

TARALOKA
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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COUNCIL'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The council present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are the advancement of the Buddhist religion, in particular to encourage members to live in accordance with the teachings of the Buddha through the experience they gain from short periods on retreat at Taraloka. One of the charity's objectives is to support ordained members of the Triratna Buddhist Order (previously known as the Western Buddhist Order) and other duly ordained Buddhists, at the discretion of the council.

Taraloka had to close for residential retreats in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, so all retreats for the remainder of the year were hosted on-line. A few staff were furloughed in the first few months, Taraloka also applied for, and received a Welsh Government Grant of £10,000 for small businesses.

The council have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake with particular reference to the public benefit guidance. The council considers that the performance of the charity has been satisfactory regarding its achievements and public benefit.

Throughout the year, the core community comprised of 7 women all of whom received general financial support and accommodation. During the year the charity also supported two other short-term volunteers who benefitted from the experience of living in a Buddhist community.

Achievements and performance

The charity has maintained its policy of asking for donations (after the booking fee) for retreats rather than charging rates. This is very much in line with the traditional Buddhist approach of not charging for teaching Buddhism and is a very satisfactory policy for this charity, enabling greater access to a wider range of people regarding our aims and objectives.

The Council considers that the performance of the charity has been satisfactory regarding its achievements and public benefit. Between January and March 2020 Taraloka held 10 events (a total of 51 nights) whereby 3 (9 nights) of those events were accessible to the general public and 1 event (7 nights) was hired out to Breathworks. 5 events (30 nights) were for women already practising within the Triratna Buddhist Community. In addition, the centre offered 1 maintenance and gardening retreat for volunteers (a total of 5 nights).

In addition Taraloka offered 13 online events (a total of 64 days). 6 events (28 days) were accessible to the general public and 7 events (36 days) were for women already practising within the Triratna Buddhist Community.

In 2020 the charity donated a total of £17,085 to institutions (Central Dana £13,800 Karuna and FBA £2,460) and we gave £825 to external retreat leaders (3 people). Other general donations totalling £1,565 were also made.

The work on the Earth-sky garden has continued in order to make the most of the time when the retreat centre has been closed. We hope that once complete the landscaping will enhance socially distanced retreats when we are able to hold them.

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COUNCIL'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities shows the incoming and outgoing resources for the year.

The statement of financial activities shows incoming resources for the year of £234,219 with a deficit of £7,428 compared to £448,542 in 2019, with a surplus of £136,766. The charity continues to claim Gift Aid on the donations received at the end of retreats and 2020 incoming resources includes Gift Aid Income of £8,814 (2019 - £28,061). In addition within activities for generating funds there is the sum of £9,779 (2019 - £14,107) received under the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) scheme; it is likely that the charity will continue to receive funds from this scheme for a total of twenty years. The unrestricted funds on 31 December 2020 were £966,075 compared to £835,028 on 31 December 2019.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to twelve months unrestricted expenditure. The council considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. At the end of the year, the charity had cash reserves of £361,436 (2019 - £415,279).

A bulk of cash reserves are invested in the COIF Charities Deposit Fund.

The council has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finance of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by its constitution.

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

A Denys

R Lovering

H Baker

I Maddocks

V Carter

T Roe

F Hooker

J Burbidge

E Murray - President (not a Trustee)

Appointment of the council is governed by the constitution of the charity. The council must consist of not fewer than four and not more than fifteen members who are elected at the annual general meeting. The council is authorised to co-opt new members including officers to fill vacancies arising in the year.

Elaine Murray continues in the advisory role of 'President' to Taraloka; she is not a trustee.

The charity maintains close communication with, and works under, the guidance of the Triratna Buddhist Community and in co-operation with other groups with the same objectives, although there are no connected charities or organisations that have influence over the activities held at Taraloka Retreat Centre.

Of the present members of the council, Rachel Lovering is also a trustee of Clear Vision Trust, and Anne Denys is a trustee of Tiratanaloka and Akashavana.

The council's report was approved by the Board of Council.

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COUNCIL'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

V Carter

Council Member and Trustee

Dated: 20 July 2021



T Roe

Council Member and Trustee

Dated: 20 July 2021



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF TARALOKA

I report to the council on my examination of the financial statements of Taraloka (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

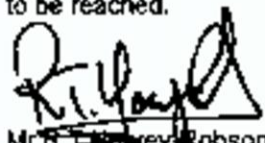
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting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

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 20 July 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	115,954	7,118	123,072	234,586	45,928	280,514
Charitable activities	4	100,498	-	100,498	132,401	-	132,401
Other trading activities	5	9,663	-	9,663	34,088	-	34,088
Investments	6	832	-	832	1,539	-	1,539
Other income	7	154	-	154	-	-	-
Total income		227,101	7,118	234,219	402,614	45,928	448,542
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	8,072	-	8,072	14,445	-	14,445
Charitable activities	9	187,982	45,593	233,575	274,631	22,700	297,331
Total resources expended		196,054	45,593	241,647	289,076	22,700	311,776
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/							
Net movement in funds		31,047	(38,475)	(7,428)	113,538	23,228	136,766
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		935,028	83,023	1,018,051	821,490	59,794	881,284
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		966,075	44,548	1,010,623	935,028	83,022	1,018,050

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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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		638,485		580,752
Current assets					
Stocks	14	12,960		7,930	
Debtors	15	11,633		39,299	
Cash at bank and in hand		361,436		415,279	
		386,029		462,508	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(13,891)		(25,210)	
Net current assets			372,138		437,298
Total assets less current liabilities			1,010,623		1,018,050
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17	44,548		83,022	
Unrestricted funds		966,075		935,028	
		1,010,623		1,018,050	

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 20 July 2021

V Carter
Trustee



T Roe
Trustee



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Taraloka Buddhist Retreat for Women, Bettisfield, Nr. Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2LD

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

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

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

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

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs include the cost of the preparation and independent examination of the statutory accounts, the cost of trustees meetings and the cost of any legal advice to the trustees on governance and constitutional matters.

Support costs and governance costs are allocated to relevant charitable activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and the cost is at least £100.

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

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

Freehold land and buildings	Not depreciated
Freehold improvements	25% reducing balance
Furnishings	20% reducing balance
Equipment	20% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance

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.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

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, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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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 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.

1.12 Retirement benefits

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	74,026	7,118	81,144	154,972	45,928	200,900
Legacies receivable	31,030	-	31,030	79,614	-	79,614
Government coronavirus support	10,898	-	10,898	-	-	-
	<u>115,954</u>	<u>7,118</u>	<u>123,072</u>	<u>234,586</u>	<u>45,928</u>	<u>280,514</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable income	Charitable income
	2020	2019
	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	58,884	75,794
Charitable rental income	31,835	42,500
Other income	9,779	14,107
	<u>100,498</u>	<u>132,401</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Fundraising events	6,910	19,579
Shop income	2,753	14,509
Other trading activities	9,663	34,088

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Interest receivable	832	1,539

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2020	2019
	£	£
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	154	-

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Advertising	8,131	4,861
<u>Trading costs</u>		
Bookshop purchases	1,941	9,584
	8,072	14,445

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

8 Raising funds

(Continued)

9 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2020 £	Charitable Expenditure 2019 £
Staff costs	65,684	87,907
Depreciation and impairment	65,780	46,232
Community support	3,507	7,998
Retreats and holiday allowance	6,975	10,336
Housekeeping and household food	12,983	20,117
Retreat food and service costs	23,522	42,955
Order weekends and conventions	1,808	2,459
National and Chairman's events	313	2,067
Training costs and course fees	95	1,313
Charitable donations	18,650	17,262
Bursaries	-	2,700
	<u>199,317</u>	<u>241,346</u>
Share of support costs (see note 10)	32,320	53,975
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	1,938	2,010
	<u>233,575</u>	<u>297,331</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	187,982	274,631
Restricted funds	45,593	22,700
	<u>233,575</u>	<u>297,331</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2020	Support costs	Governance costs	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Services - light, heat and insurances	9,813	-	9,813	10,658	-	10,658
Bank charges	2,152	-	2,152	3,045	-	3,045
Office running costs	2,944	-	2,944	3,579	-	3,579
Books and library acquisitions	331	-	331	288	-	288
Motor and travelling expenses	4,535	-	4,535	10,584	-	10,584
Repairs and maintenance	10,414	-	10,414	23,427	-	23,427
Sundry expenses	2,131	-	2,131	2,394	-	2,394
Independent examiners' fees	-	1,938	1,938	-	2,010	2,010
	<u>32,320</u>	<u>1,938</u>	<u>34,258</u>	<u>53,975</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>55,985</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>32,320</u>	<u>1,938</u>	<u>34,258</u>	<u>53,975</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>55,985</u>

11 Council

None of the council (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:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>
Employment costs	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	63,892	85,468
Other pension costs	1,792	2,439
	<u>65,684</u>	<u>87,907</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Freehold improvements	Furnishings	Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2020	436,893	424,785	83,562	98,566	11,985	1,055,801
Additions	-	114,273	-	510	10,076	124,859
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(5,795)	(5,795)
At 31 December 2020	436,893	539,058	83,562	99,076	16,276	1,174,865
Depreciation and Impairment						
At 1 January 2020	-	305,740	81,785	79,709	7,815	475,049
Depreciation charged in the year	-	58,327	355	3,871	3,227	65,780
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	-	(4,449)	(4,449)
At 31 December 2020	-	364,067	82,140	83,580	6,593	536,380
Carrying amount						
At 31 December 2020	436,893	174,991	1,422	15,496	9,683	638,485
At 31 December 2019	436,893	119,045	1,777	18,857	4,180	580,752

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

14	Stocks		2020	2019			
		£	£	£			
	Finished goods and goods for resale		12,960	7,930			
15	Debtors		2020	2019			
			£	£			
	Amounts falling due within one year:						
	Other debtors		8,814	27,984			
	Prepayments and accrued income		2,819	11,315			
			11,633	39,299			
16	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2020	2019			
			£	£			
	Accruals and deferred income		13,891	25,210			
17	Restricted funds						
	The restricted fund relates to donations received for landscaping improvements.						
18	Analysis of net assets between funds						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
	Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:						
	Tangible assets	593,937	44,548	638,485	512,651	68,101	580,752
	Current assets/ (liabilities)	372,138	-	372,138	422,377	14,921	437,298
		966,075	44,548	1,010,623	935,028	83,022	1,018,050
19	Related party transactions						
	There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).						