

THE COMPANY OF MERCHANT ADVENTURERS OF THE CITY OF YORK
1944 CHARITABLE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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**THE COMPANY OF MERCHANT ADVENTURERS OF THE CITY OF YORK
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustee	The Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York	
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	Mr J J W Boddy	(Resigned 8 April 2022)
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	Mr T P Marks	
	Mr P M Shepherd	
	Dr P A Thake	
	Dr A Suggett	
	Dr D J Tomlin	
	Mr R B Vernon	(Resigned 8 April 2022)
	Mr J D Barstow	
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	Mrs R Thompson	
	Mr R Smyth	
	Mr A Green	
	Mr R Menage	
	Mrs J Bartram	
	Mr M Vander Weyer	
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	Mr R A Shaw	(Appointed 8 April 2022)
	Mr N A Sampson	(Appointed 8 April 2022)
	Mr W J P Derby	(Appointed 8 April 2022)
Charity number	235256	
Governor	Mr A J Barron	(Resigned 8 April 2022)
	Dr D Tomlin	(Appointed 8 April 2022)
Honorary Chamberlain	Mr J W Machin FCA	
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THE COMPANY OF MERCHANT ADVENTURERS OF THE CITY OF YORK

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York is incorporated by a Royal Charter of 1581 from Queen Elizabeth I and is the sole Trustee of the registered charity numbered 235256, Trust Property Administered in Connection with The Company of the Merchant Adventurers of the City of York. The Company owns the Merchants' Hall which is not part of the Charitable Trust. The working name of the registered charity numbered 235256 is The York Merchant Adventurers' 1944 Trust. The Company as Trustee, through its Court of Assistants, presents its report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trustee has adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charitable Trust's governing document, 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 published in October 2019".

The legal and administrative information page forms part of this report.

Objectives and activities

The 1944 Trust has as its objects: (i) the maintenance of the Hall and Chapel so as to be available for the education of the visiting public who wish to study its history and architecture and (ii) the relief of poverty among persons within certain defined categories.

The Trust maintains the Hall, Chapel, archive and collections to the highest standard regardless of cost. The Hall and Chapel are open 7 days per week for visitors, except for the Christmas and New Year period. Educational visits for schools are organised in conjunction with York Archaeological Trust.

The Trust has a small group of pensioners who were involved in trade in the area of benefit and who have fallen on hard times through whatever cause, maintaining the centuries-old tradition of the Company. The Trust pays small pensions to these individuals and the Wardens of the Company also visit twice per annum. In addition, an annual tea party is also held for these and other pensioners from within the area of benefit.

The Trustee has paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charitable Trust should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Maintenance of the Hall and Chapel

The Hall is in year 2 of its Quinquennial inspection programme. All urgent work was completed in year 1 (2021) with routine work completed in year 2 (2022). There are no outstanding recommended works or repairs outstanding.

The Hall remained closed for a 10 day period at the outset of the year to enable periodic maintenance that is not possible when the Hall opens every day. All wooden floors were treated and protected. Furniture and Treen was inspected cleaned and polished. Undercroft walls were inspected and, where needed, repainted with lime wash.

Following a report on conservancy and protection of the collection all windows have been lined with low Ultra Violet (UV) filters reducing the received UV levels by 80%. A programme to replace all filament bulbs with LED replacements has been completed where the fittings are compatible. A further lighting project in 2023 will address the remaining none-LED lights.

Gardens

The Hall's gardens are maintained to a high standard as a peaceful public refuge at the heart of the busy city. The garden escaped damage as a result of leather jacket larvae over winter 21/22 which attracts feeding corvids causing damage to the grassed areas. However, damage has been caused towards the end of 2022. This will be repaired and addressed in 2023.

Throughout the summer the garden was presented in pristine condition with much effort undertaken to replant bare borders, thin out invasive planting and create a pleasant and relaxing environment for the outside café to thrive and attract custom.

As part of the strategic plan to develop the garden a stone pinnacle, previously part of York Minster, was installed in the garden and dedicated to Her Late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. It was unveiled by the Lord Mayor and Governor as part of a well-attended summer garden party.

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The Fossgate Properties

These 19th Century, and earlier, properties are all listed either Grade II* or II and are owned primarily to protect the curtilage of the Hall and listed as heritage assets rather than investment properties.

Routine repairs and servicing took place throughout the year. The current lease of No. 36 Fossgate will end at the end of January 2023 when we will take back the property and fully refurbish. This property has not had any major work, beyond repairs, for the last 30 years. An additional £5,000 transfer has been made to the Fossgate Property fund to bring it to £100,000 to fund the refurbishment in 2023.

The Designer Dress shop at No. 42 Fossgate was sold as a business and had a new lease accepted by the new business owners. Minimal work was required as the business continued in its same guise. All other properties are in lease and with the exception of the Hairy Fig at No. 38 & 39 will have new rents applied early 2023. The Hairy Fig owners are not keeping to their terms of their lease, we are currently holding over and taking legal action to rectify the unsatisfactory position.

The Company's Pensioners

Our current and remaining 5 pensioners continued to be supported throughout the year with summer and winter visits and pension payments. The Alms Committee, recognising the current cost-of-living difficulties, recommended an additional payment to be made to each pensioner. The Court agreed and an additional £500 per pensioner was paid in late summer.

In absence of our full complement of 13 pensioners the Alms Committee continued to recommend the alleviation of poverty through support to local charities. A grant of £10,000 was awarded, £5,000 each, to two York based charities looking after the needy of the City. The Charity 'York Neighbours' who were centrally supported, are being asked to identify, exercising due diligence, further pensioners who would be classed as needy whom the Company would establish as a pensioner. This project will develop over 2023.

The Museum

Accreditation. The museum enjoys the status of an Accredited Museum under the scheme administered by Arts Council England.

Exhibits. The museum commissioned its first temporary exhibition, to run for a full year, examining and celebrating the relevance of York's 2 rivers. This has been well received with many visitors accessing the on-line content and following the Hall trail. A full season of providing children's period costumes has been well received and will be continued through 2023 during school holiday periods.

Visitor Numbers and Income. Operating in our first full year since the Covid 19 Pandemic visitor numbers have substantially recovered with the last quarter of the year being the best recorded. This recovery is expected to continue as a full programme will be undertaken in 2023 whereas some early and large scale events such as the Viking festival did not take place in the Hall as normal. Income performed slightly better than budget by 4.6%. Noticeably the international tourist market has resumed interpreted as a recovery of travel opportunities and the relative weakness of sterling to other currencies.

Hall Hire Income. Income from Hall Hire has fully recovered bettering budget by 7.16%. All but 1 of the postponed events from the Covid shutdown have either taken place or been refunded in line with our refund policy. Activity and future bookings out to 2024 give optimism for continued strong Hall Hire performance.

Coffee Shop. As mentioned in the Garden report the Café has been able to operate for a full year. The café now operates 7 days per week closing only when the Hall is booked for a private hire or being used for a Company event. The Café performed 3% better than budget, a target now 33% higher than the pre-covid budget aspiration. Rationalisation of supply has enabled the café to post a creditable operating surplus as well as providing an outstanding facility for members, visitors and the citizens of York who regularly frequent the facility.

Gifts and Grants. The Company has been informed of an unrestricted legacy of £100,000 from the estate of former Governor Darrell Buttery: probate is outstanding and hopefully will be received in 2023. The Court plan to allocate these welcome funds to support both the 1944 and 1988 Charitable Trusts. No legacies were received in year.

Non-charitable activities. A full Company programme of activity has been enjoyed by the members. The Clerk arranged a number of well supported visits to military establishments. A business breakfast programme has restarted in cooperation with the University of York. A member's talk followed by casual supper attracted a good audience from the Company and this successful format will be repeated in 2023. As previously highlighted, a summer garden party, a full Michaelmas Feast event and a full Venison Feast were held. Most of our formally invited guests were able to attend hosted by the Company and the membership.

Financial review

The financial results for the year are set out in the accounts. Income from members' donations continue to be a central pillar of the financial stability of the Company. This, along with the rental stream from lettings, strong visitor number and Hall hire backed up by a busy and vibrant café has produced a better than budget operational result for the Company.

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Reserves policy

The Trustee has considered the level of reserves the charity will require to sustain its operations in the future, excluding those funds represented by fixed assets. A policy has been established that the 1944 Trust should maintain a Designated Building Fund of £565,000. This figure will be reviewed in 2024. The Designated Fund for Fossgate Property Maintenance is being built up to provide funding for major repairs and upgrading of the Trust's heritage properties in the future and a further £5,000 has been allocated in this financial year. The Hall Development Designated Fund has provided funding for the development of the Museum and specifically the commissioning of the Two Rivers exhibition. The Designated Building Fund stands at £565,000, the Fossgate Maintenance Fund stands at £100,000, and the Hall Development fund at £17,258. An Unrestricted and Undesignated free reserve of a minimum of £300,000 is maintained to meet at least 6 months' routine expenditure in the event of an uninsured loss of income. This level and the reserves policy was reviewed in 2022 and agreed fit.

All routine expenditure is met from normal income.

The level of the free reserves at 31 December 2022 was £686,911 (2021: £849,146). See note 24.

Staff

The largest single element of the Trust's expenditure remains staff costs. Recruitment of a Retail and Café manager has borne dividends. Stability of Café staff continues to provide a challenge as we seek to both employ young students seeking hospitality type employment as well as more senior, more stable, members of staff. Although we mis-booked the cost of employer NIC during the year the collective result was on budget. This is despite holding a redundancy programme which has slimmed down and rationalised the Hall Keeper workforce.

Restricted Fund

The Archive Restricted Fund, created to produce a digital catalogue of the archive which is suitable for publication on-line for the convenience of scholars and archivists, has not been used. As the Company plans to move its archive to the Borthwick Institute it will reconsider this Restricted Fund and put to useful use in an archive type project.

Designated Funds

The Designated Funds are shown separately. The Building Fund has been designated primarily for substantial maintenance, improvements or repairs which may arise and cannot be funded from normal income. The Collection Fund represents the value of the museum collection. The Fossgate Property Maintenance Fund is designated as a provision against future work required in the Trust's heritage properties, in particular No. 36 Fossgate, mentioned earlier in this report. Residual funds have been carried forward to help fund the planned Museum Interpretation Project.

Investment policy

The policy is to maintain the real value of the Designated Building Fund to provide security for the future of the Hall and the Charity's activities; the investment risk is commensurate with this. The Trust's investments have been managed by Sarasin & Partners LLP since 2014. Performance this year has not been as good as the Charity Fund benchmark losing a value of 9.9% of stock value in the year. This follows a growth of the invested fund of 10.25% in 2021. The Investment Committee are now examining other options as it feels the inflexibility of the Sarasin CAIF platform is limiting performance. There is no immediate foreseen requirements for these funds and they underwrite the future security of the Hall and Chapel.

Risk management

The Trustee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where significant risks were identified, systems have been established to mitigate those risks. The principal risks facing the Trust are:

- The relative vulnerability and fragility of the ancient fabric of the Hall in the Trustee's care; mitigated by the vigilance of the staff, comprehensive insurance and quinquennial inspections by the Trustee's appointed structural engineer.
- The safety of the public using the Hall and gardens; mitigated by good management of risks on site and good signage.
- Exposure of the invested reserves to the risks of the financial markets: mitigated by a diversified portfolio, a low-risk investment policy and pro-active management by a reputable fund manager well-versed in the management of charity portfolios.

A comprehensive risk register is maintained by the Clerk and the Company's Officers.

Financial Management

Monthly management accounts and cash flow forecasts are produced by the Clerk using Xero accounts software. Management accounts and cash flow forecasts are scrutinised monthly by the Honorary Chamberlain and the Company's Officers and quarterly by the Court of Assistants.

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Plans for future periods

The Company published its new 5-7 year strategy on 23 May 2021. The Company seeks to promote its relevance across all stakeholder communities whilst becoming increasingly more prominent in the both a figurative and physical sense. Early activity in supporting the York business community, supporting the Council through hosting of business positive events and hosting York tourist initiatives has added to the increased footfall and use of the Hall as a venue and facility.

The Company has established a new sub-committee of the Court of Assistants. The Environment and Sustainability Committee will direct and lead initiatives to both improve the environment of the Hall, Garden and the River Foss whilst addressing energy efficiency with an aim to support York's strategic ambition of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

A project to review and renew the exterior lighting is underway as is a project to develop the riverbank within the garden. The aspiration to move the Office out of the ancient Hall is still being pursued with opportunity of either using the vacated No. 36 or perhaps, if the lease difficulties with the Hairy Fig persist, through taking back that property for Company use.

Relief of Poverty

With the ever-increasing difficulty of finding qualified individuals who are in need of support as Company pensioners the Trustee has reviewed how this remit, placed by the Trust Deed, can best be discharged. An Alms Committee now has delegated authority to grant funds for the relief of poverty within the area of benefit. The first grants totalling £10,000 were distributed in late 2021 and again in 2022.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was formed by a Deed of Trust dated 5 April 1944. The scheme was amended on 29 March 2011 and 6 July 2015. The Court of Assistants, which meets four times per year, administers the charity. It is advised by more frequent, regular meetings of the Officers of the Company. There is a sub-committee of the Court of Assistants advising on investments and a separate audit sub-committee. The Clerk is appointed by the Trustee to manage the day to day operations of the charity. The control and management of the Company is vested in the Governor and Court of Assistants who are elected annually by the members of the Company.

The Court of Assistants consists of 20 members of the Company elected to support the Governor in accordance with the Royal Charter of 1581. These members are elected annually at the Company's Charter Day Court, held in April, and they are the charity Trustees of The Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York as defined in the Charities Act 2011.

On being invited to stand for election, new members of the Court receive a detailed letter explaining the responsibilities of each elected member and copies of the minutes of meetings held in the previous year. All newly elected members attend a detailed briefing by the Governor of the Company as Chairman of the Court of Assistants, assisted by the Clerk to the Company, prior to their first meeting.

Remuneration of Company Staff is first considered by the Officers' group who make a recommendation to the Court of Assistants. In 2 of the most recent years, notification of a rise in the statutory Minimum Wage has set the base level from where all remaining hourly paid staff are calculated. In addition, the Clerk produces a paper for consideration examining the current salaries and pay awards in the private hospitality and tourism sectors. This recommendation is presented as a percentage increase for salaried staff. The resultant budget effects are considered at the same time by the Officers, then the Court before approving both the overall Company budget and staff remuneration. The Clerk is appraised by the Governor and Immediate Past Governor against his responsibilities and objectives. After satisfactory performance the Clerk is awarded the same percentage increase received by salaried staff.

The Trustee's report was approved by the Trustee on 13 March 2023 and signed on behalf of the Trustee.

Dr D J Tomlin
Governor

Mr J W Machin
Chamberlain

THE COMPANY OF MERCHANT ADVENTURERS OF THE CITY OF YORK
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charitable Trust for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is 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 operation.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Trust and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**THE COMPANY OF MERCHANT ADVENTURERS OF THE CITY OF YORK
1944 CHARITABLE TRUST
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE COMPANY OF MERCHANT ADVENTURERS OF THE CITY OF YORK**

I report to the Trustee on my examination of the financial statements of The Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York (The Charitable Trust) for The year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustee of The Charitable Trust 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 Charitable Trust'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

Since the Charitable Trust'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 Institute of Chartered Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Charitable Trust 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.

N Clemit ACA, FCCA

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Dated: 16 March 2023

**THE COMPANY OF MERCHANT ADVENTURERS OF THE CITY OF YORK
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

		Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes					
Income						
Donations and legacies	2	144,164	3,350	1,000	148,514	255,454
Charitable activities	3	362,684	-	-	362,684	264,858
Other trading activities	4	208,592	-	-	208,592	155,075
Investments	5	34,370	-	-	34,370	33,319
Total income		<u>749,810</u>	<u>3,350</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>754,160</u>	<u>708,706</u>
Expenditure						
Raising funds	6	181,679	-	-	181,679	123,013
Charitable activities	7	469,494	45,537	1,200	516,231	434,709
Total expenditure		<u>651,173</u>	<u>45,537</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>697,910</u>	<u>557,722</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	12	(158,252)	-	-	(158,252)	83,741
Net (expenditure)/income before transfers		<u>(59,615)</u>	<u>(42,187)</u>	<u>(200)</u>	<u>(102,002)</u>	<u>234,725</u>
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(99,151)</u>	<u>99,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(158,766)</u>	<u>56,964</u>	<u>(200)</u>	<u>(102,002)</u>	<u>234,725</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		<u>851,951</u>	<u>1,924,830</u>	<u>4,078</u>	<u>2,780,859</u>	<u>2,546,134</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		<u><u>693,185</u></u>	<u><u>1,981,794</u></u>	<u><u>3,878</u></u>	<u><u>2,678,857</u></u>	<u><u>2,780,859</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

PRIOR FINANCIAL YEAR

		Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes				
Income					
Donations and legacies	2	254,454	-	1,000	255,454
Charitable activities	3	264,858	-	-	264,858
Other trading activities	4	155,075	-	-	155,075
Investments	5	33,319	-	-	33,319
Total income		707,706	-	1,000	708,706
Expenditure					
Raising funds	6	123,013	-	-	123,013
Charitable activities	7	400,605	33,504	600	434,709
Total expenditure		523,618	33,504	600	557,722
Net gains on investments	12	83,741	-	-	83,741
Net (expenditure)/income before transfers		267,829	(33,504)	400	234,725
Gross transfers between funds		(20,000)	20,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		247,829	(13,504)	400	234,725
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		604,122	1,938,334	3,678	2,546,134
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		851,951	1,924,830	4,078	2,780,859

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

THE COMPANY OF MERCHANT ADVENTURERS OF THE CITY OF YORK
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		45,217		63,761
Heritage assets	14		1,155,132		1,151,782
Investments	15		1,143,489		1,268,913
			<u>2,343,838</u>		<u>2,484,456</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	16	12,976		11,319	
Debtors	17	46,509		40,921	
Cash at bank and in hand		371,533		330,428	
		<u>431,018</u>		<u>382,668</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(86,811)		(79,777)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			344,207		302,891
Total assets less current liabilities			2,688,045		2,787,347
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19		(9,188)		(6,488)
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Net assets			<u>2,678,857</u>		<u>2,780,859</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	21		3,878		4,078
Unrestricted funds - designated	22		1,981,794		1,924,830
Unrestricted funds - general			693,185		851,951
			<u>2,678,857</u>		<u>2,780,859</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustee on 13 March 2023 and signed on behalf of the Trustee.

Dr D J Tomlin
Governor

Mr J W Machin
Chamberlain

THE COMPANY OF MERCHANT ADVENTURERS OF THE CITY OF YORK
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	29		43,714		114,030
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(4,151)		-	
Movement in cash held within investment portfolio		(16,854)		-	
Purchase of other investments		(15,999)		(33,131)	
Proceeds on disposal of other investments		25		43	
Investment income received		34,370		33,319	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(2,609)		231
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			41,105		114,261
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			330,428		216,167
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			371,533		330,428

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charitable Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The Charitable Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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 Charitable Trust.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustee has a reasonable expectation that the Charitable Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustee continues 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 Trustee in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Trustee for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors 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 Charitable Trust.

1.4 Income

All income is included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Where a funder specifies that income must be used in future accounting periods, it is carried forward as deferred income.

Gifts in kind are included at the trustee's estimate of their value at the time of donation.

1.5 Expenditure

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.

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All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations and legacies.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis as set out in note 9.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

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:

Hall improvements	15 years straight line
Equipment	10% to 25% straight line

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 Heritage assets

The original cost of the Museum Collection cannot be established. The Collection was first included in the accounts in the year ended 31 December 2002 at replacement cost for insurance purposes.

Acquisitions are made by purchase or donation. Purchases since 2002 have been recorded at cost and donations are recorded at current value as determined by the Trustee.

Depreciation is not charged on heritage assets which have an indefinite useful life.

All properties are included at purchase cost. Any further preservation costs are released through the statement of financial activities when they are carried out.

Heritage properties comprise several properties in Fossgate, York which protect and enhance the environs at one of the entrances to the historic Merchant Adventurers' Hall. These properties are listed buildings in their own right and let to provide a rental yield which supports their maintenance and contributes to the preservation of the Hall and its grounds. These properties are not held as investments, but play an important role in enhancing the visitor experience by preserving the historical context and setting of the Hall.

The total insured value of the properties during the period was £4,465,051.

The Clerk maintains a ledger of Heritage Assets and the Museum Director maintains an electronic record of assets and accessions. The ledger is maintained with restricted access controlled by the Museum Director. The items on the ledger are briefed to the Court for any discussion on accession or de-accession of property.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Listed investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the period.

1.9 Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for any obsolete or slow-moving items.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

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1.11 Financial instruments

The Trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic instruments. Basic financial instruments are recognised at transaction value.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are recognised at transaction price. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

1.12 Taxation

The charity is VAT registered and subject to partial exemption rules. VAT which is irrecoverable is shown as an expense.

1.13 Employee benefits

The Charity makes contributions to a group personal pension plan. Contributions are charged as expenditure in the year in which they are incurred.

Redundancy costs are recognised as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and gifts	2,264	3,350	1,000	6,614	978	1,000	1,978
Legacies receivable	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	15,000
Grants receivable	6,763	-	-	6,763	93,223	-	93,223
Members' annual donations	104,603	-	-	104,603	116,091	-	116,091
Gift aid receivable	30,534	-	-	30,534	29,162	-	29,162
	<u>144,164</u>	<u>3,350</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>148,514</u>	<u>254,454</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>255,454</u>
Grants receivable for core activities							
HMRC Job retention scheme	-	-	-	-	50,162	-	50,162
COVID-19 grants	96	-	-	96	249	-	249
City of York Council grants	6,667	-	-	6,667	42,812	-	42,812
	<u>6,763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,763</u>	<u>93,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,223</u>

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3 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Hall visitors	90,433	58,138
Hall hire	149,662	88,432
Rent receivable on heritage property	122,589	118,288
	<u>362,684</u>	<u>264,858</u>

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Shop income	23,144	14,225
Coffee shop income	185,448	140,850
Other trading activities	208,592	155,075
	<u>417,184</u>	<u>310,150</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Equity investment income	32,868	33,133
Interest receivable	1,502	186
	<u>34,370</u>	<u>33,319</u>

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6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Hall hire and visitors' publicity	7,015	4,370
Fundraising and publicity	7,015	4,370
Shop purchases with stock movement	9,855	5,578
Coffee shop expenditure	164,769	113,019
Trading costs	174,624	118,597
Investment management	40	46
	181,679	123,013

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7 Charitable activities

	Maintenance of Hall & Chapel	Maintenance of heritage assets	Relief of Poverty	Total
CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR	2022	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	22,695	-	-	22,695
Pensioners' visits and events	-	-	3,500	3,500
Establishment expenses	43,198	-	-	43,198
Hall maintenance and improvements	7,441	-	-	7,441
Staff costs	347,882	-	-	347,882
Maintenance of heritage assets	-	6,277	-	6,277
Museum	17,809	-	-	17,809
Garden costs	3,412	-	-	3,412
Insurance	28,244	-	-	28,244
Irrecoverable VAT	2,295	-	-	2,295
	472,976	6,277	3,500	482,753
Grants payable (see note 8)	-	-	10,000	10,000
Share of support costs (see note 9)	17,408	-	-	17,408
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	6,070	-	-	6,070
	496,454	6,277	13,500	516,231
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds - general	459,717	6,277	3,500	469,494
Unrestricted funds - designated	35,537	-	10,000	45,537
Restricted funds	1,200	-	-	1,200
	496,454	6,277	13,500	516,231
PRIOR FINANCIAL YEAR	2021	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	23,504	-	-	23,504
Pensioners' visits and events	-	-	1,000	1,000
Establishment expenses	33,896	-	-	33,896
Hall maintenance and improvements	9,450	-	-	9,450
Staff costs	303,454	-	-	303,454
Maintenance of heritage assets	-	4,350	-	4,350
Museum	2,217	-	-	2,217
Garden costs	703	-	-	703
Insurance	26,194	-	-	26,194
Irrecoverable VAT	(2,356)	-	-	(2,356)
	397,062	4,350	1,000	402,412
Grants payable (see note 8)	600	-	10,000	10,600

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7 Charitable activities

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Share of support costs (see note 9)	13,791	-	-	13,791
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	7,906	-	-	7,906
	<u>419,359</u>	<u>4,350</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>434,709</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds - general	395,255	4,350	1,000	400,605
Unrestricted funds - designated	23,504	-	10,000	33,504
Restricted funds	600	-	-	600
	<u>419,359</u>	<u>4,350</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>434,709</u>

8 Grants payable

	Relief of Poverty 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Maintenance of Hall & Chapel 2021 £	Relief of Poverty 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Grants to institutions:					
The Latin Project	-	-	600	-	600
Refugee Action York	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Kitchens for Everyone York	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
York Neighbours	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,600</u>

9 Support costs

	2022 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	2021 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Office costs	7,013	-	7,013	5,878	-	5,878
Bank charges	7,012	-	7,012	5,041	-	5,041
IT costs	3,383	-	3,383	2,872	-	2,872
Independent examiner's fee	-	3,050	3,050	-	2,950	2,950
Legal and professional fees	-	2,120	2,120	-	3,807	3,807
Accountancy fees	-	900	900	-	1,149	1,149
	<u>17,408</u>	<u>6,070</u>	<u>23,478</u>	<u>13,791</u>	<u>7,906</u>	<u>21,697</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>17,408</u>	<u>6,070</u>	<u>23,478</u>	<u>13,791</u>	<u>7,906</u>	<u>21,697</u>

Accountancy fees includes payments to the independent examiner for tax advisory services of £900 (2021: £500) and other financial services of £nil (2021: £450).

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10 Trustee

No member of the Court of Assistants or any person connected with it received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

11 Employees

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Total	19	19
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Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	389,829	368,980
Social security costs	29,425	25,464
Pension costs	8,680	7,195
Insurance premiums	1,797	1,797
Redundancy costs	20,000	-
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	449,731	403,436
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The total paid to key management personnel during the year was £153,361 (2021: £147,483).

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
£60,000 - £70,000	1	1
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12 Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	funds	funds
	general	general
	2022	2021
	£	£
(Loss)/gain on investment assets	(158,257)	83,732
Gain on sale of investments	5	9
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	(158,252)	83,741
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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Hall improvements	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	423,145	91,159	514,304
Additions	-	4,151	4,151
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At 31 December 2022	423,145	95,310	518,455
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Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	363,723	86,820	450,543
Depreciation charged in the year	17,721	4,974	22,695
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At 31 December 2022	381,444	91,794	473,238
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Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2022	41,701	3,516	45,217
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At 31 December 2021	59,422	4,339	63,761
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14 Heritage assets

	Properties	Collection	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2022	435,606	716,176	1,151,782
Donated assets	-	3,350	3,350
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At 31 December 2022	435,606	719,526	1,155,132
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Heritage assets acquired prior to 31 December 2002 have been included at replacement value of £607,425 for insurance purposes at that date. Subsequent additions of £547,707 have been capitalised at cost or valuation.

Five Year Financial Summary of heritage asset transactions

	Donations
	£
2022	3,350
2021	-
2020	2,000
2019	4,000
2018	4,288

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15 Fixed asset investments

	Investments £
Valuation	
At 1 January 2022	1,268,913
Additions	15,999
Movement in cash held within fund	16,854
Gain on investment assets	(158,252)
Disposals	(25)
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At 31 December 2022	1,143,489
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	1,143,489
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At 31 December 2021	1,268,913
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The investments consist of listed accumulation units in common investment funds specifically for charities. Income is reinvested without payment of tax.

Historical cost at 31 December 2022 was £946,148 (2021: £913,314). Cash held within the investment portfolio at 31 December 2022 was £16,855 (2021: £1). The balance is held within listed investments.

	2022 £	2021 £
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Fixed Income	136,496	117,398
UK Equities	227,004	257,000
Global Equities	537,385	666,105
Property	51,766	51,709
Alternative Investments	148,035	129,053
Liquid Assets	42,803	47,648
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	1,143,489	1,268,913
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16 Stocks

	2022 £	2021 £
Coffee shop	1,484	-
Shop and company regalia	11,492	11,319
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	12,976	11,319
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17 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	9,032	11,792
Other debtors	5,841	3,659
Prepayments	31,636	25,470
	<u>46,509</u>	<u>40,921</u>

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Trade creditors		12,722	9,636
Other creditors		28,184	19,194
Accruals		5,925	5,879
Deferred income	20	39,980	45,068
		<u>86,811</u>	<u>34,709</u>

19 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Deferred income	20	9,188	6,488
		<u>9,188</u>	<u>6,488</u>

20 Deferred income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Balance as at 1 January 2022	51,556	67,848
Released to income	(45,068)	(49,230)
Deferred in year	42,680	32,938
	<u>49,168</u>	<u>51,556</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	39,980	45,068
Over one year	9,188	6,488
	<u>49,168</u>	<u>51,556</u>

Deferred income relates to Hall hire bookings and events received in advance.

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21 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Archive	4,078	1,000	(1,200)	-	3,878
	<u>4,078</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(1,200)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,878</u>
	<u>4,078</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(1,200)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,878</u>
	<u>4,078</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(1,200)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,878</u>

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Archive	3,678	-	-	400	4,078
Latin Project	-	1,000	(600)	(400)	-
	<u>3,678</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(600)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,078</u>
	<u>3,678</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(600)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,078</u>

The archive fund holds grants made by the Ian Addison Trust which were given specifically for the upkeep and digital cataloguing of the Company's archive.

The Latin Project fund represents a grant made by the Ian Addison Trust to cover the costs of the Latin Project's publication. The transfer is in line with the donor's wishes for the surplus to be used for the benefit of the Merchants' archives.

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22 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the Charitable Trust's activities made up as follows:

	Movement in funds					
	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Building	565,000	-	-	-	-	565,000
Heritage assets	1,151,782	3,350	-	-	-	1,155,132
Fossgate property maintenance	95,000	-	-	5,000	-	100,000
Hall development	30,100	-	(12,842)	-	-	17,258
Fixed assets	63,761	-	(22,695)	4,151	-	45,217
Richard Wheway Legacy	19,187	-	-	-	-	19,187
Alms Committee fund	-	-	(10,000)	10,000	-	-
Strategic projects	-	-	-	80,000	-	80,000
	<u>1,924,830</u>	<u>3,350</u>	<u>(45,537)</u>	<u>99,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,981,794</u>

	Movement in funds					
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 1 January 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Building	565,000	-	-	-	-	565,000
Heritage assets	1,151,782	-	-	-	-	1,151,782
Fossgate property maintenance	85,000	-	-	10,000	-	95,000
Hall development	30,100	-	-	-	-	30,100
Fixed assets	87,265	-	(23,504)	-	-	63,761
Richard Wheway Legacy	19,187	-	-	-	-	19,187
Alms Committee fund	-	-	(10,000)	10,000	-	-
	<u>1,938,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(33,504)</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,924,830</u>

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Past experience shows that on an historic building, such as the Hall, large sums have to be expended from time to time, often as a matter of urgency, the amount and timing of which is unpredictable. The Building fund has been created to meet this type of contingency.

The heritage assets fund (formally Collection fund) represents the heritage assets held by the charity. The items in the collection were included at valuation for insurance purposes at 31 December 2002, with acquisitions and donations made since then being included at cost or valuation. There have been no disposals from this fund.

Hall improvements includes items funded under the Heritage Lottery Fund project. The transfer represents the movement of fixed assets to the designated fixed asset fund.

The Fossgate property maintenance fund relates to designations made for the future upkeep and maintenance needs of the Fossgate heritage properties. The transfer represents additional funds designated.

The Hall development fund has been set up in order to facilitate future developments within the Hall.

The fixed asset fund represents fixed assets held by the Company.

The Richard Wheway legacy represents monies received from past Governor Richard Wheway's estate.

An Alms Committee has been established to give oversight to care for the Company Pensioners and to distribute grants and alms payments to the needy of York.

The strategic projects fund represents reserves allocated to the Riverside Project (£40,000), Archive Protection and Access (£20,000) and Office move (£20,000).

23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	-	45,217	-	45,217
Heritage assets	-	1,155,132	-	1,155,132
Investments	578,489	565,000	-	1,143,489
Current assets/(liabilities)	123,884	216,445	3,878	344,207
Long term liabilities	(9,188)	-	-	(9,188)
	<u>693,185</u>	<u>1,981,794</u>	<u>3,878</u>	<u>2,678,857</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	-	63,761	-	63,761
Heritage assets	-	1,151,782	-	1,151,782
Investments	703,913	565,000	-	1,268,913
Current assets/(liabilities)	154,526	144,287	4,078	302,891
Long term liabilities	(6,488)	-	-	(6,488)
	<u>851,951</u>	<u>1,924,830</u>	<u>4,078</u>	<u>2,780,859</u>

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24 Free reserves

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds	693,185	851,951
Operating lease commitments	(6,274)	(2,805)
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Free reserves	686,911	849,146
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25 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the Charitable Trust had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	1,476	1,247
Between two and five years	4,798	1,558
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	6,274	2,805
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26 Pensions

Staff are eligible (if they meet the minimum level of contribution) to participate in a group personal pension scheme managed by AEGON Scottish Equitable. The assets are held separately from the charity. The Trust contributes 5% of pensionable pay.

New joiners (whose total pension contributions do not meet AEGON's threshold) are auto-enrolled in the NEST Scheme.

Minimum levels of contribution are the same in both schemes and death in service insurance cover is given to all employees in a pension scheme.

There was £1,238 due at the year end (2021: £1,233).

27 Related party transactions

The Charitable Trust is under the control of The Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York, as detailed on page 3.

During the year an administration charge of £1,200 (2021: £456) was received from the 1988 Charitable Trust. The 1988 Charitable Trust is also under control of The Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York. At the year end £2,477 (2021: £1,825) was from the 1988 Charitable Trust.

In the year, the Hall was hired by no members of the Court of Assistants of the Company (2021: no transactions).

Members of the Court of Assistants give an annual donation but no additional donations (2021: £nil) to the 1944 Charitable Trust in the year.

28 Funds held on behalf of others

Cash held at 31 December 2022 of £10,626 (2021: £10,439) represents deposits held on behalf of tenants.

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1944 CHARITABLE TRUST**
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

29	Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
	(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(102,002)	234,725
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(34,370)	(33,319)
	Gain on disposal of investments	(5)	(9)
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	158,257	(83,732)
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	22,695	23,504
	Donations in kind of heritage assets	(3,350)	-
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(1,657)	3,336
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(5,588)	1,768
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	12,122	(15,951)
	(Decrease) in deferred income	(2,388)	(16,292)
	Cash generated from operations	43,714	114,030