



THE WHITE ENSIGN ASSOCIATION LIMITED

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT **& AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED** **31 DECEMBER 2020**

Charity Registered No 206787

Company Registered No 00606887

Registered Office

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NAVY"**

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REPORT OF THE WHITE ENSIGN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

INTRODUCTION

1. The Council of Management presents herewith the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of The White Ensign Association Limited for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Report is set out in the format required by SORP 2019 and is designed to provide salient information on the Charity, its activities and its plans for the future.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Title & Registration

2. The registered name and number of the Charity is ‘**THE WHITE ENSIGN ASSOCIATION LIMITED**’ No: **206787**, (hereafter referred to as ‘WEA’ or ‘the Association’).

Registered Office

3. The registered office of the Association is HMS BELFAST, Tooley Street, London SE1 2JH.

The Trustees

4. The registered Trustees serving continuously between the periods 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2020 were as follows:

Commander L H L Batchelor RNR*

Mr S A Black*

Mr E W Byers*

The Lord Carlile of Berriew CBE QC*: **Chairman***

Mrs H Deeble CBE

Captain A P Gosling RNR

Vice Admiral Sir Adrian Johns KCB CBE DL

Commodore I Kennedy CBE QHNS

Miss S Murray OBE

Mr James Saunders-Watson DL*

Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope GCB OBE DL*: **Vice Chairman***

Admiral Sir George Michael ZAMBELLAS GCB DSC DL*

* Members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

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Vice Presidents

5. The following senior former members of the Council have been appointed Vice Presidents of the Association since relinquishing their duties as members of the Council and are still serving as such:

Mr J D Andrewes MA FCA
Sir Michael Bett CBE MA
Admiral Sir Jonathon Band GCB DL
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Boyce KG GCB OBE DL
Mr C J Cazalet MA FCA
Admiral Sir Michael Layard KCB CBE
Sir John Parker GBE
Sir Patrick Sergeant
Admiral Sir Jock Slater GCB LVO DL
Mr R J Taylor

Royal Patron

6. HRH The Prince of Wales is the Patron of The White Ensign Association, which was founded by his late great-uncle, Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

The Chief Executive and Staff

7. All permanent members of staff, with the exception of the Support Manager, have served in the Armed Forces and all are based in HMS BELFAST. The staff conduct a programme of visits to ships, submarines, naval shore establishments, naval air squadrons and Royal Marines units to fulfil various lecture programmes and undertake one-to-one counselling and casework.

8. The Chief Executive is Captain J P Lavery MVO Royal Navy, appointed by the Council with effect from 17th January 2012. The Chief Executive is supported by a Director of Finance (who is also the Company Secretary, Data Protection Manager and Regional Manager for Central England and Scotland), a Director of Employment Services, a Regional Manager South and a Regional Manager South West. Day to day administration and support of the charity's activity is carried out by the Administration & Support Manager.

Remuneration Policy Setting

9. Staff Remuneration is considered on an annual basis by the Nominations and Remuneration Committee (NRC) who consider proposals from the Chief Executive covering salary, travel allowances and any special bonus. The final award is then ratified by the Council of Management.

The Advisers

10. A panel of professional advisers has been formed to provide advice and guidance to clients of the Association. The names and details of the advisers are published in the charity's Annual Review and are listed on the Association's web site.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Constitution

11. The Association is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 24 June 1958 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

12. The Council is the Governing Body of the Association and consists of the elected trustees (see paragraph 4). It meets formally once a year and additionally as required.

The Finance & General Purposes Committee (F&GPC)

13. The Council has delegated day to day oversight of the Association's operations to the F&GPC, which meets twice a year and additionally as necessary.

Trustee Policy

14. The selection, induction, reviews and monitoring of trustees is overseen by the NRC as part of its remit from the Council and is charged with the nomination of suitable candidates to maintain the necessary breadth of expertise on the Council. A training programme, including a comprehensive presentation and staff briefing, has been prepared for trustee induction. During the period of this report the Association saw the retirement of two members of the Council of Management and welcomed three new trustees.

Risk Assessment and Compliance

15. During the year, the Council (through the F&GPC) has reviewed the full range of risks to which the Association could be exposed and the necessary management action to mitigate them. The Association has a Risk Management Plan, which integrates the ongoing assessment of risks into the day to day management processes of the company. A summary of the main risks associated with the Charity's activities are contained in the table below:

Risk Description	Mitigation and Notes
<u>Product.</u> Not meeting the needs of customers	Prepare and adopt a Strategic Plan to shape and adapt business output to reflect and anticipate market requirement. Continually improve, update and augment guidance and advice available.
<u>Finance.</u> Significant loss of income	Regular monitoring by the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Consideration of fresh initiatives to increase income and control expenditure. Maintenance of long-term investment funding at levels to meet a projected future running costs.
<u>Regulatory Compliance.</u> Damage to reputation and risk of FCA investigation and potential closure.	Company business procedures to reflect legislative and regulatory changes relating to Company Law, Charity Commission regulations, Bribery Act 2010 and FCA guidelines. Staff to guard against inadvertent passing of financial advice or opinion that does not reflect the considered view of the Association. GDPR compliance strictly enforced and closely monitored.
<u>Business Continuity.</u> Inability to conduct business.	Business Continuity Plan to be reviewed regularly. Regular review of staff availability to ensure maintenance of national coverage at reasonable levels.
<u>Relevance.</u> Resulting in a reduction in demand for the Association's services.	Staff to monitor MOD activity and charity sector networks for indications of strategic market changes and the entry of newcomers. Maintain presence and visibility at all appropriate Service Charity and MOD events

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Public Benefit

16. The Council has referred to the advice contained in the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Association's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Association's charitable services, which are provided free, are available to all who have served in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, the QARNNS or the Reserve Forces from the time they join the Service until they die. The Association's services may also be accessed by dependants and the WEA will always endeavour to advise and assist people who approach the charity for help, but who may not have a Royal Navy or Royal Marines background.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Objects

17. The principal objects of the Association are to assist and promote the interests of those who are serving or have at any time served in the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Royal Naval or Royal Marines Reserves, in the former Women's Royal Naval Service, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service or the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, in such ways as shall from time to time be thought fit, and in particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by providing:

- a. General guidance in connection with investments, house purchase, insurance (including educational costs and school fees), pensions and commutation.
- b. Appropriate advice and guidance, through employment services, to deliver enduring support to both individuals preparing for, and to those seeking, civilian employment, including the establishment of small businesses.
- c. General information and advice to those leaving the Service and seeking to settle in civilian life.
- d. Information and advice on general personal administrative matters in suitable cases appropriate to the position and facilities of the Association.

18. It should be noted that the Association does not make grants but facilitates and supports applications to other appropriate charities or organisations when, in the course of its welfare work, it comes across such cases of need.

Summary of Policies

19. The Association's policies have been designed to achieve these objects by providing the basic infrastructure to enable all those in the Naval Services (or who have served in them) seeking assistance with civilian employment, resettlement, investment, financial planning and general personal administration matters to obtain appropriate information, guidance, contacts and opportunities through:

- a. A comprehensive counselling service, with a programme of regular visits to all major Royal Navy bases, shore establishments and Royal Marines units. Visits are also made to air squadrons and ships and submarines of the Fleet as requested.
- b. Personal interviews in HMS BELFAST. Home visits are made in appropriate cases, for example to widows, wounded or injured personnel and to the disabled.

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- c. Services for the provision of lectures on transition, resettlement and financial awareness for members of the Royal Navy.
- d. The creation of opportunities for senior directors and managers from commerce and industry to visit RN and RM ships and establishments to acquaint them at first hand with the skills and qualities of Service personnel.
- e. Other activities, including arranging meetings for clients with the Association's panel of professional advisors, facilitating networking connections, presenting briefings and organising events.

Membership Schemes

20. The Association had two categories of membership:

Company Member - Annual Fee: £400 + VAT or £500 + VAT depending upon size of the company

Individual (Life) Membership – Offered to those who make either a significant financial or personal contribution

21. The Association had 64 subscribing company members and 145 individual members on 31 December 2020.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Overview

22. Over the last 18 months the Association, has tried to maintain its usual activity in support of its charitable objectives whilst coping with the implications and outcomes of the COVID 19 pandemic. During what has been an extended reporting period caused by the restructuring of governance oversight within the Association, 9 months has been at “normal running” and the remainder has been under COVID travel and social distancing restrictions which led to the cancellation of most of the year's planned engagement and external programme. The result of the latter has been a significant reduction in face to face interviews and briefings and a move to a digital format for much of the charity's interaction with clients. This new format has both allowed the WEA to maintain its profile and offer even greater flexible services at a time when much of the country and sector were adjusting to dramatic changes in work and wider lifestyle norms. Remote and digital working for much of 2020 has focussed attention on updating internal systems and processes to ensure that we are well placed to keep pace and relevancy with our client base and sector as working practices and expectations adjust to new routines and behaviours in a post COVID 19 environment. Investment in new IT equipment, cybersecurity protocols and a new casework management system and website (to be introduced in Q1 of 2021) has further enhanced the Association's services and abilities in this environment.

23. Engagement in the wider armed forces charitable sector remains a priority, where the WEA continues to actively contribute to a number of cross charity initiatives. The COVID crisis has forged much closer links between the naval charities who have all been involved in providing new services and support to our community and the Association has developed several new joint projects to support particularly vulnerable groupings with the RNRMC and RMA. As one of the few external bodies invited by the MOD to assist in pensions development and communication the charity is a key contributor to the development of the department's strategy following the McCleod judgment.

Work Summary

23. Work over the year comprised (2018/19 figures in parenthesis for comparison):

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Advice, Assistance and Information: There were 1527 (942) direct requests for assistance or information from members of staff whilst 1789 (1228) individuals registered on the website or asked for help for the first time.

Interviews: 290 (474) personal interviews were conducted.

Visits: 226 (235) visits to ships, units, establishments and individuals were carried out.

Lectures: 189(202) lectures were provided to audiences totalling 3610 (3581) people – financial awareness 1577, transition preparation 1029 and other topics 1004.

24. The COVID pandemic effects have undoubtedly decreased the numbers of individuals the charity has interacted with over the past 18 months. Much of the decline relates directly to the inability to carryout unit level briefings for much of 2020. Individual client approaches have remained proportionately similar to previous years but the lack of personal interview opportunities, and the convenience this provides to our client base has influenced activity during the summer months. The split between officers and ratings who use our services has seen a slight increase in the proportion of enquiries and clients from ratings and other ranks (72%) with a matching reduction from the officer corps (28%). The split between RN and RM remains just over 3:1 which corresponds to the wider service split between dark blue and lovat. The amount of work undertaken on behalf of non-uniformed clients with veterans, families and dependants has increased to 21%, the bulk of which is associated assistance to veterans.

25. The subject of enquiries to the WEA has remained relatively unchanged with employment related topics forming the single largest proportion (55%). Personal finance and pension questions accounted for 27% with pension queries still the largest area of concern (22%). The remainder of staff activity has been evenly split between more general resettlement issues and broad life challenges including 4% on medical discharges and 5% on divorce and legal issues.

Events

26. The Annual General Meeting was held in London on 14th November 2019 at HMS PRESIDENT in London.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the Year

27. The Association increased its revenue substantially due to a magnificent donation from our late President, whilst maintaining similar expenditure to the previous reporting period. This huge increase in unrestricted donation income resulted in an operating surplus on 31 December 2020 of £4,764,161. This surplus included unrealised gains of £56,694 in investments to leave a retained surplus of £6,220,796.

Balance Between Direct Charitable Costs and Overheads

28. The allocation of costs between the main functional areas laid down by the Charity Commission is based on analysis of overall activity levels and cost and time by value, spent on individual and collective tasks. The major item of expenditure is the cost of staff and 88% of staff time by value is spent on the primary output of the Charity (interviewing, casework and lecturing) and is therefore categorised as ‘activities in furtherance of the charity's objects’. The overall balance between direct charitable output and overheads and running costs is considered reasonable.

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Investment Policy

29. The Association's investment policy is to build up over time sufficient reserves to secure its long-term future. Cazenove Capital Management manage all the Association's investment funds with set objectives to preserve the real value of the capital while producing income to finance charitable needs.

Designated Endowment Fund

30. The White Ensign Association Designated Endowment Fund was set up following receipt of two major donations in September 1995. The purpose of the Fund is to help secure the long-term future of the Association and the income is used to fund continuing activities.

31. The Trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties which would affect the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees review this issue on a regular basis

Policy on Reserves

32. The Association depends for its financial viability on donations. Donation income, which by its nature is uncertain, supplements the returns from the Association's investments. The Association's policy on reserves is to maintain a value matching assessed operating costs for an extended period to allow for continued support to existing clients in the event of a significant reduction in current anticipated donation levels. The Charity's Reserves held at the year-end date are above the Reserves policy. The Charity's policy on Reserves and their disposal are regularly reviewed taking into account investment advice and market volatility.

COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Financial Statements

33. Company law requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Council is required to:

- (a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement;
- (d) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

Accounting Records

34. The Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose fairly and accurately at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charity Commission Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Auditors

35. A resolution to appoint new auditors will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

THE FUTURE

36. The Council of Management will continue to strive to ensure that the Association maintains a suite of services to the sailors, marines, both present and past, and their families, that remains relevant and of value. Specific areas of the Service and locations will be targeted to ensure that awareness of the Association remains high, whilst further opportunities for closer working relationships within the wider service charity sector will continue to be explored. The Association's principal aims and objectives for the next 5 years, along with specific undertakings for 2021-21 are detailed within the White Ensign Strategic Plan, which is published on the WEA website.

By order of the Council

J P Lavery MVO
Chief Executive

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Income		5,424,879	462,571
Gains/(Losses) on investments		56,694	38,366
		<u>5,481,573</u>	<u>500,937</u>
Expenditure		<u>(717,412)</u>	<u>(702,237)</u>
Net Income/(expenditure) before tax for the reporting period		4,764,161	(201,300)
Tax Payable		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the financial year		<u>4,764,161</u>	<u>(201,300)</u>

All income relates to unrestricted funds.

A detailed analysis of income and expenditure by source is provided in the Statement of Financial Activities and the notes to the financial statements.

The notes on pages 15 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31st December 2020

		Unrestricted Funds	
	Notes	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>			
Donations	2	5,279,402	237,223
Charitable Activities : Fees		-	24,570
Other Trading activities:			
Subscriptions		42,270	23,100
Investment income		50,740	45,762
Other income		52,467	131,916
Total		<u>5,424,879</u>	<u>462,571</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds	5	22,966	16,784
Charitable activities	5	593,333	623,235
Other Costs (including publicity)	5	101,113	62,218
Total		<u>717,412</u>	<u>702,237</u>
Net Gains/ (Losses) on investments		<u>56,694</u>	<u>38,366</u>
Net (expenditure)		4,764,161	(201,300)
Transfers between funds		-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>4,764,161</u>	<u>(201,300)</u>
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>			
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,456,635</u>	<u>1,657,935</u>
Total funds carried forward at 30th June 2019	10	<u>6,220,796</u>	<u>1,456,635</u>

The company has no recognised gains and losses for the year other than those shown above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

The notes on pages 15 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

Company No. 00606887

	Notes	Total Funds 2020		Total Funds 2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		8,258		-
Investments	7		3,602,983		1,355,188
Total fixed assets			3,611,241		1,355,188
Current assets					
Debtors	8		2,847		29,691
Cash at bank and in hand			2,632,128		109,064
Total current assets			2,634,975		138,755
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9		(25,420)		(37,308)
Net current assets			2,609,555		101,447
Total net assets or liabilities			6,220,796		1,456,635
General funds	10		6,220,796		1,456,635
Restricted funds	10		-		-
Total charity funds			6,220,796		1,456,635

The financial statements on pages 12 to 21 were approved by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, on behalf of the Council of Management on 25th March 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Lord Carlile of Berriew CBE QC
Chairman & Member of the Council of Management

Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope GCB OBE DL
Vice Chairman & Member of the Council of Management

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Notes to the financial statements – 31st December 2020

1 Principal Accounting Policies.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and follow the recommendations of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

a Basis of accounting

Monetary values are calculated under the historical cost convention modified by the inclusion of investments at their aggregated quoted market value.

b Income

Subscriptions for the Company Membership scheme, RN Lecture program, listed investments and bank interest are credited to income on an accruals basis. Income from donations is credited on a cash received basis.

c Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis so as to write off fixed assets over their expected useful lives. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are:

Equipment	25%
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d Investments

The investment assets have been shown at market value in the period ending 31st December 2020 with the comparatives for the year ending 30th June 2019 also shown at their market value. The revaluation surplus has been shown on the statement of financial activities as net realised and unrealised gain on investment assets.

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e Endowment and unrestricted funds

The Trustees set aside at their discretion designated sums forming part of the Association's unrestricted funds to be used for maintaining future activities of the Association. Such sums are described and disclosed as Designated Endowment Fund. The Trustees have the power to reallocate such funds within the unrestricted funds unless and until expended.

f Pension

individuals pension provision by making a monthly payment to the individual. This payment is for the individual to make provision for their pension on a personal basis.

g Functional classification of expenditure

Each component of expenditure is analysed by time and cost, based on task and activity and allocated proportionately to the prime functional areas laid down by the Charity Commission in SORP 2019.

2 Donation income

In common with many other charities of similar size and organisation, a proportion of income is derived from donations which cannot be fully controlled until they are entered into the accounting records. In the opinion of the Council of Management this does not constitute a significant uncertainty in the preparation of the accounts.

3 Emoluments of Council of Management Members

No emoluments were paid during the year to any member of the Council of Management.

4 Employee information

	2020 Number	2019 Number
The average monthly number of persons employed during the year was:	6	6

The emoluments of one employee exceeded £100,000

The emoluments of two employees exceeded £60,000

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs (for the above persons):		
Wages and salaries (including holiday pay provision)	461,872	330,555
Social security costs	57,564	37,609
Pension costs	25,448	15,290
	544,884	383,454

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

Total employee benefits (including employer's National Insurance contributions, Pension contributions and other benefits) paid to the key management personnel (Chief Executive and Finance Director), totalled £196,181 in the year. (2019: £191,713)

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Notes to the financial statements – 31st December 2020

5 Analysis of total resources expended(*)

	Cost of Raising Funds £	Activities on the Charity's Objects £	Other Costs £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Staff costs (inc pensions)	21,795	479,498	43,591	544,884	383,454
Communications (incl IT, Printing, Postage)	-	40,068	13,356	53,424	13,134
Rent, rates, light & heat	-	10,562	3,521	14,083	11,445
General expenses	-	-	1,541	1,541	676
Travel/Corp Hosting/Training	1,171	22,252	-	23,423	26,288
Events	-	40,953	-	40,953	243,092
Auditors remuneration	-	-	3,990	3,990	4,065
Depreciation	-	-	2,872	2,872	-
Investment Fund Management Fee	-	-	9,900	9,900	7,711
Bank Charges	-	-	63	63	61
Insurance	-	-	4,053	4,053	1,650
Public relations	-	-	18,227	18,227	10,661
	22,966	593,333	101,113	717,412	702,237

(*) Note: The White Ensign Association is not a grant awarding charity and no grants have been paid in furtherance of the charity's objects.

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Notes to the financial statements – 31st December 2020

6	Tangible fixed assets	2020	2019
		£	£
		Office	Office
		Equipment	Equipment
		£	£
	Costs		
	As at 1 July 2019	28,918	28,918
	Additions	11,130	-
	Disposals	-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
	As at 31st December 2020	<u>40,048</u>	<u>28,918</u>
	Depreciation		
	As at 1 July 2019	28,918	28,918
	Disposals	-	-
	Charge for year	2,872	-
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	As at 31st December 2020	<u>(31,790)</u>	<u>(28,918)</u>
	Net book value		
	31st December 2020	8,258	-
	30 June 2019	-	-

7	Fixed asset investments	2020	2019
		£	£
	Classification of investments at market value:		
	Fixed interest - Bonds	141,719	172,464
	Equities (mainly common investment funds)	907,132	1,082,724
	Cash held as part of investment portfolio	2,554,132	100,000
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		<u>3,602,983</u>	<u>1,355,188</u>

The acquisition costs of the above investments were £3,399,140 (2019: £1,148,564)

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	2020	2019
	£	£
8 Debtors		
Membership Fees	1,500	1,300
<i>Other Debtors:</i>		
Pre-paid rent	-	10,786
Pre-paid travel	-	2,638
Pre-paid Insurance	1,347	-
Event Paid in advance	-	14,967
	<u>2,847</u>	<u>29,691</u>
	<u>2,847</u>	<u>29,691</u>
9 Creditors- amounts falling due within one year		
	2020	2019
	£	£
VAT creditor	2,136	2,136
Holiday pay entitlement	7,288	31,296
Other creditors	15,996	3,876
	<u>25,420</u>	<u>37,308</u>
	<u>25,420</u>	<u>37,308</u>

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Notes to the financial statements – 31st December 2020

10 (a) Analysis of funds balances

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds	5,440,796	676,635
Restricted funds	-	-
Designated funds	780,000	780,000
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	6,220,796	1,456,635
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(b) Net movement in general fund balances during the financial year.

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £
As at 1st July 2019	-	676,635	780,000	1,456,635
Net Movement in general funds	<hr/> -	<hr/> 4,764,161	<hr/> -	<hr/> 4,764,161
As at 31st December 2020	<hr/> -	<hr/> 5,440,796	<hr/> 780,000	<hr/> 6,220,796
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11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund Balances at 31st December 2020 are represented by	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	8,258	-	8,258	-
Investments	2,822,983	780,000	3,602,983	1,355,188
Current assets	2,634,975	-	2,634,975	138,755
Current liabilities	(25,420)	-	(25,420)	(37,308)
Total Net Assets	<hr/> 5,440,796	<hr/> 780,000	<hr/> 6,220,796	<hr/> 1,456,635
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12 Net movement in funds

	2020 £	2019 £
This is stated after charging:		
Audit fees (including VAT)	3,990	3,876
Depreciation of fixed assets	<hr/> -	<hr/> -
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

<u>Statement of cash flows</u>	Total funds 2020 £	Prior year funds 2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>	4,674,555	(304,779)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	50,740	45,762
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(11,130)	-
Movement in investments	(2,191,101)	327,711
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</i>	<u>2,523,064</u>	<u>68,694</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayments of borrowing	-	-
Cash inflow from new borrowing	-	-
Receipt of endowment	-	-
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</i>	<u>2,523,064</u>	<u>68,694</u>
<i>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</i>	2,523,064	68,694
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	109,064	40,370
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to exchange rate movements	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>2,632,128</u>	<u>109,064</u>

Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

<i>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</i>	4,764,161	(201,300)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	2,872	-
(Gains)/Losses on investments	(56,694)	(38,366)
Dividends, interest and rent from investments	(50,740)	(45,762)
Loss/(profit) on the sale of fixed assets	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	26,844	(25,061)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(11,888)	5,710
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>	<u>4,674,555</u>	<u>(304,779)</u>

<u>Analysis of cash and cash equivalents</u>	Total funds 2020	Prior year funds 2019
Cash in hand	2,632,128	109,064
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	-	-
Overdraft facility repayable on demand	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>2,632,128</u>	<u>109,064</u>

THE WHITE ENSIGN ASSOCIATION LIMITED
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Independent Auditors' Report to the members of The White Ensign Association Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The White Ensign Association Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st December 2020 which comprises the Income and Expenditure Account, the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the Statement of Cashflows. 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31st December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 Companies Act 2006.

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 charitable company 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:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees 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, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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Independent Auditors' Report to the members of The White Ensign Association Limited (continued)

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; 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 trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 trustees 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 trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company'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 trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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.

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

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date