

Charity registration number 218441

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Mr R Sharp
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Mr W J Roycroft
Mr S Trinder - Chairman
Mr J Hetherington
Mr T A Gashe
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Mr M Haddrell
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Charity number

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WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)"

Objectives and activities

The charity aims to help people with little capital, and restricted income, by providing low cost accommodation in the town of Wantage.

The trustees invite applications from appropriate people, and maintain a waiting list, so that, as vacancies become available, persons on said list have the opportunity to avail of almshouse residency.

During the year, Wantage Town Lands (Mill Street) has carried out its public benefit duty and its duty with regard to the objectives of the charity. The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The 8 properties are checked biannually for legionnaires disease. The properties were professionally checked in November 2023 and all were declared free of this problem. The next legionnaires check is due in 2025.

We continued with our regular program of redecoration and general maintenance.

To continue to administer the affairs of the almshouses with probity and fairness, and to continue to maintain all the properties in good and safe order.

Financial review

During this financial year the charity made a surplus of £32,048 (2022 £33,308).

Current Assets stood at £278,886 (2022 £249,778). Total assets less current liabilities stood at £530,702 (2022 £498,654).

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to not less than twelve months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Freely available reserves total £278,046 for the year ended 2023 which exceed the reserves policy by approximately £256,298. Trustees' plans for reserves exceeding the reserves policy are that they recognise, given the age of the premises, there may come a time when a major programme of refurbishment will be necessary and the money will be available for such purposes.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, governance and management

The charity is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charities Commission for England and Wales governed by constitution.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

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Mr W J Roycroft

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- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
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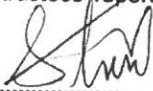
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mr S Trinder

Trustee

Dated: 14/3/2024

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Wantage Town Lands (Mill Street) (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 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 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 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated:

20/03/2024

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Charitable activities	3	39,299	40,624
Investments	4	12,184	8,714
Total income		<u>51,483</u>	<u>49,338</u>
Charitable activities	5	<u>21,748</u>	<u>11,726</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	<u>2,313</u>	<u>(4,304)</u>
Net income and movement in funds		<u>32,048</u>	<u>33,308</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		<u>498,654</u>	<u>465,346</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u><u>530,702</u></u>	<u><u>498,654</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

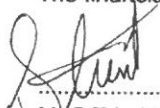
WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11	120,000		120,000	
Investments	12	132,656		130,343	
		<u>252,656</u>		<u>250,343</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	13	776		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		278,110		249,778	
		<u>278,886</u>		<u>249,778</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(840)		(1,467)	
Net current assets			278,046		248,311
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>530,702</u>		<u>498,654</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			530,702		498,654
			<u>530,702</u>		<u>498,654</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14/3/2024


 Mr S Trinder
 Trustee

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Wantage Town Lands (Mill Street) is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with meeting the charitable objectives.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities.

Governance cost include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	0%
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Maintenance contributions	39,299	40,624

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Dividends receivable	1,495	6,543
Interest receivable	10,689	2,171
	12,184	8,714

5 Charitable expenditure

	2023 £	2022 £
Provision & maintenance of Almshouses for the people of Wantage	18,558	8,776
Share of support costs (see note 6)	778	586
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	2,412	2,364
	21,748	11,726

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	2022	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Postage and stationery	46	-	46	110	
Subscriptions	540	-	540	415	
Computer	188	-	188	36	
Sundry	4	-	4	25	
Professional fees	-	840	840	792	Governance
Clerk's fee	-	1,500	1,500	1,500	Governance
Bank fees	-	72	72	72	Governance
	<u>778</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>3,190</u>	<u>2,950</u>	

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £840 (2022- £792) for independent examination fees.

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

There were no donations received from trustees during the year.

8 Employees

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

9 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2023 £	2022 £
Revaluation of investments	2,313	(4,304)

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	120,000
At 31 December 2023	120,000
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	120,000
At 31 December 2022	120,000

The trustees' deem the value of the properties for insurance purposes of £1,229,972 (2022 £1,229,972) is appropriate to the market value.

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2016	130,343
Additions	2,313
At 31 December 2023	132,656
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	132,656
At 31 December 2022	130,343

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (MILL STREET)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

12 Fixed asset investments

(Continued)

Fixed asset investments revalued

Fixed asset investments are stated at fair value as detailed on the investment portfolio.

13 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	106	-
Prepayments and accrued income	670	-
	<u>776</u>	<u>-</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	-	675
Accruals and deferred income	840	792
	<u>840</u>	<u>1,467</u>

15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	<u>498,654</u>	<u>51,483</u>	<u>(21,748)</u>	<u>2,313</u>	<u>530,702</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2022 £
General funds	<u>465,346</u>	<u>49,338</u>	<u>(11,726)</u>	<u>(4,304)</u>	<u>498,654</u>

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WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)
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The charity's objective is the provision of Almshouses for the people of Wantage. The charity does not hold any restricted or endowment funds.

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Plans for the future

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Financial review

During this financial year the charity made a surplus of £21,024 (2022 £27,287 loss).

Current Assets stood at £263,787 (2022 £263,988). Total assets less current liabilities stood at £573,513 (2022 £552,489).

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Freely available reserves total £262,601 for the year ended 2023 which exceed the reserves policy by approximately £202,673. Trustees' plans for reserves exceeding the reserves policy are that, given the age of the premises, there may come a time when a major programme of refurbishment will be necessary and the money will be available for such purposes.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)

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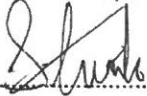
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WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mr S Trinder

Trustee

Dated: 14/3/2024

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Wantage Town Lands (Thomas Fewson Eagles) (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 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 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 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated:

20/05/2024

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Charitable activities	3	44,617	42,300
Investments	4	14,944	5,635
Total income		<u>59,561</u>	<u>47,935</u>
Charitable activities	5	<u>59,928</u>	<u>56,062</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	<u>21,391</u>	<u>(19,160)</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		21,024	(27,287)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		<u>552,489</u>	<u>579,776</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u><u>573,513</u></u>	<u><u>552,489</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		20,568		20,568
Investments	12		290,344		268,953
			<u>310,912</u>		<u>289,521</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	13	838		1,427	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>262,949</u>		<u>262,561</u>	
		263,787		263,988	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(1,186)</u>		<u>(1,020)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>262,601</u>		<u>262,968</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>573,513</u>		<u>552,489</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>573,513</u>		<u>552,489</u>
			<u>573,513</u>		<u>552,489</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14/3/24

Mr S Trinder
Trustee

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Wantage Town Lands (Thomas Fewson Eagles) is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with meeting the charitable objectives.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities.

Governance cost include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Maintenance contributions	44,617	42,300

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Dividends receivable	4,795	3,029
Interest receivable	10,149	2,606
	14,944	5,635

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

5 Charitable expenditure

	2023 £	2022 £
Provision & maintenance of Almshouses for the people of Wantage	51,665	53,187
Share of support costs (see note 6)	5,398	242
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	2,865	2,633
	<u>59,928</u>	<u>56,062</u>

6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Postage, Printing and Stationery	46	73
Professional Fees	4,966	47
Sundries	4	17
IT Consumables and Software	30	24
Subscriptions	352	81
Governance costs	2,865	2,633
	<u>8,263</u>	<u>2,875</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>8,263</u>	<u>2,875</u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, benefits or reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

There were no employees during the year or comparative year.

9 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	<u>21,391</u>	<u>(19,160)</u>

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	109,391
At 31 December 2023	109,391
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023	88,823
At 31 December 2023	88,823
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	20,568
At 31 December 2022	20,568

The trustees' deem the value of the properties for insurance purposes of £1,873,979 (2022 £1,873,979) is appropriate to the market value.

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2023	268,953
Valuation changes	21,391
At 31 December 2023	290,344
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	290,344
At 31 December 2022	268,953

Fixed asset investments revalued

Fixed asset investments are stated at fair value as detailed on the investment portfolio.

WANTAGE TOWN LANDS (THOMAS FEWSON EAGLES)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

13 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	400
Prepayments and accrued income	838	1,027
	<u>838</u>	<u>1,427</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	106	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,080	1,020
	<u>1,186</u>	<u>1,020</u>

15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	<u>552,489</u>	<u>59,561</u>	<u>(59,928)</u>	<u>21,391</u>	<u>573,513</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2022 £
General funds	<u>579,776</u>	<u>47,935</u>	<u>(56,062)</u>	<u>(19,160)</u>	<u>552,489</u>

