

Charity registration number: 230853

# Blandford Forum Charities

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

## **Blandford Forum Charities**

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## **Blandford Forum Charities**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Mrs L Lindsay, Chair Mr J Hickish, Vice Chair Cllr R Holmes Mrs C Sharp, resigned 13 October 2024 Cllr Mr R Carter, retired 2 May 2024 Cllr P Clark, retired 2 May 2024 Mr S Garbutt Mr S Hitchings Mr C Stevens Mr J Turnbull Mr H White Cllr B Quayle, resigned 2 May 2024 Cllr H Mieville, appointed 30 May 2024 Cllr Y Mieville, appointed 30 May 2024 and resigned 11 November 2024 Cllr N Lacey-Clarke, appointed 25 June 2024 Cllr S Chapman, appointed 25 November 2024
<b>Senior Management Team</b>	Miss J Engel, Clerk to the Trustees
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	230853
<b>Principal Office</b>	Barnes Homes Salisbury Road Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7HU
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Harney & Co Ltd Chartered Certified Accountants and Registered Auditors 21 Market Place Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7AF
<b>Solicitors</b>	Blanchards Bailey LLP Bunbury House Stour Park Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 9LQ
<b>Bankers</b>	HSBC 165-167 High Street Poole Dorset BH15 1AU

## **Blandford Forum Charities**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Blandford Forum Almshouses Charity**

The object of this charity is to provide almshouses "for poor persons of good character who reside in the Borough of Blandford or within half a mile thereof". The scheme was amended in May 2006 to allow the appointment of Almspeople who live outside the area of benefit but are otherwise qualified. The charity has 44 almshouses over five sites situated in Blandford namely, Barnes Homes, Park Road, Ryves Cottages, Letton Cottages and J I Barnes in Salisbury Road.

In addition the Charity administers:

Relief In Need - The object is "to relieve either generally or individually persons resident in the Borough of Blandford Forum who are in condition of need, hardship or distress".

Blandford Forum Apprenticing and Educational Foundation Charity (incorporating George Ryves Apprenticing Charity since 26th May 2006) - The object is to award grants for the benefit of "young persons who have not attained the age of 25 years who are resident in or who have for not less than two years been educated in the Borough of Blandford Forum and who, in the opinion of the Trustees, are in need of financial assistance".

The Relief In Need and Blandford Forum Apprenticing and Educational Foundation Charity are equal beneficiaries of the rent (minus repairs and administrative expenditures) of 39/41 Salisbury Street which encompasses a shop on the ground floor and two flats rent out above.

The Charity of Christopher & Robert Pitt - The Relief In Need and Blandford Forum Almshouse Charity previously benefitted in equal measure from income from the Charity of Christopher and Robert Pitt, the objects of which charity are "subject to the payment of expenses of administration the Trustees are required to divide the income of this Charity into two equal parts, one to augment the income of the Blandford Forum Almshouses Charity and the other to augment the income of the Blandford Forum Relief In Need Charity".

However, on 17th April 2013 the Charity Commission agreed to changes to paragraph 47 Application of Income: "Subject to payment of expenses the Trustees shall apply the income of the Charity solely to Relief In Need Charity". This income derives from the sale of land at Winterborne Kingston on 23rd June 2014 for the sum of £75,000 and proceeds invested in COIF Investment Fund.

T.E.D. George Fund - The Blandford Children's Fund. "The Blandford Forum General Charity took over the administration of the T.E.D. George Charity - The Blandford Children's Fund (Registered Charity number 249469) from National Westminster Bank Trust & Estate Services on 5th July 2012 and the funds of £38,000 were invested in COIF Investment Fund. The interest accrued is paid into a dedicated HSBC Account quarterly for the Charity's expenses and grants.

The Charitable objects of the Fund are to pay or apply the residue of such income in each year for the benefit of such children ordinarily resident in the Borough of Blandford Forum on the first day of January in each year under the age of twelve years as shall be selected by the Trustees (after consultation with the Mayor of the time being of the said Borough) and for such purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion shall see fit."

#### ***Fundraising disclosures***

The charity does not actively fund raise.

## **Blandford Forum Charities**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### ***Public benefit***

In pursuit of the charities objectives the Trustees:

Undertake regular inspections on all their properties identifying necessary maintenance

- Including five yearly (Quinquennial) inspections;
- Review their Five Year Plan prioritising maintenance and repairs required and refurbishments desired with priority given to health and safety issues for residents and staff;
- As funds allow refurbish and upgrade almshouses to modern standards;
- As vacancies occur follow the Guidelines in their 'Appointment Policy';
- Award Apprenticing and Educational grants in September annually and throughout the year as requested and funds allow from the Apprenticing and Education Foundation Charity and following the Charity's policy;
- Award Relief in Need grants from that Charity as appropriate. (The Chairman and Vice Chairman have delegated powers);
- Award T.E.D. George Fund - The Blandford Children's Fund grants from that Charity as appropriate following the Charity's policy in January/February each year.
- Undertake regular Fire Drills at Barnes Homes;
- Carry out Staff Appraisals annually;
- Comply with Health and Safety Regulations;
- Support and encourage the Barnes Home Residents' Committee in their gentle endeavours.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### ***Working relations***

The Charity works closely with various organisations in particular the Almshouse Association, the local District and Town Councils and appropriate Social Care Providers. The Charity also liaises with other Charities in respect of the application of educational grants namely the Charity of William Williams and the Emily Faulkner and Milton Abbas Trust thereby maximising the number of students who can benefit from educational grants available locally.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The board of Trustees organised the following during the year:

1. Routine maintenance and repair of all properties, including replacement windows, showers and boilers as required, to maintain high standards throughout.
2. Annual Boiler Service carried out by Blandford Heating.
3. Office enlarged utilizing part of the communal room.
4. Refurbishment and redecoration of flats 3 and 25 Barnes Homes and 21 Park Road.
5. Kitchen replaced at 14 Barnes Homes.
6. Completed the re-roof of 66-68 Salisbury Road.
7. Grants have been awarded to individuals by:
  - TED George Blandford Children's Fund Charity - £1,600.00
  - Apprenticing and Education Foundation - £5,250.00
  - Relief in Need - £2,364.99
  - Blandford Forum Almshouse Charity - £119.90

## **Blandford Forum Charities**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Financial review**

##### *Policy on reserves*

The Reserves held by the Charity are specifically as required by their Trust Deed of 6th February 1974 and as recommended by the Charity Commission and Almshouse Association namely an Extraordinary Repair Fund (ERF) and Cyclical Maintenance Fund (CMF). These reserves are accumulated from deposits derived out of a percentage of the Weekly Maintenance Contributions made by the Charity's almshouse residents. The Trustees are guided by the Charity Commission and Almshouse Association regarding the appropriate percentage to be deposited in both reserve funds and this is regularly reviewed. A definition of the use to which the funds may be put are:

- (a) ERF - providing for extraordinary repair, improvement or rebuilding of the Almshouses (modernisation/refurbishment of properties and repairs such as windows, doors, heating boilers and roof coverings).
- (b) CMF - provides for regular maintenance including external and internal decoration, exterior painting, electrical installation, worn out kitchens and bathrooms.

The use of the above funds is informed through Quinquennial and other Inspections which highlight maintenance, repair and refurbishment requirements (as per the Charity's Five Year Plan 2012).

#### **Plans for future periods**

##### *Aims and key objectives for future periods*

To further achieve the aims of the charity it is intended to refurbish number 14 Barnes Homes, redecorate numbers 19, 23 and 25 Park Road and replace all boilers and electric showers at all sites on Park Road.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### *Nature of governing document*

The Charity is an unincorporated charity which is governed by a Charity Commission Scheme dated 6th February 1974 as amended 6th May 2006. Apart from the original endowments of the Charity vested in the National Association of Almshouses Common Investment Fund with M & G Investments and COIF Charities Deposit Funds, the main source of income derives from the Weekly Maintenance Contributions from residents of the Charity's almshouses. Careful Stewardship of the existing resources seeks to respect the intentions of the various original benefactors in providing almshouses and relief for those deemed in need.

##### *Recruitment and appointment of trustees*

The Board of Trustees is comprised of twelve Trustees, eight co-optative and four nominative. The four Nominative Trustees are appointed by the Blandford Forum Council and serve a period of four years. The eight Co-optative Trustees "shall be persons who through residence, occupation, employment or otherwise have a special knowledge of Blandford", and serve for a period of five years.

The appointment of Co-optative Trustees is undertaken by the Board of Trustees who endeavour to seek out prospective Trustees who possess the desired skills mix that would prove most beneficial. Candidates are sought either through Trustees approaching individuals or by open advertisement. A shortlist of candidates is drawn up who are then invited to a meeting of Trustees at which a suitable candidate is appointed using the Charity's normal democratic voting procedures.

## **Blandford Forum Charities**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### ***Induction and training of trustees***

Newly appointed Trustees are welcomed to an initial meeting with the Chairman before meeting with other Trustees. An information pack containing a brief history of the Charity, copy of previous minutes and the last approved Accounts together with the Charity Commission's guidance "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" is provided to each new Trustee.

#### ***Organisational structure***

The Trustees meet at least four times a year as a full Board when they discuss administrative, building, repairs and financial matters. In addition they have formed sub-committees for Finance (incorporating Relief in Need and staffing), Buildings and Education which meet as required reporting to the main Board.

The Trustees employ a Clerk who undertakes the Charity's day to day delegated administrative matters and who works in close collaboration with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Trustees. The Clerk also acts as Line Manager to the Scheme Manager/Warden.

The Trustees also employ a resident Scheme Manager/Warden who lives on their Barnes Homes site. As Warden this member of staff acts as a 'good neighbour' to residents at Barnes Homes visiting those who wish it on a daily basis (Monday to Friday). The Scheme Manager's aspect of this role continues to develop and prove informative in matters relating to maintenance and upkeep of all the Almshouses administered by the Charities over 5 sites in Blandford.

#### ***Major risks and management of those risks***

##### ***Risk management***

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and have enlisted the help of external professionals with regard to, for example, Health and Safety, Fire Prevention and Disability Audit in managing those risks and developing policies, to be regularly reviewed, to minimise any risk identified. The Trustees have also taken advice and considered the level of any likely risk to our two members of staff in the environment in which they operate.

#### ***Financial instruments***

##### ***Objectives and policies***

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

##### ***Credit risk***

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk would primarily be attributable to its trade receivables, however the balance is rarely significant. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a number of counterparties and customers.

##### ***Liquidity risk***

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance.

## **Blandford Forum Charities**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Reappointment of independent examiner**

A resolution will be proposed at the forthcoming Trustees meeting to re-appoint S A Harney of Harney & Co Limited as Independent Examiner to the Charity for the ensuing year.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 29 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs L Lindsay  
Trustee

## **Blandford Forum Charities**

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees 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 incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 29 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs L Lindsay  
Trustee

## **Blandford Forum Charities**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Blandford Forum Charities**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blandford Forum Charities for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of Blandford Forum Charities 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 Blandford Forum Charities 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 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since Blandford Forum Charities 's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Blandford Forum Charities 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 accounting 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 accounts to be reached.



.....  
Mrs S A Harney  
Chartered Certified Accountants and Registered Auditors  
the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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29 October 2025

## Blandford Forum Charities

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2025 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	36,473	-	-	36,473
Charitable activities	3	221,296	19,446	-	240,742
Investment income	4	17,920	9,402	632	27,954
Total Income		<u>275,689</u>	<u>28,848</u>	<u>632</u>	<u>305,169</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	(194,742)	(23,643)	-	(218,385)
Total Expenditure		<u>(194,742)</u>	<u>(23,643)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(218,385)</u>
Unrealised gains/losses on investment assets		6,127	(14,726)	(1,082)	(9,681)
Net income/(expenditure)		87,074	(9,521)	(450)	77,103
Gross transfers between funds	22	3,332	(2,700)	(632)	-
Net movement in funds		90,406	(12,221)	(1,082)	77,103
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		660,039	402,735	23,225	1,085,999
Total funds carried forward	22	<u>750,445</u>	<u>390,514</u>	<u>22,143</u>	<u>1,163,102</u>

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Charitable activities	3	216,369	16,127	-	232,496
Investment income	4	18,179	9,196	619	27,994
Total Income		<u>234,548</u>	<u>25,323</u>	<u>619</u>	<u>260,490</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	(202,729)	(26,683)	-	(229,412)
Total Expenditure		<u>(202,729)</u>	<u>(26,683)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(229,412)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		4,152	26,234	1,928	32,314
Net income		35,971	24,874	2,547	63,392
Gross transfers between funds	22	3,270	(2,650)	(620)	-
Net movement in funds		39,241	22,224	1,927	63,392
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		620,798	380,510	21,298	1,022,606
Total funds carried forward	22	<u>660,039</u>	<u>402,734</u>	<u>23,225</u>	<u>1,085,998</u>

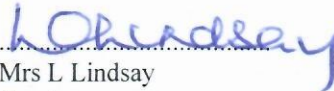
All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 11 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Blandford Forum Charities**  
**(Registration number: 230853)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	13	1,037,544	1,028,209
Investments	14	<u>491,208</u>	<u>497,938</u>
		<u>1,528,752</u>	<u>1,526,147</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	15	48,891	27,352
Investments	16	286,348	237,330
Cash at bank and in hand	17	<u>236,351</u>	<u>208,002</u>
		571,590	472,684
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	<u>(64,512)</u>	<u>(33,488)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>507,078</u>	<u>439,196</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		2,035,830	1,965,343
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	19	-	(6,000)
<b>Provisions</b>	20	<u>(148,322)</u>	<u>(148,939)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,887,508</u>	<u>1,810,404</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Endowment funds</b>		<u>22,143</u>	<u>23,225</u>
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			
Restricted funds		390,514	402,734
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		750,445	660,039
Other reserves		<u>724,406</u>	<u>724,406</u>
Total unrestricted funds		<u>1,474,851</u>	<u>1,384,445</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	22	<u>1,887,508</u>	<u>1,810,404</u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 24 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 29 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 Mrs L Lindsay  
 Trustee

  
 Mr J Hickish  
 Trustee

## **Blandford Forum Charities**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared 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 section 1A, effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102 1A) and the Charities Act 2011.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Blandford Forum Charities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102 1A. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value except as disclosed in the relevant accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

The financial statements are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity, and rounded to the nearest 1 GBP.

##### **Going concern**

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

##### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### ***Donations and legacies***

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

##### ***Investment income***

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

##### ***Charitable activities***

Income from charitable activities are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the income have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the income and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

##### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

## **Blandford Forum Charities**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)**

Expenditure includes that spent on the Clerk's Honorarium, office telephone, Chairman's expenses, and other office expenses. Insurance costs disclosed in the accounts includes the Trustees Indemnity Insurance. Support costs have been allocated between the Blandford Almshouses 90%, Apprenticing and Education Foundation 5% and Relief in Need 5%.

#### ***Charitable activities***

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.

#### ***Grant expenditure***

Grants are awarded by the Blandford Forum Almshouse Charity, Relief in Need Charity, Apprenticing and Educational Foundation and T.E.D. George Fund to individuals in accordance with their objectives.

#### ***Grant provisions***

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

#### ***Support costs***

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### ***Governance costs***

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

#### ***Government grants***

A Housing Association Grant was received in 1981 to partly meet the cost of the improvements at Barnes Homes. It is not repayable.

#### ***Irrecoverable VAT***

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

#### ***Taxation***

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### ***Tangible fixed assets***

Tangible fixed assets are recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

## **Blandford Forum Charities**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)**

The Almshouses properties are shown at cost or valuation. The cost includes development expenditure partly funded by a non repayable Housing Association Grant. The valuation was established prior to 1981. The shop at 39/41 Salisbury Street is included at valuation established in 1984.

It is the Trustees' policy to maintain the property to such a standard that its estimated residual value is not less than the valuation at any given time therefore, no depreciation is charged.

#### **Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
Freehold properties	0%
Furniture and equipment	Straight line over 5 years

#### **Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

#### **Current asset investments**

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable or market value.

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from contributions receivable in the ordinary course of business.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers.

#### **Borrowings**

Interest-bearing borrowings are recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest expense is included in interest payable and similar charges. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

## **Blandford Forum Charities**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)**

#### **Provisions for repairs to property**

Provisions for cyclical and extraordinary repairs are made by the Trustees on the basis of experience, the condition of the properties and the number of units at each site. For the purposes of the calculations of the provisions there are 44 properties over 5 sites (all of which are over 20 years old). The Trustees cyclical maintenance policy includes external redecorations every five years and internal redecorations as required.

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Separate funds have been set up from 1 March 1991 to show the CMF and ERF income separately from the general accumulated surplus of the Charity, as this income has been set aside specifically for Cyclical Maintenance or Extraordinary Repairs as appropriate. The Charity's general fund can be applied.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

The endowment funds have been provided on the condition that they be retained in order to generate investment income for the long term needs of the properties. Income arising on the endowment is expendable and is distributed to the general income fund of the charity in order to be spent.

#### **Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

The charity contributes to a defined contributions pension plan operated by NEST. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The contribution payments are charged to the SOFA in the period that they are payable.

#### **Financial instruments**

##### ***Classification***

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

##### ***Recognition and measurement***

All financial assets and liabilities are measured at transaction price (including transaction costs).

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

##### ***Investments***

Investments in unlisted shares are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

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#### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	36,473	36,473
<b>Total for 2025</b>	<u>36,473</u>	<u>36,473</u>

#### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Almshouse Charity	221,296	-	221,296	216,369
Apprenticing & Education Foundation	-	9,723	9,723	8,064
Relief In Need	-	9,723	9,723	8,063
	<u>221,296</u>	<u>19,446</u>	<u>240,742</u>	<u>232,496</u>

The above income from charitable activities was derived as follows:

- Blandford Almshouse Charity from the weekly maintenance contributions of the almshouse residents.
- Apprenticing & Education Foundation as an equal beneficiary of rent from 39/41 Salisbury Street.
- Relief in Need as an equal beneficiary of rent from 39/41 Salisbury Street.

#### 4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Permanent £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;					
Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,388	12,732	806	-	14,926
Other investment income	2,951	849	8,596	632	13,028
<b>Total for 2025</b>	<u>4,339</u>	<u>13,581</u>	<u>9,402</u>	<u>632</u>	<u>27,954</u>
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<u>6,522</u>	<u>11,657</u>	<u>9,196</u>	<u>619</u>	<u>27,994</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

#### 5 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>(135)</u>	<u>(57)</u>

#### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Almshouse Charity	140,049	-	140,049	143,624
Apprenticing & Education Foundation	-	5,124	5,124	5,733
Relief In Need	-	5,124	5,124	5,733
Grant funding of activities	120	9,215	9,335	8,230
Staff costs	40,357	2,644	43,001	41,393
Allocated support costs	7,499	1,450	8,949	18,097
Governance costs	<u>6,717</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>6,803</u>	<u>6,602</u>
	<u>194,742</u>	<u>23,643</u>	<u>218,385</u>	<u>229,412</u>

#### 7 Analysis of governance and support costs

##### Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	2,995	-	2,995
Other fees paid to examiners	2,945	-	2,945
Allocated support costs	<u>777</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>863</u>
<b>Total for 2025</b>	<u>6,717</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>6,803</u>
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<u>6,518</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>6,602</u>

## Blandford Forum Charities

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

#### 8 Grant-making

##### Analysis of grants

	Grants to individuals	
	2025	2024
	£	£
Blandford Forum Almshouses	120	144
Relief in Need	2,365	4,156
Apprenticing and Education	5,250	2,000
T.E.D. George	1,600	1,930
	<u>9,335</u>	<u>8,230</u>

The support costs associated with grant-making are £Nil (31 March 2024 - £Nil).

#### 9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

£875 (2024: £842) of expenses were reimbursed during the year.

The above contribution was paid to 1 trustee toward the cost of travel and telephone.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration, nor any other benefits, from the charity during the year.

#### 10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	41,968	40,693
Pension costs	<u>1,033</u>	<u>700</u>
	<u>43,001</u>	<u>41,393</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No	No
1 Clerk to the Trustees and 1 Resident Warden	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

2 (2024 - 1) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £1,033 (2024 - £700).

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

#### 11 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>2,995</u>	<u>2,900</u>
<b>Other fees to examiners</b>		
All other services	<u>2,945</u>	<u>2,860</u>

#### 12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	1,027,697	8,719	1,036,416
Additions	<u>9,089</u>	<u>381</u>	<u>9,470</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,036,786</u>	<u>9,100</u>	<u>1,045,886</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	-	8,207	8,207
Charge for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>135</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>8,342</u>	<u>8,342</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,036,786</u>	<u>758</u>	<u>1,037,544</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,027,697</u>	<u>512</u>	<u>1,028,209</u>

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	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Properties</b>		
Barnes Homes	551,629	542,539
Park Road Almshouses	209,117	209,117
John Iles Barnes Cottages	360,000	360,000
39/41 Salisbury Street	107,196	107,196
Ryves Cottages	272,901	272,901
Letton Cottages	60,000	60,000
Less: HCA Grant Park Road	(66,788)	(66,788)
Less: HCA Ryves remodel	(164,384)	(164,384)
Less: Housing Association Grant	(332,884)	(332,884)
Relief in Need one half share in shop at 39/41 Salisbury Street	20,000	20,000
Apprenticing and Education Foundation one half share in shop at 39/41 Salisbury Street	20,000	20,000
	<u>1,036,787</u>	<u>1,027,697</u>

#### 14 Fixed asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Unlisted investments	<u>491,208</u>	<u>497,938</u>

#### Analysis of fixed asset investments

	£
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>	
At 1 April 2024	497,938
Revaluation	(9,681)
Additions	<u>2,951</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>491,208</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2025	<u>491,208</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>497,938</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

#### 15 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	3,527	2,379
Prepayments	2,458	6,008
Other debtors	42,906	18,965
	<u>48,891</u>	<u>27,352</u>

#### 16 Current asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash deposits	<u>286,348</u>	<u>237,330</u>

#### 17 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	<u>236,351</u>	<u>208,002</u>

#### 18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	4,285	8,017
Amounts due to the Almshouse Association	6,000	6,000
Other taxation and social security	1,814	-
Other creditors	48,561	19,471
Accruals	3,852	-
	<u>64,512</u>	<u>33,488</u>

#### Other borrowings

Almshouse Association Loan with a carrying amount of £6,000 (2024 - £12,000) is denominated in £ Sterling with a nominal interest rate of 0 (2024 - 0). The final instalment is due on 21 March 2026.

The Almshouse Association loan is repayable in biannual amounts of £3,000.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

#### 19 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts due to the Almshouse Association	-	6,000

#### 20 Provisions

##### Repairs and maintenance provision

	£
At 1 April 2024	148,939
Provided during the period	(83,571)
Utilised during the period	82,954
At 31 March 2025	148,322

	2024 £	2024 £
<b>Repairs and maintenance provision</b>		
Extraordinary Repair Fund	15,747	37,214
Cyclical Maintenance Fund	121,363	102,456
Relief in Need Repair Fund	5,606	4,634
Apprenticing and Education Repair Fund	5,606	4,634
	148,322	148,938

#### 21 Reserves

	Capital Reserves £
At 1 April 2024	724,406
At 31 March 2025	724,406

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

### 22 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
<i>General</i>						
Almshouse Charity	1,221,550	271,350	(194,742)	3,332	(285)	1,301,205
<i>Designated</i>						
Extraordinary Repair Fund	134,882	2,951	-	-	6,412	144,245
Cyclical Maintenance Fund	28,013	1,388	-	-	-	29,401
	162,895	4,339	-	-	6,412	173,646
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	1,384,445	275,689	(194,742)	3,332	6,127	1,474,851
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
Relief in Need	80,732	11,115	(9,476)	2,700	(1,546)	83,525
Apprenticing and Educational Foundation	39,961	10,189	(12,361)	-	(256)	37,533
Christopher and Robert Pitt	202,057	5,494	(60)	(5,400)	(9,412)	192,679
T.E.D. George	79,985	2,050	(1,660)	-	(3,512)	76,863
	402,735	28,848	(23,557)	(2,700)	(14,726)	390,600
<b>Endowment funds</b>						
<i>Permanent</i>						
Almshouse Charity	23,225	632	-	(632)	(1,082)	22,143

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,810,405</u>	<u>305,169</u>	<u>(218,299)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,681)</u>	<u>1,887,594</u>

#### Purposes of the Funds

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

##### Designated Funds:

The ERF Fund has been designated for the extraordinary repair, improvement or rebuilding of the Almshouses and the CRF Fund, for the provision of regular maintenance to the Almshouses.

##### Restricted Funds:

The Relief In Need, Blandford Forum Apprenticing and Educational Foundation, The Charity of Christopher and Robert Pitt and T.E.D. George Fund being each of the Linked Charities administered by Blandford Forum Charities and whose funds are each maintained in accordance with their objectives.

## Blandford Forum Charities

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

#### 23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	General	Designated		Permanent	at 31 March
	£	£	£	£	2025
Tangible fixed assets	997,544	-	40,000	-	1,037,544
Fixed asset investments	23,478	144,245	301,342	22,143	491,208
Current assets	438,899	29,401	103,290	-	571,590
Current liabilities	(21,606)	-	(42,906)	-	(64,512)
Provisions	(137,110)	-	(11,212)	-	(148,322)
Total net assets	<u>1,301,205</u>	<u>173,646</u>	<u>390,514</u>	<u>22,143</u>	<u>1,887,508</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	General	Designated		Permanent	at 31 March
	£	£	£	£	2024
Tangible fixed assets	988,209	-	40,000	-	1,028,209
Fixed asset investments	23,762	134,882	316,069	23,225	497,938
Current assets	369,771	28,013	74,900	-	472,684
Current liabilities	(14,522)	-	(18,966)	-	(33,488)
Creditors over 1 year	(6,000)	-	-	-	(6,000)
Provisions	(139,670)	-	(9,269)	-	(148,939)
Total net assets	<u>1,221,550</u>	<u>162,895</u>	<u>402,734</u>	<u>23,225</u>	<u>1,810,404</u>

Included, both within current assets and current liabilities as other debtors and other creditors is the accumulated amount of £42,906 (2024: 18,965), being the total amount owed between the linked charities. Of this £10,700 (2024: £5,300) relates to C & R Pitt's surplus that is owed equally to the Blandford Forum Almshouse Charity and Relief in Need, with the balance of £32,206 (2024: £13,665) due to the unrestricted funds of the Almshouse Charity for expenditure incurred on behalf of the linked charities.

#### 24 Related party transactions

The Apprenticing and Education charity awarded two college bursary grants of £1,250 each to two children of a member of staff. These were awarded on an arms length basis.