessor, the charity classifies the leasing of the investment properties as an operating lease. The rents received from investment properties are recognised in the financial statements for the period they relate to.

In respect of operating leases for which the charity is the lessee, rentals are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

o) Funds

Unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds represent funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Designated funds

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Governors for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those which must be applied in accordance with the purpose specified by the donor. Expenditure relating to these purposes is charged directly to the fund.

Endowment Funds

Endowment funds consist of investments. The purpose to which that investment may be applied is restricted in accordance with the terms of the endowment trust.

p) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that has a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is in respect of the investment property valuation. The charity's investment properties are stated at their estimated fair value as disclosed in Note 8.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2. INCOME – DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Albert Park – local authority contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>4,100</u>

3. INCOME - INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Equity dividends and interest	355,069	77,541	7,990	440,600	369,618
Bank Interest	8,483	-	-	8,483	12,322
Rents	<u>255,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,278</u>	<u>264,625</u>
	<u>618,830</u>	<u>77,541</u>	<u>7,990</u>	<u>704,361</u>	<u>646,565</u>

4. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

2021	Direct Costs £	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Support costs £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Cost of raising funds						
Investment managers fees	71,966	-	-	-	71,966	64,481
Property costs	<u>91,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,358</u>	<u>186,085</u>
	163,324	-	-	-	163,324	250,565
Charitable activities						
Grants Payable (Note 6)	220,733	12,170	355	2,666	235,924	166,724
Provision of Almshouses	98,925	103,058	1,778	30,442	234,203	266,908
Albert Park maintenance	<u>80,020</u>	<u>26,229</u>	<u>1,537</u>	<u>1,778</u>	<u>109,564</u>	<u>94,219</u>
Total resources expended	<u>563,002</u>	<u>141,457</u>	<u>3,670</u>	<u>34,886</u>	<u>743,015</u>	<u>778,416</u>
Support costs included within provision of Almshouses						
Audit	-	-	-	17,116	17,116	16,927
Office salaries	81,131	-	-	-	81,131	79,832
Office costs	20,401	-	-	-	20,401	20,430
Sundry	<u>2,910</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,910</u>	<u>1,066</u>
	<u>104,442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,116</u>	<u>121,558</u>	<u>118,255</u>

Support costs are allocated on an estimate of time spent administering the Almshouses.

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4. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

2020	<i>Direct Costs</i> £	<i>Staff costs</i> £	<i>Depreciation</i> £	<i>Support costs</i> £	<i>Total 2020</i> £	<i>Total 2019</i> £
<i>Cost of raising funds</i>						
<i>Investment managers fees</i>	64,481	-	-	-	64,481	67,217
<i>Property costs</i>	<u>186,084</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>186,085</u>	<u>79,625</u>
	250,565	-	-	-	250,565	146,842
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
<i>Grants Payable (Note 6)</i>	150,826	11,975	355	3,568	166,724	166,999
<i>Provision of Almshouses</i>	129,948	100,304	1,883	34,773	266,908	361,094
<i>Albert Park maintenance</i>	<u>64,711</u>	<u>25,590</u>	<u>1,537</u>	<u>2,381</u>	<u>94,219</u>	<u>93,501</u>
<i>Total resources expended</i>	<u>596,050</u>	<u>137,869</u>	<u>3,775</u>	<u>40,722</u>	<u>778,416</u>	<u>768,436</u>
<i>Support costs included within provision of Almshouses</i>						
<i>Audit</i>	-	-	-	16,927	16,927	14,587
<i>Office salaries</i>	79,832	-	-	-	79,832	69,990
<i>Office costs</i>	20,430	-	-	-	20,430	20,253
<i>Legal fees</i>	-	-	-	-	-	571
<i>Sundry</i>	<u>1,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,066</u>	<u>1,782</u>
	<u>101,328</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,927</u>	<u>118,255</u>	<u>107,183</u>

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

5. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

Staff costs were as follows:-

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries and wages	128,295	125,119
Social security costs	8,474	8,151
Pension contributions	<u>4,688</u>	<u>4,599</u>
	<u>141,457</u>	<u>137,869</u>

No employees earned in excess of £60,000 (2020 – £60,000).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Governors and the Clerk to the Governors. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel (including employers NI and employers pension) of the charity were £51,606 (2020: £51,529). None of the Governors received any remuneration in the current or preceding year.

During the year 2 (2020: 1) Governors were reimbursed expenses for making purchases on behalf of the Almshouses.

During the previous year, 1 Governor was provided with a UBS Camera and Microphone for £50 to assist with online Governor meetings. No such expenses were incurred during the current year.

The average monthly number of employees was as follows:-

	No.	No.
Almshouses and Almspeople (1 full-time)	1	1
Albert Park (1 full-time)	1	1
Management and administration (2 full-time, 1 part-time)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The charity contributes to the personal pension schemes for certain of its employees. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the funds in respect of the year. £nil amounts were outstanding at the year end (2020: £Nil).

There were no redundancy payments made in the year (2020: none).

On 1st September 2021, 1 employee began long-term sick leave (6 months) and it was agreed to pay their salary in full during this time. This was outside of their contractually agreed sick pay provision of 20 days full pay and 20 days half pay. In addition, a temporary, part-time position was created to provide cover for the sick employee. The additional costs relating to 2021 are £7,697 (2020: £nil).

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Educational		
Charitable payments for 2 (2020: 1) individuals	14,111	7,623
Charitable payments for 8 (2020: 3) educational institutions	<u>74,605</u>	<u>19,999</u>
	88,716	27,622
Relief		
Charitable payments for 18 (2020: 25) individuals	7,276	8,066
Other social institutions 12 (2020: 13) institutions	<u>112,855</u>	<u>97,037</u>
	120,131	105,103
John Blacknall Church branch	<u>11,886</u>	<u>18,101</u>
	<u>220,733</u>	<u>150,826</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2021	74,480	20,340	94,820
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>74,480</u>	<u>20,340</u>	<u>94,820</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	49,170	20,340	69,510
Charge for the year	3,670	-	3,670
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>52,840</u>	<u>20,340</u>	<u>73,180</u>
Net book values			
At 31 December 2021	<u>£ 21,640</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 21,640</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>£ 25,310</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 25,310</u>

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8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	2021	2020
Freehold land and buildings	£	£
Valuation		
At 1 January 2021	6,335,000	6,215,000
Reclassification	-	36,430
Revaluation	<u>495,000</u>	<u>83,570</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>6,830,000</u>	<u>6,335,000</u>

All properties were valued as at 31 December 2021 by professional valuers in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Manual issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on the basis that the properties are held for investment purposes.

	Valuer - Adkin	Valuer - Vail Williams	Valuer - GL Heard & Partners	Total
	£	£	£	£
Commercial	-	1,965,000	305,000	2,270,000
Residential	3,185,000	-	-	3,185,000
Agricultural land	410,000	-	-	410,000
Freehold land (leased until 2025)	-	65,000	-	65,000
Freehold land (leased until 2037)	-	<u>900,000</u>	-	<u>900,000</u>
	<u>3,595,000</u>	<u>2,930,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>	<u>6,830,000</u>

The charity earns rental income by leasing its properties to tenants under non-cancellable operating leases. Leases in which substantially all risks and rewards of ownership are retained by another party, the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments, including prepayments, made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

At the balance sheet date, the charity had contracted with tenants to receive the following future minimum lease payments:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Not later than one year	189,185	203,400
Later than one year and not later than five years	307,421	396,335
Later than five years	<u>34,393</u>	<u>71,079</u>
	<u>530,999</u>	<u>670,814</u>

There are no contingent rents recognised as income.

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9. INVESTMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Market value at 1 January 2021	15,801,624	15,258,182
Additions	2,878,357	3,427,054
Disposals	(2,682,109)	(3,104,911)
Revaluation gains	<u>1,460,795</u>	<u>221,299</u>
Market value at 31 December 2021*	17,458,667	15,801,624
Cash awaiting investment	<u>104,976</u>	<u>87,433</u>
Total as at 31 December 2021	<u>17,563,643</u>	<u>15,889,057</u>
*Historical costs of investments at 31 December 2021	<u>11,934,987</u>	<u>10,942,331</u>

The year-end market value is made up as follows:

UK fixed interest	973,999	1,405,173
UK equities	9,833,717	8,700,311
Overseas fixed interest	321,259	286,850
Overseas equities	5,258,451	4,647,992
Other assets	1,071,241	761,298
Cash and accrued interest	<u>104,976</u>	<u>87,433</u>
	<u>17,563,643</u>	<u>15,889,057</u>

10. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	104,222	96,693
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>16,432</u>	<u>43,231</u>
	<u>120,654</u>	<u>139,924</u>

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11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	10,206	30,220
Accruals	<u>117,722</u>	<u>94,880</u>
	<u><u>127,928</u></u>	<u><u>125,100</u></u>

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Basic financial assets	19,049,759	17,417,355
Basic financial liabilities	(127,928)	(125,100)

Basic financial assets are all investments (excluding investment properties), debtors plus cash in hand minus prepayments.

Basic financial liabilities are all creditors less due in less than one year plus creditors due in more than one year minus taxation payable.

The entity's income, expense, gains and losses in respect of financial instruments are summarised below:

	2021 £	2020 £
Total dividend and interest income for basic financial assets	449,083	381,940
Total (losses)/gains in respect of basic financial assets	1,460,795	304,869

13. RELATED PARTIES

Two Governors (Mr K W Senior and Mr T R Ayling) are trustees of the Albert Memorial Trust (Abingdon) Charity (Registered Charity no. 1076274) to whom the Charity paid £800 (2020: £800) and whom granted £419 (2020: Nil) during the year to cover the insurance costs of the memorial in Albert Park, Abingdon.

Five Governors (Cllr Mrs H Pighills, Cllr Mr C Birks, Cllr Mayor Mrs C Briggs, Cllr Mr A Foulsham and Cllr Mrs M Crick) are members of the Abingdon Town Council which granted the Charity £4,100 (2020: £4,100) during the year towards the upkeep of Albert Park.

One Governor (Mr L King) is a Trustee of The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity no. 1160080) which offers young people advice and counselling. During the year the Charity granted £26,629 (2020: £27,090) towards supporting their services to the people of Abingdon.

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14. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2021 £</i>	<i>Incoming resources £</i>	<i>Resources expended £</i>	<i>Gains £</i>	<i>Transfers £</i>	<i>At 31 December 2021 £</i>
Designated funds						
- extraordinary repair fund	535,139	14,839	(2,424)	49,199	8,874	605,627
General funds	<u>8,750,405</u>	<u>720,610</u>	<u>(520,213)</u>	<u>673,332</u>	<u>(10,271)</u>	<u>9,613,863</u>
	<u>9,285,544</u>	<u>735,449</u>	<u>(522,637)</u>	<u>722,531</u>	<u>(1,397)</u>	<u>10,219,490</u>

Extraordinary Repair Fund

This fund has been set up by the Governors in response of the Almshouse Association's guidance to have a fund for each Almshouse to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the charities' Almshouses.

Property Capital Fund

A temporary endowment fund was created, pursuant to an order of the Charity Commissioners sealed on 16 October 1972, in respect of the property known as South Abingdon Community Centre. This property was sold during the year ended 31 December 2000 and the proceeds were used to open a Property Capital Fund which has now been transferred to general funds.

Transfers

The transfer from General Fund to Extraordinary Repair Fund is made in accordance with the recommendations of the Almshouse Association. The charity has transferred in excess of the minimum required and varies depending on the Governors best estimate of the state and costs required for that set of Almshouses.

Transfer from the Property Capital Fund to General fund is in order to release this designated fund which is deemed no longer required by the Governors.

The transfer from General Funds to the Endowment Recoupment Funds is in accordance with the Recoupment Orders.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	At 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2021 £
Albert Park grant	-	4,100	(4,100)	-	-	-
John Blacknall						
Church branch	23,602	-	(11,886)	2,170	10,678	24,564
Relief in need branch	<u>455,791</u>	<u>37,300</u>	<u>(8,091)</u>	<u>41,904</u>	<u>(10,678)</u>	<u>516,226</u>
	479,393	37,300	(19,977)	44,074	-	540,790
Richard Wrigglesworth						
Relief in need branch	121,755	7,439	(6,471)	11,194	1,253	135,170
Education	<u>42,271</u>	<u>2,657</u>	<u>(191)</u>	<u>3,886</u>	<u>(1,253)</u>	<u>47,370</u>
	164,026	10,096	(6,662)	15,080	-	182,540
Abingdon Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	229,873	35,362	(9,351)	21,134	(2,088)	274,930
Extraordinary repair	223,803	6,206	(1,014)	20,576	2,088	251,659
Relief in need branch	<u>(45,168)</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>(8,082)</u>	<u>(4,153)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(56,837)</u>
	408,508	42,134	(18,447)	37,557	-	469,752
Tomkins Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	143,670	60,348	(28,404)	13,209	4,176	192,999
Extraordinary repair	<u>123,807</u>	<u>3,433</u>	<u>(561)</u>	<u>11,382</u>	<u>(4,176)</u>	<u>133,885</u>
	267,477	63,781	(28,965)	24,591	-	326,884
Twitty's Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	10,861	19,839	(20,522)	999	(1,566)	9,611
Extraordinary repair	137,011	3,800	(621)	12,596	1,566	154,352
Legacy	<u>874</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>974</u>
	<u>148,746</u>	<u>23,663</u>	<u>(21,147)</u>	<u>13,675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>164,937</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>1,468,150</u>	<u>181,074</u>	<u>(99,298)</u>	<u>134,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,684,903</u>

Almshouse branches

Funds for the provision and maintenance of almshouses and their residents.

Relief in Need branches

Funds available to support people in conditions of need, hardship or distress either individually or generally.

Extraordinary repair fund

Funds created in response to orders of the Charity Commissioners to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the charities' almshouses and other property.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)

The Charity of John Blacknall - Church branch

Income payable to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the Parish of St Nicolas applicable to the maintenance of the Church of St Nicolas, Abingdon.

The Charity of Richard Wigglesworth

Education Branch Funds available to assist with the Education of individuals under the age of 25 by way of exhibition, grant or towards preparing them for entry into a trade.

Transfers

The transfers to John Blacknall Church Branch and the Richard Wigglesworth Education Fund are made to meet the requirements of the Scheme of that Charity.

Transfers from Almshouse funds to Extraordinary Repair Funds are made in accordance with the recommendations of the Almshouse Association. The charity has transferred in excess of the minimum required and varies depending on the Governors best estimate of the state and costs required for that set of Almshouses.

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16. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	At 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains/ (Losses)	Transfers	At 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Christ's Hospital						
Permanent	11,282,512	45	(91,255)	949,685	-	12,140,987
Capital recoupment						
- Order A	207,200	5,742	(3,823)	19,049	1,039	229,207
- Order B	<u>81,068</u>	<u>2,248</u>	<u>(1,496)</u>	<u>7,453</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>89,631</u>
	11,570,780	8,035	(96,574)	976,187	1,397	12,459,825
John Blacknall						
Permanent	<u>865,725</u>	-	<u>(15,974)</u>	<u>79,592</u>	-	<u>929,343</u>
Richard Wigglesworth						
Permanent						
- General	146,507	-	(2,704)	13,469	-	157,272
- Education	<u>53,579</u>	-	<u>(989)</u>	<u>4,926</u>	-	<u>57,516</u>
	200,086	-	(3,693)	18,395	-	214,788
Abingdon Almshouse						
Permanent						
- Almshouse branch	126,337	-	(2,331)	11,615	-	135,621
- Relief in need branch	<u>65,563</u>	-	<u>(1,210)</u>	<u>6,028</u>	-	<u>70,381</u>
	191,900	-	(3,541)	17,643	-	206,002
Tomkins Almshouse						
Permanent	<u>48,482</u>	-	<u>(895)</u>	<u>4,457</u>	-	<u>52,044</u>
Twitty's Almshouse						
Permanent	<u>21,898</u>	-	<u>(403)</u>	<u>2,013</u>	-	<u>23,508</u>
	<u>12,898,871</u>	<u>8,035</u>	<u>(121,080)</u>	<u>1,098,287</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>13,885,510</u>

Capital Recoupment Funds were set up in accordance with the Charity Commission Recoupment orders August 1984 and December 1984 to recoup the permanent endowment. The other Funds are permanent Endowment funds held in accordance with the restriction and used to generate restricted funds for the charity.

Transfers

Capital Recoupment Order 'A' sealed on the 13th December 1984 in the sum of £215,000 for 'land and buildings', repayment being £1,039.46 per annum for 53 years from the date of the Order.

Capital Recoupment Order 'B' sealed on the 21st August 1984 in the sum of £65,000 for 'provision of a service area in Albert Park', repayment being £0.55% per annum of the sum expended for 50 years from the date of the Order.

For both Orders the Trustees shall permit the dividends accruing to be invested thereon by way of accumulation until twelve months after the last payment.

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17. ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2021	Tangible Fixed assets £	Investment properties £	Investments £	Net current assets £	Total £
Endowed	-	6,830,000	7,055,510	-	13,885,510
Restricted	-	-	1,684,903	-	1,684,903
Unrestricted	<u>21,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,823,230</u>	<u>1,374,620</u>	<u>10,219,490</u>
	<u>21,640</u>	<u>6,830,000</u>	<u>17,563,643</u>	<u>1,374,620</u>	<u>25,789,903</u>

2020	Tangible Fixed assets £	Investment properties £	Investments £	Net current assets £	Total £
Endowed	1,910	6,335,000	6,561,961	-	12,898,871
Restricted	-	-	1,468,150	-	1,468,150
Unrestricted	<u>23,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,858,946</u>	<u>1,403,198</u>	<u>9,285,544</u>
	<u>25,310</u>	<u>6,335,000</u>	<u>15,889,057</u>	<u>1,403,198</u>	<u>23,652,565</u>

18. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO NET FUNDS

	2021 £	2020 £
(Decrease)/increase in cash during the year	11,063	(257,040)
Change in net funds	<u>11,063</u>	<u>(257,040)</u>
Net funds at 1 January 2021	<u>1,475,807</u>	<u>1,732,847</u>
Net funds at 31 December 2021	<u>1,486,870</u>	<u>1,475,807</u>

19. ANALYSIS OF NET FUNDS

	Net funds at 1 January 2021 £	Cash change £	Net funds at 31 December 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	364,355	(14,917)	349,438
Cash awaiting investment	87,433	17,543	104,976
Cash deposits	<u>1,024,019</u>	<u>8,437</u>	<u>1,032,456</u>
	<u>1,475,807</u>	<u>11,063</u>	<u>1,486,870</u>

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

20. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – COMPARATIVES BY FUND TYPE

	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Endowment Funds £</i>	<i>Total 2020 £</i>
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>				
<i>Donations</i>	-	4,100	-	4,100
<i>Investments</i>	575,163	64,670	6,732	646,565
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>- contributions from Almspeople</i>	101,094	99,433	-	200,527
<i>Other</i>	<u>390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,800</u>	<u>9,190</u>
 <i>Total income and endowments</i>	 <u>676,647</u>	 <u>168,203</u>	 <u>15,532</u>	 <u>860,382</u>
 <i>Expenditure on:</i>				
<i>Raising funds</i>	31,380	5,709	213,476	250,565
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>- Grants payable</i>	142,740	23,984	-	166,724
<i>- Provision of Almshouses</i>	198,775	68,133	-	266,908
<i>- Albert Park maintenance</i>	<u>86,195</u>	<u>8,024</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,219</u>
 <i>Total expenditure</i>	 <u>459,090</u>	 <u>105,850</u>	 <u>213,476</u>	 <u>778,416</u>
 <i>Net gains on investments</i>	 <u>107,701</u>	 <u>19,597</u>	 <u>177,571</u>	 <u>304,869</u>
 <i>Net surplus/(deficit)</i>	 <u>325,258</u>	 <u>81,950</u>	 <u>(20,373)</u>	 <u>386,835</u>
 <i>Transfers between funds</i>	 <u>(1,397)</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>1,397</u>	 <u>-</u>
 <i>Net movement in funds</i>	 323,861	 81,950	 (18,976)	 386,835
 <i>Total funds brought forward</i>	 <u>8,961,683</u>	 <u>1,386,200</u>	 <u>12,917,847</u>	 <u>23,265,730</u>
 <i>Total funds carried forward</i>	 <u>9,285,544</u>	 <u>1,468,150</u>	 <u>12,898,871</u>	 <u>23,652,565</u>

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

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**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020**

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Incorporating:
The Twitty's Almshouse Charity
The Tomkins Almshouse Charity
The Abingdon Almshouse and Relief in Need Charity
The Charity of John Blacknall
The Charity of Richard Wigglesworth

Statutory and other information

Co-optative Governors	Mr T R Ayling (Master from 1.1.18) Mr L D King (Master from 1.1.21) Mr M W Matthews Lt Col A F M Douglas Mrs G Butt Mr K W Senior Mr S J McConnell Mrs J D Kent	
Ex Officio Governors	Rev Dr E C Miller	
Nominative Governors	Mayor Cllr Mr C Birks Cllr Mrs H Pighills Cllr Mrs M Crick Cllr Mrs C Briggs	
Clerk to the Governors	Mrs G Kent	
Address of the Charity	Until 1.3.2020 1 Old Station Yard Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 3LQ	From 2.3.2020 4 St Helen's Wharf Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 5EN
Principal Bankers	National Westminster Bank Plc 11 Market Place Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 3HH	
Solicitors	Challenor & Son Stratton House Bath Street Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 3LA	
Auditor	Crowe UK LLP Aquis House 49 – 51 Blagrove Street Reading Berkshire RG1 1PL	
Investment managers	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited 2 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN	
Property managing agents	Orpwood Ltd t/a Adkin Orpwood House School Road Ardington Wantage Oxfordshire OX12 8PQ	
Registered Charity No	205112	

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Governors present their annual report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

STATUS ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTION

The Ancient Corporation of the Master and Governors of the Hospital of Christ of Abingdon ("Ancient Corporation") was created by Letters Patent of King Edward VI in 1553. Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is now a Registered Charity regulated by a Scheme sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 25 January 1971.

The charity number, present Governors and advisors are listed on page 1 & 2. All Governors, both Co-optative and Nominative, are invited to nominate candidates to fill a vacancy for a Co-optative Governor and are asked to provide a resume of their nominee's career and other interests. Further soundings are undertaken, and an opportunity created for Governors to meet the preferred candidate(s) before their name is put forward formally to a special meeting for election. Nominative Governors are appointed by Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council whilst the Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames and the incumbent of the United Benefice of Abingdon with Shippon hold office as Governors *ex officio*.

Governors holding office during the period were as shown page 1.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Christ's Hospital is a Registered Charity regulated by a Scheme sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 25 January 1971 and subsequent Orders of 1999 and 2002. The Governors perform their obligations under the Schemes for the constituent charities by applying the income of the Charity to provide charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon in Oxfordshire and such part of the ancient parishes of St Helen, St Helen Without and St Nicolas, Abingdon as do not fall within the boundaries of the town. The Governors are able to extend the area of benefit to the immediate surroundings of Abingdon in certain circumstances.

Prospective Co-optative Governors are requested to meet with the Master then submit a resume of their career and interests for consideration by members of the Ancient Corporation. Suitable applicants are invited to proceed to appointment, if members of the Ancient Corporation are unanimous. All newly appointed Governors are provided with a copy of the Scheme dated 25th January 1971 and subsequent Orders, a copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the last financial year, the Charity Commission book (or email link) "The Essential Trustee" and a copy of the Almshouse Association book "Standards of Almshouse Management". They also have a briefing meeting with the Master or the Clerk. Governors are encouraged to attend the various seminars organised by the Almshouse Association.

Much of the day to day work of the Governors is carried out by the Governors-in-Charge, supported by the Clerk, Finance & Admin Assistant, Almshouse Administrator and Park Keeper. Governors-in-Charge during the year were as follows:

Mr T R Ayling	- Park & Gardens
Mrs G Butt	- Almshouse Residents
Lt Col A F M Douglas	- Almshouse Property
Mr S J McConnell	- Estates
Mr M W Matthews	- Grants & Archives
Mr K W Senior	- Finance

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (CONTINUED)
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Governors delegate day to day responsibility for various aspects of the Charity's affairs to:

<i>The Clerk</i>	who manages the staff and almshouse property portfolio, maintains the Charity's accounting and other records and carries on the administration of the Charity so as to comply with applicable laws and regulations.
<i>The Investment Managers</i>	who manage the portfolios held by the Charity under a discretionary management mandate.
<i>The Property Managing Agents</i> Charity.	who manage the investment property held by the
<i>The Chartered Surveyors</i> almshouse	who advise on the structural integrity of the Charity's property to ensure a suitable standard is maintained.

Scheme of Governance

Governors meet on the first Thursday of each month throughout the year to enable them to discharge their responsibilities. At these meetings, Governors receive reports from the Governors-in-Charge on their activities in the previous month which confirm, or recommend for discussion, actions to be taken in both the short and longer term. These written and verbal reports provide each Governor with the information necessary to discharge their duties.

The Governors retain responsibility for all key decisions, including approval of:

- The strategy and policies adopted by the Charity to achieve its charitable objectives.
- The annual budget.
- Major capital expenditure, including property acquisition and refurbishment.
- The annual financial statements.
- The appointment of residents to vacant almshouses.
- Grant applications.

A framework of authorities is in place, which maps out the structure of delegation as well as specifying those issues which remain the preserve of the Governors. This framework emphasizes the key role of specific Governor responsibility in the exercise of executive control, subject to reporting and ratification by the Governors, as described above. The relevant individuals are identified earlier in this report.

- The Finance Governor monitors and reviews the Charity's financial and internal control as well as its investments.
- The Grants Governor receives, considers and evaluates applications for charitable assistance, according to the provisions of the Scheme.
- The Almshouse Property Governor oversees the management of both almshouses and health and safety matters relating to the almshouses and workplaces.
- The Almshouse Residents' Governor looks after the best interests of the residents and takes the lead role in the appointment of new residents.
- The Park and Gardens Governor oversees the management of Albert Park and the almshouse gardens.
- The Estates (Property) Governor oversees the management of investment properties to ensure rental and maintenance matters are dealt with in line with the Scheme.
- The Archives Governor is responsible for the recording and safe-keeping of material for the archives of the Charity, working with the Archivist.

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Related Parties and Conflicts of Interest

Various Governors are involved either as trustees or in the management of a number of voluntary organisations in Abingdon, including The Albert Memorial Trust (Registered Charity No 1076274), The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity No 1160080) and Abingdon Carousel (Registered Charity No 1177322).

Various Governors are also involved either as trustees or in the management of schools in Abingdon who are free to apply for educational assistance for pupils in need, several Governors are involved with Abingdon School (Registered Charity No. 1071298) and one Governor with The Manor Preparatory School.

One Governor is the Team Rector of Abingdon and Vicar of St Helen's Church, Abingdon. The Church may encounter those seeking almshouse accommodation or financial assistance under the Relief in Need part of the Charity's Scheme.

The Charity is also a member of the Almshouse Association to whom an annual subscription is paid and a small grant (less than £50) is made.

The Governors have adopted a comprehensive policy to identify all transactions with related parties or other transactions which might involve any conflict of interest. These are detailed in Note 13.

Remuneration

Our approach to remuneration is designed to ensure we can attract and retain the talented and motivated people we need to achieve our mission and deliver our strategic goals. It is applied consistently across the organisation. We aim to pay competitively in the not-for-profit sector within the context of affordability. We therefore take into account factors such as salaries paid in comparable organisations.

No remuneration was paid either directly or indirectly to any Governor or connected person during the period under review. Reimbursement of expenses occurs infrequently and then only when Governors are acting on Christ's Hospital or Almshouse Association business and only on production of a valid receipt and the completion of a reimbursement form.

Insurance

The Governors maintain indemnity insurance of up to £1 million. The annual premium charged in these financial statements was £868 (2019: £868). The Governors fully recognise that this does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

Risk Management Statement

The Governors have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks which they believe the Charity faces. The external risks and exposure thereto are kept under constant review, together with the internal aspects of health and safety.

A risk management register is maintained and is reviewed annually to ensure risks are properly managed by the Charity. The major risks and preventative measures in place are as follows:

Falling investment income

The investment managers, Investec Wealth and Management Ltd, manage the Charity's portfolio within agreed parameters (medium/high risk) which are monitored at least quarterly, and all Governors are provided with summaries of those reports. A representative of the investment company presents a formal annual report and discussion of the portfolio at one of the Governors' meetings, usually March. The investment company ensure that the Charity invests in 'defensive' stocks which remain mostly unaffected by economic variations.

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Reduction in Commercial & Residential rental income due to voids

Adkin are a specialist property management company who manage the Charity's property and land and report monthly to the Governors, making recommendations as to the best way to maximise the return on the Charity's portfolio, whilst remaining within the remit of the Scheme.

Damage to Property, i.e Fire.

The Governors seek professional advice on the risks associated with Almshouses and other property and install and monitor safety equipment and measures on a regular basis. In April 2015, a major Fire Safety inspection took place and as a result of this upgrades were made to fire equipment and policies. In September 2019, the local Fire Officer also visited and was satisfied by the systems in place and the supporting paperwork.

Information Damage i.e Fraud, cyber crime

Again, the Governors have taken advice on prevention of information theft and regularly review the Charity's Fraud policy to reflect the ever-advancing ability of 'fraudsters' to gain access to sensitive information. It is planned to replace some older computer equipment shortly to ensure the latest best practice for back-up and protection of information is adhered to.

Disease Transmission - Global pandemic

The Covid 19 virus has affected almost every part of life concerned with the Charity. The health of the almshouse residents has been upper most and this has been managed by the implementation of Covid secure processes. The Finances have of course been affected as with many other people and organisations. The income from investments has dropped as many companies have seen their own income streams diminish, but this has been mitigated as far as possible by the investment management company who have invested heavily in the 'pharma' industry which is booming. The collection of commercial rent has also been challenging as many commercial tenants have experienced a dip in income. The law has prevented court action against tenants until 30th June 2021, but a reasonable approach including negotiation will be the basis on which outstanding rents will be collected.

Public Benefit

In following the Charity's aims and objectives, Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance in complying with their duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 on public benefit. The provision of almshouse accommodation for those in need provides an identifiable public benefit which is directly in line with the Charity's aims. Beneficiaries of almshouses must be in need and will be drawn from that section of the public which has been defined in the Scheme.

The Charity gives 'relief in need' through education grants and grants of domestic items to those who cannot afford them and fall outside the help of the local authority. This year they also gave a significant number or substantial grants to local charities for specific purposes to benefit residents in our area of benefit. All the above are directly identifiable public benefit.

The Charity also maintains Albert Park, a park which is permanently open for use by any member of the public and easily accessible to all levels of mobility. This is also in line with the Charities scheme document.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The Objects of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon and its subsidiary charities were created to provide charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon-on-Thames in Oxfordshire.

The Charity's strategy is to provide funds both for individuals and organisations so as to provide help and relief within the terms of the Schemes. This can only be achieved within the conditions at the time. The primary objective is the provision of almshouse accommodation. Funds are also available for the relief of need and education of residents within the area of benefit.

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The Charity owns Albert Park recreation ground and its surrounding roads, and whilst the Governors fully recognise their responsibility for the maintenance of these, it does provide a major drain on the Charity's resources.

The Charity measures its success in a number of ways. It aims to achieve a 90% occupation rate for almshouses, to maximise the grants paid out and to adhere as closely as possible to its annual budget in all areas. The Charity is very proud of its commitment to keep almshouses as up to date as possible within the confines of their listed building status (see 'The estate').

Grants

To achieve the Charity's objects for the public benefit, the Grants Governor considers all applications made for assistance, whether for educational support or relief in terms laid down in the controlling Schemes, including the area of benefit and the availability or otherwise of specific or general funds.

Students, or their parents, who are both resident within Abingdon and in financial need, may apply to the Charity for support with their education providing they are educated in Abingdon. At present, this means that students attending any of the seventeen schools located in the area of benefit within Abingdon are eligible for educational grants. The schools who have applied for assistance with fees at some point are Our Lady's Abingdon (Registered charity no 1120372) and The Unicorn School (Registered charity no 1070807). Other grants which are provided for assistance with school activities such as educational trips were requested this year from Larkmead, John Mason and Fitzharrys secondary schools and St Nicolas, Thameside, Long Furlong, Carswell, Dunmore, Thomas Reade and St Edmunds Primary Schools. These grants ensure that children from poorer backgrounds do not miss out on educational trips and opportunities for extra tuition. We have received several encouraging reports from parents and the schools regarding the value of this support.

The Charity has also helped individuals with Relief in Need payments for equipment and/or basic necessities such as cookers, a washing machine, furniture and work boots. Provisions to institutions tend to be more substantial and are usually for equipment to help them function or courses for vulnerable adults. Within the last 12 months the charity has helped to fund day trips for young carers and training sessions for vulnerable adults within various projects in Abingdon.

Officials working in areas where such circumstances might arise continue to be reminded of the Charity's availability and policies. We are encouraged by the larger value of requests.

Numbers of grants and values can be found within Note 6.

The estate

The Governors are proud of the Charities' ownership of a number of freehold properties in Abingdon that are of considerable historic and heritage interest. They are mindful of the inalienable nature of these properties and their duty to maintain them. The most important of these properties are shown here with their listing:

Long Alley Almshouses and Hall	1446	Grade I
Brick Alley Almshouses and outbuildings	1718	Grade I
St Helen's Wharf Almshouses	1884	Grade II
St John's Almshouses	1801	Grade II
Tomkins Almshouses & Clock Tower	1733	Grade II *
Twitty's Almshouses	1710	Grade II
Albert Monument (within Albert Park)	1865	Grade II
Conduit House	circa 1500	Grade II
Albert Park		Listed Victorian Park
The Exchequer Room (forming part of the Church of St Helen, Abingdon)		

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Associated with these properties are furniture, fittings, historic artefacts and an extensive archive housed in a climate-controlled building known as the Liversidge or Muniment room, which the Governors view as both historic and inalienable.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE AND RECORD OF ACTIVITIES

The Charity has again had a successful year in spite of concerns over Covid 19 and the economic pressure this brings. Income from rent and dividends has been down on expectation, but less significant property expenditure has been undertaken, which evens out any operating loss, so the balanced budget was achieved before investment gains and losses of £81,966 (2019: £224,250), this is applied to the reserves against future expenditure. It was felt again that it was not necessary to undertake fundraising, as the investment portfolio, and modest contributions from residents towards maintenance, continue to cover the planned expenditure.

Residents

Almshouse Administrator is appointed to act in 'good neighbour capacity to the residents, but also be responsible for the organisation of routine maintenance and minor repairs to the almshouses and to take responsibility for dealing with resident health and safety issues.

With the electronic alarm and call system it is felt that the risk to the Charity, and indeed the residents, has been minimised. It remains the policy of the Charity routinely to raise awareness of almshouse vacancies by personal contacts, advertisements, newspaper articles etc and to accommodate the applicant deemed to be most in need at the time of the vacancy.

The estate

The Governors are mindful and indeed proud of the Charity's heritage but the age and listed building status of some of the assets does entail a financial burden. Despite the heavy demand on resources, the Governors follow their primary duty of maintaining the Charity's assets. However, continuing work will always be necessary.

The policy of the Governors remains to ensure that each almshouse, as it falls vacant, is upgraded to the most modern standards ready for reoccupation. As vacancies are unpredictable, the amount of expenditure can differ from that budgeted.

A Quinquennial Inspection was conducted during April 2016 and a report of recommended works was drawn up through to 2020. Each year's recommendations are reviewed thoroughly prior to initiation. The 2021 report will be delayed due to the Covid 19 restrictions on entering property.

Buildings expertise among the Trustees has enabled the Charity to take a more active role in monitoring the condition of our properties and maximising their financial returns.

It must never be forgotten, however, that within the Governors' responsibility of preserving the Charity's assets, there is no room whatsoever for any complacency. The entire theme of this report remains as usual to demonstrate the Governors' concern at the need to husband the Charity's resources to maximum effect, never forgetting the need to fulfil the charitable objectives laid down in our governing documents.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

2019 was the most recent valuation of all Commercial, Residential Property and Land. This resulted in an increase in value of £355,000 from the previous year. 2020 has seen a change in use of 4 St Helen's Wharf, which transferred from accommodation and became the Charity office in early March 2020. The previous office at 1 Old Station Yard is being advertised to let as part of the commercial investment portfolio and was therefore valued by an independent professional this year (valuation £120,000). A value of £9,480 has been placed on the new office at 4 St Helen's Wharf and will be depreciated over 4 years on a straight-line basis. Professional valuations of investment properties will now take place no less than every 3 years. In the intervening years the Governor in Charge of Property, using his considerable knowledge and experience, will undertake a review of values. From this review the Governors will decide if a formal, professional valuation is then necessary.

All transactions were deemed to be in the normal course of business and the Governors consider the Charity to be a 'going concern'.

Careful and conservative forecasts and budgets for the next year are prepared by the Clerk and Governors in Charge each November and signed off at the December meeting of all Governors. The Charity's Governors (Trustees) feel that it is as well placed as it can be to meet significant refurbishment costs in the future. Net incoming resources before other gains or losses were £81,966 (2019: £224,250).

Investment policy

The management of the Charity's investment portfolio is conducted by professional investment managers under discretionary management powers delegated by the Governors, under broad guidelines set by the Governors. These guidelines have been reviewed during the year and currently require that the managers protect the value of the capital and income of the Charity in real terms over the medium term by seeking a balanced return between income and capital growth, avoiding high risk. At any one time, the portfolios may comprise fixed interest and equity investments within these criteria. Portfolio exposure to equities is limited to 90% of the total fund value. In the avoidance of high risk, the managers are instructed not to involve the Charity in derivatives trading, underwriting or off-market transactions. Where necessary, the allocation of income and capital is apportioned according to the figures at the start of the year.

The Governors continue to monitor administrative costs and fees. The Governors are content that they are continuing to avoid high risks. The Governors reserve the right to exclude companies that carry out activities contrary to their aims or from holding particular investments which might damage the Charity's reputation. This policy is reviewed with the investment company during their annual report to the Governors, usually in the March Governors' meeting.

In order to measure our performance, we review the total fund return against a benchmark fund return of similar risk status.

As reported above a detailed report by the investment managers is delivered in person to a full meeting of the Governors at least annually. The entire area remains under the continuing close scrutiny of the Governors and the Governor responsible for Finance in pursuit of the risk control as outlined above. The portfolio at 31st December 2020 was £15,889,057 (2019: £15,652,884). During 2017 the Governors took the decision to sub-divide the Main Fund into Capital and Income generating sub-sections in order to better leverage the asset to meet the ongoing costs.

Reserves Policy

Christ's Hospital has historically financed its operations through income derived from its endowment investments. More recently it has also received maintenance contributions from almshouse residents. Due to the limited area of benefit, Governors have decided it is not practicable to seek donations or benefactors on a significant level. It must also be noted that, whilst the decision to leave the EU has now been made, the uncertainty over finer detail of trade agreements are still unsettling to the markets.

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As such Governors realise endowment alone is insufficient to provide enough income. It has become necessary to maintain a level of reserves to finance future operations in the long term. They believe that total assets of around £20 million are required under current conditions. It is therefore the intention of Christ's Hospital to try to maintain investment assets at this level. The level will be reviewed as circumstances change.

Total funds held by the Charity at the year-end stood at £23,652,565 (2019: £23,265,730). The Charity's unrestricted funds, excluding designations and unrestricted fixed assets, stood at £8,750,405 (2019: £8,452,311) at the year-end. If the market value of listed investments that are held to generate income to support the Charity's activities is excluded from the above sum, the remaining free reserves are £891,459 (2019: £812,439).

Free reserves are held for the following reasons:

- a) *There is a significant cost to maintaining Listed buildings of which the charity has 8 sets (noted under 'estates') plus a Listed Victorian park (Albert Park). Whilst investment monies are put aside in restricted funds for upkeep of the Almshouses and emergency use, it is unknown when an emergency may occur and whether it will be covered by available designated funds. Repairs to ageing Listed buildings are increasingly complex and costly.*
- b) *It is anticipated that the Conservation area already in existence around Albert Park may be expanded. This may bring additional expense and the need for specialist contractors' expertise as the Charity strives to maintain, to a higher standard, the newly designated dwellings which it owns in the surrounding area.*
- c) *Considerations are to be made shortly as to the future of certain leasehold properties which revert to Christ's Hospital control in 2037. There may be significant investment needed to bring them to an acceptable modern standard.*
- d) *The charity like to have the capacity to spend on grants over and above the budgeted level, whilst still maintaining the ratio for allocation of expenditure required by the Charity Scheme i.e expenditure on grants cannot currently be greater than that on almshouses.*

The Governor in Charge of Finance has recognised the level of free reserves is increasing and the strategy for use of this were due to be discussed during 2020, however, the meeting for this was postponed due to Covid restrictions and should now take place in the forthcoming year.

FUNDS

In addition to the unrestricted funds, which represent accumulated income available to the Governors for such purposes as they may decide, the funds controlled by the Governors fall into a number of classes:

Permanent endowment funds

These funds represent assets which are permanent capital held by the Governors. The property within these funds comprises:

- Freehold land and buildings held for the Charities' own use.
- Freehold land and buildings held for charitable purposes, including almshouses and Albert Park
- Investments in listed securities and real estate.

Two further funds have been created by orders of the Charity Commissioners made on 21 August and 13 December 1984 to recoup endowment monies spent on the Albert Park service area and in connection with Mullard (Abingdon) Housing Trust respectively.

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Designated fund

Extraordinary Repair Fund - This fund has been set up by the Governors in response to the Almshouse Association's guidance to have a fund for each group of almshouses to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the Charity's Almshouses. The designated fund balance at the year- end was £535,139 (2019: £509,372) per Note 14.

Restricted funds

These funds represent income and other assets which may be applied only for specified purposes. These amount to £1,468,150 (2019: £1,386,200) per Note 15.

The Charity of John Blacknall Church branch

Income payable to the incumbent and churchwardens of the Parish of St Nicolas applicable to the maintenance of the Church of St Nicolas, Abingdon;

The Charity of Richard Wigglesworth Education branch

Funds available to assist with the education of individuals under the age of 25 by way of exhibition, grant or towards preparing them for entry into a trade;

Almshouse branches

Funds for the provision and maintenance of almshouses and their residents;

Relief in Need branches

Funds available to support people in conditions of need, hardship or distress either individually or generally;

Extraordinary repair funds

Funds created in response to orders of the Charity Commissioners to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the Charities' almshouses and other property;

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Governors will continue to comply with the requirements of the Charity's Scheme to provide almshouse accommodation, relief in need, educational support and the provision and maintenance of Albert Park.

The Governors remain committed to their policies of maintaining the Charity's assets and particularly the historic nature of many of the buildings. In refurbishing the almshouses to modern standards, consideration is being given to the increased expectations of potential residents.

The Charity is committed to maintaining Albert Park in its current, well-maintained condition, although vandalism seems to be an ongoing problem.

The Charity has supported people in the area of benefit for 467 years and it is the Governors' firm intention that this should be continued for the foreseeable future. They are taking active measures to ensure that the relevant local people are aware of the help Christ's Hospital can offer and that the size of grants offered has increased where appropriate and justified.

When appointing new Governors, care is taken to seek a candidate with the particular skills judged to be required by the Charity at that time. This will ensure that, as successive Governors are appointed in future years, they may in their turn successfully maintain the Charity for the public benefit.

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The Governors are committed to the objective of providing charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon on Thames in Oxfordshire for an indefinite period. Fundamental to the achievement of this objective is the maintenance of an effective system of corporate governance. This is concerned with the direction and control of the organisation and, in particular, with the role of Governors and the need to ensure an effective framework of accountability and risk management.

This report was approved by the Governors on 1st APRIL 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr L D King - Master

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS RESPONSIBILITIES
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The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Governors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 judgments 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;
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Governor's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Other information

The Governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities act requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Governors

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 11, the Governors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Governors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Governors either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Details of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, are set out below.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the Charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were the Charities Act 2011, together with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statements.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the Charity for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the Charity were Charity Commission regulations, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Health and Safety regulations. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be completeness of other income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance Governor about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Crowe U.K. LLP

Crowe U.K. LLP
Statutory Auditor
Reading

Date 13 April 2021

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations	2	-	4,100	-	4,100	4,175
Investments	3	575,163	64,670	6,732	646,565	787,790
Charitable activities						
- contributions from Almspeople		101,094	99,433	-	200,527	190,869
Other		<u>390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,800</u>	<u>9,190</u>	<u>9,852</u>
Total income and endowments		<u>676,647</u>	<u>168,203</u>	<u>15,532</u>	<u>860,382</u>	<u>992,686</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	31,380	5,709	213,476	250,565	146,842
Charitable activities						
- Grants payable		142,740	23,984	-	166,724	166,999
- Provision of Almshouses		198,775	68,133	-	266,908	361,094
- Albert Park maintenance		<u>86,195</u>	<u>8,024</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,219</u>	<u>93,501</u>
Total expenditure	4	<u>459,090</u>	<u>105,850</u>	<u>213,476</u>	<u>778,416</u>	<u>768,436</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>107,701</u>	<u>19,597</u>	<u>177,571</u>	<u>304,869</u>	<u>2,613,936</u>
Net surplus/(deficit)		<u>325,258</u>	<u>81,950</u>	<u>(20,373)</u>	<u>386,835</u>	<u>2,838,186</u>
Transfers between funds	14,16	<u>(1,397)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		323,861	81,950	(18,976)	386,835	2,838,186
Total funds brought forward		<u>8,961,683</u>	<u>1,386,200</u>	<u>12,917,847</u>	<u>23,265,730</u>	<u>20,427,544</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>9,285,544</u>	<u>1,468,150</u>	<u>12,898,871</u>	<u>23,652,565</u>	<u>23,265,730</u>

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**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

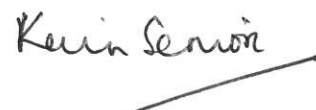
	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	25,310	76,035
Investment properties	8	6,335,000	6,215,000
Investments	9	<u>15,889,057</u>	<u>15,652,884</u>
		22,249,367	21,943,919
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Debtors	10	139,924	96,050
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,388,374</u>	<u>1,338,145</u>
		1,528,298	1,434,195
LIABILITIES:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(125,100)</u>	<u>(112,384)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,403,198</u>	<u>1,321,811</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>23,652,565</u>	<u>23,265,730</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Unrestricted funds			
General	14	8,750,405	8,452,311
Designated	14	<u>535,139</u>	<u>509,372</u>
		9,285,544	8,961,683
Restricted funds	15	1,468,150	1,386,200
Endowment funds	16	<u>12,898,871</u>	<u>12,917,847</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	17	<u>23,652,565</u>	<u>23,265,730</u>

Approved and authorised for issue by the Governors on 1 April 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Mr L D King - Master



Kevin Senior – Governor



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CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
CASHFLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net cash used in operating activities (see below)	(581,462)	(482,433)
<i>Cash flows from investing activities</i>		
Purchase of tangible assets	-	(20,000)
Interest, dividends and rents from investments	646,565	787,790
Proceeds from sale of investments	3,104,911	689,082
Purchase of investments	<u>(3,427,054)</u>	<u>(940,152)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	324,422	516,720
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	18 (257,040)	34,287
Cash and cash equivalent brought forward	<u>1,732,847</u>	<u>1,698,560</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	<u>1,475,807</u>	<u>1,732,847</u>
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	386,835	2,838,186
Depreciation charges	3,775	2,808
Loss on disposal	10,520	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(646,565)	(787,790)
(Gain) on investments	(304,869)	(2,613,936)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(43,874)	16,737
Increase in creditors	<u>12,716</u>	<u>61,562</u>
Net cash (used in by operating activities)	(591,462)	(482,433)
	2020	2019
	£	£
Cash awaiting investment with investment managers	87,433	394,702
Cash in hand	364,355	325,925
Notice deposits (less than three months)	<u>1,024,019</u>	<u>1,012,220</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	19 <u>1,475,807</u>	<u>1,732,847</u>

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CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the *Charities Act 2011* and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the *Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008* only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following *Accounting and Reporting by Charities*, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* effective from 1 April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is a charity registered in the UK (charity number 205112) with its registered office at 4 St Helens Wharf, Wharf Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 5EN

b) Going Concern

The Governors consider that there are sufficient reserves held at the year-end to manage any foreseeable downturn in the UK and global economy. The Governors consider that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and for this reason the Governors continue to adopt the 'going concern' basis in preparing the accounts.

c) Income

Dividends and rents are accounted for in the year to which they relate.

Legacies and voluntary income are accounted for in the year in which they are received.

d) Expenditure

Grants awarded by the Governors are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period that they are made to the extent that a legal or constructive obligation exists.

Almshouses and Almspeople costs are accounted for on an accruals basis in the year to which they relate.

Pension costs charged in the SOFA represent contributions payable by the charity in that year.

Included within charitable activities are governance costs, which comprise the costs of running the Charity, including strategic planning for its future development, also internal and external audit, any legal advice for the Charity and all the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are allocated on the basis of time spent (15% Grants Payable, 75% Provision of Almshouses, and 10% Albert Park Maintenance).

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

e) Grant making

The charity's grant-making process is informed by the best practices of peer organisations, and the Charity Commission's guidelines and recommendations.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one-year or multi-year grant.

Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the Trust.

f) Freehold land and buildings

Freehold land and buildings held for the Charity's use are included on the balance sheet at cost. The buildings are depreciated over 50 years on a straight line basis. The costs associated with converting the current head office are depreciated over 4 years on a straight line basis.

The Charity owns certain fixed assets which are historic, inalienable and form part of the permanent endowment, the more important of which are listed in the Report of the Governors. No reliable cost information is available for these assets and their heritage nature means conventional valuation procedures would be unreliable. The Governors have no intention to dispose of these assets in the foreseeable future.

g) Other tangible fixed assets

Furniture and equipment are capitalised when considered appropriate and depreciation is calculated to write off the cost over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. A de-minimus capitalisation limit of £1,000 is applied. The following rates and bases have been used:

Office furniture, fixtures and fittings	20% straight line basis
Office equipment	25% straight line basis
Park equipment	25% straight line basis

h) Fixed asset investment properties

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at fair value. The properties are independently valued by a third party at least every three years. Realised gains and losses on investment properties are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Fixed asset investments

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Realised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment income is recognised in the financial statements on an accruals basis when the charity becomes legally entitled to it. Investment income not directly attributable to a specific fund is apportioned to the various funds based on their opening balance position.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of 3 months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

k) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

l) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

m) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

n) Leases

In respect of operating leases for which the charity is the lessor, the charity classifies the leasing of the investment properties as an operating lease. The rents received from investment properties are recognised in the financial statements for the period they relate to.

In respect of operating leases for which the charity is the lessee, rentals are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

o) Funds

Unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds represent funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Designated funds

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Governors for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those which must be applied in accordance with the purpose specified by the donor. Expenditure relating to these purposes is charged directly to the fund.

Endowment Funds

Endowment funds consist of investments. The purpose to which that investment may be applied is restricted in accordance with the terms of the endowment trust.

p) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that has a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is in respect of the investment property valuation. The charity's investment properties are stated at their estimated fair value as disclosed in Note 8.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2. INCOME – DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Albert Park – local authority contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>4,175</u>

3. INCOME - INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Equity dividends and interest	298,216	64,670	6,732	369,618	504,432
Bank Interest	12,322	-	-	12,322	13,970
Rents	<u>264,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>264,625</u>	<u>269,388</u>
	<u>575,163</u>	<u>64,670</u>	<u>6,732</u>	<u>646,565</u>	<u>787,790</u>

4. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

2020	Direct Costs £	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Support costs £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Cost of raising funds						
Investment managers fees	64,481	-	-	-	64,481	67,217
Property costs	<u>186,084</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>186,085</u>	<u>79,625</u>
	250,565	-	-	-	250,565	146,842
Charitable activities						
Grants Payable (Note 6)	150,826	11,975	355	3,568	166,724	166,999
Provision of Almshouses	129,948	100,304	1,883	34,773	266,908	361,094
Albert Park maintenance	<u>64,711</u>	<u>25,590</u>	<u>1,537</u>	<u>2,381</u>	<u>94,219</u>	<u>93,501</u>
Total resources expended	<u>596,050</u>	<u>137,869</u>	<u>3,775</u>	<u>40,722</u>	<u>778,416</u>	<u>768,436</u>
Support costs included within provision of Almshouses						
Audit	-	-	-	16,927	16,927	14,587
Office salaries	79,832	-	-	-	79,832	69,990
Office costs	20,430	-	-	-	20,430	20,253
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	-	571
Sundry	<u>1,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,066</u>	<u>1,782</u>
	<u>101,328</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,927</u>	<u>118,255</u>	<u>107,183</u>

Support costs are allocated on an estimate of time spent administering the Almshouses.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

4. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

2019	<i>Direct Costs £</i>	<i>Staff costs £</i>	<i>Depreciation £</i>	<i>Support costs £</i>	<i>Total 2019 £</i>
<i>Cost of raising funds</i>					
<i>Investment managers fees</i>	67,217	-	-	-	67,217
<i>Property costs</i>	<u>79,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,625</u>
	146,842	-	-	-	146,842
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
<i>Grants Payable (Note 6)</i>	153,696	10,499	79	2,725	166,999
<i>Provision of Almshouses</i>	237,976	92,957	1,376	28,785	361,094
<i>Albert Park maintenance</i>	<u>66,006</u>	<u>24,325</u>	<u>1,353</u>	<u>1,817</u>	<u>93,501</u>
<i>Total resources expended</i>	<u>604,520</u>	<u>127,781</u>	<u>2,808</u>	<u>33,327</u>	<u>768,436</u>
<i>Support costs included within provision of Almshouses</i>					
<i>Audit</i>	-	-	-	14,587	14,587
<i>Office salaries</i>	69,990	-	-	-	69,990
<i>Office costs</i>	20,253	-	-	-	20,253
<i>Legal fees</i>	-	-	-	571	571
<i>Sundry</i>	<u>1,782</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,782</u>
	<u>92,025</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,158</u>	<u>107,183</u>

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

5. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

Staff costs were as follows:-

	2020 £	2019 £
Salaries and wages	125,119	115,688
Social security costs	8,151	8,025
Pension contributions	<u>4,599</u>	<u>4,068</u>
	<u><u>137,869</u></u>	<u><u>127,781</u></u>

No employees earned in excess of £60,000 (2019 – £60,000).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Governors and the Clerk to the Governors. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel including employers NI and employers pension of the charity were £51,529 (2019: £50,012). None of the Governors received any remuneration in the current or preceding year.

During the year 1 (2019: nil) Governor was reimbursed expenses of £359 after making purchases on behalf of the Almshouses.

During the year 1 Governor (2019: nil) was provided with a UBS Camera and Microphone for £50 to assist with online Governor meetings.

The average monthly number of employees was as follows:-

	No.	No.
Almshouses and Almspeople (1 full-time)	1	2
Albert Park (1 full-time)	1	1
Management and administration (2 full-time, 1 part-time)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u><u>5</u></u>	<u><u>6</u></u>

The charity contributes to the personal pension schemes for certain of its employees. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the funds in respect of the year. £nil amounts were outstanding at the year end (2019: £Nil).

There were no redundancy payments made in the year (2019: none).

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

6. GRANTS PAYABLE – DIRECT COSTS

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Educational		
Charitable payments for 1 (2019: 5) individuals	7,623	21,520
Charitable payments for 3 (2019: 12) educational institutions	<u>19,999</u>	<u>16,295</u>
	27,622	37,815
Relief		
Charitable payments for 25 (2019: 17) individuals	8,066	3,684
Other social institutions 13 (2019: 20) institutions	<u>97,037</u>	<u>96,308</u>
	105,103	99,992
John Blacknall Church branch	<u>18,101</u>	<u>15,889</u>
	<u>150,826</u>	<u>153,696</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture & equipment £	Assets under course of construction £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2020	111,500	40,223	20,000	171,723
Additions	-	-	-	-
Transfer	9,480	-	(9,480)	-
Reclassification	(46,500)	-	-	(46,500)
Disposals	-	(19,883)	(10,520)	(30,403)
At 31 December 2020	<u>74,480</u>	<u>20,340</u>	-	<u>94,820</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2020	55,570	40,118	-	95,688
Charge for the year	3,670	105	-	3,775
Reclassification	(10,070)	-	-	(10,070)
Disposals	-	(19,883)	-	(19,883)
At 31 December 2020	<u>49,170</u>	<u>20,340</u>	-	<u>69,510</u>
Net book values				
At 31 December 2020	<u>£ 25,310</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 25,310</u>
<i>At 31 December 2019</i>	<u>£ 55,930</u>	<u>£ 105</u>	<u>£ 20,000</u>	<u>£ 76,035</u>

The reclassification relates to the transfer of the old head office to investment properties.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Freehold land and buildings		
Valuation		
At 1 January 2020	6,215,000	5,860,000
Reclassification	36,430	-
Revaluation	<u>83,570</u>	<u>355,000</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>6,335,000</u>	<u>6,215,000</u>

All properties were valued as at 31 December 2019 by professional valuers in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Manual issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on the basis that the properties are held for investment purposes.

	Valuer - Adkin	Valuer – Lambert Smith Hampton	Valuer – GL Heard & Partners	Total
	Commercial	Commercial	Commercial	£
	£	£	£	£
Commercial	120,000	1,940,000	210,000	2,270,000
Residential	2,820,000	-	-	2,820,000
Agricultural land	395,000	-	-	395,000
Freehold land (leased until 2025)	-	60,000	-	60,000
Freehold land (leased until 2037)	<u>-</u>	<u>790,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>790,000</u>
	<u>3,335,000</u>	<u>2,790,000</u>	<u>210,000</u>	<u>6,335,000</u>

The charity earns rental income by leasing its properties to tenants under non-cancellable operating leases. Leases in which substantially all risks and rewards of ownership are retained by another party, the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments, including prepayments, made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

At the balance sheet date, the charity had contracted with tenants to receive the following future minimum lease payments:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Not later than one year	203,400	202,527
Later than one year and not later than five years	396,335	318,887
Later than five years	<u>71,079</u>	<u>108,784</u>
	<u>670,814</u>	<u>630,198</u>

There are no contingent rents recognised as income.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

9. INVESTMENTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Market value at 1 January 2020	15,258,182	12,748,175
Additions	3,427,054	940,152
Disposals	(3,104,911)	(689,082)
Revaluation gains	<u>221,299</u>	<u>2,258,937</u>
Market value at 31 December 2020*	15,801,624	15,258,182
Cash awaiting investment	<u>87,433</u>	<u>394,702</u>
Total as at 31 December 2020	<u>15,889,057</u>	<u>15,652,884</u>
*Historical costs of investments at 31 December 2020	<u>10,942,331</u>	<u>10,755,265</u>

The year-end market value is made up as follows:

UK fixed interest	1,405,173	1,491,677
UK equities	8,700,311	9,838,544
Overseas fixed interest	286,850	38,268
Overseas equities	4,647,992	3,200,595
Other assets	761,298	689,098
Cash and accrued interest	<u>87,433</u>	<u>394,702</u>
	<u>15,889,057</u>	<u>15,652,884</u>

10. DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	96,693	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>43,231</u>	<u>96,050</u>
	<u>139,924</u>	<u>96,050</u>

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	30,220	49,001
Accruals	<u>94,880</u>	<u>63,383</u>
	<u><u>125,100</u></u>	<u><u>112,384</u></u>

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Basic financial assets	17,395,010	17,068,566
Basic financial liabilities	(125,100)	(112,384)

Basic financial assets are all investments (excluding investment properties), debtors plus cash in hand minus prepayments.

Basic financial liabilities are all creditors less due in less than one year plus creditors due in more than one year minus taxation payable.

	2020 £	2019 £
Financial assets measured at fair value	6,335,000	6,215,000

The entity's income, expense, gains and losses in respect of financial instruments are summarised below:

	2020 £	2019 £
Total dividend and interest income for basic financial assets	381,940	518,402
Total gains in respect of basic financial assets	221,295	2,258,937
Total gains in respect of financial assets measured at fair value	83,570	355,000

13. RELATED PARTIES

Two Governors (Mr K W Senior and Mr T R Ayling) are trustees of the Albert Memorial (Abingdon) Charity (Registered Charity no. 1076274) to whom the Charity paid £800 (2019: £800) during the year to help with the maintenance of the memorial in Albert Park, Abingdon.

Four Governors (Cllr Mrs H Pighills, Mayor Mr C Birks, Cllr Mrs C Briggs and Cllr Mrs M Crick) are members of the Abingdon Town Council which granted the Charity £4,100 (2019: £4,100) during the year towards the upkeep of Albert Park.

One Governor (Mr L King) is the Treasurer of The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity no. 1160080) which offers young people advice and counselling. During the year the Charity granted £27,090 (2019: £12,120) towards supporting their services to the people of Abingdon.

One Governor (Mayor Cllr Mr C Birks) being the Mayor organised an Over 70's Christmas party which the Charity contributed £Nil (2019: £400) towards.

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14. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2020</i>	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains	Transfers	At 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds						
- extraordinary repair fund	509,372	12,028	(2,098)	7,201	8,636	535,139
General funds	<u>8,452,311</u>	<u>664,619</u>	<u>(456,992)</u>	<u>100,500</u>	<u>(10,033)</u>	<u>8,750,405</u>
	<u>8,961,683</u>	<u>676,647</u>	<u>(459,090)</u>	<u>107,701</u>	<u>(1,397)</u>	<u>9,285,544</u>

Extraordinary Repair Fund

This fund has been set up by the Governors in response of the Almshouse Association's guidance to have a fund for each Almshouse to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the charities' Almshouses.

Transfers

The transfer from General Fund to Extraordinary Repair Fund is made in accordance with the recommendations of the Almshouse Association.

The transfer from General Funds to the Endowment Recoupment Funds is in accordance with the Recoupment Orders.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2020 £</i>	<i>Incoming resources £</i>	<i>Resources expended £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Transfers £</i>	<i>At 31 December 2020 £</i>
Albert Park grant	-	4,100	(4,100)	-	-	-
		4,100	(4,100)			
John Blacknall						
Church branch	29,401	-	(18,101)	416	11,886	23,602
Relief in need branch	437,717	31,847	(8,075)	6,188	(11,886)	455,791
	467,118	31,847	(26,176)	6,604	-	479,393
Richard Wrigglesworth						
Relief in need branch	119,180	6,337	(6,642)	1,685	1,195	121,755
Education	40,805	2,252	(168)	577	(1,195)	42,271
	159,985	8,589	(6,810)	2,262	-	164,026
Abingdon Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	204,660	33,355	(9,003)	2,893	(2,032)	229,873
Extraordinary repair	214,556	5,066	(884)	3,033	2,032	223,803
Relief in need branch	(36,890)	705	(8,461)	(522)	-	(45,168)
	382,326	39,126	(18,348)	5,404	-	408,508
Tomkins Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	115,828	58,921	(28,653)	1,638	(4,064)	143,670
Extraordinary repair	115,846	2,736	(477)	1,638	4,064	123,807
	231,674	61,657	(29,130)	3,276	-	267,477
Twitty's Almshouse						
Almshouse branch	13,173	19,769	(20,743)	186	(1,524)	10,861
Extraordinary repair	131,079	3,095	(540)	1,853	1,524	137,011
Legacy	845	20	(3)	12	-	874
	145,097	22,884	(21,286)	2,051	-	148,746
Total restricted funds	<u>1,386,200</u>	<u>168,203</u>	<u>(105,850)</u>	<u>19,597</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,468,150</u>

Almshouse branches

Funds for the provision and maintenance of almshouses and their residents.

Relief in Need branches

Funds available to support people in conditions of need, hardship or distress either individually or generally.

Extraordinary repair fund

Funds created in response to orders of the Charity Commissioners to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the charities' almshouses and other property.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)

The Charity of John Blacknall - Church branch

Income payable to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the Parish of St Nicolas applicable to the maintenance of the Church of St Nicolas, Abingdon.

The Charity of Richard Wigglesworth

Education Branch Funds available to assist with the Education of individuals under the age of 25 by way of exhibition, grant or towards preparing them for entry into a trade.

Transfers

The transfers to John Blacknall Church Branch and the Richard Wigglesworth Education Fund are made to meet the requirements of the Scheme of that Charity.

Transfers from Almshouse funds to Extraordinary Repair Funds are made in accordance with the recommendations of the Almshouse Association.

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16. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	<i>At 1 January 2020</i>	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains/ (Losses)	Transfers	<i>At 31 December 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Christ's Hospital						
Permanent	11,280,188	8,800	(160,895)	154,419	-	11,282,512
Capital recoupment						
- Order A	205,009	4,837	(6,583)	2,898	1,039	207,200
- Order B	<u>80,257</u>	<u>1,895</u>	<u>(2,577)</u>	<u>1,135</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>81,068</u>
	11,565,454	15,532	(170,055)	158,452	1,397	11,570,780
John Blacknall						
Permanent	<u>881,567</u>	-	<u>(28,305)</u>	<u>12,463</u>	-	<u>865,725</u>
Richard Wigglesworth						
Permanent	-					
- General	149,188	-	(4,790)	2,109	-	146,507
- Education	<u>54,560</u>	-	<u>(1,752)</u>	<u>771</u>	-	<u>53,579</u>
	203,748	-	(6,542)	2,880	-	200,086
Abingdon Almshouse						
Permanent						
- Almshouse branch	128,649	-	(4,131)	1,819	-	126,337
- Relief in need branch	<u>66,762</u>	-	<u>(2,143)</u>	<u>944</u>	-	<u>65,563</u>
	195,411	-	(6,274)	2,763	-	191,900
Tomkins Almshouse						
Permanent	<u>49,369</u>	-	<u>(1,585)</u>	<u>698</u>	-	<u>48,482</u>
Twitty's Almshouse						
Permanent	<u>22,298</u>	-	<u>(715)</u>	<u>315</u>	-	<u>21,898</u>
	<u>12,917,847</u>	<u>15,532</u>	<u>(213,476)</u>	<u>177,571</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>12,898,871</u>

Capital Recoupment Funds were set up in accordance with the Charity Commission Recoupment orders August 1984 and December 1984 to recoup the permanent endowment. The other Funds are permanent Endowment funds held in accordance with the restriction and used to generate restricted funds for the charity.

Transfers

Capital Recoupment Order 'A' sealed on the 13th December 1984 in the sum of £215,000 for 'land and buildings', repayment being £1,039.46 per annum for 53 years from the date of the Order.

Capital Recoupment Order 'B' sealed on the 21st August 1984 in the sum of £65,000 for 'provision of a service area in Albert Park', repayment being £0.55% per annum of the sum expended for 50 years from the date of the Order.

For both Orders the Trustees shall permit the dividends accruing to be invested thereon by way of accumulation until twelve months after the last payment.

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17. ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2020	Tangible Fixed assets £	Investment properties £	Investments £	Net current assets £	Total £
Endowed	1,910	6,335,000	6,561,961	-	12,898,871
Restricted	-	-	1,468,150	-	1,468,150
Unrestricted	<u>23,400</u>	-	<u>7,858,946</u>	<u>1,403,198</u>	<u>9,285,544</u>
	<u>25,310</u>	<u>6,335,000</u>	<u>15,889,057</u>	<u>1,403,198</u>	<u>23,652,565</u>

2019	Tangible Fixed assets £	Investment properties £	Investments £	Net current assets £	Total £
Endowed	53,935	6,215,000	6,648,912	-	12,917,847
Restricted	-	-	1,386,200	-	1,386,200
Unrestricted	<u>22,100</u>	-	<u>7,617,772</u>	<u>1,321,811</u>	<u>8,961,683</u>
	<u>76,035</u>	<u>6,215,000</u>	<u>15,652,884</u>	<u>1,321,811</u>	<u>23,265,730</u>

18. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO NET FUNDS

	2020 £	2019 £
(Decrease)/increase in cash during the year	(257,040)	34,287
Change in net funds	<u>(257,040)</u>	<u>34,287</u>
Net funds at 1 January 2020	<u>1,732,847</u>	<u>1,698,560</u>
Net funds at 31 December 2020	<u>1,475,807</u>	<u>1,732,847</u>

19. ANALYSIS OF NET FUNDS

	<i>Net funds at 1 January 2020</i> £	Cash change £	Net funds at 31 December 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	394,702	(30,347)	364,355
Cash awaiting investment	325,925	(238,492)	87,433
Cash deposits	<u>1,012,220</u>	<u>11,799</u>	<u>1,024,019</u>
	<u>1,732,847</u>	<u>(257,040)</u>	<u>1,475,807</u>

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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19. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – COMPARATIVES BY FUND TYPE

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019 £
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations	2	-	4,175	-	4,175
Investments	3	691,382	87,387	9,021	787,790
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
- contributions from Almspeople		97,990	92,879	-	190,869
Other		<u>677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,175</u>	<u>9,852</u>
<i>Total income and endowments</i>		<u>790,049</u>	<u>184,441</u>	<u>18,196</u>	<u>992,686</u>
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds	4	32,415	5,729	108,698	146,842
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
- Grants payable		146,187	20,812	-	166,999
- Provision of Almshouses		265,556	95,538	-	361,094
- Albert Park maintenance		<u>86,043</u>	<u>7,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,501</u>
<i>Total expenditure</i>	4	<u>530,201</u>	<u>129,537</u>	<u>108,698</u>	<u>768,436</u>
<i>Net gains/(loss) on investments</i>		<u>1,089,421</u>	<u>192,539</u>	<u>1,331,976</u>	<u>2,613,936</u>
<i>Net surplus/(deficit)</i>		<u>1,349,269</u>	<u>247,443</u>	<u>1,241,474</u>	<u>2,838,186</u>
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	14,16	<u>(1,397)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net movement in funds</i>		1,347,872	247,443	1,242,871	2,838,186
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>		<u>7,613,811</u>	<u>1,138,757</u>	<u>11,674,976</u>	<u>20,427,544</u>
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>		<u>8,961,683</u>	<u>1,386,200</u>	<u>12,917,847</u>	<u>23,265,730</u>