

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT AND CHILDREN'S FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 214244

Details

Other names CATENIAN ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT FUNDS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-01-14

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

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Activities

Objects: THE MANAGING TRUSTEES SHALL APPLY THE INCOME OF THE CHARITY AND, AT THEIR DISCRETION, THE WHOLE OR ANY PART OF ITS CAPITAL IN: A) RELIEVING NEED AMONGST MEMBERS OF THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION, THE DEPENDANTS OF MEMBERS OF THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION, THE DEPENDANTS OF FORMER MEMBERS OF THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION AND THE DEPENDANTS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION, WHO ARE (IN EACH CASE) IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS (THE "PRIMARY CLASS OF BENEFICIARIES"), BY MAKING GRANTS OF MONEY OR PROVIDING LOANS, WHETHER SECURED OR UNSECURED AND EITHER WITHOUT INTEREST OR AT SUCH RATE OF INTEREST AS THE MANAGING TRUSTEES MAY DECIDE, OR PROVIDING ITEMS, SERVICES OR FACILITIES CALCULATED TO REDUCE THE NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS OF SUCH PERSONS (WHETHER BY PAYMENT FOR OR TOWARDS OR REIMBURSEMENT OF ALL OR PART OF THE COST OF SUCH ITEMS, SERVICES OR FACILITIES, OR OTHERWISE); B) IF AND TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE RESOURCES OF THE CHARITY ARE NOT USED FOR THE PURPOSE SET OUT IN A), RELIEVING NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS AMONG OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, BY SUPPORTING SUCH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES AS THE MANAGING TRUSTEES MAY SELECT, IN PARTICULAR BY MAKING GRANTS OF MONEY OR PROVIDING LOANS, WHETHER SECURED OR UNSECURED AND EITHER WITHOUT INTEREST OR AT SUCH RATE OF INTEREST AS THE MANAGING TRUSTEES MAY DECIDE; AND C) IF AND TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE RESOURCES OF THE CHARITY ARE NOT USED FOR THE PURPOSES SET OUT IN A) AND B), RELIEVING NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS AMONG OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BY SUPPORTING SUCH OTHER CHARITIES AS THE MANAGING TRUSTEES MAY SELECT, IN PARTICULAR BY MAKING GRANTS OF MONEY OR PROVIDING LOANS, WHETHER SECURED OR UNSECURED AND EITHER WITHOUT INTEREST OR AT SUCH RATE OF INTEREST AS THE MANAGING TRUSTEES MAY DECIDE.

Activities: The provision of monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association and their dependants including dependants of deceased members of the Catenian Association who are in need.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Australia
- Malta
- Scotland
- South Africa
- Zimbabwe
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£914,356	£1,347,162	£8,823,766	1
2024-03-31	£459,588	£1,309,593	-	-
2023-03-31	£894,537	£763,905	£9,520,768	1
2022-03-31	£700,414	£887,306	£9,861,239	1
2021-03-31	£1,025,810	£726,009	£9,229,979	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Cawdery		2014-02-24
Denis Murphy		2021-07-20
Dr David Brinkley		2021-07-20
Jean Harkin		2024-01-16
John Colligan		2019-07-17
John Hogan		2015-07-21
KEVIN MICHAEL RAFFERTY		2020-07-21
PETER JAMES PATRICK DEVINE		2014-02-24
RICHARD MARK SUTTON ALLANSON		

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Charity Commission Annual Return 2025

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT AND CHILDREN'S FUND

Charity registration number: 214244

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This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2025.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/04/2024

Financial period end date

31/03/2025

Income and spending

Income £

£ 914,356

Spending £

£ 1,347,162

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Corporate donations

What was the value of your charity's single highest value donation received from a corporate donor during the financial period of this return?

£ 57,346

Donations from individuals

What was the value of your charity's single highest value donation received from an individual during the financial period of this return?

£ 300

Donations from related parties

What was the value of your charity's single highest value donation received from a related party during the financial period of this return?

£ 250

Grantmaking

Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?

No

Recipients of grants

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).

Individuals

£ 288,199

Other charities

£ 0

Other organisations that are not charities

£ 0

Grant recipients related parties

Are any of the grant recipients related parties to the charity?

No

Trustee payments

Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?

e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

Yes

Select the countries your charity delivered charitable activities outside the United Kingdom

Australia, South Africa, Zimbabwe

Written agreements with partners outside UK

Does your charity have formal written agreements in place with any partners delivering charitable activities on its behalf outside of the United Kingdom?

No

Spending outside of the United Kingdom

Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

Yes

Select countries/territories your charity operated in during the financial period covered by this annual return

Australia

South Africa

Zimbabwe

We recommend you select "Save" regularly to avoid losing any values entered.

Australia

£ 95,930

South Africa

£ 0

Zimbabwe

£ 24,088

Total Spending outside of the United Kingdom

£ 120,018

Overseas spending outside the regulated banking system

How was money transferred outside of the United Kingdom by your charity in the financial period of this return?

(Tick all that apply)

Money Service Businesses (MSBs)

Methods of money transfer

How much money did your charity send in total outside of the United Kingdom using a method other than the regulated banking system in the financial period for this return?

£ 227,065

Trading subsidiaries

Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?

No

Property

Were any of your charity's properties held by holding or custodian trustees on behalf of your charity (excluding the Official Custodian) during the financial period for this return?

No

Employment contract types

People were permanently employed by your charity

1

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity

0

Self-employed people were working for your charity

0

Total overseas employees

How many of the people above work on behalf of your charity outside of the United Kingdom?

0

Total employee payroll

What was the total amount spent on employee payroll during the financial period relating to this return?

£ 34,083

Employees' salaries

Did any of your charity's employees receive total employment benefits of £60,000 or more in the financial period of this annual return?

No

Governance policies

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures

Yes

Safeguarding policy and procedures

Not applicable

Financial reserves policy and procedures

Yes

Complaints policy and procedures

Not applicable

Serious incident reporting policy and procedures

Yes

Internal risk management policy and procedures

Yes

Trustee expenses policy and procedures

Yes

Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures

Yes

Investing charity funds policy and procedures

Yes

Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures

Not applicable

Bullying and harassment policy and procedures

No

Social media policy and procedures

Not applicable

Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures

Not applicable

Safeguarding

Has your charity provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return?

No

Serious Incidents

Has your charity reported all Serious Incidents (including any historical incidents) that the charity became aware of during the financial period of this return?

There were no incidents to report

External risk and impact

Donations

No impact

Other income - grants

Not applicable

Other income - contracts

Not applicable

Other income - investment

Negative

Expenditure on charitable activities

Negative

Expenditure on overheads

Negative

Number of volunteers

No impact

Number of employees

No impact

Number of trustees

No impact

Fundraising activities

Not applicable

Capacity to deliver services

No impact

Total service demand

No impact

Volunteers

Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?

PART B - Financial information

Account type

Does your charity prepare:

Charity only accounts

Assets

Total fixed assets

£ 8,493,992

**Of the total fixed assets
what value is Fixed asset investments**

£ 8,493,992

Total current assets

£ 437,213

**Of the total current assets
what value is Current asset
investments**

£ 0

**Of the total current assets
what value is Cash at bank and in hand**

£ 409,692

Liabilities

Creditors due within 1 year

£ 107,439

**Creditors falling due after one year and
provisions**

£ 0

**Defined benefit pension scheme
asset/(liability)**

 This figure should be prefixed with a minus symbol if
it is a negative value

£ 0

Total net assets/(liabilities)

£ 8,823,766

Funds

Endowment funds

£ 0

Restricted funds

£ 0

Unrestricted funds

£ 8,823,766

Total Funds

£ 8,823,766

Additional information

Support costs

£ 51,001

Level of reserves

£ 8,823,766

Depreciation charge for the year

£ 0

Average number of employees

1

Income and endowments

Donations & legacies

£ 57,346

**Of the total donations & legacies
what amount is Endowments received**

£ 0

Investment income

£ 284,537

Other income

£ 0

**Of the total donations & legacies
what amount is Legacies**

£ 500

Other trading activities

£ 0

Income from charitable activities

£ 0

Total Income and endowments

£ 341,883

Expenditure

Expenditure on raising funds

£ 21,987

Other expenditure

£ 0

**Of the total expenditure on charitable
activities
what value is Grants to institutions**

£ 0

**Of the total expenditure on raising
funds
what value is Investment management
costs**

£ 21,987

Expenditure on charitable activities

£ 1,325,175

**Of the total expenditure on charitable
activities
what value is Governance costs**

£ 96,000

Total Expenditure

£ 1,347,162

Gains/(losses)

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets

This figure should be prefixed with the minus symbol if it is a negative value.

£ -168,823

Net gains/(losses) on investments

This figure should be prefixed with the minus symbol if it is a negative value.

£ 301,615

Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes

This figure should be prefixed with the minus symbol if it is a negative value.

£ 0

Other gains/(losses)

This figure should be prefixed with the minus symbol if it is a negative value.

£ 0

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- **you have consented to their release; or**
- **we are legally obliged to disclose them; or**
- **we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.**

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- **we can lawfully do so; and**
- **we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest**

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;**
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;**
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes**

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT AND CHILDREN'S FUND

England & Wales - Charity number 214244

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The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2024

Charity number: 214244

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

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The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Reference and administrative details

Charity number	214244	
Registered and principal office	5 Oak Court Pilgrims Walk Prologis Park COVENTRY CV6 4QH	
Trustees	J. Hogan D. Cawdery R.M.S. Allanson D.C. Brinkley J.H. Colligan P. Devine J. Harkin D. Murphy K.M. Rafferty	(Chairman) (Vice Chairman)
Clerk to the managing trustees	P. Roberts	
Members of the investment sub-committee	R.M.S. Allanson D. Cawdery T. Ryan	Trustee, retired investment manager Trustee Retired stockbroker
Independent auditors	Cocke, Vellacott & Hill Unit 28 City Business Centre Lower Road LONDON SE16 2XU	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank p.l.c P.O. Box 101 3rd Floor, 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP	
Investment adviser	BRI Wealth Management PLC BRI House Elm Court Meriden Business Park COVENTRY CV5 9RL	
Solicitors	Shakespeare Martineau LLP Solicitors Two Colton Square Leicester LE1 1QH	Stone King LLP Boundary House 91 Charterhouse Street London EC1M 6H

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Trustees' report
for the ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Scheme approved and established by the Charity Commissioners on 29 May 1991 as amended by s280 resolution dated 28 July 2016 and scheme dated 9 February 2021 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing instruments

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (the Fund) is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 214244 and is governed by the Scheme approved and established by the Charity Commissioners on 29th May 1991 as amended aforesaid.

Trustee recruitment

Trustees are appointed by the Central Council of The Catenian Association from a list of Catenian applicants.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are appointed by the Central Council, bearing in mind their experience with other charities and their general professional background. Each receives a copy of the Scheme document, copies of the minutes of the last two meetings and a copy of an application form, followed by explanations of the procedures at subsequent meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Organisation Structure

The trustees meet at least four times in a year and have a mechanism for urgent consideration outside scheduled meetings and are assisted with investment policies by the Investment sub-committee. The Investment sub-committee is formed under the authority of the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund and its membership comprises of Trustees of that Fund together with a number of non-trustees with specialist knowledge and experience.

The function of the sub-committee is the management of the investment portfolio, undertaking sales and purchases as deemed necessary, with the overreaching intent of safeguarding investments, while seeking balanced capital growth and income. The sub-committee meets at least four times per year and has a mechanism for urgent consideration outside scheduled meetings.

The Fund's investments and bank accounts are administered by Catena Trustees Limited, a company limited by guarantee and without a share capital. See note 12 for more details and related party transactions.

The trustees who served during the year are:

J. Hogan	(Chairman)	P. Devine	
R.M.S. Allanson		J. Harkin	(appointed 16 January 2024)
D.C. Brinkley		D. Murphy	
D. Cawdery	(Vice chairman)	K.M. Rafferty	
J.H. Colligan			

Risk review

The trustees have conducted their own risk review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

The trustees have identified a risk of harm following the upholding of a complaint against a senior officer of the Appointing Council. This was reported to the Charity Commission as a Serious Incident with a series of proposed actions to reduce the risk in future. It is anticipated that this matter will be resolved in the near future. However, until the matter is fully resolved with the Appointing Council the risk remains.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Trustees' report (continued)
for the ended 31 March 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund provides monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association and their dependants including dependants of deceased and former members of the Catenian Association who are in need.

As part of the fulfilment of its charitable objectives, the charity makes some long-term loans to members of the Catenian Association or their dependants on a secured basis. Such loans are made according to the merits of individual applicants. See note 8 (b) for more details.

Strategies

The availability of monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association of the charity is advertised throughout the Catenian Association, on the internet, through provinces and circles, by leaflet and on the charity's website <https://catenianbenevolence.org>.

Activities

During the year, the charity has continued to provide monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association and their dependants who are in financial difficulties and who have applied to the charity for assistance.

Public Benefit

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The paragraphs in this report show the aims and objectives of this charity and activities of the year.

Income is received by personal donation from members of the Catenian Association together with investment income from investments held. Applications for grants and loans are made by members of the Association or their dependants or dependants of deceased members or former members after due local process. Meetings of the trustees are held at least four times a year to consider the cases and payment is made to or on behalf of the claimant, by grant or loan. In special emergency cases a representative committee is employed.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund has made grants to twenty (20) individual beneficiaries (2023- nineteen (19)) totalling £214,482 during the year (2023- £174,289). In addition to the grants, the charity has provided monetary assistance to eighteen (18) (2023- sixteen (16)) members in difficulty or need in the form of unsecured loans amounting to £980,785 (2023- £488,426).

During the year, no new first charge loans were made (2023- none), no existing first charge loan values were increased (2023- none), four (4) unsecured loans were converted to first charge loans totalling £135,132 (2023- four (4) totalling £418,139) and three (3) repaid their first charge loans in full amounting to £82,845 (2023- two (2) repaid £47,000), two (2) secured loans were partly paid- repayment of £5,400 (2023 – one (1) partly paid £4,142). At the year end there were thirty (30) first charge loans (2023- twenty nine (29)) shown in the accounts amounting to £1,258,535 (2023- £1,211,647) and these are shown in note 8 (b) to the accounts, as programme related investments.

The trustees consider the investment performance achieved against the investment growth objectives to be good amidst stock market volatility due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Ukrainian war, the cost of living and inflationary crisis in 2023 and early 2024.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Trustees' report (continued)
for the ended 31 March 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

The assets of the Fund are £9,125,580 (2023- £9,520,768). This amount is made up as follows;

- The Investment Fund of £7,877,861 (2023- £8,166,178), cash of £169,869 (2023- £162,844) and current debtors (Gift Aid relief) of £12,506 (2023- £1,494) less accrued commitments of £193,190 (2023- £21,035). These items total £7,867,046 (2023- £8,309,481) and under Charity Commission Guidance are called Reserves, namely funds available to the Trustees for use in the furtherance of the Objects of the Charity.
- Loans to beneficiaries that are secured by a 1st Charge (mortgage) of £1,258,534 (2023- £1,211,647). Under Charity Commission Guidance, these loans are considered Social Investments, namely funds that have been used already in the furtherance of the Objects of the Charity that may in due course come back to the Charity. The timing of the return of these assets is not under the control of the Trustees and they are not therefore considered as part of the Reserves.

Unsecured loans made to beneficiaries are not considered to be assets. They are charitable loans and are made to people in financial need who do not have access to funds including normal affordable sources of credit. They are therefore high risk and may be redesignated as grants. Many will be repaid in due course but how many and when they will be are so uncertain that their value cannot be realistically estimated. Such loans are treated as expenditure when they are made and as income if and when they are repaid.

Financial review

Results for the year

Details of the income and expenditure for the year are shown in the statement of financial activities on page 9. Donations and legacies of £65,678 (2023- £72,301) and investment income totalling £303,586 (2023- £355,462) were received during the year. Investment brokers' fees came to £16,670 (2023- £12,986).

Grants and non-secured loans given to individuals during the year amounted to £1,195,268 (2023- £662,715). Recoveries of grants and non-secured loans amounted to £90,324 (2023- £466,774). Other charitable support and governance costs came to £97,656 (2023- £61,204).

Net expenditure amounted to £304,655 (2023- net income of £141,289) in the year under review after taking into account realised gains on investments of £545,350 (2023- losses £16,343). Net movement in funds transferred to/(from) the accumulated fund totalled £396,988 (2023- transferred to- £340,471) after including unrealised losses on investments of £92,333 (2023- unrealised losses of £481,760).

Investments policy and performance

Investments are held with a view to providing a balanced capital growth and income. Investment income amounted to £303,586 (2023- £355,462). All investments held by the charity have been acquired in accordance with the powers available to the trustees. Movements in fixed asset investments are shown in note 8 (a) to the financial statements. The market value of shares held decreased by 3% to £7,877,861 (2023- £8,166,178) as a result of additions of £nil (2023- £54,986), net additions of cash of £22,194 (2023- withdrawals of cash- £323,868), disposals of £218,178 (2023- £54,986) and losses on revaluation of £92,333 (2023- losses of £481,760).

Reserves and grant and loan making policies

The reserves policy has been developed to give the Fund sufficient resources to meet variations in the level of longer term requirements and is currently agreed to be £8 million to cover the following:

1. To give long term and unsecured loans;
2. To give grants to Members in difficulty or need;
3. To assimilate losses on loans not repaid;
4. To meet the needs of an ageing Membership, elderly widows and dependants of deceased members or former members;
5. To alleviate the difficulties being experienced by members in overseas countries which are politically and/or financially unstable;

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Trustees' report (continued)
for the ended 31 March 2024

Reserves and grant and loan making policies (continued)

6. To provide domestic assistance to members who have suffered from failed business ventures or redundancies;
7. To provide assistance to those members who are victims of pension failures;
8. To provide help for those members who have been unable to secure a reasonable occupational pension;
9. To withstand the perceived volatility of the Stock Market;
10. To take advantage of any strategic development opportunities.

Available reserves in the General Fund currently stand at £9,123,780 (31 March 2023- £9,520,768). The trustees are of the opinion that the charity is able to meet the needs of applicants. Grants and loans are awarded according to the merits of each individual application.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The charity will continue to provide assistance to members and their dependants in a similar manner in the ensuing year.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity 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 charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees are required to:

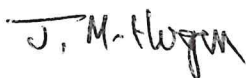
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and to 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 and the "Charities SORP (FRS 102)". 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.

AUDITORS

The auditors have signified their willingness to continue and a resolution proposing the re-appointment of Cocke, Vellacott & Hill as auditors of the charity, will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the trustees on 16 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



J. Hogan (Trustee)

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of
The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund set out on pages 9 to 17 for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom General Accepted Accounting Practice and they are in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)" and the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 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 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 directors' 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 company'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of
The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (continued)

Matters on which the auditor is 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 require 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
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; 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 set out on page 5, the trustees 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.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We have obtained an understanding of the charity's policies and procedures through discussions with senior management and trustees

We also drew on our existing understanding of the work that the charity does and the sector that it operates in.

We understand that the charity complies with its responsibilities through close involvement of senior management and trustees in the day to day running of the business and regular liaison between them. Were there any litigation or claims they would come to the attention of the senior management directly.

The charity also holds regular bimonthly board meetings at which all such matters are discussed if applicable. We have reviewed the minutes of all board meetings, and no irregularities were identified. Management accounts figures are circulated to all trustees and senior management.

In the context of the audit, we considered those laws and regulations which determine the form and content of the financial statements, which are central to the charity's ability to conduct business and where failure to comply could result in material penalties.

We have considered the disclosure requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as part of our finalisation processes.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of
The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

We discussed the possibility of fraud with senior management and trustees whether they had any knowledge of any actual, alleged or suspected fraud. We designed our audit tests to consider controls and tested a sample of financial transactions. We considered the timing of recognition of income.

In common with all audits under ISA's (UK) we also performed specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. We assessed the charity's control environment is adequate for the size and operating model of such a charity.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

Cocke, Vellacott & Hill e 4:4

Cocke, Vellacott & Hill
Statutory Auditor

Unit 28 City Business Centre
Lower Road
LONDON SE16 2XU

Date:

16 July 2024

Cocke, Vellacott & Hill is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	65,678	72,301
Investment income	4	303,586	355,462
Total income		369,264	427,763
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	(16,670)	(12,986)
Charitable activities	6	(1,202,599)	(257,145)
Total expenditure		(1,219,269)	(270,131)
Net gains/(losses) on disposal of investments at book cost		545,350	(16,343)
Net income/(expenditure)	2	(304,655)	141,289
Other recognised gains and losses			
Unrealised gains/ (losses) on investments	8	(92,333)	(481,760)
Net movement in funds		(396,988)	(340,471)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	11	9,520,768	9,861,239
Total funds carried forward	11	9,123,780	9,520,768

All of the operations undertaken by the charity during the current and preceding year are continuing operations and there were no other recognised gains and losses other than the above.

The net expenditure for the year including realised gains (losses) on the disposal of investments is £304,655 (2023- net income £141,289).

Based on the historic cost equivalent net expenditure is £304,655 (2023- net income of £141,289).

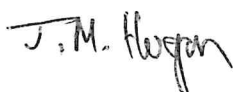
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The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Investments					
Investments	8 (a)		7,877,861		8,166,178
Programme related investments	8 (b)		1,258,534		1,211,647
Total fixed assets			9,136,395		9,377,825
Current assets					
Debtors					
	9	12,506		1,494	
Cash at bank and in hand					
		169,869		162,484	
Total current assets		182,375		163,978	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	10	(194,990)		(21,035)	
Net current assets/ (liabilities)			(12,615)		142,943
Total assets less current liabilities			9,123,780		9,520,768
Funds					
Unrestricted income funds:					
General reserves					
	11		4,629,618		4,981,159
Revaluation reserve					
	11		3,235,629		3,327,962
Long term loans reserve					
	11		1,258,534		1,211,647
Total charity funds			9,123,780		9,520,768

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 16 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



J. Hogan
Trustee



D. Cawdery
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments. They are also prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the recommendations of the Charity Commission in "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) (effective 1 January 2019)" and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

Income recognition

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of raising funds comprise of investment management costs and those costs incurred in attracting donations and legacies.

Grants and loans, which are unlikely to be recoverable, are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they are made. Any such grants and loans repaid to the company, having been made in earlier years, are credited to the income and expenditure account. Due to the inherent uncertainties around both timing and amounts that will be received, the charity considers it appropriate to indicate that such a contingent asset exists but that it is unable to quantify the value of this asset.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These include costs related to audit, trustee expenses and legal fees.

Expenditure, which involves more than one cost category, is apportioned on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis to the cost categories involved.

Taxation

Provision for taxation is not necessary, as the Fund is a registered charity and has no trading activities. No deferred tax provision is required

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Notes to financial statements (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies- (continued)

Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising and disposals throughout the year.

Programme related investments

These include loans to beneficiaries in accordance with the objectives of the charity. The loans secured by a first charge on a recipient's assets are expected to be recovered in due course. In the event that the loan or part of the loan becomes non-repayable it will be written off in the statement of financial activities.

Funds

- (i) Investment revaluation reserve- represents unrealised gains on the listed securities as a result of their market values being higher than their cost.
- (ii) General fund- represents the net surplus made by the company during its operations.
- (ii) Long term loans reserve- represents an amount equivalent to the secured loans recoverable to ensure that adequate funds are earmarked to meet any potential non-recoveries.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to the statement of financial activities.

2. Net income/(expenditure)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:		
Auditors' remuneration from audit work	4,060	4,070
Auditors' remuneration from non-audit work	800	800
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
and after crediting:		
Profit on foreign currencies	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. Donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations from circles and provinces	3,041	2,610
Donations from members	51,243	56,925
Tax recoverable under members' gift aid	10,394	11,766
Legacies	1,000	1,000
	<u>65,678</u>	<u>72,301</u>

4. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from UK listed investments	303,586	355,462
	<u>303,586</u>	<u>355,462</u>

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Notes to financial statements (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

5.	Expenditure on raising funds	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
	Investment advisers' costs	16,670	12,986
6.	Analysis of charitable activities	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
	(a) Grants and loans		
	Grants and non-secured loans payable to individuals:		
	Grants made	214,482	174,289
	Non-secured loans made	980,785	488,426
		1,195,267	662,715
	Less: recovered during the year	(90,324)	(466,774)
	Total net grants and loans	1,104,943	195,941
		Number	Number
	Recipients of grants only (all to individuals)	20	19
	(b) Analysis of support costs	£	£
	Staff costs (see note 7)	24,572	22,555
	Telephone	263	230
	Office expenses	10,000	10,000
	Computer costs	1,750	1,736
	Bank charges and general expenses	4,370	2,749
		40,955	37,340
	(c) Analysis of governance costs	2024 £	2023 £
	Auditors' remuneration- audit work	4,060	4,070
	Auditors' remuneration- non audit work	800	800
	Committee expenses	6,384	3,347
	Professional fees- legal fees	45,457	15,647
		56,701	23,864
	Total charitable activities expenses	1,202,599	257,145

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Notes to financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

7. Trustees and employees	2024	2023
Staff costs were as follows:	£	£
Wages and salaries	23,274	21,372
Social security costs	1,298	1,183
	<u>24,572</u>	<u>22,555</u>

Staff costs represent amounts recharged by The Catenian Association Limited (see note 12) for the position of clerk to the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund. The clerk to the Trustees is the only employee for both 2024 and 2023. No employee earned over £60,000 per annum.

No trustees received any remuneration from the charity in the year (2023- £nil). Eight trustees received reimbursement for travelling expenses totalling £5,495 during the year (2023- nine trustees - £3,208).

8. (a) Fixed asset investments	Investments portfolio
Valuation	£
<i>At 1 April 2023</i>	8,166,178
Additions	-
Disposals	(218,178)
Net movements in cash held by brokers for investment	22,194
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments	(92,333)
At 31 March 2024	<u>7,877,861</u>
Historical cost as at 31 March 2024.	<u>4,642,233</u>
<i>Historical cost as at 31 March 2023</i>	<u>4,838,217</u>

All fixed asset investments are held within the United Kingdom.

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Notes to financial statements (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

The investments of the charity at 31 March 2024 were as follows:			Cost	Market value
Holdings	Description		£	£
28,880	Aviva plc	Ord. 0.328947368	220,721	143,418
12,000	BHP Billiton plc	Ord. NPV (DI)	66,237	273,000
30,000	BP plc	Ord. USD 0.25	120,740	148,710
52,000	BT Group plc	Ord. 5p	98,896	57,018
3,690	CRH	Ord Eur 0.32	101,911	251,953
14,000	Diageo plc	* Ord. 28935185	35,543	409,570
18,500	Experian plc	* Ord. USD 0.10	94,039	638,990
17,200	GSK plc	Ord. 0.3125	38,291	293,879
152,650	GCP Infrastructure Investments Ltd	Ord. 1p	198,715	110,366
28,333	HSBC Holdings plc	Ord. USD 0.50	168,138	175,381
144,142	Lloyds Banking Group plc	Ord. 10p	148,371	74,608
632,654	M & G Charibond Inc	*	811,070	698,703
19,500	M & G plc	Ord. 5p	10,933	42,998
24,569	Natwest Grp PLC (previously RBS)	Ord.107.69p	142,922	65,231
11,000	Persimmon plc	Ord. 10p	156,126	144,760
23,000	Polar Capital Technology Trust plc	* Ord. 25p	23,015	690,000
19,500	Prudential plc	Ord. 5p	65,770	144,885
19,000	RELX plc	* Ord. 14 51/116p	113,176	650,560
6,100	Rio Tinto plc	Ord. (Reg) 10p	56,480	306,037
5,333	Severn Trent plc	Ord. 65 5/19	43,698	131,725
11,000	Shell Plc	Ord. Euro 0.07	251,210	288,750
1,000,000	The Charities Property Fund	*	1,029,602	1,178,700
10,000	Unilever plc	* Ord. 3 1/9p	14,300	397,550
54,545	Vodafone Group plc	Ord. USD 0.20 20/21	109,692	38,432
Investments listed on the UK Stock Exchange			4,119,596	7,355,224
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio			522,637	522,637
Total investments as at 31 March 2024			4,642,233	7,877,861

* These items represent material investments that are over 5% by value of the portfolio.

8. (b) Programme related investments	2024	2023
	£	£
Secured recoverable loans supporting the charitable objectives (see below)	1,258,534	1,211,647
<i>Analysis of movements in secured recoverable loans is as below:</i>		
Loans recoverable brought forward	1,211,647	844,649
Transfers (to)/ from non-secured loans	135,132	418,139
Repayments received during the year	(88,245)	(51,141)
Loans recoverable carried forward	1,258,534	1,211,647

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Notes to financial statements (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

9. Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts owed by related company *	2,138	-
Income tax recoverable	10,368	1,494
	<u>12,506</u>	<u>1,494</u>

* The related company referred to above is The Catenian Association Limited (see note 12 for more details).

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	20,516	-
Accruals and deferred income	174,474	21,035
	<u>194,990</u>	<u>21,035</u>

11. Unrestricted funds	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Gains & losses £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
General purpose income fund	4,981,159	369,264	(1,219,269)	545,350	(46,887)	4,629,617
Investment revaluation reserve	3,327,962	(92,333)	-	-	-	3,235,629
Long term loans reserve	1,211,647	-	-	-	46,887	1,258,534
	<u>9,520,768</u>	<u>276,931</u>	<u>(1,219,269)</u>	<u>545,350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,123,780</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

General purpose income fund- represents funds available at the discretion of the trustees to further expand the activities of the charity. The fund arises from donated income and income arising on an annual basis from amounts held by way of capital and unutilised funds less costs of generating funds, charitable expenses and governance costs. It also includes realised gains less losses on investments.

The investment revaluation reserve represents unrealised gains on the listed investments as a result of their market value being higher than their cost.

The board of trustees has approved the setting up of a designated fund called the long-term loans reserve equivalent to the secured loans recoverable (see note 8 b). The purpose of this designation is to ensure that adequate funds are earmarked to meet any potential non-recoveries.

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Notes to financial statements (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

12. Related party transactions

The charity's investments and bank accounts are administered by Catena Trustees Limited as Custodian Trustee. The Directors of Catena Trustees Limited are appointed by virtue of their appointment as Trustees of the charity.

The Trustees of the charity are appointed and the Directors of The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited are nominated only by the Central Council of the Catenian Association. Therefore, the charities and companies are related companies.

During the year to 31 March 2024 administration expenses were recharged to the charity by The Catenian Association Limited as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Office Expenses	10,000	10,000
Salaries	24,572	22,555
	<u>34,572</u>	<u>32,555</u>

The charity shares the services of the administrative staff and the premises of The Catenian Association Limited. In return for these facilities, £10,000 office expenses was recharged to the company. In addition, £24,572 was recharged by The Catenian Association Limited for the salary costs of the position of clerk to the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund.

At the balance sheet date an amount of £2,138 was due from The Catenian Association Limited (2023- £nil due) and none was due from The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited to the charity (2023- £nil was due from).

During the year the aggregate total donations received from trustees of the charity without conditions amounted to £350 (31 March 2023- £488).

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT AND CHILDREN'S FUND

England & Wales - Charity number 214244

Accounts

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2023

Charity number: 214244



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Reference and administrative details

Charity number	214244	
Registered and principal office	2nd Floor, 1 Park House Station Square, COVENTRY CV1 2FL	
Trustees	P. Devine D. Cawdery R.M.S. Allanson D.C. Brinkley J.H. Colligan J. Hogan D. Murphy K.M. Rafferty	(Chairman) (Vice Chairman)
Clerk to the managing trustees	P. Roberts	
Members of the investment sub-committee	R.M.S. Allanson D. Cawdery T. Ryan	Trustee, retired investment manager Trustee Retired stockbroker
Independent auditors	Cocke, Vellacott & Hill Unit 28 City Business Centre Lower Road LONDON SE16 2XU	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank p.l.c P.O. Box 101 3rd Floor, 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP	
Investment adviser	BRI Wealth Management PLC BRI House Elm Court Meriden Business Park COVENTRY CV5 9RL	
Solicitors	Shakespeare Martineau LLP Solicitors Two Colton Square Leicester LE1 1QH	Stone King LLP Boundary House 91 Charterhouse Street London EC1M 6HR

Trustees' report
for the ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Scheme approved and established by the Charity Commissioners on 29 May 1991 as amended by s280 resolution dated 28 July 2016 and scheme dated 9 February 2021 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing instruments

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (the Fund) is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 214244 and is governed by the Scheme approved and established by the Charity Commissioners on 29th May 1991 as amended aforesaid.

Trustee recruitment

Trustees are appointed by the Central Council of The Catenian Association from a list of Catenian applicants.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are appointed by the Central Council, bearing in mind their experience with other charities and their general professional background. Each receives a copy of the Scheme document, copies of the minutes of the last two meetings and a copy of an application form, followed by explanations of the procedures at subsequent meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Organisation Structure

The trustees meet at least four times in a year and have a mechanism for urgent consideration outside scheduled meetings and are assisted with investment policies by the Investment sub-committee. The Investment sub-committee is formed under the authority of the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund and its membership comprises of Trustees of that Fund together with a number of non-trustees with specialist knowledge and experience.

The function of the sub-committee is the management of the investment portfolio, undertaking sales and purchases as deemed necessary, with the overreaching intent of safeguarding investments, while seeking balanced capital growth and income. The sub-committee meets at least four times per year and has a mechanism for urgent consideration outside scheduled meetings.

The Fund's investments and bank accounts are administered by Catena Trustees Limited, a company limited by guarantee and without a share capital. See note 12 for more details and related party transactions.

The trustees who served during the year are:

R.M.S. Allanson		P. Devine	(Chairman)
D.W. Arundale	(resigned on 21 March 2023)	J. Hogan	
D.C. Brinkley		D. Murphy	
D. Cawdery	(Vice chairman)	K.M. Rafferty	
J.H. Colligan			

The board of trustees would like to thank Mr D.W. Arundale for his services as a trustee since 2018.

Risk review

The trustees have conducted their own risk review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

The trustees have identified a risk of harm following the upholding of a complaint against a senior officer of the Appointing Council. This was reported to the Charity Commission as a Serious Incident with a series of proposed actions to reduce the risk in future. However, until the matter is fully resolved with the Appointing Council the risk remains.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund provides monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association and their dependants including dependants of deceased and former members of the Catenian Association who are in need.

As part of the fulfilment of its charitable objectives, the charity makes some long term loans to members of the Catenian Association or their dependants on a secured basis. Such loans are made according to the merits of individual applicants. See note 8 (b) for more details.

Strategies

The availability of monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association of the charity is advertised throughout the Catenian Association, on the internet, through provinces and circles, by leaflet and on the charity's website <https://catenianbenevolence.org>.

Activities

During the year, the charity has continued to provide monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association and their dependants who are in financial difficulties and who have applied to the charity for assistance.

Public Benefit

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The paragraphs in this report show the aims and objectives of this charity and activities of the year.

Income is received by personal donation from members of the Catenian Association together with investment income from investments held. Applications for grants and loans are made by members of the Association or their dependants or dependants of deceased members or former members after due local process. Meetings of the trustees are held at least four times a year to consider the cases and payment is made to or on behalf of the claimant, by grant or loan. In special emergency cases a representative committee is employed.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund has made grants to nineteen (19) individual beneficiaries (2022 - twenty (20)) totalling £174,289 during the year (2022 - £165,028). In addition to the grants, the charity has provided monetary assistance to sixteen (16) (2022 - sixteen (16)) members in difficulty or need in the form of unsecured loans amounting to £488,426 (2022 - £663,884).

During the year, no new first charge loans were made (2022 - none), no existing first charge loan values were increased (2022 - none), four (4) unsecured loans were converted to first charge loans totalling £418,139 (2022 - two (2) totalling £71,150) and two (2) repaid their first charge loans in full amounting to £47,000 (2022 - two (2) repaid £37,973), one (1) secured loan was partly paid - repayment of £4,142 (2022 - none). At the year end there were twenty nine (29) first charge loans (2022 - twenty seven (27)) shown in the accounts amounting to £1,211,647 (2022 - £844,649) and are shown in note 8 (b) to the accounts, as programme related investments.

The trustees consider the investment performance achieved against the investment growth objectives to be good amidst stock market volatility due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Ukrainian war, the cost of living and inflationary crisis in 2022 and 2023.

Trustees' report (continued)

for the ended 31 March 2023

Financial review

Results for the year

Details of the income and expenditure for the year are shown in the statement of financial activities on page 9. Donations and legacies of £72,301 (2022 - £83,624) and investment income totalling £355,462 (2022 - £289,035) were received during the year. Investment brokers' fees came to £12,986 (2022 - £13,286).

Grants and non-secured loans given to individuals during the year amounted to £662,715 (2022 - £828,912). Recoveries of grants and non-secured loans amounted to £466,774 (2022 - £327,755). Other charitable support and governance costs came to £61,204 (2022 - £45,108).

Net income amounted to £141,289 (2022 - net expenditure of £137,017) in the year under review after taking into account realised losses on investments of £16,343 (2022 - gains £49,875). Net movement in funds transferred to/(from) the accumulated fund totalled £340,471 (2022 - transferred from - £631,260) after including unrealised losses on investments of £481,760 (2022 - unrealised gains of £768,277).

Investments policy and performance

Investments are held with a view to providing a balanced capital growth and income. Investment income amounted to £355,462 (2022 - £289,035). All investments held by the charity have been acquired in accordance with the powers available to the trustees. Movements in fixed asset investments are shown in note 8 (a) to the financial statements. The market value of shares held decreased by 9% to £8,166,178 (2022 - £8,971,806) as a result of additions of £54,986 (2022 - £nil), net withdrawals of cash of £323,868 (2022 - additions of cash - £428,587), disposals of £54,986 (2022 - £362,565) and losses on revaluation of £481,760 (2022 - gains of £768,277).

Reserves and grant and loan making policies

The reserves policy has been developed to give the Fund sufficient resources to meet variations in the level of longer term requirements and is currently agreed to be £8 million to cover the following:

1. To give long term and unsecured loans;
2. To give grants to Members in difficulty or need;
3. To assimilate losses on loans not repaid;
4. To meet the needs of an ageing Membership, elderly widows and dependants of deceased members or former members;
5. To alleviate the difficulties being experienced by members in overseas countries which are politically and/or financially unstable;
6. To provide domestic assistance to members who have suffered from failed business ventures or redundancies;
7. To provide assistance to those members who are victims of pension failures;
8. To provide help for those members who have been unable to secure a reasonable occupational pension;
9. To withstand the perceived volatility of the Stock Market;
10. To take advantage of any strategic development opportunities.

Available reserves in the General Fund currently stand at £9,520,768 (31 March 2022 - £9,861,239). The trustees are of the opinion that the charity is able to meet the needs of applicants. Grants and loans are awarded according to the merits of each individual application.

Trustees' report (continued)
for the ended 31 March 2023

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The charity will continue to provide assistance to members and their dependants in a similar manner in the ensuing year.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity 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 charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and to 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 and the "Charities SORP (FRS 102)". 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.

AUDITORS

The auditors have signified their willingness to continue and a resolution proposing the re-appointment of Cocke, Vellacott & Hill as auditors of the charity, will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the trustees on 18 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



P. Devine (Trustee)

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of
The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund set out on pages 9 to 17 for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom General Accepted Accounting Practice and they are in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)" and the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 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 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 directors' 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 company'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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.

Matters on which the auditor is 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 require 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
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; 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 set out on page 5, the trustees 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.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We have obtained an understanding of the charity's policies and procedures through discussions with senior management and trustees

We also drew on our existing understanding of the work that the charity does and the sector that it operates in.

We understand that the charity complies with its responsibilities through close involvement of senior management and trustees in the day to day running of the business and regular liaison between them. Were there any litigation or claims they would come to the attention of the senior management directly.

The charity also holds regular bimonthly board meetings at which all such matters are discussed if applicable. We have reviewed the minutes of all board meetings and no irregularities were identified. Management accounts figures are circulated to all trustees and senior management.

In the context of the audit, we considered those laws and regulations which determine the form and content of the financial statements, which are central to the charity's ability to conduct business and where failure to comply could result in material penalties.

We have considered the disclosure requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as part of our finalisation processes.

We discussed the possibility of fraud with senior management and trustees whether they had any knowledge of any actual, alleged or suspected fraud. We designed our audit tests to consider controls and tested a sample of financial transactions. We considered the timing of recognition of income.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of
The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (continued)

In common with all audits under ISA's (UK) we also performed specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. We assessed the charity's control environment is adequate for the size and operating model of such a charity.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

Cocke, Vellacott & Hill

Cocke, Vellacott & Hill
Statutory Auditor

Unit 28 City Business Centre
Lower Road
LONDON SE16 2XU
Date:

4 SEPTEMBER 2023

Cocke, Vellacott & Hill is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	72,301	83,624
Investment income	4	355,462	289,035
Total income		<u>427,763</u>	<u>372,659</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	(12,986)	(13,286)
Charitable activities	6	(257,145)	(546,265)
Total expenditure		<u>(270,131)</u>	<u>(559,551)</u>
Net gains/(losses) on disposal of investments at book cost		<u>(16,343)</u>	<u>49,875</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	2	141,289	(137,017)
Other recognised gains and losses			
Unrealised gains/ (losses) on investments	8	<u>(481,760)</u>	<u>768,277</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(340,471)</u>	<u>631,260</u>
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	11	<u>9,861,239</u>	<u>9,229,979</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u><u>9,520,768</u></u>	<u><u>9,861,239</u></u>

All of the operations undertaken by the charity during the current and preceding year are continuing operations and there were no other recognised gains and losses other than the above.

The net income for the year including realised gains (losses) on the disposal of investments is £141,289 (2022 - net expenditure £137,017).

Based on the historic cost equivalent net income is £141,289 (2022 - net expenditure of £89,498).

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments					
Investments	8 (a)		8,166,178		8,971,806
Programme related investments	8 (b)		1,211,647		844,649
Total fixed assets			<u>9,377,825</u>		<u>9,816,455</u>
Current assets					
Debtors					
	9	1,494		7,492	
Cash at bank and in hand		162,484		88,776	
Total current assets		<u>163,978</u>		<u>96,268</u>	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	10	(21,035)		(51,484)	
Net current assets			<u>142,943</u>		<u>44,784</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>9,520,768</u></u>		<u><u>9,861,239</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted income funds:					
General reserves	11		4,981,159		5,206,868
Revaluation reserve	11		3,327,962		3,809,722
Long term loans reserve	11		1,211,647		844,649
Total charity funds			<u><u>9,520,768</u></u>		<u><u>9,861,239</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 18 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



P. Devine
Trustee



D. Cawdery
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments. They are also prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the recommendations of the Charity Commission in "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) (effective 1 January 2019)" and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011.

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

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

Income recognition

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of raising funds comprise of investment management costs and those costs incurred in attracting donations and legacies.

Grants and loans, which are unlikely to be recoverable, are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they are made. Any such grants and loans repaid to the company, having been made in earlier years, are credited to the income and expenditure account. Due to the inherent uncertainties around both timing and amounts that will be received, the charity considers it appropriate to indicate that such a contingent asset exists but that it is unable to quantify the value of this asset.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These include costs related to audit, trustee expenses and legal fees.

Expenditure, which involves more than one cost category, is apportioned on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis to the cost categories involved.

Taxation

Provision for taxation is not necessary, as the Fund is a registered charity and has no trading activities. No deferred tax provision is required.

Notes to financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies - (continued)

Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising and disposals throughout the year.

Programme related investments

These include loans to beneficiaries in accordance with the objectives of the charity. The loans secured by a first charge on a recipient's assets are expected to be recovered in due course. In the event that the loan or part of the loan becomes non-repayable it will be written off in the statement of financial activities.

Funds

- (i) Investment revaluation reserve - represents unrealised gains on the listed securities as a result of their market values being higher than their cost.
- (ii) General fund - represents the net surplus made by the company during its operations.
- (ii) Long term loans reserve - represents an amount equivalent to the secured loans recoverable to ensure that adequate funds are earmarked to meet any potential non-recoveries.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to the statement of financial activities.

2. Net income/(expenditure)

	2023	2022
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors' remuneration from audit work	4,070	4,050
Auditors' remuneration from non-audit work	800	800
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
and after crediting:		
Profit on foreign currencies	-	37
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations from circles and provinces	2,610	4,210
Donations from members	56,925	60,048
Tax recoverable under members' gift aid	11,766	12,361
Legacies	1,000	7,005
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>72,301</u>	<u>83,624</u>

4. Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income from UK listed investments	355,462	289,035
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>355,462</u>	<u>289,035</u>

Notes to financial statements (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

5.	Expenditure on raising funds	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
	Investment advisers' costs	<u>12,986</u>	<u>13,286</u>
6.	Analysis of charitable activities		
	(a) Grants and loans	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
	Grants and non-secured loans payable to individuals:		
	Grants made	174,289	165,028
	Non-secured loans made	<u>488,426</u>	<u>663,884</u>
		662,715	828,912
	Less: recovered during the year	<u>(466,774)</u>	<u>(327,755)</u>
	Total net grants and loans	<u>195,941</u>	<u>501,157</u>
		Number	Number
	Recipients of grants only (all to individuals)	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
	(b) Analysis of support costs	£	£
	Staff costs (see note 7)	22,555	22,624
	Telephone	300	230
	Office expenses	10,000	10,000
	Exchange (gains)/losses	-	(37)
	Computer costs	1,736	1,351
	Bank charges and general expenses	<u>2,749</u>	<u>1,430</u>
		<u>37,340</u>	<u>35,598</u>
	(c) Analysis of governance costs	2023	2022
		£	£
	Auditors' remuneration - audit work	4,070	4,050
	Auditors' remuneration - non audit work	800	800
	Committee expenses	3,347	1,122
	Professional fees - legal fees	<u>15,647</u>	<u>3,538</u>
		<u>23,864</u>	<u>9,510</u>
	Total charitable activities expenses	<u>257,145</u>	<u>546,265</u>

Notes to financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2023

7.	Trustees and employees	2023	2022
	Staff costs were as follows:	£	£
	Wages and salaries	21,372	20,953
	Social security costs	1,183	1,671
		<u>22,555</u>	<u>22,624</u>

Staff costs represent amounts recharged by The Catenian Association Limited (see note 12) for the position of clerk to the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund. The clerk to the Trustees is the only employee for both 2023 and 2022. No employee earned over £60,000 per annum.

No trustees received any remuneration from the charity in the year (2022 - £nil). Nine trustees received reimbursement for travelling expenses totalling £3,208 during the year (2022 - eight trustee - £751).

8.	(a) Fixed asset investments	Investments portfolio
	Valuation	£
	<i>At 1 April 2022</i>	8,971,806
	Additions	54,986
	Disposals	(54,986)
	Net movements in cash held by brokers for investment	(323,868)
	Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments	(481,760)
	At 31 March 2023	<u>8,166,178</u>
	Historical cost as at 31 March 2023.	<u>4,838,217</u>
	<i>Historical cost as at 31 March 2022</i>	<u>5,162,084</u>

All fixed asset investments are held within the United Kingdom.

Notes to financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2023

The investments of the charity at 31 March 2023 were as follows:			Cost	Market value
Holdings	Description		£	£
28880	Aviva plc	Ord. 0.328947368	220,721	116,733
12,000	BHP Billiton plc	Ord. NPV (DI)	66,237	307,140
30,000	BP plc	Ord. USD 0.25	120,740	153,240
52,000	BT Group plc	Ord. 5p	98,895	75,816
3,690	CRH	Ord Eur 0.32	101,911	150,607
15,000	Diageo plc	* Ord. 28935185	38,082	542,100
20,000	Experian plc	* Ord. USD 0.10	101,664	532,000
17,200	GSK plc	Ord. 0.3125	38,291	245,788
152,650	GCP Infrastructure Investments Ltd	Ord. 1p	198,715	130,058
21,500	Haleon plc	Ord. 1.25p	9,096	69,230
28,333	HSBC Holdings plc	Ord. USD 0.50	168,138	155,746
144,142	Lloyds Banking Group plc	Ord. 10p	148,371	68,727
632,654	M & G Charibond Inc	*	811,070	693,073
19,500	M & G plc	Ord. 5p	10,933	38,610
24,569	Natwest Grp PLC (previously RBS)	Ord.107.69p	142,922	64,764
18,000	Pearson plc	Ord. 25p	136,108	151,992
11,000	Persimmon plc	Ord. 10p	156,126	138,160
30,000	Polar Capital Technology Trust plc	* Ord. 25p	30,020	600,000
19,500	Prudential plc	Ord. 5p	65,770	214,890
27,000	RELX plc	* Ord. 14 51/116p	160,829	706,860
6,100	Rio Tinto plc	Ord. (Reg) 10p	56,480	334,158
5,333	Severn Trent plc	Ord. 65 5/19	43,698	153,537
11,000	Shell Plc	Ord. Euro 0.07	251,210	253,935
1,000,000	The Charities Property Fund	*	1,029,602	1,261,600
10,000	Unilever plc	* Ord. 3 1/9p	14,300	419,000
54,545	Vodafone Group plc	Ord. USD 0.20 20/21	109,692	48,709
2,168	Woodside Energy Group Ltd	Ord NPV (DI)	8,153	39,262
Investments listed on the UK Stock Exchange			4,337,774	7,665,735
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio			500,443	500,443
Total investments as at 31 March 2023			<u>4,838,217</u>	<u>8,166,178</u>

* These items represent material investments that are over 5% by value of the portfolio.

8. (b) Programme related investments	2023	2022
	£	£
Secured recoverable loans supporting the charitable objectives (see below)	<u>1,211,647</u>	<u>844,649</u>
<i>Analysis of movements in secured recoverable loans is as below:</i>		
	£	£
Loans recoverable brought forward	844,649	811,473
Transfers (to)/ from non-secured loans	418,139	71,150
Repayments received during the year	(51,141)	(37,974)
Loans recoverable carried forward	<u>1,211,647</u>	<u>844,649</u>

Notes to financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2023

9. Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	1,494	2,492
Other debtors	-	5,000
	<u>1,494</u>	<u>7,492</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts due to related companies *	-	32,490
Accruals and deferred income	21,035	18,994
	<u>21,035</u>	<u>51,484</u>

* The related company referred to above is The Catenian Association Limited (see note 12 for more details).

11. Unrestricted funds	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Gains & losses £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
General purpose income fund	5,206,868	427,763	(270,131)	(16,343)	(366,998)	4,981,159
Investment revaluation reserve	3,809,722	(481,760)	-	-	-	3,327,962
Long term loans reserve	844,649	-	-	-	366,998	1,211,647
	<u>9,861,239</u>	<u>(53,997)</u>	<u>(270,131)</u>	<u>(16,343)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,520,768</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

General purpose income fund - represents funds available at the discretion of the trustees to further expand the activities of the charity. The fund arises from donated income and income arising on an annual basis from amounts held by way of capital and unutilised funds less costs of generating funds, charitable expenses and governance costs. It also includes realised gains less losses on investments.

The investment revaluation reserve represents unrealised gains on the listed investments as a result of their market value being higher than their cost.

The board of trustees has approved the setting up of a designated fund called the long term loans reserve equivalent to the secured loans recoverable (see note 8 b). The purpose of this designation is to ensure that adequate funds are earmarked to meet any potential non-recoveries.

Notes to financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2023

12. Related party transactions

The charity's investments and bank accounts are administered by Catena Trustees Limited as Custodian Trustee. The Directors of Catena Trustees Limited are appointed by virtue of their appointment as Trustees of the charity.

The Trustees of the charity are appointed and the Directors of The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited are nominated only by the Central Council of the Catenian Association. Therefore the charities and companies are related companies.

During the year to 31 March 2023 administration expenses were recharged to the charity by The Catenian Association Limited as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Office Expenses	10,000	10,000
Salaries	22,555	22,624
	<u>32,555</u>	<u>32,624</u>

The charity shares the services of the administrative staff and the premises of The Catenian Association Limited. In return for these facilities, £10,000 office expenses was recharged to the company. In addition, £22,555 was recharged by The Catenian Association Limited for the salary costs of the position of clerk to the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund.

At the balance sheet date an amount of £nil was due to The Catenian Association Limited (2022 - £32,490 was due to) and none was due from The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited to the charity (2022 - £nil was due from).

During the year the aggregate total donations received from trustees of the charity without conditions amounted to £488 (31 March 2022 - £584).

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT AND CHILDREN'S FUND

England & Wales - Charity number 214244

Accounts

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2022

Charity number: 214244



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The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Reference and administrative details

Charity number	214244	
Registered and principal office	2nd Floor, 1 Park House Station Square, COVENTRY CV1 2FL	
Trustees	P. Devine D. Cawdery R.M.S. Allanson D.W. Arundale D.C. Brinkley J.H. Colligan J. Hogan D. Murphy K.M. Rafferty	(Chairman) (Vice Chairman)
Clerk to the managing trustees	P. Roberts	
Members of the investment sub-committee	R.M.S. Allanson D.W. Arundale D. Cawdery T. Ryan	Trustee, retired investment manager Trustee Trustee Retired stockbroker
Independent auditors	Cocke, Vellacott & Hill Unit 28 City Business Centre Lower Road LONDON SE16 2XU	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank p.l.c P.O. Box 101 3rd Floor, 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP	
Investment adviser	BRI Wealth Management PLC BRI House Elm Court Meriden Business Park COVENTRY CV5 9RL	
Solicitors	Shakespeare Martineau LLP Solicitors Two Colton Square Leicester LE1 1QH	Stone King LLP Boundary House 91 Charterhouse Street London EC1M 6HR

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Trustees' report
for the ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Scheme approved and established by the Charity Commissioners on 29 May 1991 as amended by s280 resolution dated 28 July 2016 and scheme dated 9 February 2021 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing instruments

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (the Fund) is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 214244 and is governed by the Scheme approved and established by the Charity Commissioners on 29th May 1991 as amended aforesaid.

Trustee recruitment

Trustees are appointed by the Central Council of The Catenian Association from a list of Catenian applicants.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are appointed by the Central Council, initially for a period of five years, bearing in mind their experience with other charities and their general professional background. Each receives a copy of the Scheme document, copies of the minutes of the last two meetings and a copy of an application form, followed by explanations of the procedures at subsequent meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Organisation Structure

The trustees meet at least four times in a year and have a mechanism for urgent consideration outside scheduled meetings and are assisted with investment policies by the Investment sub-committee. The Investment sub-committee is formed under the authority of the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund and its membership comprises of Trustees of that Fund together with a number of non-trustees with specialist knowledge and experience as shown on page 1.

The function of the sub-committee is the management of the investment portfolio, undertaking sales and purchases as deemed necessary, with the overreaching intent of safeguarding investments, while seeking balanced capital growth and income. The sub-committee meets at least four times per year and has a mechanism for urgent consideration outside scheduled meetings.

The Fund's investments and bank accounts are administered by Catena Trustees Limited, a company limited by guarantee and without a share capital. See note 12 for more details and related party transactions.

Trustees are appointed for a five year period unless they are appointed to fill a casual vacancy when they complete the term of office of the trustee they are replacing.

The trustees who served during the year are:

R.M.S. Allanson		J. Hogan	
D.W. Arundale		M. O'Malley	(Ex Chairman) (retired on 20 July 2021)
D.C. Brinkley	(appointed on 20 July 2021)	D. Murphy	(appointed on 20 July 2021)
D. Cawdery	(Vice chairman)	D. Rowley	(retired on 2 July 2021)
J.H. Colligan		K.M. Rafferty	
P. Devine	(Chairman)		

Dr M. O'Malley and Mr D. Rowley, both retired as trustees on 20 July 2021 and 2 July 2021 respectively after serving many terms on the board of trustees. The board of trustees would like to thank both for their services. Dr D.C. Brinkley and Mr D. Murphy were both appointed as trustees on 20 July 2021.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Risk review

The trustees have conducted their own risk review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund provides monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association and their dependants including dependants of deceased and former members of the Catenian Association who are in need.

As part of the fulfilment of its charitable objectives, the charity makes some long term loans to members of the Catenian Association or their dependants on a secured basis. Such loans are made according to the merits of individual applicants. See note 8 (b) for more details.

Strategies

The availability of monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association of the charity is advertised throughout the Catenian Association, on the internet, through provinces and circles, by leaflet and on the charity's website <https://catenianbenevolence.org>.

Activities

During the year, the charity has continued to provide monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association and their dependants who are in financial difficulties and who have applied to the charity for assistance.

Public Benefit

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The paragraphs in this report show the aims and objectives of this charity and activities of the year.

Income is received by personal donation from members of the Catenian Association together with investment income from investments held. Applications for grants and loans are made by members of the Association or their dependants or dependants of deceased members or former members after due local process. Meetings of the trustees are held at least four times a year to consider the cases and payment is made to or on behalf of the claimant, by grant or loan. In special emergency cases a representative committee is employed.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund has made grants to twenty (20) individual beneficiaries (2021 - eighteen (18)) totalling £165,028 during the year (2021 - £209,289). In addition to the grants, the charity has provided monetary assistance to sixteen (16) (2021 - twenty three (23)) members in difficulty or need in the form of unsecured loans amounting to £663,884 (2021 - £455,021).

During the year, no new first charge loans were made (2021 - none), no existing first charge loan values were increased (2021 - none), two (2) unsecured loans were converted to first charge loans totalling £71,150 (2021 - three (3) totalling £91,535) and two (2) repaid their first charge loans in full amounting to £37,973 (2021 - three (3) repaid £45,200), no secured loans were partly paid (2021 - none). At the year end there were twenty seven (27) first charge loans (2021 - twenty seven (27)) shown in the accounts amounting to £844,649 (2021 - £811,473) and are shown in note 8 (b) to the accounts, as programme related investments.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

The trustees consider the investment performance achieved against the investment growth objectives to be good and close to back to normal after two years of market disruption since March 2020 caused by the roll out of governments' responses to the Coronavirus pandemic and recently the Ukrainian war.

Financial review

Results for the year

Details of the income and expenditure for the year are shown in the statement of financial activities on page 9. Donations and legacies of £83,624 (2021 - £116,921) and investment income totalling £289,035 (2021 - £259,373) were received during the year. Investment brokers' fees came to £13,286 (2021 - £11,548).

Grants and non-secured loans given to individuals during the year amounted to £828,912 (2021 - £664,310). Recoveries of grants and non-secured loans amounted to £327,755 (2021 - £649,516). Other charitable support and governance costs came to £45,108 (2021 - £50,151).

Net expenditure amounted to £137,017 (2021 - net income of £319,565) in the year under review after taking into account realised gains on investments of £49,875 (2021 - gains £19,764). Net movement in funds transferred to/(from) the accumulated fund totalled £631,260 (2021 - transferred from - £1,203,754) after including unrealised gains on investments of £768,277 (2021 - unrealised gains of £884,189).

Investments policy and performance

Investments are held with a view to providing a balanced capital growth and income. Investment income amounted to £289,035 (2021 - £259,373). All investments held by the charity have been acquired in accordance with the powers available to the trustees. Movements in fixed asset investments are shown in note 8 (a) to the financial statements. The market value of shares held increased by 10% to £8,971,806 (2021 - £8,137,507) as a result of additions of £nil (2021 - £nil), net additions of cash of £428,587 (2021 - withdrawal of cash - £60,592), disposals of £362,565 (2021 - £93,153) and gains on revaluation of £768,277 (2021 - gains of £884,189).

Reserves and grant and loan making policies

The reserves policy has been developed to give the Fund sufficient resources to meet variations in the level of longer term requirements and is currently agreed to be £8 million to cover the following:

1. To give long term and unsecured loans;
2. To give grants to Members in difficulty or need;
3. To assimilate losses on loans not repaid;
4. To meet the needs of an ageing Membership, elderly widows and dependants of deceased members or former members;
5. To alleviate the difficulties being experienced by members in overseas countries which are politically and/or financially unstable;
6. To provide domestic assistance to members who have suffered from failed business ventures or redundancies;
7. To provide assistance to those members who are victims of pension failures;
8. To provide help for those members who have been unable to secure a reasonable occupational pension;
9. To withstand the perceived volatility of the Stock Market;
10. To take advantage of any strategic development opportunities.

Available reserves in the General Fund currently stand at £9,861,240 (31 March 2021 - £9,229,978). The trustees are of the opinion that the charity is able to meet the needs of applicants. Grants and loans are awarded according to the merits of each individual application.

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for the ended 31 March 2022

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The charity will continue to provide assistance to members and their dependants in a similar manner in the ensuing year.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity 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 charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and to 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 and the "Charities SORP (FRS 102)". 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.

AUDITORS

The auditors have signified their willingness to continue and a resolution proposing the re-appointment of Cocke, Vellacott & Hill as auditors of the charity, will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the trustees on 19 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



P. Devine (Trustee)

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of
The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund set out on pages 9 to 17 for the year ended 31 March 2022. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom General Accepted Accounting Practice and they are in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)" and the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 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 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 directors' 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 company'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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.

Matters on which the auditor is 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 require 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
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; 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 set out on page 5, the trustees 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.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We have obtained an understanding of the charity's policies and procedures through discussions with senior management and trustees

We also drew on our existing understanding of the work that the charity does and the sector that it operates in.

We understand that the charity complies with its responsibilities through close involvement of senior management and trustees in the day to day running of the business and regular liaison between them. Were there any litigation or claims they would come to the attention of the senior management directly.

The charity also holds regular bimonthly board meetings at which all such matters are discussed if applicable. We have reviewed the minutes of all board meetings and no irregularities were identified. Management accounts figures are circulated to all trustees and senior management.

In the context of the audit, we considered those laws and regulations which determine the form and content of the financial statements, which are central to the charity's ability to conduct business and where failure to comply could result in material penalties.

We have considered the disclosure requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as part of our finalisation processes.

We discussed the possibility of fraud with senior management and trustees whether they had any knowledge of any actual, alleged or suspected fraud. We designed our audit tests to consider controls and tested a sample of financial transactions. We considered the timing of recognition of income.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of
The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (continued)

In common with all audits under ISA's (UK) we also performed specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. We assessed the charity's control environment is adequate for the size and operating model of such a charity.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

Cocke, Vellacott & Hill

Cocke, Vellacott & Hill
Statutory Auditor

Unit 28 City Business Centre
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Date: 25 July 2022

Cocke, Vellacott & Hill is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	83,624	116,921
Investment income	4	289,035	259,373
Total income		<u>372,659</u>	<u>376,294</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	13,286	11,548
Charitable activities	6	546,265	64,945
Total expenditure		<u>559,551</u>	<u>76,493</u>
Net gains/(losses) on disposal of investments at book cost		<u>49,875</u>	<u>19,764</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	2	<u>(137,017)</u>	<u>319,565</u>
Other recognised gains and losses			
Unrealised gains/ (losses) on investments	8	<u>768,277</u>	<u>884,189</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>631,260</u>	<u>1,203,754</u>
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	11	<u>9,229,979</u>	<u>8,026,225</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u><u>9,861,239</u></u>	<u><u>9,229,979</u></u>

All of the operations undertaken by the charity during the current and preceding year are continuing operations and there were no other recognised gains and losses other than the above.

The net expenditure for the year including realised gains (losses) on the disposal of investments is £137,017 (2021 - net income £319,565).

Based on the historic cost equivalent net expenditure is £89,498 (2021 - net income of £397,008).

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

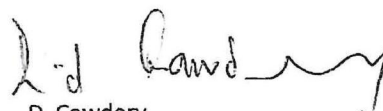
Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments					
Investments	8 (a)		8,971,806		8,137,507
Programme related investments	8 (b)		844,649		811,473
Total fixed assets			9,816,455		8,948,980
Current assets					
Debtors	9	7,492		6,085	
Cash at bank and in hand		88,776		322,246	
Total current assets		96,268		328,331	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(51,484)		(47,332)	
Net current assets			44,784		280,999
Total assets less current liabilities			9,861,239		9,229,979
Funds					
Unrestricted income funds:					
General reserves	11		5,206,868		5,329,540
Revaluation reserve	11		3,809,722		3,088,966
Long term loans reserve	11		844,649		811,473
Total charity funds			9,861,239		9,229,979

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 19 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



P. Devine
Trustee



D. Cawdery
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments. They are also prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the recommendations of the Charity Commission in "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) (effective 1 January 2019)" and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011.

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

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

Income recognition

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of raising funds comprise of investment management costs and those costs incurred in attracting donations and legacies.

Grants and loans, which are unlikely to be recoverable, are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they are made. Any such grants and loans repaid to the company, having been made in earlier years, are credited to the income and expenditure account. Due to the inherent uncertainties around both timing and amounts that will be received, the charity considers it appropriate to indicate that such a contingent asset exists but that it is unable to quantify the value of this asset.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These include costs related to audit, trustee expenses and legal fees.

Expenditure, which involves more than one cost category, is apportioned on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis to the cost categories involved.

Taxation

Provision for taxation is not necessary, as the Fund is a registered charity and has no trading activities. No deferred tax provision is required.

Notes to financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting policies - (continued)

Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising and disposals throughout the year.

Programme related investments

These include loans to beneficiaries in accordance with the objectives of the charity. The loans secured by a first charge on a recipient's assets are expected to be recovered in due course. In the event that the loan or part of the loan becomes non-repayable it will be written off in the statement of financial activities.

Funds

- (i) Investment revaluation reserve - represents unrealised gains on the listed securities as a result of their market values being higher than their cost.
- (ii) General fund - represents the net surplus made by the company during its operations.
- (ii) Long term loans reserve - represents an amount equivalent to the secured loans recoverable to ensure that adequate funds are earmarked to meet any potential non-recoveries.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to the statement of financial activities.

2. Net income/(expenditure)

	2022	2021
Auditors' remuneration from audit work	4,050	4,000
Auditors' remuneration from non-audit work	800	800
and after crediting:		
Profit on foreign currencies	37	-

3. Donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations from circles and provinces	4,210	4,111
Donations from members	60,048	66,021
Tax recoverable under members' gift aid	12,361	13,707
Legacies	7,005	33,082
	<u>83,624</u>	<u>116,921</u>

4. Investment income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income from UK listed investments	289,035	258,351
Bank interest receivable	-	1,022
	<u>289,035</u>	<u>259,373</u>

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5.	Expenditure on raising funds	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
	Investment advisers' costs	<u>13,286</u>	<u>11,548</u>
6.	Analysis of charitable activities		
	(a) Grants and loans	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
	Grants and non-secured loans payable to individuals:		
	Grants made	165,028	209,289
	Non-secured loans made	<u>663,884</u>	<u>455,021</u>
		828,912	664,310
	Less: recovered during the year	<u>(327,755)</u>	<u>(649,516)</u>
	Total net grants and loans	<u>501,157</u>	<u>14,794</u>
		Number	Number
	Recipients of grants only (all to individuals)	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>
	(b) Analysis of support costs	£	£
	Staff costs (see note 7)	22,624	22,280
	Telephone	230	253
	Office expenses	10,000	10,000
	Exchange (gains)/losses	(37)	-
	Computer costs	1,351	3,220
	Bank charges and general expenses	<u>1,430</u>	<u>1,134</u>
		35,598	36,887
	(c) Analysis of governance costs	2022 £	2021 £
	Auditors' remuneration - audit work	4,050	4,000
	Auditors' remuneration - non audit work	800	800
	Committee expenses	1,122	-
	Professional fees - legal fees	<u>3,538</u>	<u>8,464</u>
		9,510	13,264
	Total charitable activities expenses	<u>546,265</u>	<u>64,945</u>

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7.	Trustees and employees	2022	2021
	Staff costs were as follows:	£	£
	Wages and salaries	20,953	20,643
	Social security costs	1,671	1,637
		<u>22,624</u>	<u>22,280</u>

Staff costs represent amounts recharged by The Catenian Association Limited (see note 12) for the position of clerk to the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund. The clerk to the Trustees is the only employee for both 2022 and 2021. No employee earned over £60,000 per annum.

No trustees received any remuneration from the charity in the year (2021 - £nil). Eight trustees received reimbursement for travelling expenses totalling £751 during the year (2021 - no trustee - £nil).

8.	(a) Fixed asset investments	Investments portfolio
	Valuation	£
	<i>At 1 April 2021</i>	8,137,507
	Disposals	(362,565)
	Net movements in cash held by brokers for investment	428,587
	Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments	768,277
	At 31 March 2022	<u>8,971,806</u>
	Historical cost as at 31 March 2022.	<u>5,162,084</u>
	<i>Historical cost as at 31 March 2021</i>	<u>5,048,541</u>

All fixed asset investments are held within the United Kingdom.

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The investments of the charity at 31 March 2022 were as follows:				Cost	Market value
Holdings	Description			£	£
38,000	Aviva plc	Ord. 25p		220,721	171,798
12,000	BHP Billiton plc	Ord. NPV (DI)		74,390	354,240
30,000	BP plc	Ord. USD 0.25		120,740	112,605
52,000	BT Group plc	Ord. 5p		98,895	94,744
3,690	CRH	Ord Eur 0.32		101,911	113,357
15,000	Diageo plc	* Ord. 28935185		38,082	579,525
20,000	Experian plc	* Ord. USD 0.10		101,664	590,200
21,500	GlaxoSmithKline plc	Ord. 25p		47,387	354,148
152,650	GCP Infrastructure Investments Ltd	Ord. 1p		198,715	168,526
28,333	HSBC Holdings plc	Ord. USD 0.50		168,138	148,861
144,142	Lloyds Banking Group plc	Ord. 10p		148,371	67,833
632,654	M & G Charibond Inc	*		811,070	746,722
19,500	M & G plc	Ord. 5p		10,933	43,134
26,459	Natwest Grp PLC (previously RBS)	Ord. £1		142,922	57,125
18,000	Pearson plc	Ord. 25p		136,108	135,108
11,000	Persimmon plc	Ord. 10p		156,126	236,610
30,000	Polar Capital Technology Trust plc	* Ord. 25p		30,020	683,400
19,500	Prudential plc	Ord. 5p		65,770	221,130
27,000	RELX plc	* Ord. 14 51/116p		160,829	643,410
6,100	Rio Tinto plc	Ord. (Reg) 10p		56,480	370,941
5,333	Severn Trent plc	Ord. 97 17/19p		43,698	164,150
11,000	Shell Plc	Ord. Euro 0.07		251,210	231,935
1,000,000	The Charities Property Fund	*		1,029,602	1,444,400
10,000	Unilever plc	Ord. 3 1/9p		14,300	345,500
54,545	Vodafone Group plc	Ord. USD 0.20 20/21		109,692	68,094
	Investments listed on the UK Stock Exchange			4,337,774	8,147,496
	Cash held as part of the investment portfolio			824,310	824,310
	Total investments as at 31 March 2022			5,162,084	8,971,806

* These items represent material investments that are over 5% by value of the portfolio.

8. (b) Programme related investments	2022	2021
	£	£
Secured recoverable loans supporting the charitable objectives (see below)	<u>844,649</u>	<u>811,473</u>
<i>Analysis of movements in secured recoverable loans is as below:</i>	£	£
Loans recoverable brought forward	811,473	765,138
Transfers (to)/ from non-secured loans	71,150	91,535
Repayments received during the year	(37,974)	(45,200)
Loans recoverable carried forward	<u>844,649</u>	<u>811,473</u>

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9. Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts owed by related companies *	-	-
Income tax recoverable	2,492	6,085
Other debtors	5,000	-
	<u>7,492</u>	<u>6,085</u>

* The related companies referred to above are The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited and The Catenian Association Limited (see note 12 for more details).

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts due to related companies *	32,490	31,930
Accruals and deferred income	18,994	15,402
	<u>51,484</u>	<u>47,332</u>

* The related company referred to above is The Catenian Association Limited (see note 12 for more details).

11. Unrestricted funds	At 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Gains & losses £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
General purpose income fund	5,329,540	372,659	(559,551)	49,875	14,345	5,206,868
Investment revaluation reserve	3,088,966	768,277	-	-	(47,521)	3,809,722
Long term loans reserve	811,473	-	-	-	33,176	844,649
	<u>9,229,979</u>	<u>1,140,936</u>	<u>(559,551)</u>	<u>49,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,861,239</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

General purpose income fund - represents funds available at the discretion of the trustees to further expand the activities of the charity. The fund arises from donated income and income arising on an annual basis from amounts held by way of capital and unutilised funds less costs of generating funds, charitable expenses and governance costs. It also includes realised gains less losses on investments.

The investment revaluation reserve represents unrealised gains on the listed investments as a result of their market value being higher than their cost.

The board of trustees has approved the setting up of a designated fund called the long term loans reserve equivalent to the secured loans recoverable (see note 8 b). The purpose of this designation is to ensure that adequate funds are earmarked to meet any potential non-recoveries.

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12. Related party transactions

The charity's investments and bank accounts are administered by Catena Trustees Limited as Custodian Trustee. The Directors of Catena Trustees Limited are appointed by virtue of their appointment as Trustees of the charity.

The Trustees of the charity are appointed and the Directors of The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited are nominated only by the Central Council of the Catenian Association. Therefore the charities and companies are related companies.

During the year to 31 March 2022 administration expenses were recharged to the charity by The Catenian Association Limited as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Office Expenses	10,000	10,000
Salaries	22,624	22,280
	<u>32,624</u>	<u>32,280</u>

The charity shares the services of the administrative staff and the premises of The Catenian Association Limited. In return for these facilities, £10,000 office expenses was recharged to the company. In addition, £21,840 was recharged by The Catenian Association Limited for the salary costs of the position of clerk to the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund.

At the balance sheet date an amount of £32,490 was due to The Catenian Association Limited (2021 - £31,930 was due to) and none was due from The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited to the charity (2021 - £nil was due from).

During the year the aggregate total donations received from trustees of the charity without conditions amounted to £584 (31 March 2021 - £715).

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION BENEVOLENT AND CHILDREN'S FUND

England & Wales - Charity number 214244

Accounts

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2021

Charity number: 214244

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

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The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Reference and administrative details

Charity number	214244	
Registered and principal office	2nd Floor, 1 Park House Station Square, COVENTRY CV1 2FL	
Trustees	M. O'Malley D. Rowley R.M.S. Allanson D.W. Arundale D. Cawdery J.H. Colligan P. Devine J. Hogan K.M. Rafferty	(Chairman) (Vice Chairman)
Clerk to the managing trustees	P. Roberts	
Members of the investment sub-committee	R.M.S. Allanson D.W. Arundale D. Cawdery T. Ryan	(Chairman), Trustee, Retired Investment Manager Trustee Trustee Stockbroker
Independent auditors	Cocke, Vellacott & Hill Unit 3 Dock Offices Surrey Quays Road LONDON SE16 2XU	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank p.l.c P.O. Box 101 3rd Floor, 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP	
Investment adviser	BRI Wealth Management PLC BRI House Elm Court Meriden Business Park COVENTRY CV5 9RL	
Solicitors	Shakespeare Martineau LLP Solicitors Two Colton Square Leicester LE1 1QH	Stone King LLP Boundary House 91 Charterhouse Street London EC1M 6HR

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Trustees' report

for the ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Scheme approved and established by the Charity Commissioners on 29th May 1991 as amended under an Order of the Charity Commissioners dated 18 February 2015 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing instruments

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (the Fund) is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 214244 and is governed by the Scheme approved and established by the Charity Commissioners on 29th May 1991 as amended aforesaid.

Trustee recruitment

Trustees are appointed by the Central Council of The Catenian Association from a list of Catenian applicants.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are appointed by the Central Council, initially for a period of five years, bearing in mind their experience with other charities and their general professional background. Each receives a copy of the Scheme document, copies of the minutes of the last two meetings and a copy of an application form, followed by explanations of the procedures at subsequent meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Organisation Structure

The trustees meet at least four times in a year and have a mechanism for urgent consideration outside scheduled meetings and are assisted with investment policies by the Investment sub-committee. The Investment sub-committee is formed under the authority of the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund and its membership comprises of Trustees of that Fund together with a number of non-trustees with specialist knowledge and experience as shown on page 1.

The function of the sub-committee is the management of the investment portfolio, undertaking sales and purchases as deemed necessary, with the overreaching intent of safeguarding investments, while seeking balanced capital growth and income. The sub-committee meets at least four times per year and has a mechanism for urgent consideration outside scheduled meetings.

The Fund's investments and bank accounts are administered by Catena Trustees Limited, a company limited by guarantee and without a share capital. See note 12 for more details and related party transactions.

Trustees are appointed for a five year period unless they are appointed to fill a casual vacancy when they complete the term of office of the trustee they are replacing.

The trustees who served during the year are:

R.M.S. Allanson		P. Devine
D.W. Arundale		J. Hogan
R. W. Butler	(retired on 26 May 2020)	M. O'Malley
D. Cawdery		D. Rowley
J.H. Colligan		K.M. Rafferty (appointed on 21 July 2020)

Trustees' report (continued)

for the ended 31 March 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Risk review

The trustees have conducted their own risk review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund provides monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association and their dependants including dependants of deceased and former members of the Catenian Association who are in need.

As part of the fulfilment of its charitable objectives, the charity makes some long term loans to members of the Catenian Association or their dependants on a secured basis. Such loans are made according to the merits of individual applicants. See note 8 (b) for more details.

Strategies

The availability of monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association of the charity is advertised throughout the Catenian Association, on the internet, through provinces and circles and by leaflet.

Activities

During the year, the charity has continued to provide monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association and their dependants who are in financial difficulties and who have applied to the charity for assistance.

Public Benefit

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The paragraphs in this report show the aims and objectives of this charity and activities of the year.

Income is received by personal donation from members of the Catenian Association together with investment income from investments held. Applications for grants and loans are made by members of the Association or their dependants or dependants of deceased members or former members after due local process. Meetings of the trustees are held at least four times a year to consider the cases and payment is made to or on behalf of the claimant, by grant or loan. In special emergency cases a representative committee is employed.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund has made grants to eighteen (18) individual beneficiaries (2020 - thirty two (32)) totalling £209,289 during the year (2020 - £212,305). In addition to the grants, the charity has provided monetary assistance to twenty three (23) (2020 - twenty nine (29)) members in difficulty or need in the form of unsecured loans amounting to £455,021 (2020 - £689,169).

During the year, no new first charge loans were made (2020 - none), no existing first charge loan values were increased (2020 - none), three (3) unsecured loans were converted to first charge loans totalling £91,535 (2020 - one (1) totalling £7,000) and three (3) repaid their first charge loans in full amounting to £45,200 (2020 - two (2) repaid £26,644), no secured loans were partly paid totalling £nil (2020 - two (2) repaid £3,600). At the year end there were twenty seven (27) first charge loans (2020 - twenty seven (27)) shown in the accounts amounting to £811,473 (2020 - £765,138) and are shown in note 8 (b) to the accounts, as programme related investments.

Trustees' report (continued)

for the ended 31 March 2021

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

The trustees consider the investment performance achieved against the investment growth objectives to be good after a year of severe market disruption since March 2020 caused by the roll out of governments' responses to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Financial review

Results for the year

Details of the income and expenditure for the year are shown in the statement of financial activities on page 9. Donations and legacies of £116,921 (2020 - £93,588) and investment income totalling £259,373 (2020 - £330,528) were received during the year. Investment brokers' fees came to £11,548 (2020 - £12,603).

Grants and non-secured loans given to individuals during the year amounted to £664,310 (2020 - £901,474). Recoveries of grants and non-secured loans amounted to £649,516 (2020 - £162,627). Other charitable support and governance costs came to £50,151 (2020 - £47,227).

Net income amounted to £319,565 (2020 - net expenditure of £370,193) in the year under review after taking into account realised gains on investments of £19,764 (2020 - gains £4,368). Net movement in funds transferred to/(from) the accumulated fund totalled £1,203,754 (2020 - transferred from - £1,114,833) after including unrealised gains on investments of £884,189 (2020 - unrealised losses of £744,640).

Investments policy and performance

Investments are held with a view to providing a balanced capital growth and income. Investment income amounted to £259,373 (2020 - £330,528). All investments held by the charity have been acquired in accordance with the powers available to the trustees. Movements in fixed asset investments are shown in note 8 (a) to the financial statements. The market value of shares held increased by 129 % to £8,137,507 (2020 - £7,285,879) as a result of additions of £nil (2020 - £nil), net additions of cash of £60,592 (2020 - withdrawal of cash - £6,437), disposals of £93,153 (2020 - £411,270) and gains on revaluation of £884,189 (2020 - losses of £744,640).

Reserves and grant and loan making policies

The reserves policy has been developed to give the Fund sufficient resources to meet variations in the level of longer term requirements and is currently agreed to be £8 million to cover the following:

1. To give long term and unsecured loans;
2. To give grants to Members in difficulty or need;
3. To assimilate losses on loans not repaid;
4. To meet the needs of an ageing Membership, elderly widows and dependants of deceased members or former members;
5. To alleviate the difficulties being experienced by members in overseas countries which are politically and/or financially unstable;
6. To provide domestic assistance to members who have suffered from failed business ventures or redundancies;
7. To provide assistance to those members who are victims of pension failures;
8. To provide help for those members who have been unable to secure a reasonable occupational pension;
9. To withstand the perceived volatility of the Stock Market;
10. To take advantage of any strategic development opportunities.

Available reserves in the General Fund currently stand at £9,229,979 (31 March 2020 - £8,026,224). The trustees are of the opinion that the charity is able to meet the needs of applicants. Grants and loans are awarded according to the merits of each individual application.

Trustees' report (continued)

for the ended 31 March 2021

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The charity will continue to provide assistance to members and their dependants in a similar manner in the ensuing year.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity 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 charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and to 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 and the "Charities SORP (FRS 102)". 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.

AUDITORS

The auditors have signified their willingness to continue and a resolution proposing the re-appointment of Cocke, Vellacott & Hill as auditors of the charity, will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the trustees on 20 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

M. O'Malley (Trustee)

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of
The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund set out on pages 9 to 16 for the year ended 31 March 2021. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom General Accepted Accounting Practice and they are in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)" and the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 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 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 directors' 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 company'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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 auditor's report to the trustees of
The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (continued)

Matters on which the auditor is 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 require 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
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; 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 set out on page 5, the trustees 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.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We have obtained an understanding of the charity's policies and procedures through discussions with senior management and trustees

We also drew on our existing understanding of the work that the charity does and the sector that it operates in.

We understand that the charity complies with its responsibilities through close involvement of senior management and trustees in the day to day running of the business and regular liaison between them . Were there any litigation or claims they would come to the attention of the senior management directly.

The charity also holds regular bimonthly board meetings at which all such matters are discussed if applicable. We have reviewed the minutes of all board meetings and no irregularities were identified. Management accounts figures are circulated to all trustees and senior management.

In the context of the audit, we considered those laws and regulations which determine the form and content of the financial statements, which are central to the charity's ability to conduct business and where failure to comply could result in material penalties.

We have considered the disclosure requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as part of our finalisation processes.

We discussed the possibility of fraud with senior management and trustees whether they had any knowledge of any actual, alleged or suspected fraud. We designed our audit tests to consider controls and tested a sample of financial transactions. We considered the timing of recognition of income.

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of
The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (continued)

In common with all audits under ISA's (UK) we also performed specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. We assessed the charity's control environment is adequate for the size and operating model of such a charity.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

Cocke, Vellacott & Hill
Statutory Auditor

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Date:16 August 2021

Cocke, Vellacott & Hill is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	116,921	93,588
Investment income	4	259,373	330,528
Total income		376,294	424,116
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	11,548	12,603
Charitable activities	6	64,945	786,074
Total expenditure		76,493	798,677
Net gains/(losses) on disposal of investments at book cost		19,764	4,368
Net income/(expenditure)	2	319,565	(370,193)
Other recognised gains and losses			
Unrealised gains/ (losses) on investments	8	884,189	(744,640)
Net movement in funds		1,203,754	(1,114,833)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	11	8,026,225	9,141,058
Total funds carried forward	11	9,229,979	8,026,225

All of the operations undertaken by the charity during the current and preceding year are continuing operations and there were no other recognised gains and losses other than the above.

The net income for the year including realised gains (losses) on the disposal of investments is £319,565 (2020 - net expenditure £370,193).

Based on the historic cost equivalent net income is £397,008 (2020 - net expenditure of £139,655).

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments					
Investments	8 (a)		8,137,507		7,285,879
Programme related investments	8 (b)		811,473		765,138
Total fixed assets			<u>8,948,980</u>		<u>8,051,017</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	9	6,085		7,206	
Cash at bank and in hand		322,246		108,947	
Total current assets		<u>328,331</u>		<u>116,153</u>	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	10	(47,332)		(140,945)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			<u>280,999</u>		<u>(24,792)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>9,229,979</u></u>		<u><u>8,026,225</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted income funds:					
General reserves	11		5,329,540		4,978,866
Revaluation reserve	11		3,088,966		2,282,220
Long term loans reserve	11		811,473		765,138
Total charity funds			<u><u>9,229,979</u></u>		<u><u>8,026,225</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 20 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

M. O'Malley
Trustee

P. Devine
Trustee

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Notes to financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments. They are also prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the recommendations of the Charity Commission in "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) (effective 1 January 2019)" and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011.

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

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

Income recognition

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of raising funds comprise of investment management costs and those costs incurred in attracting donations and legacies.

Grants and loans, which are unlikely to be recoverable, are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they are made. Any such grants and loans repaid to the company, having been made in earlier years, are credited to the income and expenditure account. Due to the inherent uncertainties around both timing and amounts that will be received, the charity considers it appropriate to indicate that such a contingent asset exists but that it is unable to quantify the value of this asset.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These include costs related to audit, trustee expenses and legal fees.

Expenditure, which involves more than one cost category, is apportioned on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis to the cost categories involved.

Taxation

Provision for taxation is not necessary, as the Fund is a registered charity and has no trading activities. No deferred tax provision is required.

Notes to financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies - (continued)

Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising and disposals throughout the year.

Programme related investments

These include loans to beneficiaries in accordance with the objectives of the charity. The loans secured by a first charge on a recipient's assets are expected to be recovered in due course. In the event that the loan or part of the loan becomes non-repayable it will be written off in the statement of financial activities.

Funds

- (i) Investment revaluation reserve - represents unrealised gains on the listed securities as a result of their market values being higher than their cost.
- (ii) General fund - represents the net surplus made by the company during its operations.
- (ii) Long term loans reserve - represents an amount equivalent to the secured loans recoverable to ensure that adequate funds are earmarked to meet any potential non-recoveries.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to the statement of financial activities.

2. Net income/(expenditure)

	2021	2020
Loss on foreign currencies	-	1,480
Auditors' remuneration from audit work	4,000	4,000
Auditors' remuneration from non-audit work	800	800
	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>

3. Donations and legacies

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations from circles and provinces	4,111	2,612
Donations from members	66,021	70,922
Tax recoverable under members' gift aid	13,707	12,404
Legacies	33,082	7,650
	<u>116,921</u>	<u>93,588</u>

4. Investment income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income from UK listed investments	258,351	329,641
Bank interest receivable	1,022	887
	<u>259,373</u>	<u>330,528</u>

5. Expenditure on raising funds

	2021	2020
	Total	Total
	£	£
Investment advisers' costs	11,548	12,603
	<u>11,548</u>	<u>12,603</u>

Notes to financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2021

6. Analysis of charitable activities

(a) Grants and loans

	2021	2020
	Total	Total
	£	£
Grants and non-secured loans payable to individuals:		
Grants made	209,289	212,305
Non-secured loans made	455,021	689,169
	<u>664,310</u>	<u>901,474</u>
Less: recovered during the year	(649,516)	(162,627)
Total net grants and loans	<u>14,794</u>	<u>738,847</u>

	Number	Number
Recipients of grants only (all to individuals)	<u>18</u>	<u>32</u>

(b) Analysis of support costs

	£	£
Staff costs (see note 7)	22,280	21,840
Telephone	253	313
Office expenses	10,000	10,000
Exchange (gains)/losses	-	1,480
Computer costs	3,220	698
Bank charges and general expenses	1,134	2,129
	<u>36,887</u>	<u>36,460</u>

(c) Analysis of governance costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration - audit work	4,000	4,000
Auditors' remuneration - non audit work	800	800
Committee expenses	-	3,499
Professional fees - legal fees	8,464	2,468
	<u>13,264</u>	<u>10,767</u>
Total charitable activities expenses	<u>64,945</u>	<u>786,074</u>

7. Trustees and employees

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs were as follows:		
Wages and salaries	20,643	20,238
Social security costs	1,637	1,602
	<u>22,280</u>	<u>21,840</u>

Staff costs represent amounts recharged by The Catenian Association Limited (see note 12) for the position of clerk to the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund. The clerk to the Trustees is the only employee for both 2021 and 2020. No employee earned over £60,000 per annum.

No trustees received any remuneration from the charity in the year (2020 - £nil). No trustees received reimbursement for travelling expenses during the year (2020 - ten trustees - £3,043).

Notes to financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2021

8. (a) Fixed asset investments

Valuation

At 1 April 2020

Disposals

Net movements in cash held by brokers for investment

Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments

At 31 March 2021

Investments
portfolio

£

7,285,879

(93,153)

60,592

884,189

8,137,507

Historical cost as at 31 March 2021.

5,048,541

Historical cost as at 31 March 2020

5,003,659

All fixed asset investments are held within the United Kingdom.

The investments of the charity at 31 March 2021 were as follows:

Holdings	Description		Cost £	Market value £
38,000	Aviva plc	Ord. 25p	220,721	161,589
204,750	Aviva Multi Strategy Target Income 2		200,934	155,116
12,000	BHP Billiton plc	Ord. USD 0.50	74,390	251,340
30,000	BP plc	Ord. USD 0.25	120,740	88,395
52,000	BT Group plc	Ord. 5p	98,895	80,496
3,690	CRH	Ord Eur 0.32	101,911	125,128
15,000	Diageo plc	* Ord. 28 101/108p	38,082	448,425
20,000	Experian plc	* Ord. USD 0.10	101,664	499,400
21,500	GlaxoSmithKline plc	Ord. 25p	47,387	276,920
152,650	GCP Infrastructure Investments Ltd	Ord. 1p	198,715	156,924
28,333	HSBC Holdings plc	Ord. USD 0.50	168,138	119,905
144,142	Lloyds Banking Group plc	Ord. 10p	148,371	61,318
632,654	M & G Charibond Inc	*	811,070	781,455
19,500	M & G plc	Ord. 5p	10,933	40,443
50,000	Morrisons (WM) Supermarket plc	Ord. 10p	109,107	91,225
26,459	Natwest Grp PLC (previously RBS)	Ord. £1	142,922	51,926
18,000	Pearson plc	Ord. 25p	136,108	138,888
11,000	Persimmon plc	Ord. 10p	156,126	323,400
35,000	Polar Capital Technology Trust plc	* Ord. 25p	35,023	768,250
19,500	Prudential plc	Ord. 5p	65,770	300,398
27,000	RELX plc	* Ord. 14 51/116p	160,829	491,130
6,100	Rio Tinto plc	Ord. (Reg) 10p	56,480	338,550
11,000	Royal Dutch Shell plc B	Ord. Euro 0.07	251,210	146,850
5,333	Severn Trent plc	Ord. 97 17/19p	43,698	122,979
1,000,000	The Charities Property Fund	*	1,029,602	1,243,800
10,000	Unilever plc	Ord. 3 1/9p	14,300	405,600
54,545	Vodafone Group plc	Ord. USD 0.20 20/21	109,692	71,934
	Investments listed on the UK Stock Exchange		4,652,818	7,741,784
	Cash held as part of the investment portfolio		395,723	395,723
	Total investments as at 31 March 2021		5,048,541	8,137,507

* These items represent material investments that are over 5% by value of the portfolio.

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Notes to financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2021

8. (b) Programme related investments	2021	2020
	£	£
Secured recoverable loans supporting the charitable objectives (see below)	<u>811,473</u>	<u>765,138</u>
<i>Analysis of movements in secured recoverable loans is as below:</i>		
	£	£
Loans recoverable brought forward	765,138	788,382
Transfers (to)/ from non-secured loans	91,535	7,000
Repayments received during the year	<u>(45,200)</u>	<u>(30,244)</u>
Loans recoverable carried forward	<u>811,473</u>	<u>765,138</u>
9. Debtors	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts owed by related companies *	-	1,415
Income tax recoverable	<u>6,085</u>	<u>5,791</u>
	<u>6,085</u>	<u>7,206</u>
* The related companies referred to above are The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited and The Catenian Association Limited (see note 12 for more details).		
10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts due to related companies *	31,930	32,015
Accruals and deferred income	<u>15,402</u>	<u>108,930</u>
	<u>47,332</u>	<u>140,945</u>

* The related company referred to above is The Catenian Association Limited (see note 12 for more details).

Notes to financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2021

11. Unrestricted funds	At	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Gains & losses	Transfers	At
	1 April 2020					31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General purpose income fund	4,978,867	376,294	(76,493)	19,764	31,108	5,329,540
Investment revaluation reserve	2,282,220	884,189	-	-	(77,443)	3,088,966
Long term loans reserve	765,138	-	-	-	46,335	811,473
	<u>8,026,225</u>	<u>1,260,483</u>	<u>(76,493)</u>	<u>19,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,229,979</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

General purpose income fund - represents funds available at the discretion of the trustees to further expand the activities of the charity. The fund arises from donated income and income arising on an annual basis from amounts held by way of capital and unutilised funds less costs of generating funds, charitable expenses and governance costs. It also includes realised gains less losses on investments.

The investment revaluation reserve represents unrealised gains on the listed investments as a result of their market value being higher than their cost.

The board of trustees has approved the setting up of a designated fund called the long term loans reserve equivalent to the secured loans recoverable (see note 8 b). The purpose of this designation is to ensure that adequate funds are earmarked to meet any potential non-recoveries.

12. Related party transactions

The charity's investments and bank accounts are administered by Catena Trustees Limited as Custodian Trustee. The Directors of Catena Trustees Limited are appointed by virtue of their appointment as Trustees of the charity.

The Trustees of the charity are appointed and the Directors of The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited are nominated only by the Central Council of the Catenian Association. Therefore the charities and companies are related companies.

During the year to 31 March 2021 administration expenses were recharged to the charity by The Catenian Association Limited as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Office Expenses	10,000	10,000
Salaries	22,280	21,840
	<u>32,280</u>	<u>31,840</u>

The charity shares the services of the administrative staff and the premises of The Catenian Association Limited. In return for these facilities, £10,000 office expenses was recharged to the company. In addition, £21,840 was recharged by The Catenian Association Limited for the salary costs of the position of clerk to the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund.

At the balance sheet date an amount of £31,930 was due to The Catenian Association Limited (2020 - £32,015 was due to) and none was due from The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited to the charity (2020 - £1,415 was due from).

During the year the aggregate total donations received from trustees of the charity without conditions amounted to £715 (31 March 2020 - £205).