

Charity Registration No. 215542

CHARITY OF ALDERMAN JAMES HICKSON

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY OF ALDERMAN JAMES HICKSON

Trustee's Report For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustee presents the annual report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the requirements of the Charity's governing document.

Objectives and activities

The Trustee delivers public benefit through grant making and has paid due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should support.

The scheme states that the yearly net income shall be applied as follows:

- 3/13 To the upkeep of the Almshouses in South Mimms; and
- 10/13 To the Aldgate and Allhallows Foundation (registered Charity no: 312500).

Achievements and performance

During the year the Charity agreed donations to the Aldgate and Allhallows Foundation of £46,648 (2023: £43,855) and transferred £13,994 (2023: £13,156) as per objectives detailed above.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on pages 5 and 6 and in Note 5.

Restricted funds

The Alderman James Hickson Fund received total income of £95,786 (2023: £89,900) and incurred costs of £54,842 (2023: £61,936). Included in total income is £nil (2023: £nil) in respect of a promotion agreement relating to the development of endowed land. Included in total costs is £nil (2023: £nil) of professional fees incurred in respect of the promotion agreement. The net available distributable income is £60,642 (2023: £57,011) to be applied in accordance with the Scheme. The calculated 10/13 net income of £46,648 (2023: £43,855) is granted to Aldgate and Allhallows Foundation and £13,994 (2023: £13,156) is transferred to the restricted Almshouses upkeep fund.

The Charity's listed investments are pooled with those of other charities administered by the Brewers' Company in The Brewers' Company Pooled Investment Scheme. The Scheme was established on 1 November 1968 by the Secretary of State for Education and Sciences under Sections 18 and 22 of the Charities Act 1960.

In 2021 a Quinquennial investment review was commissioned by the Investment Committee of the Brewers' Company. It was noted that the Newton Global Growth & Income Fund, in which the Pooled Investment Scheme is invested, had lagged CCLA's COIF Investment Fund in total return terms, but had generally performed in line with the other major multi-asset funds for charities. The total returns achieved had been good, as compared to the composite benchmarks and most comparable multi-asset funds for charities, as well as the peer group measurement of the ARC Steady Growth Index.

The listed investments are managed by Newton Investment Management. In 2021 the Trustee reviewed the investment policy in line with the recommendations from the Quinquennial investment review. The investment objective was redefined as "*Primarily the maintenance of Capital in real terms as measured by CPI over a rolling 5-year period, and then an average annual growth in income in the longer term. The total return target is CPI+3% over a rolling 5-year period on a net of fees basis*".

Additionally, the Trustee agreed to charge investment management fees to capital from 1 January 2022. Performance is monitored by the Investment Committee of the Brewers' Company.

In 2024, the 5-year total return objective was met and the 5-year capital value objective was narrowly missed, due to below-target performance in earlier years and not in 2024. Income increased only slightly compared to 2023, reflecting the investment manager's focus on investing for long-term capital value and with an expectation that income yield will be steady or increase in 2025.

The investment properties were revalued to their open market value at 31 December 2022 by Daniel Watney LLP, Chartered Surveyors.

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Trustee's Report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2024

Financial review (continued)

There are no on-going commitments that require the Charity to hold unrestricted reserves, so the policy is to distribute all the available net income each year.

Reserves policy

The Trustee observes the Charity Commission Scheme dated 22 October 1990 and therefore at 31 December 2024, has no unrestricted reserves (2023 - £nil).

Plans for future periods

The aim of the Trustee is to maximise the amount available for distribution to beneficiaries without prejudicing the permanent endowment of the Charity.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity was established by the will of Alderman James Hickson on 28 January 1687 and is currently governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 22 October 1990.

The sole Trustee is the body corporate called The Master and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of Brewers in the City of London, commonly known as the Brewers' Company.

The Charity's activities are overseen by the Master, Wardens and Court Assistants of the Brewers' Company who comprise the Court.

The Court meets five times a year to monitor investment performance and make decisions on charitable expenditure. The Court is advised by an Investment Committee who meet regularly with the investment advisors to monitor their performance against targets.

The day to day administration of the Charity is undertaken by staff of the Trustee.

Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustee and advisors

The Charity of Alderman James Hickson's is a Charity registered in England and Wales no: 215542.

The principal address of the Charity is Brewers' Hall, Aldermanbury Square, London EC2V 7HR.

The Trustee is the Brewers' Company of the City of London.

The principal advisors to the Charity are:

<i>Independent Examiner</i>	Paul Windmill FCA, Myers Clark
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<i>Bankers</i>	Lloyds Bank plc
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<i>Investment Advisors</i>	Newton Investment Management Limited
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<i>Solicitors</i>	Farrer & Co LLP
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<i>Property Advisors</i>	Daniel Watney LLP
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Trustee's Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustee is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Trustee

NHC Tindal
Clerk

1 May 2025

CHARITY OF ALDERMAN JAMES HICKSON

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee For the year ended 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts of Charity of Alderman James Hickson (charity no: 215542) for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Paul Windmill FCA
Chartered Accountant

Myers Clark
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Watford
Herts, WD17 1DL

1 May 2025

CHARITY OF ALDERMAN JAMES HICKSON
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:						
UK rental income	2,020	-	2,020	1,686	-	1,686
UK listed investments	90,004	-	90,004	86,455	-	86,455
UK interest receivable	3,762	-	3,762	1,759	-	1,759
Total income	95,786	-	95,786	89,900	-	89,900
Expenditure on:						
Charitable donations	(46,648)	-	(46,648)	(43,855)	-	(43,855)
Maintenance of Almshouses	(20,733)	-	(20,733)	(21,385)	-	(21,385)
Administration charge (note 7)	(21,986)	-	(21,986)	(20,768)	-	(20,768)
Investment manager's fees	-	(322)	(322)	-	(11,620)	(11,620)
Accountancy fees	(2,868)	-	(2,868)	(2,838)	-	(2,838)
Sundry expenses	(1,188)	-	(1,188)	(508)	-	(508)
Irrecoverable VAT	(7,170)	-	(7,170)	(4,753)	-	(4,753)
South Mimms Costs	(575)	-	(575)	(64)	-	(64)
Total expenditure	(101,168)	(322)	(101,490)	(94,171)	(11,620)	(105,791)
Net (losses)/ gains on investment assets	11,766	265,217	276,983	10,193	228,257	238,450
Net (expenditure)/ income and Net movement in funds after transfers	6,384	264,895	271,279	5,922	216,637	222,559
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds at 1 January 2024	190,895	5,408,607	5,599,502	184,973	5,191,970	5,376,943
Total Funds at 31 December 2024	197,279	5,673,502	5,870,781	190,895	5,408,607	5,599,502

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Balance Sheet For the year ended 31 December 2024

			2024		2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	2		5,767,139		5,496,328
Current assets					
Debtors	3	4,207		21,583	
Cash at bank and in hand		149,674		133,891	
		153,881		155,474	
Creditors: amounts due within one year	4	(50,239)		(52,300)	
Net current assets			103,642		103,174
Total assets less current liabilities			5,870,781		5,599,502
Funds of the charity:	5				
Endowment			5,673,502		5,408,607
Restricted income			197,279		190,895
Total funds			5,870,781		5,599,502

The accounts were approved by the Trustees 1 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by.

K A Smart
Master

NHC Tindal
Clerk

Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – SORP FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019).

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved applying SORP FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019) rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice referred to in the regulation but which has since been withdrawn.

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

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

Income

Income is recognised when entitlement passes to the charity, receipt is probable, and amounts are measurable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation to pay arises.

Grants are accounted for when the Trustee has agreed the grant allocation for a particular year. There are no unspent allocations to be carried forward into future years.

Investments

Investments comprise units quoted on recognised stock exchanges, investment properties held to generate income and social investment properties that are held to further the objectives of the charity.

Investments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently at fair value at the balance sheet date.

Gains or losses on revaluation are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities and applied to the fund in which the investments are held.

Funds

Endowment funds comprise funds that the Trustee does not have the power to spend and must be maintained as capital. Income generated from endowment funds is applied in accordance with the terms of the fund.

Restricted funds comprise funds that are required to be spent on specific separate purposes in accordance with the Scheme.

Unrestricted funds represent funds received that can be applied at the Trustee's discretion within the general objects of the charity.

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Notes to the accounts (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2024

2. Investments

	Listed investments £	Property £	Social Investment £	Total £
Market value at 1 January 2024	3,941,328	790,000	765,000	5,496,328
Cash withdrawn	(6,172)	-	-	(6,172)
Change in value in year	276,983	-	-	276,983
Market value or cost at 31 December 2024	4,212,139	790,000	765,000	5,767,139
Historic cost				
At 31 December 2024	3,854,046			
At 31 December 2023	3,860,218			

All of the Charity's listed investments are held in The Brewers' Company Pooled Investment Scheme. At 31 December 2024, the portfolio was held in the Newton Growth and Income Fund for Charities.

The Social Investment comprises the Almshouses at South Mimms.

The Trustee is unable to calculate the attributable historic cost of the investment properties acquired from the original bequest from Alderman James Hickson's will of 1687 and subsequent refurbishments. The opinion of the Trustee is that the current market value is far in excess of cost.

Professional revaluations of properties are undertaken every 5 years as annual professional valuations would incur undue cost. The last professional valuation was undertaken at 31 December 2022 by Daniel Watney LLP, Chartered Surveyors.

All investments are held in the UK.

3. Debtors:

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors & prepayments	4,207	21,583
Total other debtors & prepayments	4,207	21,583

4. Creditors: amounts due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors – unpaid allocated Grant	46,648	43,855
Accruals & creditors	3,591	8,445
	50,239	52,300

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Notes to the accounts (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2024

5. Funds of the charity

CURRENT YEAR

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gain/ (Loss) on investment £	Transfer of funds £	At 31 December 2024 £
Permanent endowment						
Educational purposes	4,350,386	-	(284)	244,610	-	4,594,712
Almshouses and Almspeople	1,058,221	-	(38)	20,607	-	1,078,790
	5,408,607	-	(322)	265,217	-	5,673,502
Restricted						
Alderman James Hickson Fund	-	84,563	(23,921)	-	(60,642)	-
Almshouses and Alms people	190,895	11,223	(30,599)	11,766	13,994	197,279
The Aldgate and Allhallows Foundation	-	-	(46,648)	-	46,648	-
	190,895	95,786	(101,168)	11,766	-	197,279
Total funds	5,599,502	95,786	(101,490)	276,983	-	5,870,781

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Notes to the accounts (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2024

5. Funds of the charity (continued)

PRIOR YEAR

	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gain/ (Loss) on investment £	Transfer of funds £	At 31 December 2023 £
Permanent endowment						
Educational purposes	4,150,067	-	(10,262)	210,581	-	4,350,386
Almshouses and Almspeople	1,041,903	-	(1,358)	17,676	-	1,058,221
	<i>5,191,970</i>	-	<i>(11,620)</i>	<i>228,257</i>	-	<i>5,408,607</i>
Restricted						
Alderman James Hickson Fund	-	79,709	(22,698)	-	(57,011)	-
Almshouses and Alms people	184,973	10,191	(27,618)	10,193	13,156	190,895
The Aldgate and Allhallows Foundation	-	-	(43,855)	-	43,855	-
	<i>184,973</i>	<i>89,900</i>	<i>(94,171)</i>	<i>10,193</i>	-	<i>190,895</i>
Total funds	5,376,943	89,900	(105,791)	238,450	-	5,599,502

Notes to the accounts (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

6. Net assets by fund

CURRENT YEAR

	Fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Permanent endowment			
Educational purposes	4,509,837	84,875	4,594,712
Almshouses and Almspeople	1,078,367	423	1,078,790
Restricted			
Almshouses fund	178,935	18,344	197,279
Total funds	5,767,139	103,642	5,870,781

PRIOR YEAR

	Fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Permanent endowment			
Educational purposes	4,268,247	82,139	4,350,386
Almshouses and Almspeople	1,058,221	-	1,058,221
Restricted			
Almshouses fund	169,860	21,035	190,895
Total funds	5,496,328	103,174	5,599,502

7. Trustee's remuneration

The charity is charged for administration costs by the Brewers' Company which is the Trustee of the charity. The contribution for the year ended 31 December 2024 was £21,986 (2023: £20,768).

8. Employees

There were no employees during the year (2023: none).