

Charity Registration No. 249881

**THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**



# THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Rev W Martin - Custos	
	Rev R Doyle - Bursar	
	Rev G Hanley	(Appointed 16 August 2023)
	Rev C Edwards	(Appointed 16 August 2023)
<b>Definitors</b>	Rev C Edwards	
	Rev G Hanley	(Appointed 19 January 2022)
<b>Charity number</b>	249881	
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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### Introduction

The Order of Friars Minor was founded by St Francis of Assisi in 1209. It has maintained its essential character through the centuries. Friars live in communities, observing the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, under vows of poverty, celibate chastity and obedience, in accordance with the 'Rule of 1223' written by the Founder. The Minister General's headquarters are in Rome where he is assisted by a General Definitory (or Council), governing the Order Worldwide. The Order is divided into provinces and custodies of which the Provincial Custody of Great Britain and Ireland ("English Province") is one.

The Provincial Custody of Great Britain and Ireland is known as The Order of Friars Minor Conventual under the patronage of Blessed Agnellus of Pisa. (*Ordinis Fratrum Minorum Conventualium, Beati Agnelli a Pisis*). In public documents the Provincial Custody is known by the title Order of Friars Minor Conventual (OFM Conv.).

#### Objectives and activities

The principle object of the charity is concerned with the training of postulates, novices and student friars of The Order of Friars Minor Conventual and the advancement of the religious and other charitable works carried out by or under the direction of The Order. All of its activities are charitable and in accordance with the Trust Deed.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on the advancement of religion. The majority of the Friars are working in parishes that are part of other charities and so achieve the public benefit requirement indirectly.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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### Achievements and performance

#### (a) The previous-year

##### Goals for 2022

##### Evaluation of 2022

To care for members of the Order enabling them to continue to provide service to the public for as long as they are able in all the areas listed above.	Ongoing. As the age profile of the community increases so too does the need to provide increasing and increasingly expensive care for the sick and elderly Friars. Further investment in this area is required to meet future needs.
To stabilise the Formation Programme and its location.	Achieved. The location of our Programme has been established at Oxford and a five year lease has been agreed upon with the owners of the property that we are currently renting. The lease expires in 2025
To evaluate the financial operations, record-keeping and physical structures of the charity, standardising the processes of evaluation, preservation and maintenance.	Ongoing. In consultation with various professional services needs have been ascertained. An urgent need to have a more timely submission of financial reports has been identified. To this end a layperson has been hired recently (2024) to help the Bursar with the day to day running of the Custody
To re-evaluate the fund-raising activities of the charity.	Achieved and Ongoing. The Trustees have engaged professional assistance and invested in various funds and equities, creating low risk portfolios. These investments secure an annual return which contribute to the running costs of the Custody
Continue to seek out educational opportunities and programs that will best prepare members to offer updated service in the various areas in which the Charity is involved	Achieved and Ongoing. A strong academic program has been secured in Oxford as well as seeking out programs of higher learning, i.e. collaboration with Durham University. A student friar from abroad is also currently studying at Oxford.

#### (b) The new four-year and long-term plan

At the ordinary Custodial Chapter of 2017 the Friars reviewed the state of the ministries and life of the Friars was discussed, examining the past and looking forward for the next five years. A 5-year plan was drawn up with the friars intending to place a greater emphasis on:

1. Fraternal Life
2. Formation of the Friars
3. Ministries
4. Finances
5. Ministry Advancement

This plan has been superseded by a new revised 4-year plan which was voted upon at our Chapter meeting in 2022. and which is considered the same as the long-term plan suggested by the Charities Regulatory Authority. The plan will be evaluated mid-term as requested. The text of the plan is as follows:

At the foundation of Franciscan spirituality is the classical Threefold Way of purgation, illumination, and unity. Our Seraphic Father, Saint Francis, wrote of following in the footprints of Jesus Christ through being "inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened, and enflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit." Together as one brotherhood, we, the members of the Provincial Custody of Blessed Agnellus of Pisa, will pursue this threefold Franciscan spiritual way throughout the course of this quadrennium. Together, we will **sort, vision, and build** the common elements of our life: **organizational, spiritual, and fraternal**. The elements contained within this Four-Year Plan are presented as each being part of a set of concrete steps toward becoming a Province.

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<b>SORT</b> <b>ORGANIZATIONAL</b> Establish routine policies, procedures, and protocols focusing on matters of , finances, communication, and safeguarding.	<b>VISION</b> <b>ORGANIZATIONAL</b> The Custos, and his Definitory, will make regular fraternal visits to hear the friars	<b>BUILD</b> <b>ORGANIZATIONAL</b> Through a strategic review of human, financial, and ministerial resources, take concrete steps toward becoming a province
<b>SPIRITUAL</b> Gather for monthly Friary Chapter, including a well planned spiritual portion.	<b>SPIRITUAL</b> Plan common retreats and regional Days of Recollection.	<b>SPIRITUAL</b> Commit to each friary developing and observing, a seven-day horarium
<b>FRATERNAL</b> Foster a positive relationship with the mother province.	<b>FRATERNAL</b> Celebrate bi-annual regional gatherings, with a major celebration on the 10th Sept. 2024	<b>FRATERNAL</b> Create coordinated strategies for: vocation promotion, mentorship in ministry, and continuing formation.

### The ongoing impact of the Covid pandemic on the charity

The pandemic has had a significant impact on the running of the charity over the past number of years which was still being felt in 2022. Our charity has experienced a significant reduction in the collections taken up at our churches, in some instances by as much as a 50%. Many of the volunteers who used to work in our parishes have also stopped coming resulting in an increased work load for the friars. Some of these volunteers used to help our elderly friars with the finances. The result has been a delay in the compiling and the submission of some of the friary financial reports. Due to restrictions in travel the bursar was unable to visit all the friaries during the year which also contributed to this delay. Our investment portfolio has been adversely effected with the large sell off in stocks which occurred at the start of the pandemic. The stock market bounced back in 2021 but continued to decrease again for much of 2022. The inflation trigged by the financial policies pursued during the pandemic still effects the cost of living for the friars with very high utility bills being of particular concern.

### Investment performance

The Trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds and have found that specialised fixed asset investments and equities best meet their requirement to generate both income and capital growth. The rates of return on our various investments for 2022 were as follows: Fixed assets - 3.0%, Charles Stanley Portfolio - 3% dividend yield, 11.7% capital decrease, Davy Portfolio - 10.1% capital decrease. Therefore the return on investments for the Charles Stanley portfolio under-performed expectations, while the portfolio established with Davy in 2019, has also under-performed expectations. The trustees will continue to compare the performance of each portfolio in 2023 and seek advice on adjustments if necessary. The fixed assets investment return of 3.0% was considered to be a reasonable rate of return in light of the current economic conditions.

### Financial review

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

There is a deficit of £111,776 (2021: deficit £295,818) before investment losses of £444,954 (2021: investment gains £394,779) and legacies of £8,648 (2021: £233,931).

As at 31 December 2022, the charity had reserves of £6,423,628 (2021: £6,701,924). Included within these reserves are £51,888 (2021: £30,683) of restricted funds (see note 23) and £4,856,645 (2021: £4,905,763) of designated funds (see note 24). Included within unrestricted funds are fixed assets totalling £1,415,989 (2021: £1,660,669). These funds can only be realised upon sale of these assets. The charity had a surplus on free reserves of £38,258 as at 31 December 2022 (2021: surplus of £96,635).

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### **Reserves policy**

The charity aims to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds (free reserves) to permit it to continue for a three to six month period should income cease which would permit the Trustees to put The Order's affairs in to a safe situation, however this is not currently being achieved.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to risks. However, the Trustees continue on an ongoing basis to assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity both for Curial operations and for the individual ministries.

### **Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults**

The Order of Friars Minor Conventual in Great Britain and Ireland is committed to upholding a duty of care towards minors and vulnerable adults and to safeguarding the rights and dignity of all people without prejudice. Furthermore, the Friars will implement the procedures and guidelines established by both Civil and Ecclesial authorities in the respective jurisdictions. They also follow the handbook "*Policies for Ministry with Minors and Vulnerable Adults*" which has been mandated for all English language jurisdictions of the Conventual Franciscan Order. In the past year, a qualified safeguarding officer, who is not a member of the Order has been employed to assist us.

### **Plans for future periods**

It is the aim of the charity to continue to undertake the work necessary to train future postulants and novices in the Franciscan way of life in order that The Order of Friars Minor Conventual may continue.

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

#### **Governance**

The charity was established by a charitable trust deed dated 12 October 1966 as amended by the Scheme on the 6 March 1970 and the Scheme on the 28 September 2000.

The Provincial Custody is administered by a governing body, known as the Definitory, consisting of a Provincial Custos, and four other friars, elected by all the members at their quadrennial chapter. Three of the Definitors (or members of the Definitory) are also the trustees of the charity.

The Definitory assigns friars to the various friaries and parishes served by the Franciscans and appoints officers needed for the administration of the whole Province. Each friary has a Guardian, elected at the quadrennial chapter, who has responsibility for the friars in his community. The running of each friary is discussed regularly by the whole community.

As all trustees are members of the Order they have a detailed knowledge of the work of the charity and of its structure.

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

Rev C Budău - Chair (Custos)	(Resigned 16 August 2023)
Rev W Martin - Custos	
Rev R Doyle - Bursar	
Rev D Dawidowski	(Resigned 16 August 2023)
Rev C I Budau	(Appointed 16 August 2023 and resigned 14 October 2024)
Rev G Hanley	(Appointed 16 August 2023)
Rev C Edwards	(Appointed 16 August 2023)

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Brief biographical details on each of the trustees who served during the year is given below:

**Reverend Ciprian Budău OFM Conv**

Father Ciprian Budău has been a member of the Order since 2001. After his initial formation he has been involved in pastoral ministry in Ireland (Fairview and Wexford). He was the Guardian of the Friary in Wexford and has been a Definitor since 2013. He was elected as the Provincial Custos at the Chapter meetings in September 2017 and held that position until September 2022. He resigned as trustee on 16 August 2023.

**Reverend Wayne Martin OFM Conv**

Father Wayne Martin is the Prefect of Formation in Oxford from 2018 until September 2022. He was appointed as a Trustee in September 2018 and was elected Custos at the Chapter in September 2022.

**Reverend Rory Doyle OFM Conv**

Father Rory Doyle has been a member of the Order since 2013. After his initial formation he has been involved in pastoral ministry in Fairview (Dublin). He is presently the Guardian of the Friary in London and also the Parish Priest there. He was appointed as Bursar in September 2017 and reappointed at the Chapter in September 2022.

**Reverend Dariusz Dawidowski OFM Conv**

Father Dariusz Dawidowski is currently the Guardian of the Friary of St. Clare's in Blackley, Manchester and is also the Parish Priest. He was appointed as a Definitor at the Chapter meetings in September 2017. He resigned as trustee on 16 August 2023.

**Reverend Colin Edwards OFM Conv**

Father Colin Edwards is a member of the Order since 2015. He was appointed as a Definitor in July 2021 and trustee on 16 August 2023.

**Reverend Gearoid (Kevin) Hanley OFM Conv**

Father Kevin is currently a member of the Friary in Fairview in Dublin. He has ministered in Ireland and England and spent a number of years as a confessor in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. He was appointed as a Definitor at the Chapter in September 2022.

**Rev Catalin Jeremiah Budau OFM Conv**

Father Jeremiah is a member of the Order who is resident at St. Clare's friary. He was appointed as a Definitor at the Chapter in September 2022.

**Structure and management**

The trustees are ultimately responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charity. They meet bi-monthly to review developments with regard to the charity and its activities and make any important decisions. When necessary, the trustees seek advice and support from the charity's professional advisers including property consultants, investment managers, solicitors and accountants. The day to day management of the charity's activities, and the implementation of policies, is delegated to the appropriate members of the Order (Guardians of Friaries or Directors of Apostolates). Several members of the Charity are involved with activities of other Charities and thus report to the governing bodies of those institutions (e.g., Friars ministering in parishes which are associated to Roman Catholic Dioceses).

Financial decisions are overseen by the trustees.

As of 31 December 2022, the Custody of Great Britain and Ireland comprises of 25 Friars in Solemn Profession, 9 of whom reside in the Republic of Ireland, 15 in Britain and 1 in Italy. Canonically established Friaries can be found in Liverpool, London, Oxford, and two in the Greater Manchester area (Blackley and Barton). In addition Friars work and reside in Walsingham, Rye (East Sussex), and Cambridge. The friaries in Ireland are in Dublin and Wexford.



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The Blackley (Manchester), Liverpool, London, and Rye exercise parochial responsibilities in collaboration with the bishops of the dioceses concerned. Barton (Manchester) is the centre of the printing apostolate and shrine church; Oxford is the main formation house, caring for those men in formation, and the Friar living in Cambridge is involved in the education ministries. The friars in Walsingham help out at the national shrine under the supervision of the rector of the Shrine, who is appointed by the local Bishop.

Each canonically-established community has a local Guardian elected at the quadrennial General Assembly (Custodial Chapter) of the Friars. The local Guardian is responsible for both the needs and the care of the friars in his community according to the mandate received at the quadrennial General Assembly and as moderated by the Provincial Custos and his Definitory (the Trustees).

### **Working with other organisations**

The friars in the six parishes served by the Provincial Custody work very closely with the bishops administering the dioceses within which the parishes are situated. That will include membership of the local deanery and helping out in neighbouring parishes where possible. In addition, two of the Communities have a primary school in the parish and there is close connection with these schools as well as secondary schools serving the parishes of the friars. The friars are also engaged in working with statutory bodies, other Christian Churches, other faith communities, and other voluntary groups.

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

The trustees meet at regular intervals during the year to consider the management of the charity.

### **Serious Incident Report**

During the year, the charity was in receipt of a claim arising from an historical incident which has been settled in November 2024 and the claim of £205,000 has been paid.

### **Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

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



Rev W Martin - Custos  
Trustee

Date: 24/01/2025



Rev R Doyle - Bursar  
Trustee

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## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022***

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

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

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Order of Friars Minor Conventual (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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.

#### 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 charity 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 trustees' use of the 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 charity'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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL

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#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees 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 trustees 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 trustees are responsible for assessing the charity'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 trustees either intend to cease operations, or have 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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

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 to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Mitchell Charlesworth (Audit) Limited*

**Mitchell Charlesworth (Audit) Limited**

**24 January 2025**

**Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

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Mitchell Charlesworth (Audit) Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds designated	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Total
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Notes							
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	44,458	35,609	4,915	-	84,982	296,995
Charitable activities	4	178,924	-	26,801	-	205,725	333,996
Investments	5	77,336	94,119	-	2,813	174,268	151,474
Other income	6	29,962	-	-	-	29,962	56,432
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>330,680</b>	<b>129,728</b>	<b>31,716</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>494,937</b>	<b>838,897</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	7	26,660	17,849	-	621	45,130	58,323
Charitable activities	8	506,628	35,796	10,511	-	552,935	842,461
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>533,288</b>	<b>53,645</b>	<b>10,511</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>598,065</b>	<b>900,784</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	(144,380)	(289,891)	-	(10,683)	(444,954)	394,779
<b>Net expenditure/income</b>		<b>(346,988)</b>	<b>(213,808)</b>	<b>21,205</b>	<b>(8,491)</b>	<b>(548,082)</b>	<b>332,892</b>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>							
Other gains or losses	14	105,096	164,690	-	-	269,786	24,220
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(241,892)</b>	<b>(49,118)</b>	<b>21,205</b>	<b>(8,491)</b>	<b>(278,296)</b>	<b>357,112</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		1,696,119	4,905,763	30,683	69,359	6,701,924	6,344,812
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2022</b>		<b>1,454,227</b>	<b>4,856,645</b>	<b>51,888</b>	<b>60,868</b>	<b>6,423,628</b>	<b>6,701,924</b>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes					
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>						
Donations and legacies	3	273,108	23,887	-	-	296,995
Charitable activities	4	316,757	-	17,239	-	333,996
Investments	5	64,324	84,416	-	2,734	151,474
Other income	6	56,432	-	-	-	56,432
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>710,621</b>	<b>108,303</b>	<b>17,239</b>	<b>2,734</b>	<b>838,897</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>						
Raising funds	7	39,458	18,206	-	659	58,323
Charitable activities	8	825,652	113	16,696	-	842,461
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>865,110</b>	<b>18,319</b>	<b>16,696</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>900,784</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	111,129	275,427	-	8,223	394,779
<b>Net expenditure/income</b>		<b>(43,360)</b>	<b>365,411</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>10,298</b>	<b>332,892</b>
<b><u>Other recognised gains and losses</u></b>						
Other gains or losses	14	10,144	14,076	-	-	24,220
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(33,216)</b>	<b>379,487</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>10,298</b>	<b>357,112</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		1,729,335	4,526,276	30,140	59,061	6,344,812
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2021</b>		<b>1,696,119</b>	<b>4,905,763</b>	<b>30,683</b>	<b>69,359</b>	<b>6,701,924</b>

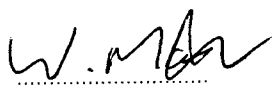
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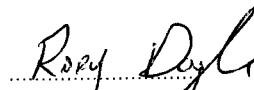
## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15	152,380		157,635	
Investments	16	6,123,743		6,370,685	
		6,276,123		6,528,320	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	18	29,054		57,563	
Cash at bank and in hand		409,783		506,763	
		438,837		564,326	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	19	(86,332)		(185,722)	
Net current assets			352,505		378,604
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			6,628,628		6,906,924
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	20		(205,000)		(205,000)
<b>Net assets</b>			6,423,628		6,701,924
<b>Capital funds</b>					
Endowment funds	22		60,868		69,359
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	23		51,888		30,683
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Designated funds	24	4,856,645		4,905,763	
General unrestricted funds		1,454,227		1,696,119	
			6,310,872		6,601,882
			6,423,628		6,701,924

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24/01/2025

  
 Rev W Martin - Custos  
 Trustee

  
 Rev R Doyle - Bursar  
 Trustee



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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash absorbed by operations	29		(72,340)		(6,988)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,146)		(2,964)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		250		1,350	
Purchase of investments		(1,094,625)		(122,323)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		1,105,969		162,598	
Investment income received		174,268		151,474	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			184,716		190,135
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			112,376		183,147
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			2,904,924		2,721,777
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	30		3,017,300		2,904,924

# THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

The Order of Friars Minor Conventual is a charity governed by its trust deed dated 12 October 1966 as amended by the Scheme on the 6 March 1970 and the Scheme on the 28 September 2000. The principal office is Greyfriars, 26 Cornwall Road, London, SE1 8TW.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

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

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

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

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

#### 1.2 Going concern

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

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Permanent Endowment fund are investments held in perpetuity.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.4 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

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

Grants are recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been complied with.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

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

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

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Costs of raising funds are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

The costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects comprise expenditure on the charity's primary charitable purposes. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters.

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold/leasehold property	Not depreciated
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% per annum straight line
Computers	20% per annum straight line
Motor vehicles	20% per annum straight line

Freehold land is not depreciated.

The freehold/leasehold property is included at cost. These assets are not being depreciated because the depreciation charge is considered to be immaterial to the accounts because of the length of the useful lives of the assets and their residual values.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

#### Historic assets

Works of art, treasures and plate are not capitalised in these accounts as they are considered historic, have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely. The trustees consider that it would be prejudicial to the safe custody of these assets to disclose details of their value and usage in these accounts.

#### School property

Land and buildings legally owned by the charity and occupied rent free by the Catholic voluntary aided schools, which are separate charities and publicly funded, are valued at nil for the purpose of these accounts. The trustees consider that no meaningful value can be attributed to these assets since they are not used directly by the charity, do not generate any income, and cannot be disposed of in the open market or put to alternative use while such occupation, which may be indefinite, continues.

#### 1.7 Fixed asset investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

#### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

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

#### 1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

# THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CONVENTUAL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.10 Financial instruments

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

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

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

##### **Basic financial assets**

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

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

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

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

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

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

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

#### 1.11 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charity will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in net income/(expenditure) in the period in which it arises.

#### 1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

**(Continued)**

#### **1.13 Retirement benefits**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

#### **1.14 Foreign exchange**

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### **1.15 Taxation**

The charity benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by tax legislation and is not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling within those exemptions. Recovery is made of tax deducted from income and from receipts under Gift Aid. The charity is not able to recover Value Added Tax. Expenditure is recorded in the accounts inclusive of VAT.

### **2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

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

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

There were considered to be no critical accounting estimates or judgements applied in the preparation of these financial statements.

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3	Donations and legacies	Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds designated		Restricted funds		Total		Unrestricted funds general		Unrestricted funds designated		Total	
		2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£
	Donations and gifts	35,810		35,609		4,915		76,334		39,177		23,887		63,064	
	Legacies receivable	8,648		-		-		8,648		233,931		-		233,931	
		<u>44,458</u>		<u>35,609</u>		<u>4,915</u>		<u>84,982</u>		<u>273,108</u>		<u>23,887</u>		<u>296,995</u>	

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 4 Charitable activities

	Training of postulates, novices and student friars 2022 £	Religious and other charitable work 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Training of postulates, novices and student friars 2021 £	Religious and other charitable work 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Performance related grants	-	37,864	37,864	-	141,073	141,073
Income from charitable activities	9,650	158,211	167,861	13,615	179,308	192,923
	<u>9,650</u>	<u>196,075</u>	<u>205,725</u>	<u>13,615</u>	<u>320,381</u>	<u>333,996</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds - general	6,000	172,924	178,924	9,000	307,757	316,757
Restricted funds	3,650	23,151	26,801	4,615	12,624	17,239
	<u>9,650</u>	<u>196,075</u>	<u>205,725</u>	<u>13,615</u>	<u>320,381</u>	<u>333,996</u>



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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**5 Investments**

	Unrestricted funds			Unrestricted funds			Unrestricted funds			Endowment funds			Total		
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from listed investments	74,647	94,047		2,813		171,507	64,292	84,413		2,734		151,439			
Interest receivable	2,689	72		-		2,761	32	3		-		35			
	<u>77,336</u>	<u>94,119</u>		<u>2,813</u>		<u>174,268</u>	<u>64,324</u>	<u>84,416</u>		<u>2,734</u>		<u>151,474</u>			

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Net (loss)/gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	250	1,350
Other income	29,712	55,082
	<u>29,962</u>	<u>56,432</u>

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

7 Raising funds	Unrestricted funds			Unrestricted Endowment funds			Total		
	general	designated	2022 £	general	designated	2022 £	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Trading costs - magazine	8,121	-	-	-	-	-	8,121	-	20,858
Other trading activities	10,148	-	-	-	-	-	10,148	-	9,696
Staff costs									
	18,269	-	-	-	-	-	18,269	-	30,554
Trading costs - magazine									
Investment management	8,391	17,849	621	621	18,206	8,904	26,861	659	27,769
	26,660	17,849	621	621	18,206	39,458	45,130	659	58,323

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**8 Charitable activities**

	Training of postulates, novices and student friars 2022 £	Religious and other charitable work 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Training of postulates, novices and student friars 2021 £	Religious and other charitable work 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Depreciation and impairment	-	6,401	6,401	-	9,444	9,444
Formation	63,705	-	63,705	69,837	-	69,837
Support of members	89,759	272,133	361,892	101,912	372,272	474,184
Missions and donations	2,896	2,311	5,207	-	1,646	1,646
Apostolic/Ministerial costs	775	22,543	23,318	785	2,126	2,911
Masses transferred	7,395	15,740	23,135	2,970	13,186	16,156
	<u>164,530</u>	<u>319,128</u>	<u>483,658</u>	<u>175,504</u>	<u>398,674</u>	<u>574,178</u>
Share of support costs (see note 9)	-	8,784	8,784	-	1,527	1,527
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	4,183	56,310	60,493	3,669	263,087	266,756
	<u>168,713</u>	<u>384,222</u>	<u>552,935</u>	<u>179,173</u>	<u>663,288</u>	<u>842,461</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds - general	161,318	345,310	506,628	176,203	649,449	825,652
Unrestricted funds - designated	-	35,796	35,796	-	113	113
Restricted funds	7,395	3,116	10,511	2,970	13,726	16,696
	<u>168,713</u>	<u>384,222</u>	<u>552,935</u>	<u>179,173</u>	<u>663,288</u>	<u>842,461</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

9 Support costs	Support Governance costs £	2022 £	Support Governance costs £	2021 £	Basis of allocation
Province travel	8,784	8,784	-	-	100% allocated to religious and other charitable work
Pension costs (USA)	-	-	1,527	1,527	100% allocated to religious and other charitable work
Audit fees	-	10,800	-	6,680	Governance
Accountancy	-	18,636	-	9,146	Governance
Legal and professional	-	27,884	-	42,749	Governance
Bank charges unrestricted	-	2,592	-	2,566	Governance
Bank charges restricted	-	506	-	540	Governance
Bank charges designated	-	75	-	75	Governance
Fines and claims	-	-	-	205,000	Governance
	8,784	69,277	1,527	268,283	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	8,784	69,277	1,527	268,283	

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 10 Auditor's remuneration

The analysis of auditor's remuneration is as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the charity's auditor for the audit of the charity's annual accounts	10,800	6,680
<b>Non-audit services</b>		
Accountancy fees	18,636	9,146

### 11 Trustees

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

### 12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Friary workers	1	1
<b>Employment costs</b>		
	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	10,035	9,593
Other pension costs	113	103
	10,148	9,696

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

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

13	Net gains/(losses) on investments	Unrestricted funds			Unrestricted funds designated			Endowment funds			Total Unrestricted funds			Total		
		2022	2022	£	2022	2022	£	2022	2022	£	2022	2021	£	2021	2021	£
	Revaluation of investments	(135,062)	(421,694)	(9,994)	(9,994)	(566,750)	100,124	262,897	7,409	370,430						
	Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(9,318)	131,803	(689)	(689)	121,796	11,005	12,530	814	24,349						
		(144,380)	(289,891)	(10,683)	(10,683)	(444,954)	111,129	275,427	8,223	394,779						

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 14 Other gains or losses

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Foreign exchange losses / (gains)	(105,096)	(164,690)	(269,786)	(10,144)	(14,076)	(24,220)

#### 15 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold/leasehold property £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2022	141,292	17,559	7,798	52,445	219,094
Additions	-	-	1,146	-	1,146
Disposals	-	-	-	(8,995)	(8,995)
At 31 December 2022	141,292	17,559	8,944	43,450	211,245
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 January 2022	-	15,948	6,163	39,348	61,459
Depreciation charged in the year	-	942	1,217	4,242	6,401
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	(8,995)	(8,995)
At 31 December 2022	-	16,890	7,380	34,595	58,865
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 December 2022	141,292	669	1,564	8,855	152,380
At 31 December 2021	141,292	1,612	1,634	13,097	157,635

The freehold/leasehold property is included at cost. These assets are not being depreciated because the depreciation charge is considered to be immaterial to the accounts because of the length of the useful lives of the assets and their residual values.

There are properties on two sites which are owned by the charity but are not included in the accounts as there is no cost attaching to them, and the trustees consider that the costs of their valuation exceed the benefit of the information as both are used for the ongoing purposes of the charity.



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### 16 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments	Legacy Fund (USA)	Restricted Education Fund (USA)	Cash in portfolio	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost or valuation</b>					
At 1 January 2022	3,972,524	902,501	1,387,369	108,291	6,370,685
Additions	1,094,625	-	-	-	1,094,625
Valuation changes	(444,954)	-	-	-	(444,954)
Net movement in cash	-	(26,786)	234,257	1,885	209,356
Disposals	(1,105,969)	-	-	-	(1,105,969)
At 31 December 2022	3,516,226	875,715	1,621,626	110,176	6,123,743
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 December 2022	3,516,226	875,715	1,621,626	110,176	6,123,743
At 31 December 2021	3,972,524	902,501	1,387,369	108,291	6,370,685

### 17 Financial instruments

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	3,046,354	2,962,487
Equity instruments measured at fair value	3,516,226	3,972,524
<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
Measured at amortised cost	86,332	185,722

### 18 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	29,054	57,563

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	4,858	130,964
Accruals	81,474	54,758
	86,332	185,722

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20	Provisions for liabilities	2022 £	2021 £
	Court settlement	205,000	205,000
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	Movements on provisions:		
			Court settlement £
	At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022		205,000
			<u>          </u>

## 21 Retirement benefit schemes

### Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £113 (2021 - £103). In addition to this there were pension costs paid on behalf of the friars from the USA totalling £0 (2021 - £1,527).

There were no outstanding amounts due for repayment as at 31 December 2022 (2021: £nil).

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**22 Endowment funds**

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2022
		Income	Expenditure	Net gains/ (losses)	Income	Expenditure	Net gains/ (losses)	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Permanent endowments</b>								
The Richard Blundell Education Fund	59,061	2,734	(659)	8,223	2,813	(621)	(10,683)	60,868
	59,061	2,734	(659)	8,223	2,813	(621)	(10,683)	60,868

**The Richard Blundell Education Fund**

This endowment fund has been set up to support the charity's students. Only the annual earnings on the principal will be used. The principal amounts to £30,000 (2021 - £30,000).

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#### 23 Restricted funds

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

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Movement in funds		Balance at 1 January 2022	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	Income	Expenditure	£	Income	Expenditure	£
Mass Fund	30,140	17,239	(16,696)	30,683	26,801	(10,511)	46,973
Ukraine appeal	-	-	-	-	4,915	-	4,915
	<u>30,140</u>	<u>17,239</u>	<u>(16,696)</u>	<u>30,683</u>	<u>31,716</u>	<u>(10,511)</u>	<u>51,888</u>

#### Mass Fund

Mass offerings represent donations made to the charity for the purpose of Mass being said for the intention. On the Mass being said, the donations are released to general funds.

#### Ukraine appeal

The Ukraine appeal is to help provide shelter, food and water to Ukrainians.

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#### 24 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Movement in funds			Foreign exchange movement	Balance at 1 January 2022	Movement in funds			Foreign exchange movement	Balance at 31 December 2022
		Income	Expenditure	Net gains/ (losses)			Income	Expenditure	Net gains/ (losses)		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sick Club Fund	42,202	1,079	(75)	-	-	43,206	11,148	(75)	-	-	54,279
Education Fund	1,920,627	64,245	(2,351)	-	14,076	1,996,597	71,382	-	-	164,692	2,232,671
Missions fund	3,080	-	-	-	-	3,080	-	-	-	-	3,080
Educational buildings fund	2,560,367	42,979	(15,893)	275,427	-	2,862,880	47,198	(53,571)	(289,890)	(2)	2,566,615
	4,526,276	108,303	(18,319)	275,427	14,076	4,905,763	129,728	(53,646)	(289,890)	164,690	4,856,645

#### The Sick Club Fund

The purpose of this fund is to ensure that the Order has sufficient resources to care for its elderly and sick Friars.

#### Education Fund

One of the principal objects of the charity is the training of new postulantes, novices and student-friars so that they might better advance the religious and charitable works of the Order. With the rising costs of education and formation, the Trustees established an Education Fund, restricting the principal so that only the interest (dividends) of the investments may be used. This fund began in Ireland where the Friars also minister; given that the majority of Formation Expenses occur in the UK and given the interest rate in Ireland is very low, the Trustees of the Irish Charity of the Friars transferred the initial principal to a US account for better interest, and transferred, as a donation, all of the funds under the auspices of the UK Charity.

#### Missions Fund

The Missions Fund is money collected for the foreign missions that The Order are involved in. This is transferred to Rome when the funds are considered large enough to send.

#### Educational buildings fund

The money received from the closure and sale of the Franciscan International Study Centre has been set aside for the use of formation housing when the decision to purchase another building is made.

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25	Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:										
	Tangible assets	152,380	-	-	-	152,380	157,635	-	-	-	157,635
	Investments	1,263,589	4,799,286	60,868	-	6,123,743	1,441,849	4,859,477	-	69,359	6,370,685
	Current assets/(liabilities)	243,258	57,359	51,888	-	352,505	301,635	46,286	30,683	-	378,604
	Provisions	(205,000)	-	-	-	(205,000)	(205,000)	-	-	-	(205,000)
		<u>1,454,227</u>	<u>4,856,645</u>	<u>51,888</u>	<u>60,868</u>	<u>6,423,628</u>	<u>1,696,119</u>	<u>4,905,763</u>	<u>30,683</u>	<u>69,359</u>	<u>6,701,924</u>

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#### 26 Operating lease commitments

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	60,000	60,000
Between two and five years	90,000	150,000
	<u>150,000</u>	<u>210,000</u>

#### 27 Events after the reporting date

The Order of Friars Minor Conventual is in receipt of a claim arising from an historical incident. The claim was settled in November 2024 and the settlement of £205,000 has been paid.

#### 28 Related party transactions

Included within investments is £2,497,341 (2021: £2,289,870) held within a larger investment portfolio by Our Lady of the Angels Province in the USA on behalf of the Order. Our Lady of the Angels Province is part of the worldwide men's religious Order of the Friars of Minor Conventuals or commonly referred to as Franciscan Friars, of which The Order of Friars Minor Conventual is a custody of.

During the year the Order received £76,998 (2021: £68,669) which relates to their share of the investment income received on the whole portfolio held by Our Lady of the Angels Province. They also received £24,533 (2021: £22,811) as donations into the account held by Our Lady of the Angels Province and expenses totalling £162,764 (2021: £nil) were paid on their behalf. The foreign exchange gains on these funds totalled £268,704 (2021: gains £25,677).

#### 29 Cash generated from operations

	2022 £	2021 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(548,082)	332,892
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(174,268)	(151,474)
Foreign exchange differences	269,786	24,220
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(250)	(1,350)
Gain on disposal of investments	(121,796)	(24,349)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	566,750	(370,430)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	6,401	9,444
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	28,509	(55,756)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(99,390)	24,815
(Decrease) in provisions	-	205,000
<b>Cash absorbed by operations</b>	<u>(72,340)</u>	<u>(6,988)</u>

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**30 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	409,783	506,763
Cash held within investment portfolio	2,607,517	2,398,161
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>3,017,300</u>	<u>2,904,924</u>