

**THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF BLACKSMITHS  
CHARITABLE TRUST**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION  
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

**TRUSTEE:** The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths

**SECRETARY:** Ms J Moffatt

**ADDRESS:** 9 Little Trinity Lane  
London  
EC4V 2AD

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London  
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Leonard House  
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**INVESTMENT  
MANAGERS:** M&G Securities Ltd  
P O Box 9038  
Chelmsford  
Essex CM99 2XF

**SOLICITORS:** Pinsent Masons  
30 Aylesbury Street  
London  
EC1R 0ER

**CHARITY NUMBER:** 216614

**THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF BLACKSMITHS  
CHARITABLE TRUST  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE  
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

1.

## **STRUCTURE MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE**

### **CONSTITUTION**

The Charitable Trust of The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths is constituted by a Declaration of Trust dated 4 April 1957 and was registered on 29th September 1988 with the Registration number 216614.

### **TRUSTEE**

The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths is the Trustee of the Trust. Four Wardens, in accordance with the successive Charters granted to the Company, control the affairs of the Company.

### **INVESTMENT POWERS**

The investment powers of the Trust are set out in the Trust Deed which permits the Trustee to acquire and dispose of investments as it, in its absolute discretion, thinks fit.

### **MANAGEMENT OF THE TRUST**

In accordance with the Court resolution of 5 July 2001 the following were appointed members of the Charity Committee:

<b>Nigel Baldwin Whitehead</b>	Past Prime Warden	Chairman
<b>Jillian Deborah Cerey Moffatt</b>	The Learned Clerk	Secretary
<b>Jane Elizabeth Davis OBE QVRM DL</b>	Court Assistant	
<b>Frances Elaine Coulson</b>	Liveryman	
<b>Dean Hollington</b>	Liveryman	
<b>Peter Giles Hurford OBE</b>	Liveryman	
<b>Christopher Rowland Jeal</b>	Liveryman	
<b>Leslie Morgan OBE DL</b>	Liveryman	
<b>Hector Ian Samuel Robb</b>	Liveryman	

### **OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

The Trustee has the power to apply the funds of the Charitable Trust for the benefit of such charitable institutions or charitable objects as it, in its absolute discretion, thinks fit.

Over the life of the Trust this has evolved into a programme of providing Bursaries for student blacksmiths, the support of charities related to the City of London (the 'standing' list – see page 8); charitable beneficiaries proposed by the Prime Warden and other charitable causes.

In assessing applicants for Bursaries the report from the tutor, the student's comments and photographs of their work are taken into consideration. An interview with the applicant may be requested.

All charitable appeals are considered by the members of the Charity Committee. If perceived to be worthy, and funds are available, they may decide to offer support particularly if there is an underlying element relevant to the art and mystery of blacksmithing.

The members of the Charity Committee do not anticipate recommending any significant change in objectives or operation to the Wardens.

The Court elects the Chairman of the Charity Committee each year. In conjunction with the Prime Warden he nominates members of the Committee. They are selected to provide a balance between Members of the Court and the Livery because of their individual professional or background skills.

The Committee generally meets three times each year and conducts the affairs of the Trust on behalf of the Wardens, in accordance with the Terms of Reference agreed at their Court meeting on 23rd November 2006.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The trust receives many appeals each year. These come from a wide range of organisations, seeking funding for their own projects or from agencies that support individuals. Assistance may be given to individuals where one person, and potentially their family, may benefit or through a wider group achieved through the improvement of facilities or services offered by organisations.

Bursaries are given to students training to become a blacksmith and they are encouraged to approach the Trust for help after training, if they feel the need.

The Trustee believes that public benefit is secured through the grant and bursary procedures that are operated and assist, directly or indirectly, a wide range of people.

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2.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

The members of the Charity Committee, as authorised by the Trustee, contributed to various charitable organisations during the year. The total amount paid by way of charitable donations, grants and bursaries was £43,825 (2019: £29,300).

During the year the Trustee made bursary payments to students at the National School of Blacksmithing, which is part of Herefordshire College of Technology. Students at Plumpton College also received Bursary payments.

The initial payment of 50% is made upon the award of the Bursary. The final payment is dependent upon the Committee receiving independent confirmation that the students maintained a high standard of work and attended the course regularly.

The total amount due to be paid in bursaries was £21,150 (2019: £14,050).

**ASSET COVER FOR FUNDS**

On behalf of the Trustee the members of the Charity Committee confirm that assets are available and adequate to meet the obligations of the charity.

**RESERVES POLICY**

Reserves of the charity are held and invested to generate income to support the charity's objectives.

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Prime Warden, on behalf of his fellow Wardens, attends meetings of the Charity Committee. The record of decisions made at meetings is circulated to the members of the Charity Committee and the Wardens. It is considered at the Quarterly meeting of the Court of Wardens and Assistants when the Chairman may be asked questions.

The authorisation of payments is subject to the same controls as for the assets of the General Fund of The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths.

The long-term assets are invested in M&G Charifund and M&G Charibond units. The members of the Finance Committee monitor the performance of these investments and report to the members of the Charity Committee and the Wardens on a regular basis.

**THE FUTURE**

Bursary payments are made possible by the generosity of individuals, within and outside The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths, who believe in the need to support and encourage students of the craft.

The Wardens appreciate that the minimum level of assets for The Charitable Trust of a newly established Livery Company is £350,000 and have therefore set that figure as the target for the asset value. In making this statement the Wardens appreciate that variations in Stock Market valuations may mean that this figure is not consistently achieved. They note that at 31 July 2020 the net asset value of the Unrestricted Fund was £392,261 (2019: £431,278).

The members of the Charity Committee are seeking to increase the capital held in the Education Fund of the Trust. Donors are encouraged to enter a long-term commitment and to take advantage of the provisions of the Gift Aid regulations to enhance the value to the Trust of their donations. Such contributions are held in the Education Fund which is a restricted fund.

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3.

STATEMENT OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE ACCOUNTS

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing accounts that give a true and fair view, Trustees should follow best practice and:

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

Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at any time and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the accounts comply with the SORP 2005 and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud or other irregularities.

The members of the Charity Committee, on behalf of The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths, oversee these requirements.

Approved by the members of the Charity Committee and signed on their behalf:

  
N B Whitehead - Chairman of the Charity Committee

Approved by the Court of Wardens on 20 May 2021 and signed on behalf of The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths:

  
Dr Nicholas Land - Prime Warden

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEE OF  
THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF BLACKSMITHS CHARITABLE TRUST  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

4.

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths Charitable Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths Charitable Trust for the year ended 31 July 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
Graham Atkin FCA  
Crane & Partners

Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors

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Date: 26 May 2021

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>		£	£	£	
Voluntary income	3	29,124	14,396	<b>43,520</b>	14,152
Investment income	4	18,349	195	<b>18,544</b>	18,099
Other income	5	300	-	<b>300</b>	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>47,773</b>	<b>14,591</b>	<b>62,364</b>	<b>37,251</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable donations and grants	6	21,675	22,150	<b>43,825</b>	29,300
Operational activities	7	6,040	-	<b>6,040</b>	6,040
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>27,715</b>	<b>22,150</b>	<b>49,865</b>	<b>35,340</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>20,058</b>	<b>(7,559)</b>	<b>12,499</b>	<b>1,911</b>
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		(59,075)	155	<b>(58,920)</b>	(7,130)
Net movement in funds		(39,017)	(7,404)	<b>(46,421)</b>	(5,219)
Fund balances brought forward		431,278	76,910	<b>508,188</b>	513,407
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>		<b>392,261</b>	<b>69,506</b>	<b>461,767</b>	<b>508,188</b>

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BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 JULY 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Investments	8	377,735	436,655
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	9	7,458	4,913
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>85,739</u>	<u>75,060</u>
		93,197	79,973
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>9,165</u>	<u>8,440</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		84,032	71,533
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>461,767</u>	<u>508,188</u>

**FUNDS**

**Unrestricted fund**

General purpose fund	12	384,206	431,278
Benevolence fund	12	<u>8,055</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>392,261</u>	<u>431,278</u>

**Restricted fund**

Scottish bequest	12	14,000	14,000
Education and training fund	12	44,986	51,740
Gabriel Masterclass	12	<u>10,520</u>	<u>11,170</u>
		<u>69,506</u>	<u>76,910</u>
		<u>461,767</u>	<u>508,188</u>

Approved by the Wardens of The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths



Dr N M Land, Prime Warden

Date: 20.5.21



A J N King, Renter Warden

Date: 24.5.21



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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

**1 Accounting policy**

These accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis and in accordance with applicable accounting standards modified by the revaluation of investments. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Standard of Recommended Practice (SORP) - 'Accounting for Charities' and the Charities

**1.1 Investments**

Investments are revalued at the market value as at the balance sheet date and the surplus or deficit of this revaluation is included within gains/losses on investment assets on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities. Realised gains and losses are also included in gains/losses on investment assets which represent the difference between the sale proceeds and the opening market value of an investment or cost if acquired during the year.

**1.2 Voluntary income**

Income is accounted for on a cash basis unless it is certain that the income is going to be received, in which case it is accrued for.

**1.3 Investment income**

Investment income including bank interest is accounted for on an accruals basis.

**1.4 Charitable activities**

Contained within direct charitable expenditure are all costs which are directly attributable to the objects of the charity.

**1.5 Governance costs**

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the charity's administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**1.6 Restricted funds**

These are monies where donors have specified that the funds can only be spent on specific charitable activities.

**2 Trustee**

No remuneration was paid to the Trustee and no expenses were reimbursed during the current or the preceding year.

**3 Voluntary income**

	2020		2019
	£	£	£
<b>Donations</b>			
During the year the following donations were received to restricted funds			
Education and training gift aid	11,850		10,765
Taxation recoverable on gift aid	2,546		2,500
	<u>14,396</u>		<u>13,265</u>
to unrestricted funds			
Donation from Clifford Champion Trust	27,500		-
Other donations re. general fund	1,069		887
Donations re. benevolence fund	555		-
	<u>29,124</u>		<u>887</u>
	<u><u>43,520</u></u>		<u><u>14,152</u></u>

**4 Investment income**

	2020	2018
	£	£
Investment income	18,379	17,973
Bank interest	165	126
	<u>18,544</u>	<u>18,099</u>

**5 Other income**

	2020	2018
	£	£
Leslie Morgan Legacies	-	5,000
Bank compensation payments	300	-
	<u>300</u>	<u>5,000</u>

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6 Charitable donations and grants	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
<b>Standing donations</b>		
Blacksmiths Guild	500	500
City and Guilds	250	250
City of London Police Widows & Widowers Fund	200	150
Elworthy Sword Trophy Competition	1,000	700
Guildhall Library	500	250
Lord Mayor's appeal	1,500	1,500
Royal British Legion: City of London Branch	300	250
Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund	500	250
Sons of the Clergy	150	150
St. Andrew by the Wardrobe	300	300
St. Paul's Cathedral	500	500
Treloar Trust	400	300
Trustees of the United Guilds	175	150
Whizz Kids	250	200
The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch	500	-
	<u>7,025</u>	<u>5,450</u>
<b>Other appeals</b>		
Build Up	-	500
Demelza Life	-	500
James Crampton	-	300
Individual benevolence grant	-	5,000
Oasis Play	-	250
Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity	-	250
Sea Scouts	-	250
Tower Hamlet Friends and Neighbours	-	250
Medway Queen Preservation Society	250	-
Polka Children's Theatre	250	-
Deafblind UK	500	-
The Stuart Low Trust	1,000	-
Combat Stress	500	-
Crisis (PPW Nigel Whitehead Skydive)	1,000	-
Dover Sholem Community Trust	500	-
Guild of Handicraft Trust	300	-
London Play	250	-
The Medaille Trust	250	-
St Paul's Cathedral Covid Memorial Appeal	1,000	-
FANY (PRVC)	500	-
St John's Covid Appeal	500	-
Lord Mayor's Livery Kitchen Initiative	1,000	-
London Scottish House Appeal	500	-
London Youth Rowing	400	-
Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust Emergency Appeal	250	-
Nehemiah Project	300	-
Cherished Memories	300	-
Ambition, Aspire, Achieve	300	-
Hereford Make	250	-
Computers for Southwark	1,500	-
Jack Sampson Grant / Ironbridge Museum	250	-
Fraud Advisory Panel	1,000	-
Newham Ability Football Club	500	-
	<u>13,350</u>	<u>7,300</u>
<b>Dr Nicholas Land</b>		
<b>(Prime Warden) Recommended Charity List</b>		
Medecins sans Frontieres (UK)	-	500
The Welsh Guards Lt Col Central Fund / Charity	-	500
The Coldstream Guards Charitable Funds	-	500
Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART)	-	500
Adventure Plus	-	500
Lord Mayor's Appeal	1,500	-
Calpe House	500	-
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total payments from general fund	<u>22,375</u>	<u>15,250</u>

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<b>6 Charitable donations and grants (Cont.)</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total payments from general fund	22,375	15,250
Adjustments to donations	(1,200)	-
Payments from benevolence fund re. hardship grants	500	-
Total payments from unrestricted funds	<u>21,675</u>	<u>15,250</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>		
Education and training bursaries	21,150	14,050
Gabriel Masterclass	1,000	-
Total payments from restricted funds	<u>22,150</u>	<u>14,050</u>
Total payments	<u>43,825</u>	<u>29,300</u>
<b>7 Operational activities</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Secretary stipend	4,000	4,000
Accountancy	1,260	1,260
Independent Examiner's report	780	780
	<u>6,040</u>	<u>6,040</u>
<b>8 Investments</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Historical cost of investments	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
Market value of investments	<u>377,735</u>	<u>436,655</u>
<b>9 Debtors</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Tax recoverable	7,458	4,913
	<u>7,458</u>	<u>2,413</u>
<b>10 Creditors</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	8,790	7,740
Bursaries	375	700
	<u>9,165</u>	<u>8,440</u>

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**11 Summary of net assets by funds**

	Unrestricted funds			Restricted funds		Total
	General fund	Benevolence fund	Education & training	Gabriel Masterclass	Scottish Bequest	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investments	368,960	-	-	8,775	-	377,735
Debtors	7,458	-	-	-	-	7,458
Cash at bank	15,578	8,055	45,361	2,745	14,000	85,739
Creditors	(7,790)	-	(375)	(1,000)	-	(9,165)
Fund balance	384,206	8,055	44,986	10,520	14,000	461,767

**Benevolence fund**

The funds are to be used for the relief of such of our Liverymen and Freemen, or their families, when, through no fault of their own, they find themselves in straightened pecuniary circumstances.

**Education and training**

The funds are to be used to benefit students of blacksmithing.

**Gabriel Masterclass**

The Gabriel family donated the sum of £8,000, the interest on which is intended to meet the expenses of a Master Blacksmith to provide a masterclass in aspects of the craft for young blacksmiths. It will also be used to defray the expenses of those blacksmiths attending.

**Scottish bequest**

A bequest made by Miss Janet I Fletcher is for the benefit of spinster daughters over 60, of blacksmiths, practising and Livery, in necessitous circumstances.

**12 Funds**

	Balance 01.08.19	Movements in Funds				Balance 31.07.20
		Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement In Investments	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
Education and Training	51,740	14,396	(21,150)	-	-	44,986
Scottish Bequest	14,000	-	-	-	-	14,000
Gabriel Masterclass	11,170	195	(1,000)	155	-	10,520
<i>Total restricted funds</i>	76,910	14,591	(22,150)	155	-	69,506
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
General fund	431,278	47,218	(27,215)	(59,075)	(8,000)	384,206
Benevolent fund	-	555	(500)	-	8,000	8,055
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>	431,278	47,773	(27,715)	(59,075)	-	392,261
<b>Total Funds</b>	512,654	62,364	(49,865)	(58,920)	-	461,767

The balance on these funds is represented by the assets and liabilities of the Charity and an analysis of these assets and liabilities between restricted and unrestricted funds is shown in note 11.

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**13 Restricted funds**

	2020		2019
	£	£	£
<b>Education and training fund</b>			
Balance brought forward		51,740	47,525
<b>Income:</b>			
Education and training gift aid	11,850		10,765
Legacies	-		5,000
Tax recoverable	2,546		2,500
	<u>14,396</u>		<u>18,265</u>
		66,136	65,790
<b>Expenditure:</b>			
Herefordshire College of Technology	15,000		7,600
Plumpton College	5,250		7,400
Kingston Maurward	750		-
(Unclaimed bursaries)/ bursaries previously provided for	150		(950)
	<u>(21,150)</u>		<u>(14,050)</u>
Balance carried forward		44,986	51,740
<b>Scottish bequest</b>			
Balance brought forward and carried forward		14,000	14,000
<b>Gabriel Masterclass</b>			
Balance brought forward	11,170		10,919
Investment income	195		195
Movement in investments	155		56
Masterclass	(1,000)		-
Balance carried forward		<u>10,520</u>	<u>11,170</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>69,506</u>	<u>81,125</u>