

# FENCE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 237291

## Details

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**Other names** FENCE HOSPITAL AND ALMSHOUSES

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1964-11-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE ALMSHOUSES OF THE CHARITY OR ANY OF THEM IN SUCH MANNER AS THE TRUSTEES THINK FIT. 2. FOR RELIEF IN SICKNESS. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE SCHEME - CLAUSE 43)

**Activities:** An almshouse charity operating exclusively within the town of Macclesfield, Cheshire, providing accommodation for poor aged women and or married couples.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** BOROUGH OF MACCLESFIELD AS CONSTITUTED ON 31 MARCH 1974.
- Cheshire East

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£65,333	£55,521	-	-
2024-03-31	£63,587	£59,653	-	-
2023-03-31	£63,264	£54,001	-	-
2022-03-31	£60,030	£41,114	-	-
2021-03-31	£62,076	£37,940	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DOROTHY BENTLEY SMITH		2013-09-22
Eric Michael Hunter		2018-10-31
Nicholas Peter Mannion MCIH		2022-09-28
PATRICK RUFANE ST LAURENCE TYRRELL FRSA FCMA		2013-09-22

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# Accounts

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**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

<b>Registered Charity number</b>	237291
<b>Regulator of Social Housing registration number</b>	A3989
<b>Trustees of the Charity</b>	Cllr. Mr. N. P. Mannion (Chair) Mrs. D. Bentley Smith Mr. P. Tyrrell Mr. E. Hunter
<b>Manager</b>	Ms. F. Wilson
<b>Registered office</b>	2 Sherwood Road Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 7RR
<b>Reporting Accountant</b>	Harts Ltd Westminster House 10 Westminster Rd Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 1BX
<b>Solicitor</b>	Wains Solicitors 39 – 43 Churchside Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 1HW
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## **THE FENCE TRUST**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

#### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

The Board of Trustees of The Fence Trust presents their report and financial statements of the Registered Provider (RP) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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

The Trustees of the Board who have served during the year were as follows:

Cllr. Mr. N. P. Mannion  
Mrs. D. Bentley Smith  
Mr. P. Tyrrell  
Mr. E. Hunter

The Trust is governed by a Charity Commission scheme dated 27 February 1986 and a further scheme made on the 8 June 1992 and is a Registered Charity. It is also a Registered Social Housing Provider.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Fence Trust is a Registered Charity and a Registered Social Landlord. The charity provides accommodation for poor married couples and single people 55 years of age and over. The charity operates exclusively within the Borough of Macclesfield (as at 31 March 1974). The charity owns and maintains seven properties, specifically designated for elderly people.

The weekly maintenance contributions from the residents are the only source of funds available to the Trustees to provide a safe environment for potentially vulnerable people, to maintain and improve the properties and to perform statutory safety checks. There is additionally a small investment income from funds held in the COIF Charities Deposit Fund. Fence Trust is allowed to make charitable payments to residents where appropriate.

The Trustees of the charity maintain that they have complied with the duty described in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission. The Trustees have considered this and believe that the charity provides public benefit by maintaining seven almshouses as quality housing for elderly people at a cost well below market levels.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The charity continues to provide 10 units of accommodation in a listed development near the centre of Macclesfield; including three endowment properties let at near market rents and a commercial office in the original hospice. Overall, the financial results show a surplus and the medium term business plan shows the charity being cash positive for the foreseeable future.

Work continued to install new windows at 1, 2 and 3 Fence Court and repair the facias and guttering at 1 and 2 Fence Court. Additional work has also been required to deal with water ingress at Fence House. The cost of this work included the scaffolding required. Routine maintenance has been undertaken as required.

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#### TRUSTEES REPORT

##### Financial review

Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue operations for the foreseeable future. Reserves are held to manage fluctuations in income due to voids. Whilst the Almshouses are generally fully occupied at present there have been periods when empty properties have resulted in a significant reduction of income. In the case of Fence House in particular repairs can be expensive due to the height of the building and also its special architectural features. Some reserves are also needed for repair work which is done en bloc to minimise scaffolding costs.

##### Analysis using financial and non-financial key performance indicators

The figures (expressed as £000) in the table below are taken from the Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

	2025	2024
Turnover	64.8	63.1
Administrative expenditure	(55.5)	(59.0)
<b>Operating surplus</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>4.10</b>
Interest receivable & payable and other charges	0.5	(0.1)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Income & expenditure reserve	267.7	257.9

##### Assessment of how we are achieving value for money including performance metrics

The Trustees believe that the quality of workmanship from their selected local contractors to be important for their client group.

	2025	2024
Reinvestment %	0%	0%
New Supply (Social housing units) %	0%	0%
New Supply (Non-social housing units) %	0%	0%
Gearing %	-12%	-11%
EBITDA MRI interest cover %	0%	2,579%
Headline social housing cost £	£4,033	£4,356
Operating margin (social housing lettings) %	14%	6%
Operating margin (overall) %	15%	6%
Return on capital employed %	1%	1%

##### Major Risks and uncertainties are considered to be

- The homes no longer provide accommodation or facilities suitable for our client group
- There are significant changes to the housing benefit system
- HM Government forces rent reductions onto the supported housing sector
- The age of the properties necessitates significant expenditure
- The Trustees lose key members and are not able to replace them with members with relevant skills

##### Assessment of compliance with the Governance and Financial Viability standard

Trustees have developed a medium (i.e. five year) financial model which shows that the charity remains cash positive. This model has been reviewed by the Regulator of Social Housing.

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#### TRUSTEES REPORT

##### Code of Governance

The Trustees have adopted the Charity Commission Good Governance Code.

##### Board's responsibilities

The Board is responsible for preparing the report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Registered social housing legislation requires the Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 association will continue in business.

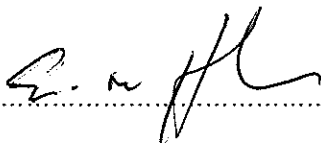
The Board is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the association and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2022. It has general responsibility for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the association and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Board is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the association's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

We, the Trustees of the Board who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant accounting information of which the Trust's reporting accountants are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant accounting information and to establish that the Trust's reporting accountants are aware of that information.

By order of the Board



Mr. E. Hunter, Trustee

Dated : ..... 29/09/25 .....

## THE FENCE TRUST

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#### REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

##### Accountants' report to the Board on the unaudited accounts of The Fence Trust

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 set out on pages 7 to 15.

##### Respective responsibilities of the Board and independent reporting accountants

The Board of the Registered Social Housing Provider is responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the Registered Social Housing Provider is exempt from an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

##### Basis of opinion

Our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the Registered Social Housing Provider and making such enquiries of the officers of the Registered Social Housing Provider as we considered necessary for the purpose of this report. These procedures provide the only assurance expressed in our opinion.

##### Opinion

In our opinion:

- the accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 are in accordance with the accounting records kept by the Registered Social Housing Provider under paragraph 135(2)(a) of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008;
- having regard only to, and on the basis of the information contained in the accounting records:
  - the accounts comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011;
  - the Registered Social Housing Provider has satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 specified in section 136(6) of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008;
  - the accounts comply with the requirements of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2022.



Melissa Bowers FCCA  
For and on behalf of Harts Limited  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

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Dated : 29/03/25 .....

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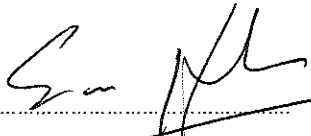
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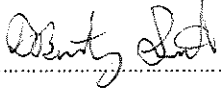
**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Including Income and Expenditure Account)**

		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		Continuing Operations TOTAL £	Continuing Operations TOTAL £
	Note		
<b>Turnover</b>	<b>2</b>	64,811	63,075
Donations received		-	-
Administrative expenditure	<b>2</b>	(55,521)	(59,068)
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<b>Operating surplus / (deficit)</b>		<b>9,290</b>	<b>4,007</b>
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Interest receivable and similar income	<b>4</b>	522	512
Interest payable and similar charges	<b>4</b>	-	(585)
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<b>Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities for the year before tax</b>		<b>9,812</b>	<b>3,934</b>
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Tax on surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities		-	-
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year after tax</b>		<b>9,812</b>	<b>3,934</b>
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<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>9,812</b>	<b>3,934</b>

Dated : ..... 29/09/25

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

  
.....  
Mr. E. Hunter, Trustee

  
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Mrs. D. Bentley Smith, Trustee

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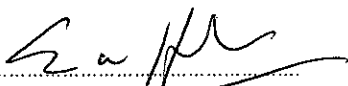
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	7	625,418	625,418
Improvements to property	7	34,124	45,279
		<u>659,542</u>	<u>670,697</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	8	10,246	4,995
Cash at bank and in hand		81,559	72,639
		<u>91,805</u>	<u>77,634</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(6,557)	(13,353)
		<u>85,248</u>	<u>64,281</u>
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>85,248</u>	<u>64,281</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		744,790	734,978
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		-	-
		<u>744,790</u>	<u>734,978</u>
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>744,790</u>	<u>734,978</u>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Income and expenditure reserve	14	267,679	257,867
Endowment reserve	14	477,111	477,111
		<u>744,790</u>	<u>734,978</u>
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<u>744,790</u>	<u>734,978</u>

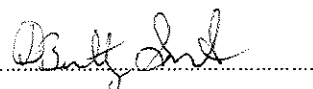
The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on

Dated : ..... 29/09/25

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Mr. E. Hunter, Trustee



Mrs. D. Bentley Smith, Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these accounts.

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 Summary of significant accounting policies

##### (a) General information and basis of preparation

The Fence Trust is a Registered Charity (237291) and a private Registered Provider of Social Housing (A3939) in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the RP information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the RP's operations and principal activities are that of an Almshouse Charity providing accommodation for poor single people or married couples of age 55 years and over within the borough of Macclesfield.

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (FRS 102), the Statement of Recommended Practice for Social Housing Providers 2018 and with the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2022. The financial statements are also prepared under the requirements of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the RP, and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### (b) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets (including social housing properties) are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended such as the cost of acquiring land and buildings, developments costs, interest charges on loans during the development period and expenditure on improvements. Expenditure on improvements will only be capitalised when it results in incremental future benefits such as increasing rental income, reducing maintenance costs or resulting in a significant extension of the useful economic life of the property.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Housing properties, houses	Nil
Properties for non-social housing lettings	Nil
Improvements to property	10% on cost

Major components of housing properties, such as property improvements and heating systems, have been accounted for and depreciated separately from the connected housing property, over their expected useful economic lives and are included in property, plant and equipment

The useful economic lives of all tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually.

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

##### **(c) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in other administrative expenses.

Rights of social landlords to have improvement works carried out to properties by a third party (such as a local authority) are recognised as prepayments where payment has occurred in advance of the works being carried out and receipts in advance from the same third party recognised as liabilities. Assets and liabilities or income and expenditure are not offset.

##### **(d) Investments**

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value through the statement of comprehensive income if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

##### **(e) Loans and borrowings**

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction it is measured at present value.

##### **(f) Turnover and other income**

Turnover represents rental and service charges income receivable in the year net of rent and service charge losses from voids

##### *Property Managed by Agents*

Where the RP carries the financial risk on property managed by agents, all the income and expenditure arising from the property is included in the statement of comprehensive income.

Where the agency carries the financial risk, the statement of comprehensive income includes only that income and expenditure which relates solely to the RP.

##### *Interest and dividends receivable*

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the RP's right to receive payment is established.

##### **(g) Endowment Reserves**

Endowment reserves are those reserves which are only expendable in accordance with the wishes of the funder or regulatory body. Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently, revenue and expenditure cannot be directly set against endowment reserves but is taken through the statement of comprehensive income and then a transfer to endowment reserves is made as appropriate.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**2 Particulars of turnover and administrative expenditure from social housing lettings**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Turnover</b>		
Rent receivable net of identifiable service charges	64,811	63,075
Donations received	-	-
<b>Turnover from social housing lettings</b>	<u>64,811</u>	<u>63,075</u>
<b>Administrative expenditure</b>		
Manager's remuneration	7,410	7,020
Routine maintenance	26,272	26,910
Garden upkeep	4,174	2,875
Council tax	-	-
Electricity	645	782
Insurance	2,657	2,498
Legal & Professional	563	-
Accountancy fees	2,232	2,448
Subscriptions	401	348
Training	-	-
Print, post & stationery	12	32
Depreciation of housing properties	11,155	11,155
<b>Administrative expenditure on social housing lettings</b>	<u>55,521</u>	<u>59,068</u>
<b>Operating surplus / (deficit) on social housing lettings</b>	<u>9,290</u>	<u>4,007</u>
Void losses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**3 Accommodation owned and in management**

	Number of units at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Number of units at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
Completed units:		
General needs housing	3	3
Housing for older people	7	7
Commercial property	1	1
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	11	11

**4 Interest and other finance income and charges**

a) Interest receivable and similar income

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank interest receivable	<hr/> 522	<hr/> 512

b) Interest payable and similar charges

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	<hr/> -	<hr/> 585

**5 Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities**

Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Accountancy fees	2,232	2,448
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,155	11,155
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	13,387	13,603

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##### 6 Remuneration

The total remuneration for the Board of Trustees amounted to £ nil (2024 - £ nil).

The remuneration figure of £7,410 (2024 - £7,020) is in respect of the Manager, Ms F Wilson who has been employed on a part time basis since October 2016.

##### 7 Tangible fixed assets – housing properties

	Housing properties for letting including non-social housing lettings	Improvements to property	Total
	£		£
Cost:			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	625,418	111,546	736,964
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	625,418	111,546	736,964
Depreciation:			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	-	66,267	66,267
Charge for year	-	11,155	11,155
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	-	77,422	77,422
Net book value:			
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	625,418	34,124	659,542
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	625,418	45,279	670,697

The Fence and Endowment Houses together with the Almshouses were constructed in the late Nineteenth Century. There is no record of the original cost. The housing properties are included in the financial statements at their historic estimated value. The development and improvement costs that relate to improvements carried out since 1992 which were funded by a Housing Corporation grant and a mortgage loan from the Housing Corporation secured by a charge on housing, land and buildings and from The Fence Trust's own resources.

The Charities SORP (FRS102) states that a tangible fixed asset must be depreciated over its useful economic life. The Charity should choose a depreciation method which reflects the use of the asset and the expected timing or consumption of its economic benefits. This residual value of the properties has been considered and not deemed to be lower than cost, as such no depreciation has been applied. Depreciation is provided on property improvements at a straight line rate of 10% on cost. This is in accordance with FRS102, a charity may choose to adopt an accounting policy of revaluation but if it does so then all assets in that class must be revalued.

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The net book value of land and buildings comprised:

	2025 £	2024 £
Land and buildings: Freehold	<u>659,542</u>	<u>670,697</u>

#### 8 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	8,452	3,233
Other debtors	801	801
Prepayments and accrued income	993	961
	<u>10,246</u>	<u>4,995</u>

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Rents paid in advance	1,856	2,029
Other creditors	2,601	2,601
Accruals and deferred income	2,100	8,723
	<u>6,557</u>	<u>13,353</u>

#### 10 Contingent liabilities

As at the 31 March 2025 there were no contingent liabilities.

#### 11 Related party transactions

The Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses shares the same Board of Trustees as the Fence Trust.

The Fence Trust also shares the same Manager as the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses, Ms F Wilson is remunerated by the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses of which 50% is recharged to the Fence Trust. Over the course of the year £7,410 (2024 - £7,020). was paid to the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses in respect of Ms F Wilson's salary, there is no balance outstanding in respect of salaries at the year end of 31 March 2025 (2024 - nil).

There were £12 (2024 - £32) re-imburements this year in respect of printing supply items to Ms F Wilson.

## THE FENCE TRUST

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

##### 12 Average number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2024: 1), Ms F Wilson the Trust Manager has been employed on a part time basis since October 2016. The 4 Trustees (2024: 4) are not remunerated for their services to the Trust.

##### 13 Post balance sheet events

The board of trustees have confirmed that there are no significant post balance sheet events.

##### 14 Reserves

###### a) Total reserves

	2025 £	2024 £
Income & expenditure reserve brought forward	257,867	253,933
Endowment reserve brought forward	477,111	477,111
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Balance brought forward	734,978	731,044
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Income and expenditure surplus / (deficit) at year end	9,812	3,934
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Total reserves carried forward	744,790	734,978

###### b) Shown as

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and expenditure reserve (unrestricted reserve)	267,679	257,867
Endowment reserve (restricted reserve)	477,111	477,111
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Balance carried forward	744,790	734,978

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

<b>Registered Charity number</b>	237291
<b>Regulator of Social Housing registration number</b>	A3989
<b>Trustees of the Charity</b>	Cllr.Mr. N. P. Mannion (Chair) Mrs. D. Bentley Smith Mr. P. Tyrrell Mr. E. Hunter
<b>Manager</b>	Ms. F. Wilson
<b>Registered office</b>	2 Sherwood Road Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 7RR
<b>Auditor</b>	Harts Ltd Westminster House 10 Westminster Rd Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 1BX
<b>Solicitor</b>	Wains Solicitors 39 – 43 Churchside Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 1HW
<b>Bankers</b>	Natwest Bank 2 Chestergate Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 6BS

## **THE FENCE TRUST**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

#### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

The Board of Trustees of The Fence Trust presents their report and the audited financial statements of the Registered Provider (RP) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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

The Trustees of the Board who have served during the year were as follows:

Cllr. Mr. N. P. Mannion  
Mrs. D. Bentley Smith  
Mr. P. Tyrrell  
Mr. E. Hunter

The Trust is governed by a Charity Commission scheme dated 27 February 1986 and a further scheme made on the 8 June 1992 and is a Registered Charity. It is also a Registered Social Housing Provider.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Fence Trust is a Registered Charity and a Registered Social Landlord. The charity provides accommodation for poor married couples and single people 55 years of age and over. The charity operates exclusively within the Borough of Macclesfield (as at 31 March 1974). The charity owns and maintains seven properties, specifically designated for elderly people.

The weekly maintenance contributions from the residents are the only source of funds available to the Trustees to provide a safe environment for potentially vulnerable people, to maintain and improve the properties and to perform statutory safety checks. There is additionally a small investment income from funds held in the COIF Charities Deposit Fund. Fence Trust is allowed to make charitable payments to residents where appropriate.

The Trustees of the charity maintain that they have complied with the duty described in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission. The Trustees have considered this and believe that the charity provides public benefit by maintaining seven almshouses as quality housing for elderly people at a cost well below market levels.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The charity continues to provide 10 units of accommodation in a listed development near the centre of Macclesfield; including three endowment properties let at near market rents and a commercial office in the original hospice. Overall, the financial results show a surplus and the medium term business plan shows the charity being cash positive for the foreseeable future.

New windows have been installed at 1, 2 and 3 Fence Court and repairs to the facias and guttering at 1 and 2 Fence Court have been required. Further damp was discovered at Fence House and essential work has taken place to deal with this. The key items have been work on windows, mortar, flashing the eaves and eave braces.

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### TRUSTEES REPORT

#### Financial review

Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue operations for the foreseeable future. Reserves are held in view of the high interest mortgage loans still being repaid and also to manage fluctuations in income due to voids. Whilst the Almshouses are generally fully occupied at present there have been periods when empty properties have resulted in a significant reduction of income. In the case of Fence House in particular repairs can be expensive due to the height of the building and also its special architectural features. Some reserves are also needed for repair work which is done en bloc to minimise scaffolding costs.

#### Analysis using financial and non-financial key performance indicators

The figures (expressed as £000) in the table below are taken from the Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

	2024	2023
Turnover	63.1	63.1
Administrative expenditure	(59.0)	(52.5)
<b>Operating surplus</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>10.6</b>
Interest receivable & payable and other charges	(0.1)	(1.3)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>9.3</b>
Income & expenditure reserve	257.9	253.9

#### Assessment of how we are achieving value for money including performance metrics

The Trustees believe that the quality of workmanship from their selected local contractors to be important for their client group.

	2024	2023
Reinvestment %	0%	0%
New Supply (Social housing units) %	0%	0%
New Supply (Non-social housing units) %	0%	0%
Gearing %	-11%	-7%
EBITDA MRI interest cover %	2579%	1351%
Headline social housing cost £	£4,356	£3,758
Operating margin (social housing lettings) %	6%	17%
Operating margin (overall) %	6%	15%
Return on capital employed %	1%	1%

#### Major Risks and uncertainties are considered to be

- The homes no longer provide accommodation or facilities suitable for our client group
- There are significant changes to the housing benefit system
- HM Government forces rent reductions onto the supported housing sector
- The age of the properties necessitates significant expenditure
- The Trustees lose key members and are not able to replace them with members with relevant skills

#### Assessment of compliance with the Governance and Financial Viability standard

Trustees have developed a medium (i.e. five year) financial model which shows that the charity remains cash positive. This model has been reviewed by the Regulator of Social Housing.

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### TRUSTEES REPORT

#### Code of Governance

The Trustees have adopted the Charity Commission Good Governance Code.

#### Board's responsibilities

The Board is responsible for preparing the report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Registered social housing legislation requires the Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 association will continue in business.

The Board is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the association and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2022. It has general responsibility for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the association and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Board is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the association's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

We, the Trustees of the Board who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

By order of the Board



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Cllr Mr. N. P Mannion, Chair of Trustees

Dated : 21/09/24 .....

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Fence Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2022.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the board's use of going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the board with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The Board is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

## **THE FENCE TRUST**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Board Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

In addition, we have nothing to report in respect of the following matter where the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained.

#### **Responsibilities of the Board**

As explained more fully in the Board's responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the Board members (who are also the Trustees of the charity for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

## THE FENCE TRUST

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are: to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Charity and determined that the most significant are the Charities Act 2011, and Housing and Regeneration Act 2008.

We understood how The Fence Trust is complying with those frameworks by making inquiries of management responsible for Charity legislation and certification procedures.

We corroborated our enquiries through discussion with the Trustees and reviewing minutes of trustees meetings to identify any non-compliance with laws and regulations.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by discussion with trustees to understand where its considered there was a susceptibility to fraud. We considered the controls that the Charity has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we performed analytical procedures to identify and unusual or unexpected relationships; investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions; and tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Material misstatement that arises due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations that could materially impact the financial statements. Taking into accounts our understanding of the Charity, our procedures involved enquires of management and focussed testing as appropriate with consideration to risk assessment.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the association's Board, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and section 137 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the association's Board those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the association and the association's Board as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Melissa Bowers*..... *Ltd*.....

Melissa Bowers FCCA  
For and on behalf of Harts Limited  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Westminster House  
10 Westminster Rd  
Macclesfield  
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Dated : .....*23/09/2024*.....

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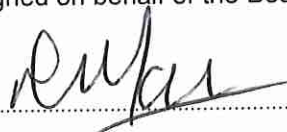
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Including Income and Expenditure Account)**


		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		Continuing Operations TOTAL £	Continuing Operations TOTAL £
	Note		
<b>Turnover</b>	<b>2</b>	63,075	63,075
Donations received		-	-
Administrative expenditure	<b>2</b>	(59,068)	(52,490)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Operating surplus / (deficit)</b>		<b>4,007</b>	<b>10,585</b>
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Interest receivable and similar income	<b>4</b>	512	189
Interest payable and similar charges	<b>4</b>	(585)	(1,511)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities for the year before tax</b>		<b>3,934</b>	<b>9,263</b>
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Tax on surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities		-	-
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year after tax</b>		<b>3,934</b>	<b>9,263</b>
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<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>3,934</b>	<b>9,263</b>

Dated : 21/09/24

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Clr.Mr. N.P. Mannion, Chair of Trustees



Mrs. D. Bentley Smith, Trustee

**THE FENCE TRUST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	7	625,418	625,418
Improvements to property	7	45,279	56,434
		<u>670,697</u>	<u>681,852</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	8	4,995	6,834
Cash at bank and in hand		72,639	59,756
		<u>77,634</u>	<u>66,590</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(13,353)	(15,328)
		<u>64,281</u>	<u>51,262</u>
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		734,978	733,114
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	10	-	(2,070)
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>734,978</u>	<u>731,044</u>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Income and expenditure reserve	15	257,867	253,933
Endowment reserve	15	477,111	477,111
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<u>734,978</u>	<u>731,044</u>

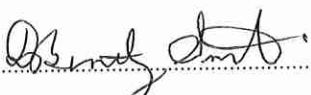
The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on

Dated : 21/09/24

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Cllr.Mr. N.P. Mannion, Chair of Trustees



Mrs. D. Bentley Smith, Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these accounts.

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 Summary of significant accounting policies

##### (a) General information and basis of preparation

The Fence Trust is a Registered Charity (237291) and a private Registered Provider of Social Housing (A3939) in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the RP information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the RP's operations and principal activities are that of an Almshouse Charity providing accommodation for poor single people or married couples of age 55 years and over within the borough of Macclesfield.

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (FRS 102), the Statement of Recommended Practice for Social Housing Providers 2018 and with the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2022. The financial statements are also prepared under the requirements of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the RP, and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### (b) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets (including social housing properties) are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended such as the cost of acquiring land and buildings, developments costs, interest charges on loans during the development period and expenditure on improvements. Expenditure on improvements will only be capitalised when it results in incremental future benefits such as increasing rental income, reducing maintenance costs or resulting in a significant extension of the useful economic life of the property.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Housing properties, houses	Nil
Properties for non-social housing lettings	Nil
Improvements to property	10% on cost

Major components of housing properties, such as property improvements and heating systems, have been accounted for and depreciated separately from the connected housing property, over their expected useful economic lives and are included in property, plant and equipment

The useful economic lives of all tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

##### **(c) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in other administrative expenses.

Rights of social landlords to have improvement works carried out to properties by a third party (such as a local authority) are recognised as prepayments where payment has occurred in advance of the works being carried out and receipts in advance from the same third party recognised as liabilities. Assets and liabilities or income and expenditure are not offset.

##### **(d) Investments**

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value through the statement of comprehensive income if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

##### **(e) Loans and borrowings**

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction it is measured at present value.

##### **(f) Turnover and other income**

Turnover represents rental and service charges income receivable in the year net of rent and service charge losses from voids

##### *Property Managed by Agents*

Where the RP carries the financial risk on property managed by agents, all the income and expenditure arising from the property is included in the statement of comprehensive income.

Where the agency carries the financial risk, the statement of comprehensive income includes only that income and expenditure which relates solely to the RP.

##### *Interest and dividends receivable*

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the RP's right to receive payment is established.

##### **(g) Endowment Reserves**

Endowment reserves are those reserves which are only expendable in accordance with the wishes of the funder or regulatory body. Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently, revenue and expenditure cannot be directly set against endowment reserves but is taken through the statement of comprehensive income and then a transfer to endowment reserves is made as appropriate.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**2 Particulars of turnover and administrative expenditure from social housing lettings**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Turnover</b>		
Rent receivable net of identifiable service charges	63,075	63,075
Donations received	-	-
<b>Turnover from social housing lettings</b>	<u>63,075</u>	<u>63,075</u>
<b>Administrative expenditure</b>		
Manager's remuneration	7,020	6,500
Routine maintenance	26,910	10,928
Garden upkeep	2,875	2,130
Council tax	-	-
Electricity	782	244
Insurance	2,498	3,212
Legal & Professional	-	-
Auditors fee	2,448	2,586
Subscriptions	348	521
Training	-	-
Print, post & stationery	32	214
Management fees	-	-
Bad debts	5,000	15,000
Depreciation of housing properties	11,155	11,155
<b>Administrative expenditure on social housing lettings</b>	<u>59,068</u>	<u>52,490</u>
<b>Operating surplus / (deficit) on social housing lettings</b>	<u>4,007</u>	<u>10,585</u>
Void losses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 3 Accommodation owned and in management

	Number of units at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Number of units at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
Completed units:		
General needs housing	3	3
Housing for older people	7	7
Commercial property	1	1
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	11	11

#### 4 Interest and other finance income and charges

##### a) Interest receivable and similar income

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank interest receivable	<hr/> 512	<hr/> 189

##### b) Interest payable and similar charges

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	<hr/> 585	<hr/> 1,511

#### 5 Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities

Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditor's remuneration	2,448	2,586
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,155	11,155
Impairment losses current asset investments	-	-
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	13,603	13,741

## THE FENCE TRUST

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

##### 6 Remuneration

The total remuneration for the Board of Trustees amounted to £ nil (2023 - £ nil).

The remuneration figure of £7,020 (2023 - £6,500) is in respect of the Manager, Ms F Wilson who has been employed on a part time basis since October 2016.

##### 7 Tangible fixed assets – housing properties

	Housing properties for letting including non-social housing lettings	Improvements to property	Total
	£		£
Cost:			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	625,418	111,546	736,964
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	625,418	111,546	736,964
Depreciation:			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	-	55,112	55,112
Charge for year	-	11,155	11,155
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	-	66,267	66,297
Net book value:			
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	625,418	45,279	670,697
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	625,418	56,434	681,852

The Fence and Endowment Houses together with the Almshouses were constructed in the late Nineteenth Century. There is no record of the original cost. The housing properties are included in the financial statements at their historic estimated value. The development and improvement costs that relate to improvements carried out since 1992 which were funded by a Housing Corporation grant and a mortgage loan from the Housing Corporation secured by a charge on housing, land and buildings and from The Fence Trust's own resources.

The Charities SORP (FRS102) states that a tangible fixed asset must be depreciated over its useful economic life. The Charity should choose a depreciation method which reflects the use of the asset and the expected timing or consumption of its economic benefits. This residual value of the properties has been considered and not deemed to be lower than cost, as such no depreciation has been applied. Depreciation is provided on property improvements at a straight line rate of 10% on cost. This is in accordance with FRS102, a charity may choose to adopt an accounting policy of revaluation but if it does so then all assets in that class must be revalued.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The net book value of land and buildings comprised:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Land and buildings:		
Freehold	<u>670,697</u>	<u>681,852</u>

**8 Debtors**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	3,233	5,218
Other debtors	801	801
Prepayments and accrued income	961	815
	<u>4,995</u>	<u>6,834</u>

**9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	8,250
Rents paid in advance	2,029	2,029
Stanley and Brocklehurst Almshouses	-	-
Other creditors	2,601	2,601
Accruals and deferred income	8,723	2,448
	<u>13,353</u>	<u>15,328</u>

**10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	2,070
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,070</u>

The mortgages totalling £Nil (2023- £10,320) are secured by a charge on the Fence Trust's housing, land and buildings. The mortgage is repayable by equal instalments of principal and interest, the final instalment paid 2024.

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### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

#### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

##### **11 Contingent liabilities**

As at the 31 March 2024 there were no contingent liabilities.

##### **12 Related party transactions**

The Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses shares the same Board of Trustees as the Fence Trust.

The Fence Trust also shares the same Manager as the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses, Ms F Wilson is remunerated by the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses of which 50% is recharged to the Fence Trust. Over the course of the year £7,020 (2023 - £6,500). was paid to the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses in respect of Ms F Wilson's salary, there is no balance outstanding in respect of salaries at the year end of 31 March 2024 (2023 - nil).

There were £32 (2023 - £131) re-imbursements this year in respect of printing supply items to Ms F Wilson.

##### **13 Average number of employees**

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2023 : 1), Ms F Wilson the Trust Manager has been employed on a part time basis since October 2016. The 4 Trustees (2023 : 4) are not remunerated for their services to the Trust.

##### **14 Post balance sheet events**

The board of trustees have confirmed that there are no significant post balance sheet events.

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 15 Reserves

##### a) Total reserves

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income & expenditure reserve brought forward	253,933	244,670
Endowment reserve brought forward	477,111	477,111
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Balance brought forward	<u>731,044</u>	<u>721,781</u>
Income and expenditure surplus / (deficit) at year end	3,934	9,263
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Total reserves carried forward	<u>734,978</u>	<u>731,044</u>

##### b) Shown as

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income and expenditure reserve (unrestricted reserve)	257,867	253,933
Endowment reserve (restricted reserve)	477,111	477,111
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Balance carried forward	<u>734,978</u>	<u>731,044</u>

**FENCE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 237291

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# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

<b>Registered Charity number</b>	237291
<b>Regulator of Social Housing registration number</b>	A3989
<b>Trustees of the Charity</b>	Cllr.Mr. N. P. Mannion (Chair) Mrs. D. Bentley Smith Mr. P. Tyrrell Mr. E. Hunter
<b>Manager</b>	Ms. F. Wilson
<b>Registered office</b>	2 Sherwood Road Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 7RR
<b>Auditor</b>	Harts Ltd Westminster House 10 Westminster Rd Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 1BX
<b>Solicitor</b>	Wains Solicitors 39 – 43 Churchside Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 1HW
<b>Bankers</b>	Natwest Bank 2 Chestergate Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 6BS

## **THE FENCE TRUST**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

#### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

The Board of Trustees of The Fence Trust presents their report and the audited financial statements of the Registered Provider (RP) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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

The Trustees of the Board who have served during the year were as follows:

Cllr. Mr. N. P. Mannion – Appointed 28 September 2022 – Appointed Chair 10 May 2023  
Cllr. Mr.S. Carter - Deceased 29 December 2022  
Cllr. Mrs.A.I Harewood - Resigned 20 June 2022  
Mr. R. J. Watson – Resigned 1 August 2022  
Mrs. D. Bentley Smith  
Mr. P. Tyrrell  
Mr. E. Hunter

The Trust is governed by a Charity Commission scheme dated 27 February 1986 and a further scheme made on the 8 June 1992 and is a Registered Charity. It is also a Registered Social Housing Provider.

Cllr S Carter was nominated by Cheshire East Council, with the remaining Trustees being co-opted by the current Board of Trustees. Cllr N Mannion replaced Cllr S Carter as the Cheshire East Council nominee on 12 January 2023. Cllr Mannion has a 30 year career in social housing and is an experienced Chair of housing associations/registered proviers. New Trustees are co-opted from time to time, generally by personal recommendation or by networking with local voluntary organisations.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Fence Trust is a Registered Charity and a Registered Social Landlord. The charity provides accommodation for poor married couples and single people 55 years of age and over. The charity operates exclusively within the Borough of Macclesfield (as at 31 March 1974). The charity owns and maintains seven properties, specifically designated for elderly people.

The weekly maintenance contributions from the residents are the only source of funds available to the Trustees to provide a safe environment for potentially vulnerable people, to maintain and improve the properties and to perform statutory safety checks. There is additionally a small investment income from funds held in the COIF Charities Deposit Fund. Fence Trust is allowed to make charitable payments to residents where appropriate.

The Trustees of the charity maintain that they have complied with the duty described in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission. The Trustees have considered this and believe that the charity provides public benefit by maintaining seven almshouses as quality housing for elderly people at a cost well below market levels.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The charity continues to provide 10 units of accommodation in a listed development near the centre of Macclesfield; including three endowment properties let at near market rents and a commercial office in the original hospice. Overall, the financial results show a surplus and the medium term business plan shows the charity being cash positive for the foreseeable future.

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### TRUSTEES REPORT

#### Financial review

Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue operations for the foreseeable future. Reserves are held in view of the high interest mortgage loans still being repaid and also to manage fluctuations in income due to voids. Whilst the Almshouses are generally fully occupied at present there have been periods when empty properties have resulted in a significant reduction of income. In the case of Fence House in particular repairs can be expensive due to the height of the building and also its special architectural features. Some reserves are also needed for repair work which is done en bloc to minimise scaffolding costs.

#### Analysis using financial and non-financial key performance indicators

The figures (expressed as £000) in the table below are taken from the Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

	2023	2022
Turnover	63.1	63.0
Administrative expenditure	(52.5)	(38.7)
<b>Operating surplus</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>24.3</b>
Interest receivable & payable and other charges	(1.3)	(2.4)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>21.9</b>
Income & expenditure reserve	253.9	244.60

#### Assessment of how we are achieving value for money including performance metrics

The Trustees believe that the quality of workmanship from their selected local contractors to be important for their client group.

	2023	2022
Reinvestment %	0%	0%
New Supply (Social housing units) %	0%	0%
New Supply (Non-social housing units) %	0%	0%
Gearing %	-7%	-3%
EBITDA MRI interest cover %	1351%	1385%
Headline social housing cost £	£3,758	£2,507
Operating margin (social housing lettings) %	17%	39%
Operating margin (overall) %	15%	35%
Return on capital employed %	1%	3%

#### Major Risks and uncertainties are considered to be

- The homes no longer provide accommodation or facilities suitable for our client group
- There are significant changes to the housing benefit system
- HM Government forces rent reductions onto the supported housing sector
- The age of the properties necessitates significant expenditure
- The Trustees lose key members and are not able to replace them with members with relevant skills

#### Assessment of compliance with the Governance and Financial Viability standard

Trustees have developed a medium (i.e. five year) financial model which shows that the charity remains cash positive. This model has been reviewed by the Regulator of Social Housing.

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### TRUSTEES REPORT

#### Code of Governance

The Trustees have adopted the Charity Commission Good Governance Code.

#### Board's responsibilities

The Board is responsible for preparing the report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Registered social housing legislation requires the Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 association will continue in business.


The Board is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the association and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2022. It has general responsibility for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the association and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Board is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the association's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

We, the Trustees of the Board who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

By order of the Board



Cllr Mr. N. P Mannion, Chair of Trustees

Dated : 28/9/23

## **THE FENCE TRUST**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

##### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Fence Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2022.

##### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the board's use of going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the board with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

##### **Other information**

The Board is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

## **THE FENCE TRUST**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Board Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

In addition, we have nothing to report in respect of the following matter where the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained.

#### **Responsibilities of the Board**

As explained more fully in the Board's responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the Board members (who are also the Trustees of the charity for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

## **THE FENCE TRUST**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are: to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Charity and determined that the most significant are the Charities Act 2011, and Housing and Regeneration Act 2008.

We understood how The Fence Trust is complying with those frameworks by making inquiries of management responsible for Charity legislation and certification procedures.

We corroborated our enquiries through discussion with the Trustees and reviewing minutes of trustees meetings to identify any non-compliance with laws and regulations.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by discussion with trustees to understand where its considered there was a susceptibility to fraud. We considered the controls that the Charity has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we performed analytical procedures to identify and unusual or unexpected relationships; investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions; and tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Material misstatement that arises due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations that could materially impact the financial statements. Taking into accounts our understanding of the Charity, our procedures involved enquires of management and focussed testing as appropriate with consideration to risk assessment.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**THE FENCE TRUST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the association's Board, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and section 137 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the association's Board those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the association and the association's Board as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Harts Ltd.*

Melissa Bowers FCCA  
For and on behalf of Harts Limited  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Westminster House  
10 Westminster Rd  
Macclesfield  
Cheshire  
SK10 1BX

Dated : *28/9/2023*

**THE FENCE TRUST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Including Income and Expenditure Account)**

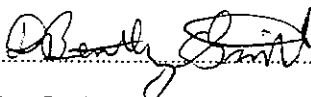
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		Continuing Operations TOTAL £	Continuing Operations TOTAL £
	Note		
<b>Turnover</b>	2	63,075	63,025
Donations received		-	-
Administrative expenditure	2	(52,490)	(38,727)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Operating surplus / (deficit)</b>		<b>10,585</b>	<b>24,298</b>
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Interest receivable and similar income	4	189	5
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(1,511)	(2,387)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities for the year before tax</b>		<b>9,263</b>	<b>21,916</b>
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Tax on surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities		-	-
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year after tax</b>		<b>9,263</b>	<b>21,916</b>
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>9,263</b>	<b>21,916</b>

Dated : 28/9/23

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Clr. Mr. N.P. Mannion, Chair of Trustees



Mrs. D. Bentley Smith, Trustee

**THE FENCE TRUST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**


**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	7	625,418	625,418
Improvements to property	7	56,434	67,588
		<u>681,852</u>	<u>693,006</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	8	6,834	14,665
Cash at bank and in hand		59,756	45,962
		<u>66,590</u>	<u>60,627</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(15,328)	(18,344)
		<u>51,262</u>	<u>42,283</u>
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		733,114	735,289
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	10	(2,070)	(13,508)
		<u>731,044</u>	<u>721,781</u>
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>			
<b>Reserves</b>			
Income and expenditure reserve	15	253,933	244,670
Endowment reserve	15	477,111	477,111
		<u>731,044</u>	<u>721,781</u>
<b>Total Reserves</b>			

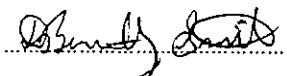
The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on

Dated : 28/9/23

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Cllr.Mr. N.P. Mannion, Chair of Trustees



Mrs. D. Bentley Smith, Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these accounts.

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 Summary of significant accounting policies

##### (a) General information and basis of preparation

The Fence Trust is a Registered Charity (237291) and a private Registered Provider of Social Housing (A3939) in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the RP information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the RP's operations and principal activities are that of an Almshouse Charity providing accommodation for poor single people or married couples of age 55 years and over within the borough of Macclesfield.

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (FRS 102), the Statement of Recommended Practice for Social Housing Providers 2018 and with the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2022. The financial statements are also prepared under the requirements of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the RP, and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### (b) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets (including social housing properties) are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended such as the cost of acquiring land and buildings, developments costs, interest charges on loans during the development period and expenditure on improvements. Expenditure on improvements will only be capitalised when it results in incremental future benefits such as increasing rental income, reducing maintenance costs or resulting in a significant extension of the useful economic life of the property.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Housing properties, houses	Nil
Properties for non-social housing lettings	Nil
Improvements to property	10% on cost

Major components of housing properties, such as property improvements and heating systems, have been accounted for and depreciated separately from the connected housing property, over their expected useful economic lives and are included in property, plant and equipment

The useful economic lives of all tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually.

## THE FENCE TRUST

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

##### **(c) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in other administrative expenses.

Rights of social landlords to have improvement works carried out to properties by a third party (such as a local authority) are recognised as prepayments where payment has occurred in advance of the works being carried out and receipts in advance from the same third party recognised as liabilities. Assets and liabilities or income and expenditure are not offset.

##### **(d) Investments**

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value through the statement of comprehensive income if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

##### **(e) Loans and borrowings**

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction it is measured at present value.

##### **(f) Turnover and other income**

Turnover represents rental and service charges income receivable in the year net of rent and service charge losses from voids

##### *Property Managed by Agents*

Where the RP carries the financial risk on property managed by agents, all the income and expenditure arising from the property is included in the statement of comprehensive income.

Where the agency carries the financial risk, the statement of comprehensive income includes only that income and expenditure which relates solely to the RP.

##### *Interest and dividends receivable*

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the RP's right to receive payment is established.

##### **(g) Endowment Reserves**

Endowment reserves are those reserves which are only expendable in accordance with the wishes of the funder or regulatory body. Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently, revenue and expenditure cannot be directly set against endowment reserves but is taken through the statement of comprehensive income and then a transfer to endowment reserves is made as appropriate.

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 2 Particulars of turnover and administrative expenditure from social housing lettings

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>		
Rent receivable net of identifiable service charges	63,075	63,025
Donations received	-	-
<b>Turnover from social housing lettings</b>	<b>63,075</b>	<b>63,025</b>
<b>Administrative expenditure</b>		
Manager's remuneration	6,500	5,447
Routine maintenance	10,928	11,661
Garden upkeep	2,130	2,836
Council tax	-	-
Electricity	244	282
Insurance	3,212	4,469
Legal & Professional	-	-
Auditors fee	2,586	2,310
Subscriptions	521	506
Training	-	-
Print, post & stationery	214	61
Management fees	-	-
Bad debts	15,000	-
Depreciation of housing properties	11,155	11,155
<b>Administrative expenditure on social housing lettings</b>	<b>52,490</b>	<b>38,727</b>
<b>Operating surplus / (deficit) on social housing lettings</b>	<b>10,585</b>	<b>24,298</b>
Void losses	-	-

**THE FENCE TRUST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**3 Accommodation owned and in management**

	Number of units at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Number of units at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022
Completed units:		
General needs housing	3	3
Housing for older people	7	7
Commercial property	1	1
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	11	11
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**4 Interest and other finance income and charges**

a) Interest receivable and similar income

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank interest receivable	<hr/> 189	<hr/> 5

b) Interest payable and similar charges

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	<hr/> 1,511	<hr/> 2,387

**5 Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities**

Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditor's remuneration	2,586	2,310
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,155	11,155
Impairment losses current asset investments	-	-
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	13,741	13,465
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## THE FENCE TRUST

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##### 6 Remuneration

The total remuneration for the Board of Trustees amounted to £ nil (2022 - £ nil).

The remuneration figure of £6,500 (2022 - £5,447) is in respect of the Manager, Ms F Wilson who has been employed on a part time basis since October 2016.

##### 7 Tangible fixed assets – housing properties

	Housing properties for letting including non-social housing lettings	Improvements to property	Total
	£		£
Cost:			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	625,418	111,546	736,964
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	625,418	111,546	736,964
Depreciation:			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	-	43,957	43,957
Charge for year	-	11,155	11,155
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	-	55,112	55,112
Net book value:			
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	625,418	56,434	681,852
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	625,418	67,589	693,007

The Fence and Endowment Houses together with the Almshouses were constructed in the late Nineteenth Century. There is no record of the original cost. The housing properties are included in the financial statements at their historic estimated value. The development and improvement costs that relate to improvements carried out since 1992 which were funded by a Housing Corporation grant and a mortgage loan from the Housing Corporation secured by a charge on housing, land and buildings and from The Fence Trust's own resources.

The Charities SORP (FRS102) states that a tangible fixed asset must be depreciated over its useful economic life. The Charity should choose a depreciation method which reflects the use of the asset and the expected timing or consumption of its economic benefits. This residual value of the properties has been considered and not deemed to be lower than cost, as such no depreciation has been applied. Depreciation is provided on property improvements at a straight line rate of 10% on cost. This is in accordance with FRS102, a charity may choose to adopt an accounting policy of revaluation but if it does so then all assets in that class must be revalued.

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The net book value of land and buildings comprised:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Land and buildings:		
Freehold	<u>681,852</u>	<u>693,006</u>

#### 8 Debtors

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,218	12,076
Other debtors	801	801
Prepayments and accrued income	815	1,788
	<u>6,834</u>	<u>14,665</u>

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

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	8,250	8,250
Rents paid in advance	2,029	2,029
Stanley and Brocklehurst Almshouses	-	3,154
Other creditors	2,601	2,601
Accruals and deferred income	2,448	2,310
	<u>15,328</u>	<u>18,344</u>

#### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	2,070	13,508
Stanley and Brocklehurst Almshouses	-	-
	<u>2,070</u>	<u>13,508</u>

The mortgages totalling £10,320 (2022- £21,758) are secured by a charge on the Fence Trust's housing, land and buildings. The mortgage is repayable by equal instalments of principal and interest, the final instalment falling due in 2023 and 2024.

## **THE FENCE TRUST**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

#### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

##### **11 Contingent liabilities**

As at the 31 March 2023 there were no contingent liabilities.

##### **12 Related party transactions**

The loan from the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses taken to fund the refurbishment of no' 90 Buxton Road in 2015 was being repaid in accordance with the repayment plan at £10,000 per annum, as a result the balance is now fully repaid (2022 : £3,154 was shown in creditors falling due within one year and £3,154 of the loan was shown in creditors falling due after one year). The Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses shares the same Board of Trustees as the Fence Trust.

The Fence Trust also shares the same Manager as the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses, Ms F Wilson is remunerated by the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses of which 50% is recharged to the Fence Trust. Over the course of the year £6,500 (2022 - £5,447). was paid to the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses in respect of Ms F Wilson's salary, there is no balance outstanding in respect of salaries at the year end of 31 March 2023 (2022 - nil).

Mr R J Watson, one of the trustees was re-imbursed a total of £nil (2022 - £nil) in respect of travel expenses for attending an Almshouse Association seminar. There were £131 (2022 - £61) reimbursements this year in respect of printing supply items to Ms F Wilson.

##### **13 Average number of employees**

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2022 : 1), Ms F Wilson the Trust Manager has been employed on a part time basis since October 2016. The 4 Trustees (2022 : 7) are not remunerated for their services to the Trust.

##### **14 Post balance sheet events**

The board of trustees have confirmed that there are no significant post balance sheet events.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 15 Reserves

##### a) Total reserves

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income & expenditure reserve brought forward	244,670	222,754
Endowment reserve brought forward	477,111	477,111
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Balance brought forward	721,781	699,865
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Income and expenditure surplus / (deficit) at year end	9,263	21,916
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Total reserves carried forward	<u>731,044</u>	<u>721,781</u>

##### b) Shown as

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income and expenditure reserve (unrestricted reserve)	253,933	244,670
Endowment reserve (restricted reserve)	477,111	477,111
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Balance carried forward	<u>731,044</u>	<u>721,781</u>

**FENCE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 237291

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# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

<b>Registered Charity number</b>	237291
<b>Regulator of Social Housing registration number</b>	A3989
<b>Trustees of the Charity</b>	Cllr. Mr.S Carter (Chair) Mr. R. J. Watson Mrs. D. Bentley Smith Mr. P. Tyrrell Mr. E. Hunter Cllr. Mrs.A.I Harewood
<b>Manager</b>	Ms. F. Wilson
<b>Registered office</b>	2 Sherwood Road Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 7RR
<b>Auditor</b>	Harts Ltd Westminster House 10 Westminster Rd Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 1BX
<b>Solicitor</b>	Wains Solicitors 39 – 43 Churchside Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 1HW
<b>Bankers</b>	Natwest Bank 2 Chestergate Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 6BS

## **THE FENCE TRUST**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

#### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

The Board of Trustees of The Fence Trust presents their report and the audited financial statements of the Registered Provider (RP) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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

The Trustees of the Board who have served during the year were as follows:

Cllr. Mr.S. Carter - Appointed Chair 20 June 2022  
Cllr. Mrs.A.I Harewood - Resigned Chair 20 June 2022  
Mr. R. J. Watson  
Mrs. D. Bentley Smith  
Mr. P. Tyrrell  
Mrs. E. Talbot - Resigned 14 March 2022  
Mr. E. Hunter

The Trust is governed by a Charity Commission scheme dated 27 February 1986 and a further scheme made on the 8 June 1992 and is a Registered Charity. It is also a Registered Social Housing Provider.

Cllr S Carter is nominated by Cheshire East Council, with the remaining Trustees being co-opted by the current Board of Trustees. New Trustees are co-opted from time to time, generally by personal recommendation or by networking with local voluntary organisations.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Fence Trust is a Registered Charity and a Registered Social Landlord. The charity provides accommodation for poor married couples and single people 55 years of age and over. The charity operates exclusively within the Borough of Macclesfield (as at 31 March 1974). The charity owns and maintains seven properties, specifically designated for elderly people.

The weekly maintenance contributions from the residents are the only source of funds available to the Trustees to provide a safe environment for potentially vulnerable people, to maintain and improve the properties and to perform statutory safety checks. There is additionally a small investment income from funds held in the COIF Charities Deposit Fund. Fence Trust is allowed to make charitable payments to residents where appropriate.

The Trustees of the charity maintain that they have complied with the duty described in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission. The Trustees have considered this and believe that the charity provides public benefit by maintaining seven almshouses as quality housing for elderly people at a cost well below market levels.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The charity continues to provide 10 units of accommodation in a listed development near the centre of Macclesfield; including three endowment properties let at near market rents and a commercial office in the original hospice. Overall, the financial results show a surplus and the medium term business plan shows the charity being cash positive for the foreseeable future.

## THE FENCE TRUST

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

##### Financial review

Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue operations for the foreseeable future. Reserves are held in view of the high interest mortgage loans still being repaid and also to manage fluctuations in income due to voids. Whilst the Almshouses are generally fully occupied at present there have been periods when empty properties have resulted in a significant reduction of income. In the case of Fence House in particular repairs can be expensive due to the height of the building and also its special architectural features. Some reserves are also needed for repair work which is done en bloc to minimise scaffolding costs.

##### Analysis using financial and non-financial key performance indicators

The figures (expressed as £000) in the table below are taken from the Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

	2022	2021
Turnover	63.0	62.0
Administrative expenditure	(38.7)	(34.7)
<b>Operating surplus</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>27.3</b>
Interest receivable & payable and other charges	(2.4)	(3.1)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>24.2</b>
Income & expenditure reserve	244.6	222.7

##### Assessment of how we are achieving value for money including performance metrics

The Trustees believe that the quality of workmanship from their selected local contractors to be important for their client group.

	2022	2021
Reinvestment %	0%	6%
New Supply (Social housing units) %	0%	0%
New Supply (Non-social housing units) %	0%	0%
Gearing %	-3%	1%
EBITDA MRI interest cover %	1385%	(300)%
Headline social housing cost £	£2,507	£6,234
Operating margin (social housing lettings) %	39%	44%
Operating margin (overall) %	35%	39%
Return on capital employed %	3%	3%

##### Major Risks and uncertainties are considered to be

- The homes no longer provide accommodation or facilities suitable for our client group
- There are significant changes to the housing benefit system
- HM Government forces rent reductions onto the supported housing sector
- The age of the properties necessitates significant expenditure
- The Trustees lose key members and are not able to replace them with members with relevant skills

##### Assessment of compliance with the Governance and Financial Viability standard

Trustees have developed a medium (i.e. five year) financial model which shows that the charity remains cash positive. This model has been reviewed by the Regulator of Social Housing.

## THE FENCE TRUST

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

##### Code of Governance

The Trustees have adopted the Charity Commission Good Governance Code.

##### Board's responsibilities

The Board is responsible for preparing the report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Registered social housing legislation requires the Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 association will continue in business.

The Board is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the association and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2019. It has general responsibility for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the association and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Board is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the association's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

We, the Trustees of the Board who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

By order of the Board

  
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Cllr. Mr. S Carter, Chair of Trustees

Dated : ..... 22.09.22 .....

## **THE FENCE TRUST**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

##### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Fence Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2019.

##### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Board has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the association's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

##### **Other information**

The Board is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

## **THE FENCE TRUST**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Board Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

In addition, we have nothing to report in respect of the following matter where the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained.

#### **Responsibilities of the Board**

As explained more fully in the Board's responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the Board members (who are also the Trustees of the charity for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are: to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Charity and determined that the most significant are the Charities Act 2011, and Housing and Regeneration Act 2008.

We understood how The Fence Trust is complying with those frameworks by making inquiries of management responsible for Charity legislation and certification procedures.

We corroborated our enquiries through discussion with the Trustees and reviewing minutes of trustees meetings to identify any non-compliance with laws and regulations.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by discussion with trustees to understand where its considered there was a susceptibility to fraud. We considered the controls that the Charity has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we performed analytical procedures to identify and unusual or unexpected relationships; investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions; and tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Material misstatement that arises due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations that could materially impact the financial statements. Taking into accounts our understanding of the Charity, our procedures involved enquires of management and focussed testing as appropriate with consideration to risk assessment.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the association's Board, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and section 137 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the association's Board those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the association and the association's Board as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Melissa Bowers*  
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Melissa Bowers FCCA  
For and on behalf of Harts Limited  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Westminster House  
10 Westminster Rd  
Macclesfield  
Cheshire  
SK10 1BX

Dated : *28/05/2022* .....

**THE FENCE TRUST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Including Income and Expenditure Account)**

		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		Continuing Operations TOTAL £	Continuing Operations TOTAL £
	Note		
<b>Turnover</b>	<b>2</b>	63,025	62,029
Donations received		-	50
Administrative expenditure	<b>2</b>	(38,727)	(34,744)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Operating surplus / (deficit)</b>		<b>24,298</b>	<b>27,335</b>
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Interest receivable and similar income	<b>4</b>	5	47
Interest payable and similar charges	<b>4</b>	(2,387)	(3,196)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities for the year before tax</b>		<b>21,916</b>	<b>24,186</b>
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Tax on surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities		-	-
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year after tax</b>		<b>21,916</b>	<b>24,186</b>
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<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>21,916</b>	<b>24,186</b>

Dated : 28.9.22

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

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Clr. Mr S. Carter, Chair of Trustees

R. Watson

Mr. R. Watson, Trustee

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	7	625,418	625,418
Improvements to property	7	67,588	78,743
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		693,006	704,161
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	8	14,665	8,095
Cash at bank and in hand		45,962	30,851
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		60,627	38,946
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(18,344)	(19,171)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		42,283	19,775
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		735,289	723,936
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	10	(13,508)	(24,071)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>		721,781	699,865
<b>Reserves</b>			
Income and expenditure reserve	15	244,670	222,754
Endowment reserve	15	477,111	477,111
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total Reserves</b>		721,781	699,865

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on

Dated : 28.9.22

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

  
Cllr. S. Carter, Chair of Trustees



Mr. R. Watson, Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these accounts.

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 Summary of significant accounting policies

##### (a) General information and basis of preparation

The Fence Trust is a Registered Charity (237291) and a private Registered Provider of Social Housing (A3939) in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the RP information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the RP's operations and principal activities are that of an Almshouse Charity providing accommodation for poor single people or married couples of age 55 years and over within the borough of Macclesfield.

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (FRS 102), the Statement of Recommended Practice for Social Housing Providers 2018 and with the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2019. The financial statements are also prepared under the requirements of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the RP, and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### (b) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets (including social housing properties) are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended such as the cost of acquiring land and buildings, developments costs, interest charges on loans during the development period and expenditure on improvements. Expenditure on improvements will only be capitalised when it results in incremental future benefits such as increasing rental income, reducing maintenance costs or resulting in a significant extension of the useful economic life of the property.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Housing properties, houses	Nil
Properties for non-social housing lettings	Nil
Improvements to property	10% on cost

Major components of housing properties, such as property improvements and heating systems, have been accounted for and depreciated separately from the connected housing property, over their expected useful economic lives and are included in property, plant and equipment

The useful economic lives of all tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually.

## THE FENCE TRUST

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

##### **(c) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in other administrative expenses.

Rights of social landlords to have improvement works carried out to properties by a third party (such as a local authority) are recognised as prepayments where payment has occurred in advance of the works being carried out and receipts in advance from the same third party recognised as liabilities. Assets and liabilities or income and expenditure are not offset.

##### **(d) Investments**

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value through the statement of comprehensive income if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

##### **(e) Loans and borrowings**

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction it is measured at present value.

##### **(f) Turnover and other income**

Turnover represents rental and service charges income receivable in the year net of rent and service charge losses from voids

##### *Property Managed by Agents*

Where the RP carries the financial risk on property managed by agents, all the income and expenditure arising from the property is included in the statement of comprehensive income.

Where the agency carries the financial risk, the statement of comprehensive income includes only that income and expenditure which relates solely to the RP.

##### *Interest and dividends receivable*

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the RP's right to receive payment is established.

##### **(g) Endowment Reserves**

Endowment reserves are those reserves which are only expendable in accordance with the wishes of the funder or regulatory body. Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently, revenue and expenditure cannot be directly set against endowment reserves but is taken through the statement of comprehensive income and then a transfer to endowment reserves is made as appropriate.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**2 Particulars of turnover and administrative expenditure from social housing lettings**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Turnover</b>		
Rent receivable net of identifiable service charges	63,025	62,029
Donations received	-	50
<b>Turnover from social housing lettings</b>	<u>63,025</u>	<u>62,079</u>
<b>Administrative expenditure</b>		
Manager's remuneration	5,447	5,646
Routine maintenance	11,661	6,881
Garden upkeep	2,836	2,712
Council tax	-	224
Electricity	282	353
Insurance	4,469	3,968
Legal & Professional	-	-
Auditors fee	2,310	2,310
Subscriptions	506	501
Training	-	-
Print, post & stationery	61	77
Management fees	-	917
Depreciation of housing properties	11,155	11,155
<b>Administrative expenditure on social housing lettings</b>	<u>38,727</u>	<u>34,744</u>
<b>Operating surplus / (deficit) on social housing lettings</b>	<u>24,298</u>	<u>27,335</u>
Void losses	<u>-</u>	<u>695</u>

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 3 Accommodation owned and in management

	Number of units at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	Number of units at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021
Completed units:		
General needs housing	3	3
Housing for older people	7	7
Commercial property	1	1
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	11	11

#### 4 Interest and other finance income and charges

##### a) Interest receivable and similar income

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank interest receivable	<hr/> 5	<hr/> 47

##### b) Interest payable and similar charges

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	<hr/> 2,387	<hr/> 3,196

#### 5 Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities

Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Auditor's remuneration	2,310	2,310
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,155	11,155
Impairment losses current asset investments	-	-
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	13,465	13,465

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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##### 6 Remuneration

The total remuneration for the Board of Trustees amounted to £ nil (2021 - £ nil).

The remuneration figure of £5,447 (2021 - £5,646) is in respect of the Manager, Ms F Wilson who has been employed on a part time basis since October 2016.

##### 7 Tangible fixed assets – housing properties

	Housing properties for letting including non-social housing lettings	Improvements to property	Total
	£		£
Cost:			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	625,418	111,546	736,964
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	625,418	111,546	736,964
Depreciation:			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	-	32,803	32,803
Charge for year	-	11,155	11,155
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	-	43,958	43,958
Net book value:			
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	625,418	67,588	693,006
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	625,418	78,743	704,161

The Fence and Endowment Houses together with the Almshouses were constructed in the late Nineteenth Century. There is no record of the original cost. The housing properties are included in the financial statements at their historic estimated value. The development and improvement costs that relate to improvements carried out since 1992 which were funded by a Housing Corporation grant and a mortgage loan from the Housing Corporation secured by a charge on housing, land and buildings and from The Fence Trust's own resources.

The Charities SORP (FRS102) states that a tangible fixed asset must be depreciated over its useful economic life. The Charity should choose a depreciation method which reflects the use of the asset and the expected timing or consumption of its economic benefits. This residual value of the properties has been considered and not deemed to be lower than cost, as such no depreciation has been applied. Depreciation is provided on property improvements at a straight line rate of 10% on cost. This is in accordance with FRS102, a charity may choose to adopt an accounting policy of revaluation but if it does so then all assets in that class must be revalued.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The net book value of land and buildings comprised:

	2022 £	2021 £
Land and buildings: Freehold	693,006	704,161

#### 8 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	12,076	5,572
Other debtors	801	801
Prepayments and accrued income	1,788	1,722
	<u>14,665</u>	<u>8,095</u>

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	8,250	8,250
Rents paid in advance	2,029	1,606
Stanley and Brocklehurst Almshouses	3,154	3,154
Other creditors	2,601	2,601
Accruals and deferred income	2,310	3,560
	<u>18,344</u>	<u>19,171</u>

#### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	13,508	24,071
Stanley and Brocklehurst Almshouses	-	-
	<u>13,508</u>	<u>24,071</u>

The mortgages totalling £21,758 (2021 - £32,320) are secured by a charge on the Fence Trust's housing, land and buildings. The mortgage is repayable by equal instalments of principal and interest, the final instalment falling due in 2023 and 2024.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

##### 11 Contingent liabilities

As at the 31 March 2022 there were no contingent liabilities.

##### 12 Related party transactions

The loan from the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses taken to fund the refurbishment of no' 90 Buxton Road in 2015 is being repaid in accordance with the repayment plan at £10,000 per annum, as a result of this £3,154 (2021 : £10,000) is shown in creditors falling due within one year and the remaining £3,154 (2021 : £3,154) of the loan is shown in creditors falling due after one year. The Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses shares the same Board of Trustees as the Fence Trust.

The Fence Trust also shares the same Manager as the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses, Ms F Wilson is remunerated by the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses of which 50% is recharged to the Fence Trust. Over the course of the year £5,447 (2021 - £5,646). was paid to the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses in respect of Ms F Wilson's salary, there is no balance outstanding in respect of salaries at the year end of 31 March 2022 (2021 - nil).

Mr R J Watson, one of the trustees was re-imbursed a total of £nil (2021 - £nil) in respect of travel expenses for attending an Almshouse Association seminar. There were £61 (2021 - £77) reimbursements this year in respect of printing supply items to Ms F Wilson.

##### 13 Average number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2021 : 1), Ms F Wilson the Trust Manager has been employed on a part time basis since October 2016. The 5 Trustees (2021 : 7) are not remunerated for their services to the Trust.

##### 14 Post balance sheet events

The Covid-19 pandemic and the related global response has caused material disruptions to organisations such as Registered Social Housing Providers and other businesses around the world which has led to an economic slowdown. The global economy has experienced significant volatility and weakness but the impact of the pandemic on the Trust has been less significant. As at the date that these financial statements were authorised for issue there has been no material impact on the valuation of the properties or upon bad debts. Government and central bank support for the economy as a whole is decreasing as the country slowly recovers from the effects of the ongoing pandemic. However, the continued duration and extent of the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak remains somewhat unclear with the upcoming winter approaching.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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#### 15 Reserves

##### a) Total reserves

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income & expenditure reserve brought forward	222,754	198,568
Endowment reserve brought forward	477,111	477,111
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Balance brought forward	<u>699,865</u>	<u>675,679</u>
Income and expenditure surplus / (deficit) at year end	21,916	24,186
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Total reserves carried forward	<u>721,781</u>	<u>699,865</u>

##### b) Shown as

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income and expenditure reserve (unrestricted reserve)	244,670	222,754
Endowment reserve (restricted reserve)	477,111	477,111
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Balance carried forward	<u>721,781</u>	<u>699,865</u>

**FENCE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 237291

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# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

<b>Registered Charity number</b>	237291
<b>Regulator of Social Housing registration number</b>	A3989
<b>Trustees of the Charity</b>	Cllr. Mrs A. I. Harewood (Chair) Mr. R. J. Watson Mrs. D. Bentley Smith Mr. P. Tyrrell Cllr. S. Carter Mrs. E. Talbot Mr. E. Hunter
<b>Manager</b>	Ms. F. Wilson
<b>Registered office</b>	2 Sherwood Road Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 7RR
<b>Auditor</b>	Harts Ltd Westminster House 10 Westminster Rd Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 1BX
<b>Solicitor</b>	Wains Solicitors 39 – 43 Churchside Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 1HW
<b>Bankers</b>	Natwest Bank 2 Chestergate Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 6BS

## **THE FENCE TRUST**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

#### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

The Board of Trustees of The Fence Trust presents their report and the audited financial statements of the Registered Provider (RP) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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

The Trustees of the Board who have served during the year were as follows:

Cllr. Mrs A. I. Harewood (Chair)

Mr. R. J. Watson

Mrs. D. Bentley Smith

Mr. P. Tyrrell

Cllr. S. Carter

Mrs. E. Talbot

Mr. E. Hunter

The Trust is governed by a Charity Commission scheme dated 27 February 1986 and a further scheme made on the 8 June 1992 and is a Registered Charity. It is also a Registered Social Housing Provider.

Cllr S Carter is nominated by Cheshire East Council, with the remaining Trustees being co-opted by the current Board of Trustees. New Trustees are co-opted from time to time, generally by personal recommendation or by networking with local voluntary organisations.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Fence Trust is a Registered Charity and a Registered Social Landlord. The charity provides accommodation for poor married couples and single people 55 years of age and over. The charity operates exclusively within the Borough of Macclesfield (as at 31 March 1974). The charity owns and maintains seven properties, specifically designated for elderly people.

The weekly maintenance contributions from the residents are the only source of funds available to the Trustees to provide a safe environment for potentially vulnerable people, to maintain and improve the properties and to perform statutory safety checks. There is additionally a small investment income from funds held in the COIF Charities Deposit Fund. Fence Trust is allowed to make charitable payments to residents where appropriate.

The Trustees of the charity maintain that they have complied with the duty described in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission. The Trustees have considered this and believe that the charity provides public benefit by maintaining seven almshouses as quality housing for elderly people at a cost well below market levels.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The charity continues to provide 10 units of accommodation in a listed development near the centre of Macclesfield; including three endowment properties let at near market rents and a commercial office in the original hospice. In addition to general maintenance, work has taken place on the roof and guttering at Fence House along with damp proofing works and on the chimney and roof at 1 Fence Court. Overall, the financial results show a surplus and the medium term business plan shows the charity being cash positive for the foreseeable future.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

##### Financial review

Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue operations for the foreseeable future. Reserves are held in view of the high interest mortgage loans still being repaid and also to manage fluctuations in income due to voids. Whilst the Almshouses are generally fully occupied at present there have been periods when empty properties have resulted in a significant reduction of income. In the case of Fence House in particular repairs can be expensive due to the height of the building and also its special architectural features. Some reserves are also needed for repair work which is done en bloc to minimise scaffolding costs.

##### Analysis using financial and non-financial key performance indicators

The figures (expressed as £000) in the table below are taken from the Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

	2021	2020
Turnover	62.0	51.4
Administrative expenditure	(34.7)	(33.8)
<b>Operating surplus</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>17.6</b>
Interest receivable & payable and other charges	(3.1)	(8.3)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>9.3</b>
Income & expenditure reserve	222.7	198.6

##### Assessment of how we are achieving value for money including performance metrics

The Trustees believe that the quality of workmanship from their selected local contractors to be important for their client group.

	2021	2020
Reinvestment %	6%	3%
New Supply (Social housing units) %	0%	0%
New Supply (Non-social housing units) %	0%	0%
Gearing %	1%	(1%)
EBITDA MRI interest cover %	(300%)	(120%)
Headline social housing cost £	£6,234	£4,376
Operating margin (social housing lettings) %	44%	34%
Operating margin (overall) %	39%	18%
Return on capital employed %	3%	1%

##### Major Risks and uncertainties are considered to be

- The homes no longer provide accommodation or facilities suitable for our client group
- There are significant changes to the housing benefit system
- HM Government forces rent reductions onto the supported housing sector
- The age of the properties necessitates significant expenditure
- The Trustees lose key members and are not able to replace them with members with relevant skills

##### Assessment of compliance with the Governance and Financial Viability standard

Trustees have developed a medium (i.e. five year) financial model which shows that the charity remains cash positive. This model has been reviewed by the Regulator of Social Housing.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### TRUSTEES REPORT

#### Code of Governance

The Trustees have adopted the Charity Commission Good Governance Code.

#### Board's responsibilities

The Board is responsible for preparing the report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Registered social housing legislation requires the Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 association will continue in business.

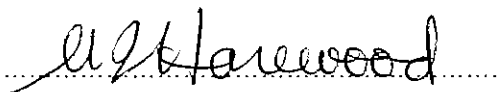
The Board is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the association and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2019. It has general responsibility for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the association and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Board is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the association's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

We, the Trustees of the Board who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

By order of the Board



Clr. Mrs A. I. Harewood, Chair of Trustees

Dated : 28/9/21

## THE FENCE TRUST

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

##### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Fence Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2019.

##### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Board has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the association's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

##### Other information

The Board is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Board Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

In addition, we have nothing to report in respect of the following matter where the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained.

#### **Responsibilities of the Board**

As explained more fully in the Board's responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the Board members (who are also the Trustees of the charity for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 136 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 137 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate,

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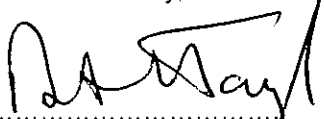
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they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the association's Board, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and section 137 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the association's Board those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the association and the association's Board as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



David Taylor BFP FCA  
For and on behalf of Harts Limited  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Westminster House  
10 Westminster Rd  
Macclesfield  
Cheshire  
SK10 1BX

Dated : ..... 28/02/2021 .....

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

		2021	2020
		Continuing Operations TOTAL £	Continuing Operations TOTAL £
	Note		
Turnover	2	62,029	51,314
Donations received		50	50
Administrative expenditure	2	(34,744)	(33,784)
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<b>Operating surplus / (deficit)</b>		<b>27,335</b>	<b>17,580</b>
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Interest receivable and similar income	4	47	249
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(3,196)	(3,978)
Impairment losses current asset investments	8	-	(4,500)
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<b>Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities for the year before tax</b>		<b>24,186</b>	<b>9,351</b>
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Tax on surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities		-	-
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<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year after tax</b>		<b>24,186</b>	<b>9,351</b>
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<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>24,186</b>	<b>9,351</b>

Dated : 28/9/21

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Clr. Mrs A. I. Harewood, Chair of Trustees



Mr. R. Watson, Trustee

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

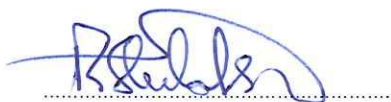
	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	7	625,418	625,418
Improvements to property	7	78,742	44,909
		<u>704,160</u>	<u>670,327</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Current asset investments	8	-	-
Debtors	9	8,095	2,938
Cash at bank and in hand		30,851	63,545
		<u>38,946</u>	<u>66,483</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	(19,171)	(24,154)
		<u>19,775</u>	<u>42,329</u>
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>723,935</u>	<u>712,656</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>723,935</u>	<u>712,656</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	11	(24,070)	(36,977)
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>699,865</u>	<u>675,679</u>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Income and expenditure reserve	16	222,754	198,568
Endowment reserve	16	477,111	477,111
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<u>699,865</u>	<u>675,679</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on

Dated: 20/9/21

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

  
Cllr. A. I. Harewood, Chair of Trustees



Mr. R. Watson, Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form part of these accounts.

# THE FENCE TRUST

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 Summary of significant accounting policies

##### (a) General information and basis of preparation

The Fence Trust is a Registered Charity (237291) and a private Registered Provider of Social Housing (A3939) in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the RP information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the RP's operations and principal activities are that of an Almshouse Charity providing accommodation for poor single people or married couples of age 55 years and over within the borough of Macclesfield.

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (FRS 102), the Statement of Recommended Practice for Social Housing Providers 2018 and with the Accounting Direction for private registered providers of social housing in England 2019. The financial statements are also prepared under the requirements of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the RP, and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### (b) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets (including social housing properties) are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended such as the cost of acquiring land and buildings, developments costs, interest charges on loans during the development period and expenditure on improvements. Expenditure on improvements will only be capitalised when it results in incremental future benefits such as increasing rental income, reducing maintenance costs or resulting in a significant extension of the useful economic life of the property.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Housing properties, houses	Nil
Properties for non-social housing lettings	Nil
Improvements to property	10% on cost

Major components of housing properties, such as property improvements and heating systems, have been accounted for and depreciated separately from the connected housing property, over their expected useful economic lives and are included in property, plant and equipment

The useful economic lives of all tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually.

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##### **(c) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in other administrative expenses.

Rights of social landlords to have improvement works carried out to properties by a third party (such as a local authority) are recognised as prepayments where payment has occurred in advance of the works being carried out and receipts in advance from the same third party recognised as liabilities. Assets and liabilities or income and expenditure are not offset.

##### **(d) Investments**

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value through the statement of comprehensive income if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

##### **(e) Loans and borrowings**

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction it is measured at present value.

##### **(f) Turnover and other income**

Turnover represents rental and service charges income receivable in the year net of rent and service charge losses from voids

##### *Property Managed by Agents*

Where the RP carries the financial risk on property managed by agents, all the income and expenditure arising from the property is included in the statement of comprehensive income.

Where the agency carries the financial risk, the statement of comprehensive income includes only that income and expenditure which relates solely to the RP.

##### *Interest and dividends receivable*

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the RP's right to receive payment is established.

##### **(g) Endowment Reserves**

Endowment reserves are those reserves which are only expendable in accordance with the wishes of the funder or regulatory body. Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently, revenue and expenditure cannot be directly set against endowment reserves but is taken through the statement of comprehensive income and then a transfer to endowment reserves is made as appropriate.

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2 Particulars of turnover and administrative expenditure from social housing lettings

	2021	2020
	Total	Total
	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>		
Rent receivable net of identifiable service charges	62,029	51,314
Donations received	50	50
<b>Turnover from social housing lettings</b>	<u>62,079</u>	<u>51,364</u>
<b>Administrative expenditure</b>		
Manager's remuneration	5,646	5,217
Routine maintenance	6,881	9,959
Garden upkeep	2,712	2,832
Council tax	224	763
Electricity	353	335
Insurance	3,968	2,785
Legal & Professional	-	2,182
Auditors fee	2,310	2,310
Subscriptions	501	486
Training	-	96
Print, post & stationery	77	163
Management fees	917	-
Depreciation of housing properties	11,155	6,656
<b>Administrative expenditure on social housing lettings</b>	<u>34,744</u>	<u>33,784</u>
<b>Operating surplus / (deficit) on social housing lettings</b>	<u>27,335</u>	<u>17,580</u>
Void losses	<u>695</u>	<u>10,384</u>

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**3 Accommodation owned and in management**

	<b>Number of units at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>Number of units at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020</b>
Completed units:		
General needs housing	3	3
Housing for older people	7	7
Commercial property	1	1
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	11	11
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**4 Interest and other finance income and charges**

a) Interest receivable and similar income

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Bank interest receivable	<hr/> 47	<hr/> 249

b) Interest payable and similar charges

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Bank loans and overdrafts	<hr/> 3,196	<hr/> 3,978

**5 Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities**

Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities is stated after charging / (crediting):

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Auditor's remuneration	2,310	2,310
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,155	6,656
Impairment losses current asset investments	-	4,500
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	13,465	13,466
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##### 6 Remuneration

The total remuneration for the Board of Trustees amounted to £ nil (2020 - £ nil).

The remuneration figure of £5,646 (2020 - £5,217) is in respect of the Manager, Ms F Wilson who has been employed on a part time basis since October 2016.

##### 7 Tangible fixed assets – housing properties

	Housing properties for letting including non-social housing lettings	Improvements to property	Total
	£		£
Cost:			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	625,418	66,558	691,976
Additions	-	44,988	44,988
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	625,418	111,546	736,964
Depreciation:			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	-	21,649	21,649
Charge for year	-	11,155	11,155
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	-	32,804	32,804
Net book value:			
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	625,418	78,742	704,160
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	625,418	44,909	670,327

The Fence and Endowment Houses together with the Almshouses were constructed in the late Nineteenth Century. There is no record of the original cost. The housing properties are included in the financial statements at their historic estimated value. The development and improvement costs that relate to improvements carried out since 1992 which were funded by a Housing Corporation grant and a mortgage loan from the Housing Corporation secured by a charge on housing, land and buildings and from The Fence Trust's own resources.

The Charities SORP (FRS102) states that a tangible fixed asset must be depreciated over its useful economic life. The Charity should choose a depreciation method which reflects the use of the asset and the expected timing or consumption of its economic benefits. This residual value of the properties has been considered and not deemed to be lower than cost, as such no depreciation has been applied. Depreciation is provided on property improvements at a straight line rate of 10% on cost. This is in accordance with FRS102, a charity may choose to adopt an accounting policy of revaluation but if it does so then all assets in that class must be revalued.

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The net book value of land and buildings comprised:

	2021 £	2020 £
Land and buildings:		
Freehold	<u>704,160</u>	<u>670,327</u>

8 Current asset investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Other Investments – Treasury Stock 7 ¾% 2012 /2015	-	4,500
Impairment losses	-	(4,500)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Fixed asset investments comprise of 45 units of Treasury Stock 7 ¾% 2012/2015 originally held at par. The investment had been written off last year as it was considered irredeemable by the Trustees as the title to the Treasury Stock was originally held in the names of two Trustees who are now deceased.

9 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	5,572	1,616
Other debtors	801	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,722	1,322
	<u>8,095</u>	<u>2,938</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	8,250	8,250
Rents paid in advance	1,606	1,604
Stanley and Brocklehurst Almshouses	3,154	10,000
Other creditors	2,601	1,800
Accruals and deferred income	3,560	2,500
	<u>19,171</u>	<u>24,154</u>

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##### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	24,070	33,824
Stanley and Brocklehurst Almshouses	-	3,154
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	24,070	36,978

The mortgages totalling £32,320 (2020 - £42,073) are secured by a charge on the Fence Trust's housing, land and buildings. The mortgage is repayable by equal instalments of principal and interest, the final instalment falling due in 2023 and 2024.

##### 12 Contingent liabilities

As at the 31 March 2021 there were no contingent liabilities.

##### 13 Related party transactions

The loan from the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses taken to fund the refurbishment of no' 90 Buxton Road in 2015 is being repaid in accordance with the repayment plan at £10,000 per annum, as a result of this £10,000 (2020 : £10,000) is shown in creditors falling due within one year and the remaining £3,154 (2020 : £10,000) of the loan is shown in creditors falling due after one year. The Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses shares the same Board of Trustees as the Fence Trust.

The Fence Trust also shares the same Manager as the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses, Ms F Wilson is remunerated by the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses of which 50% is recharged to the Fence Trust. Over the course of the year £5,646 (2020 - £5,217) was paid to the Stanley & Brocklehurst Almshouses in respect of Ms F Wilson's salary, there is no balance outstanding in respect of salaries at the year end of 31 March 2021 (2020 - nil).

Mr R J Watson, one of the trustees was re-imbursed a total of £nil (2020 - £21) in respect of travel expenses for attending an Almshouse Association seminar. There were £77 (2020 - £163) reimbursements this year in respect of printing supply items to Ms F Wilson.

##### 14 Average number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2020 : 1), Ms F Wilson the Trust Manager has been employed on a part time basis since October 2016. The 7 Trustees (2020 : 7) are not remunerated for their services to the Trust.

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#### 15 Post balance sheet events

The Covid-19 pandemic and the related global response has caused material disruptions to organisations such as Registered Social Housing Providers and other businesses around the world which has led to an economic slowdown. The global economy has experienced significant volatility and weakness but the impact of the pandemic on the Trust has been less significant. As at the date that these financial statements were authorised for issue there has been no material impact on the valuation of the properties or upon bad debts. Government and central bank support for the economy as a whole is decreasing as the country slowly recovers from the effects of the ongoing pandemic. However, the continued duration and extent of the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak remains somewhat unclear with the upcoming winter approaching.

#### 16 Reserves

##### a) Total reserves

	2021 £	2020 £
Income & expenditure reserve brought forward	198,568	189,217
Endowment reserve brought forward	477,111	477,111
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Balance brought forward	675,679	666,328
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Income and expenditure surplus / (deficit) at year end	24,186	9,351
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Total reserves carried forward	699,865	675,679

##### b) Shown as

	2021 £	2020 £
Income and expenditure reserve (unrestricted reserve)	222,754	198,568
Endowment reserve (restricted reserve)	477,111	477,111
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Balance carried forward	699,865	675,679