

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 278891

Details

Other names	WEST HERTS TRAINING LIMITED, WEST HERTS TRANSPORT TRAINING LTD
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	01227745
Registered	1980-01-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE AWARD OF GRANTS AND THE PROVISION OF FUNDING TO SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS (BUT NOT SO AS TO REPLACE, OR SUPPORT THE REPLACEMENT OF, FUNDING REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED BY STATUTORY AUTHORITIES) AND BY THE AWARD OF GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES TO PUPILS OR STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT; (2) TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC; (3) TO PROMOTE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF CHARITIES BY THE PROVISION OF SUITABLE VEHICLES, TRANSPORT FACILITIES, GRANTS OR EQUIPMENT

Activities: To promote road safety for the benefit of the public. To promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities by the provision of suitable vehicles, transport, facilities, grants or equipment.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£272,433	£291,613	-	-
2024-07-31	£292,482	£240,141	-	-
2023-07-31	£242,554	£256,198	-	-
2022-07-31	£208,960	£95,936	-	-
2021-07-31	£281,418	£438,021	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MATTHEW HUMPHREYS		2016-09-19
MR R D MINASHI		
PAUL ALEXANDER BRACEBRIDGE MILLER		

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Accounts

Charity registration number 278891 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 01227745

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees And Directors	Mr Richard Minashi Mr Matthew Humphreys Mr Paul Miller Mr Glynn Humphreys	(Appointed 7 July 2025)
Charity number (England and Wales)	278891	
Company number	01227745	
Registered office	Brandon House First Floor 90 The Broadway Chesham Buckinghamshire HP5 1EG	
Auditor	Dickinsons Chartered Accountants Brandon House First Floor 90 The Broadway Chesham Buckinghamshire HP5 1EG	
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 31 Chequer Street St Albans Hertfordshire AL1 3YN	

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WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees and directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022, the memorandum and Articles of Association 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.) This report is also a directors' report as required by the Companies Act 2006, as all trustees are directors.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The trustees and directors have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the West Herts Charity Trust Limited should undertake.

Activities

The trustees consider that the charity exists for the purpose of the local public benefit within Hertfordshire and surrounding districts as defined in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

The objectives are:

- to advance education for the public benefit by the award of grants and the provision of funding to schools, colleges, universities and other educational establishments (but not so as to replace, or support the replacement of, funding required to be provided by statutory authorities) and by the award of grants, scholarships, bursaries and maintenance allowances to pupils or students attending school, college, university or other educational establishments;
- to promote road safety for the benefit of the public, and to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities by the provision of suitable vehicles, transport facilities, grants or equipment.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

During the year the charity continued to make donations of vehicles adapted to meet the needs of local deserving causes. In the year the charity made 9 (2024:12) such donations. Donations are financed from income generated through the rental of investment properties, which have continued to be maintained in order to maximise current and future rental income from these assets supplemented in certain cases by way of parallel contributions from beneficiaries.

The Trustees intend to continue to raise income through the letting of investment properties to enable the support of local charities.

Future Development and Strategies

The charity intends to continue its mission in providing better accessibility to groups in need. The key strategy going forward is to ensure rental properties remain fully let to ensure sufficient inflow of cash.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 8 of the accounts.

The result for the year is a deficit £19,180 (2024: surplus of £522,341). The prior year includes a £470,000 gain in value of the investment property owned by the charity; the charities activities generated a surplus of £52,341. The Trustees consider the result for the year to be satisfactory and in line with expectations.

Unrestricted reserves amount to £4,112,830 (2024: £4,132,010) of which £2,855,835 (2024: £2,355,835) relates to a revaluation reserve.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy to build up unrestricted reserves to a level to support the charity's core expenditure for a minimum of twelve months. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

Structure, governance and management

West Herts Charity Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, managed by an elected Council, and set up under a Trust deed dated 25 September 1975.

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are also appointed Directors of the company. New trustees are appointed on the recommendation of existing trustees and who are deemed to have appropriate experience and knowledge for the role.

There are no formal procedures for inducting new trustees, however, any new trustees appointed would be practically aware of the work undertaken by the Charity and support is always provided by existing trustees.

Details of related party transactions, where applicable, can be found in the notes to the accounts.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

The trustees and directors, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Richard Minashi

Mr Matthew Humphreys

Mr Michael Humphreys

(Resigned 24 June 2025)

Mr Paul Miller

Mr Glynn Humphreys

(Appointed 7 July 2025)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Legal and Administration Information

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

None of the trustees and directors has any beneficial interest in the company.

All of the trustees and directors are members of the company.

Under the provision of the company's memorandum of association, each member would be required to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 for the payment of the debts of the company, in the event of a deficiency of assets on winding up of the company.

The company is a registered charity under the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022. The company registration number is 01227745 and the charity number is 278891.

Principal Office: Ver House, Park Industrial Estate, St Albans, Herts, AL2 2WH.

Registered Office: Brandon House, First Floor, 90 The Broadway, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 1EG.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees and directors, who are also the directors of West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the purpose of company law, 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).

Company Law requires the trustees and directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees and directors 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 UK 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 they consider this basis is inappropriate.

The trustees and directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

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- state whether applicable UK 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 West Herts Charity Trust Limited will continue in operation.

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Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Dickinsons Chartered Accountants be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting. The Auditors, Dickinsons Chartered Accountants, have indicated that they are willing to be reappointed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

Risk Assessment

In order to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charity Accounts (FRS 102) a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and the systems that have to be established to mitigate those risks has been carried out. The trustees receive regular reports and these are monitored on an ongoing basis at Board level.

Exemption Statement

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provision for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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



Mr Matthew Humphreys
Director

Date: 27/4/2026

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the year ended 31 July 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and 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,) the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2025 and of its deficit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 West Herts Charity Trust Limited 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' (who are also directors' of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) 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 West Herts Charity Trust Limited'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 and directors 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 and directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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 or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires 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 the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirements to prepare a strategic 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.

Responsibilities of trustees and directors

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees and directors, who are also the directors of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees and directors 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 and directors are responsible for assessing the West Herts Charity Trust Limited'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 and directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or 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.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

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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 was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to include the Companies Act 2006, and the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

We communicated identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indicators of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. We discussed with management any known or suspected instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud as follows:

- The audit team discussed whether there were any areas that were susceptible to misstatement as part of their fraud discussion.
- In addressing the risk of management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries with a focus on large or unusual transactions based on criteria determined using our knowledge of the business and industry. We also challenged assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates and judgements.

We incorporated an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures.

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify and to address material misstatements in relation to fraud, including designing audit procedures to address, for example:

- The possibility of fraudulent or corrupt payments made through third parties.
- The risk of bribery and corruption.
- The opportunity to segregate duties within the entity.

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above.

- Using our general commercial and sector experience and through discussions with management, we identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements as well as those arising from management's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either because of fraud or error.
- The engagement partner considers the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws or regulations.

We considered the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities:

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentation, or through 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.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which included the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of Company Law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included in the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Dickinsons is eligible for appointment as auditor of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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.



Dominic Cader (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Dickinsons, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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Date: 27/04/2026

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations	2	-	35,338
Investment income	3	272,433	257,144
Total income		272,433	292,482
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	291,613	240,141
Total expenditure		291,613	240,141
Net gains on investments	8	-	470,000
Net (expenditure)/income and movement in funds		(19,180)	522,341
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 August 2024		4,132,010	3,609,669
Fund balances at 31 July 2025		4,112,830	4,132,010

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure accounts under the Companies Act 2006.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JULY 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		1,608		1,654
Investment property	10		3,750,000		3,750,000
			<u>3,751,608</u>		<u>3,751,654</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	11	4,400		9,041	
Debtors	12	94,514		152,774	
Cash at bank and in hand		343,780		300,835	
		<u>442,694</u>		<u>462,650</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(81,472)</u>		<u>(82,294)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>361,222</u>		<u>380,356</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>4,112,830</u>		<u>4,132,010</u>
The funds of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited					
Unrestricted funds	15		<u>4,112,830</u>		<u>4,132,010</u>
			<u>4,112,830</u>		<u>4,132,010</u>

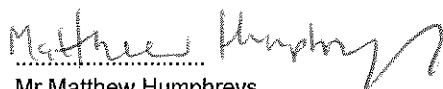
The company is entitled to exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2025, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees and directors on 27/4/2026



Mr Matthew Humphreys
Director

Company registration number 01227745 (England and Wales)

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

West Herts Charity Trust Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Brandon House, First Floor, 90 The Broadway, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, HP5 1EG.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the memorandum and Articles of Association of West Herts Charity Trust Limited, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022, 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.) The financial statements include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

The West Herts Charity Trust Limited has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The trustees consider that the charity exists for the purpose of the local public benefit as defined in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees and directors have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements; the trustees are satisfied the charity has sufficient reserves and working capital to enable the charity to remain in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market value.

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

1.4 Income

Total incoming resources are rental income from investment properties and contributions from donations as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis, recognised when a liability is incurred, and classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to a particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

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:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost
Computers	33% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

No depreciation provision has been made in the accounts as the amount would be considered immaterial.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the West Herts Charity Trust Limited 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 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost comprises the purchase price of minibuses and related modifications made to ensure they are all health and safety compliant and associated costs incurred to the date of donation.

The transfer of the rights and ownership of these vehicles are withheld for a period of 12 months. This is to ensure the donee meets the required conditions. When the conditions have been satisfied during the 12 months and no sooner, the rights and ownership are only then passed to the donee.

Net realisable value is based on the the expected sales value of the minibuses if sold and not donated to a third party.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and other short-term liquid investments with short maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition

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.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the West Herts Charity Trust Limited transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities 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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the West Herts Charity Trust Limited's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	-	35,338

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

3 Income from investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Rental income	265,509	250,258
Interest receivable	6,924	6,886
	<u>272,433</u>	<u>257,144</u>

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation and impairment	587	484
Opening stock	9,041	-
Purchase of vehicles	18,703	62,200
Modifications and livery	19,009	28,478
Closing stock	(4,400)	(9,041)
Contributions to vehicles purchased	209,754	73,250
Advertising	600	-
Agent Commission	22,361	21,502
Computer running costs	1,135	1,527
Traveling expenses	615	1,121
Trustee expenses	2,668	2,714
Printing and stationery	228	158
Sundry expenses	153	118
Bank charges	673	697
Audit fees	2,094	2,123
Auditors' fees for non-audit work	4,886	4,813
Legal and professional	1,500	28,332
Insurance	585	531
Expenses of rented properties	1,421	21,134
	<u>291,613</u>	<u>240,141</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>291,613</u>	<u>240,141</u>

5 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	2,094	2,123
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	587	484
	<u>2,681</u>	<u>2,607</u>

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

6 Trustees And Directors

None of the trustees and directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the West Herts Charity Trust Limited during the year.

7 Employees

There were no employees in the year (2024: None).

8 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investment properties	-	470,000

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2024	228	5,409	5,637
Additions	-	540	540
At 31 July 2025	228	5,949	6,177
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 August 2024	110	3,872	3,982
Depreciation charged in the year	46	541	587
At 31 July 2025	156	4,413	4,569
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2025	72	1,536	1,608
At 31 July 2024	117	1,537	1,654

10 Investment property

	2025 £
Fair value	
At 1 August 2024 and 31 July 2025	3,750,000

Investment property comprises four units in two blocks. The fair value of the investment properties have been arrived at on the open market value for existing use basis from a valuation carried out at 17 June 2024 by Brasier Freeth, who are an independent firm of Chartered Surveyors, not connected with the West Herts Charity Trust Limited.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

10 Investment property (Continued)

If investment properties were stated on an historical cost basis rather than a fair value basis, the amounts would have been included as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Cost	894,165	894,165

11 Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Stock of vehicles for donation	4,400	9,041

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	85,324	142,140
Prepayments and accrued income	9,190	10,634
	<u>94,514</u>	<u>152,774</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income	21,965	22,822
Trade creditors	612	716
Other creditors	51,745	51,745
Accruals	7,150	7,011
	<u>81,472</u>	<u>82,294</u>

14 Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within part of 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

15 Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 July 2025 £
General funds	4,132,010	272,433	(291,613)	-	4,112,830
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 August 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 July 2024 £
General funds	3,609,669	292,482	(240,141)	470,000	4,132,010
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

16 Called up share capital

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Under the provisions of the company's memorandum of association, each member would be required to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 for the payment of debts of the company in the event of a deficiency of assets on a winding up of the company.

The charity has been controlled throughout the year by the trustees, whom are identified in the company information.

17 Operating lease commitments

Lessor

The company owns investment properties held for rental purposes. Rental income earned during the year was £265,509 (2024: £250,258). There is one tenant that is committed for more than 5 years. All operating lease contracts contain market review clauses in the event that the lessee exercises an existing option to renew. The lessees hold no option to purchase the properties at the expiry of the lease period.

At the reporting end date the West Herts Charity Trust Limited had contracted with tenants for the following minimum lease payments:

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	304,934	268,874
Between two and five years	727,580	760,105
In over five years	165,000	385,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	1,197,514	1,413,979
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

18 Related party transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions.

19 Non-audit services provided by auditor

In common with many businesses of our size and nature we use our auditor to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 278891

Accounts

Charity registration number 278891 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 01227745

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees And Directors	Mr Richard Minashi Mr Matthew Humphreys Mr Michael Humphreys Mr Paul Miller
Charity number	278891
Company number	01227745
Registered office	Brandon House First Floor 90 The Broadway Chesham Buckinghamshire HP5 1EG
Auditor	Dickinsons Chartered Accountants Brandon House First Floor 90 The Broadway Chesham Buckinghamshire HP5 1EG
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 31 Chequer Street St Albans Hertfordshire AL1 3YN

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WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees and directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022, the memorandum and Articles of Association 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.) This report is also a directors' report as required by the Companies Act 2006, as all trustees are directors.

Objectives and activities

The trustees and directors have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the West Herts Charity Trust Limited should undertake.

The trustees consider that the charity exists for the purpose of the local public benefit within Hertfordshire and surrounding districts as defined in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

The objectives are:

- to advance education for the public benefit by the award of grants and the provision of funding to schools, colleges, universities and other educational establishments (but not so as to replace, or support the replacement of, funding required to be provided by statutory authorities) and by the award of grants, scholarships, bursaries and maintenance allowances to pupils or students attending school, college, university or other educational establishments;
- to promote road safety for the benefit of the public, and to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities by the provision of suitable vehicles, transport facilities, grants or equipment.

Achievements and performance

During the year the charity continued to make donations of vehicles adapted to meet the needs of local deserving causes. In the year the charity made 12 (2023: 11) such donations. Donations are financed from income generated through the rental of investment properties, which have continued to be maintained in order to maximise current and future rental income from these assets supplemented in certain cases by way of parallel contributions from beneficiaries.

The Trustees intend to continue to raise income through the letting of investment properties to enable the support of local charities.

Future Development and Strategies

The charity intends to continue its mission in providing better accessibility to groups in need. The key strategy going forward is to ensure rental properties remain fully let to ensure sufficient inflow of cash.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 8 of the accounts.

The result for the year is a surplus £522,341 (2023: £13,644 deficit). This includes a £470,000 gain in value of the investment property owned by the charity. The Trustees consider the result for the year to be satisfactory and in line with expectations.

Unrestricted reserves amount to £4,132,010 (2023: £3,609,669) of which £2,855,835 (2023: £2,385,835) relates to a revaluation reserve.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy to build up unrestricted reserves to a level to support the charity's core expenditure for a minimum of twelve months. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

Structure, governance and management

West Herts Charity Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, managed by an elected Council, and set up under a Trust deed dated 25 September 1975.

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are also appointed Directors of the company. New trustees are appointed on the recommendation of existing trustees and who are deemed to have appropriate experience and knowledge for the role.

There are no formal procedures for inducting new trustees, however, any new trustees appointed would be practically aware of the work undertaken by the Charity and support is always provided by existing trustees.

Details of related party transactions, where applicable, can be found in the notes to the accounts.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

The trustees and directors, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Richard Minashi
Mr Matthew Humphreys
Mr Michael Humphreys
Mr Paul Miller

Legal and Administration Information

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

None of the trustees and directors has any beneficial interest in the company.
All of the trustees and directors are members of the company.

Under the provision of the company's memorandum of association, each member would be required to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 for the payment of the debts of the company, in the event of a deficiency of assets on winding up of the company.

The company is a registered charity under the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022. The company registration number is 01227745 and the charity number is 278891.

Principal Office: Ver House, Park Industrial Estate, St Albans, Herts, AL2 2WH.

Registered Office: Brandon House, First Floor, 90 The Broadway, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 1EG.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees and directors, who are also the directors of West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the purpose of company law, 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).

Company Law requires the trustees and directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SCRP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 they consider this basis is inappropriate.

The trustees and directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Dickinsons Chartered Accountants be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting. The Auditors, Dickinsons Chartered Accountants, have indicated that they are willing to be reappointed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Risk Assessment

In order to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practise for Charity Accounts (FRS 102) a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and the systems that have to be established to mitigate those risks has been carried out. The trustees receive regular reports and these are monitored on an ongoing basis at Board level.

Exemption Statement

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provision for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

Mr Matthew Humphreys
Director

31 March 2025

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the year ended 31 July 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and 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.) the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2024 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 West Herts Charity Trust Limited 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 the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 18 to the financial statements, 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' (who are also directors' of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) 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 West Herts Charity Trust Limited'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 and directors 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 and directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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 or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires 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 the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirements to prepare a strategic 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.

Responsibilities of trustees and directors

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees and directors, who are also the directors of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees and directors 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 and directors are responsible for assessing the West Herts Charity Trust Limited'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 and directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or 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.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

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.

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to include the Companies Act 2006, and the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

We communicated identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indicators of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. We discussed with management any known or suspected instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud as follows:

- The audit team discussed whether there were any areas that were susceptible to misstatement as part of their fraud discussion.
- In addressing the risk of management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries with a focus on large or unusual transactions based on criteria determined using our knowledge of the business and industry. We also challenged assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates and judgements.

We incorporated an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures.

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify and to address material misstatements in relation to fraud, including designing audit procedures to address, for example:

- The possibility of fraudulent or corrupt payments made through third parties.
- The risk of bribery and corruption.
- The opportunity to segregate duties within the entity.

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above.

- Using our general commercial and sector experience and through discussions with management, we identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements as well as those arising from management's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either because of fraud or error.
- The engagement partner considers the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws or regulations.

We considered the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities:

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentation, or through 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.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which included the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of Company Law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included in the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Dickinsons is eligible for appointment as auditor of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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.

Natalie Spalton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Dickinsons
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

1 April 2025

Brandon House
First Floor
90 The Broadway
Chesham
Buckinghamshire
HP5 1EG

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations	2	35,338	33,290
Investment income	3	257,144	209,264
Total income		292,482	242,554
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	240,141	256,198
Total expenditure		240,141	256,198
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	470,000	-
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		522,341	(13,644)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 August 2023		3,609,669	3,623,313
Fund balances at 31 July 2024		4,132,010	3,609,669

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure accounts under the Companies Act 2006.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JULY 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		1,654		500
Investment property	10		3,750,000		3,280,000
			<u>3,751,654</u>		<u>3,280,500</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	12	9,041		-	
Debtors	11	152,774		70,948	
Cash at bank and in hand		300,835		335,707	
		<u>462,650</u>		<u>406,655</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>82,294</u>		<u>77,486</u>	
Net current assets			<u>380,356</u>		<u>329,169</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>4,132,010</u></u>		<u><u>3,609,669</u></u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>4,132,010</u>		<u>3,609,669</u>
			<u><u>4,132,010</u></u>		<u><u>3,609,669</u></u>

The company is entitled to exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2024, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees and directors on 31 March 2025

Mr Matthew Humphreys
Trustee

Company registration number 01227745 (England and Wales)

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

West Herts Charity Trust Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Brandon House, First Floor, 90 The Broadway, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, HP5 1EG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the memorandum and Articles of Association of West Herts Charity Trust Limited, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022, 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.) The financial statements include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

The West Herts Charity Trust Limited has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The trustees consider that the charity exists for the purpose of the local public benefit as defined in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees and directors have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements; the trustees are satisfied the charity has sufficient reserves and working capital to enable the charity to remain in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market value.

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

1.4 Income

Total incoming resources are rental income from investment properties and contributions from donations as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis, recognised when a liability is incurred, and classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to a particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

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:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost
Computers	33% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

No depreciation provision has been made in the accounts as the amount would be considered immaterial.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the West Herts Charity Trust Limited 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 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost comprises the purchase price of minibuses and related modifications made to ensure they are all health and safety compliant and associated costs incurred to the date of donation.

The transfer of the rights and ownership of these vehicles are withheld for a period of 12 months. This is to ensure the donee meets the required conditions. When the conditions have been satisfied during the 12 months and no sooner, the rights and ownership are only then passed to the donee.

Net realisable value is based on the the expected sales value of the minibuses if sold and not donated to a third party.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and other short-term liquid investments with short maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the West Herts Charity Trust Limited transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities 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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the West Herts Charity Trust Limited's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Income from donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	35,338	33,290
	<u>35,338</u>	<u>33,290</u>

3 Income from investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rental income	250,258	205,987
Interest receivable	6,886	3,277
	<u>257,144</u>	<u>209,264</u>

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	484	1,255
Opening stock	-	69,300
Purchases of vehicles	135,450	148,843
Modifications and livery	28,478	9,782
Closing stock	(9,041)	-
Managing agent fees	21,502	18,804
Computer running costs	1,527	1,909
Travel costs	1,121	781
Trustee expenses	2,714	1,413
Printing, postage and stationery	158	241
Sundry expenses	118	67
Bank charges	697	546
Audit Fees	2,123	2,105
Auditor's fees for non-audit work	4,813	4,771
Legal and professional	28,332	3,054
Insurance	531	657
Expenses of rented properties	21,134	(7,330)
	<u>240,141</u>	<u>256,198</u>
	<u>240,141</u>	<u>256,198</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	240,141	256,198
	<u>240,141</u>	<u>256,198</u>

5 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	-	-
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	484	1,255
	<u>484</u>	<u>1,255</u>

6 Trustees And Directors

None of the trustees and directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the West Herts Charity Trust Limited during the year.

7 Employees

There were no employees in the year (2023: None).

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

8 Gains and losses on investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investment property	470,000	-
	<u>470,000</u>	<u>-</u>

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 August 2023	228	3,771	3,999
Additions	-	1,638	1,638
	<u>228</u>	<u>5,409</u>	<u>5,637</u>
At 31 July 2024	228	5,409	5,637
	<u>228</u>	<u>5,409</u>	<u>5,637</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 August 2023	65	3,434	3,499
Depreciation charged in the year	46	438	484
	<u>111</u>	<u>3,872</u>	<u>3,983</u>
At 31 July 2024	111	3,872	3,983
	<u>111</u>	<u>3,872</u>	<u>3,983</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2024	117	1,537	1,654
	<u>117</u>	<u>1,537</u>	<u>1,654</u>
At 31 July 2023	163	337	500
	<u>163</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>500</u>

10 Investment property

	2024
	£
Fair value	
At 1 August 2023	3,280,000
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	470,000
	<u>3,750,000</u>
At 31 July 2024	3,750,000
	<u>3,750,000</u>

Investment property comprises four units in two blocks. The fair value of the investment properties have been arrived at on the open market value for existing use basis from a valuation carried out at 17 June 2024 by Brasier Freeth, who are an independent firm of Chartered Surveyors, not connected with the West Herts Charity Trust Limited.

If investment properties were stated on an historical cost basis rather than a fair value basis, the amounts would have been included as follows:

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10 Investment property (Continued)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Freehold	894,165	894,165

11 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	142,140	64,324
Prepayments and accrued income	10,634	6,624
	<u>152,774</u>	<u>70,948</u>

12 Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stock of vehicles for donation	9,041	-

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income	22,822	19,146
Trade creditors	716	-
Other creditors	51,745	51,503
Accruals and deferred income	7,011	6,837
	<u>82,294</u>	<u>77,486</u>

14 Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within part of 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

15 Called up share capital

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Under the provisions of the company's memorandum of association, each member would be required to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 for the payment of debts of the company in the event of a deficiency of assets on a winding up of the company.

The charity has been controlled throughout the year by the trustees, whom are identified in the company information.

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16 Operating lease commitments

Lessor

The company owns investment properties held for rental purposes. Rental income earned during the year was £250,258 (2023: £205,987). There is one tenant that is committed for more than 5 years. All operating lease contracts contain market review clauses in the event that the lessee exercises an existing option to renew. The lessees hold no option to purchase the properties at the expiry of the lease period.

At the reporting end date the West Herts Charity Trust Limited had contracted with tenants for the following minimum lease payments:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	268,874	176,952
Between two and five years	760,105	657,335
In over five years	385,000	598,706
	<u>1,413,979</u>	<u>1,432,993</u>

17 Related party transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions.

18 Non-audit services provided by auditor

In common with many businesses of our size and nature we use our auditor to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

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WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 278891

Accounts

Charity registration number 278891

Company registration number 01227745 (England and Wales)

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees And Directors	Mr Richard Minashi Mr Matthew Humphreys Mr Michael Humphreys Mr Paul Miller
Charity number	278891
Company number	01227745
Registered office	Brandon House First Floor 90 The Broadway Chesham Buckinghamshire HP5 1EG
Auditor	Dickinsons Brandon House First Floor 90 The Broadway Chesham Buckinghamshire HP5 1EG
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 31 Chequer Street St Albans Hertfordshire AL1 3YN

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WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees and directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022, the memorandum and Articles of Association 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.) This report is also a directors' report as required by the Companies Act 2006, as all trustees are directors.

Objectives and activities

The trustees and directors have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the West Herts Charity Trust Limited should undertake.

The trustees consider that the charity exists for the purpose of the local public benefit within Hertfordshire and surrounding districts as defined in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

The objectives are:

- to advance education for the public benefit by the award of grants and the provision of funding to schools, colleges, universities and other educational establishments (but not so as to replace, or support the replacement of, funding required to be provided by statutory authorities) and by the award of grants, scholarships, bursaries and maintenance allowances to pupils or students attending school, college, university or other educational establishments;
- to promote road safety for the benefit of the public, and to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities by the provision of suitable vehicles, transport facilities, grants or equipment.

Achievements and performance

During the year the charity continued to make donations of vehicles adapted to meet the needs of local deserving causes. In the year the charity made 11 (2022: 2) such donations. Donations are financed from income generated through the rental of investment properties, which have continued to be maintained in order to maximise current and future rental income from these assets supplemented in certain cases by way of parallel contributions from beneficiaries.

The Trustees intend to continue to raise income through the letting of investment properties to enable the support of local charities.

Future Development and Strategies

The charity intends to continue its mission in providing better accessibility to groups in need. The key strategy going forward is to ensure rental properties remain fully let to ensure sufficient inflow of cash.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 8 of the accounts.

The result for the year is a deficit of £13,644 (2022: £113,024 surplus). The Trustees consider the result for the year to be satisfactory and in line with expectations.

Unrestricted reserves amount to £3,609,669 (2022: £3,623,313) of which £2,385,835 (2022: £2,385,835) relates to a revaluation reserve.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy to build up unrestricted reserves to a level to support the charity's core expenditure for a minimum of twelve months. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

Structure, governance and management

West Herts Charity Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, managed by an elected Council, and set up under a Trust deed dated 25 September 1975.

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are also appointed Directors of the company. New trustees are appointed on the recommendation of existing trustees and who are deemed to have appropriate experience and knowledge for the role.

There are no formal procedures for inducting new trustees, however, any new trustees appointed would be practically aware of the work undertaken by the Charity and support is always provided by existing trustees.

Details of related party transactions, where applicable, can be found in the notes to the accounts.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

The trustees and directors, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Richard Minashi
Mr Matthew Humphreys
Mr Michael Humphreys
Mr Paul Miller

Legal and Administration Information

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

None of the trustees and directors has any beneficial interest in the company.

All of the trustees and directors are members of the company.

Under the provision of the company's memorandum of association, each member would be required to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 for the payment of the debts of the company, in the event of a deficiency of assets on winding up of the company.

The company is a registered charity under the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022. The company registration number is 01227745 and the charity number is 278891.

Principal Office: Ver House, Park Industrial Estate, St Albans, Herts, AL2 2WH.

Registered Office: Brandon House, First Floor, 90 The Broadway, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 1EG.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees and directors, who are also the directors of West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the purpose of company law, 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).

Company Law requires the trustees and directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees and directors 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 UK 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 they consider this basis is inappropriate.

The trustees and directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Dickinsons Chartered Accountants be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting. The Auditors, Dickinsons Chartered Accountants, have indicated that they are willing to be reappointed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Risk Assessment

In order to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charity Accounts (FRS 102) a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and the systems that have to be established to mitigate those risks has been carried out. The trustees receive regular reports and these are monitored on an ongoing basis at Board level.

Exemption Statement

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provision for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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



Mr Matthew Humphreys
Director

Date: 28/3/24

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the year ended 31 July 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and 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,) the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2023 and of its deficit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 West Herts Charity Trust Limited 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' (who are also directors' of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) 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 West Herts Charity Trust Limited'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 and directors 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 and directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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 or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires 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 the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirements to prepare a strategic 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.

Responsibilities of trustees and directors

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees and directors, who are also the directors of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees and directors 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 and directors are responsible for assessing the West Herts Charity Trust Limited'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 and directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or 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.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

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.

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to include the Companies Act 2006, and the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

We communicated identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indicators of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. We discussed with management any known or suspected instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud as follows:

- The audit team discussed whether there were any areas that were susceptible to misstatement as part of their fraud discussion.
- In addressing the risk of management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries with a focus on large or unusual transactions based on criteria determined using our knowledge of the business and industry. We also challenged assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates and judgements.

We incorporated an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures.

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify and to address material misstatements in relation to fraud, including designing audit procedures to address, for example:

- The possibility of fraudulent or corrupt payments made through third parties.
- The risk of bribery and corruption.
- The opportunity to segregate duties within the entity.

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above.

- Using our general commercial and sector experience and through discussions with management, we identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements as well as those arising from management's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either because of fraud or error.
- The engagement partner considers the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws or regulations.

We considered the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities:

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentation, or through 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.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which included the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of Company Law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included in the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Dickinsons is eligible for appointment as auditor of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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.



Natalie Spalton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Dickinsons
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

3 April 2024

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First Floor
90 The Broadway
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HP5 1EG

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations	2	33,290	2,050
Investment income	3	209,264	206,910
Total income		<u>242,554</u>	<u>208,960</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Charitable activities	4	<u>256,198</u>	<u>95,936</u>
(Deficit)/surplus for the year and Net movement in funds		(13,644)	113,024
Fund balances at 1 August 2022		<u>3,623,313</u>	<u>3,510,289</u>
Fund balances at 31 July 2023		<u><u>3,609,669</u></u>	<u><u>3,623,313</u></u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure accounts under the Companies Act 2006.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		500		1,755
Investment property	8		3,280,000		3,280,000
			<u>3,280,500</u>		<u>3,281,755</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	9	-		69,300	
Debtors	10	70,948		77,989	
Cash at bank and in hand		335,707		276,632	
		<u>406,655</u>		<u>423,921</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11				
		<u>77,486</u>		<u>82,363</u>	
Net current assets			329,169		341,558
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,609,669</u>		<u>3,623,313</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			3,609,669		3,623,313
			<u>3,609,669</u>		<u>3,623,313</u>


The company is entitled to exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees and directors on 28/3/24


Mr Matthew Humphreys
Trustee

Company registration number 01227745 (England and Wales)

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

West Herts Charity Trust Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Brandon House, First Floor, 90 The Broadway, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, HP5 1EG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the memorandum and Articles of Association of West Herts Charity Trust Limited, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022, 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.) The financial statements include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

The West Herts Charity Trust Limited has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The trustees consider that the charity exists for the purpose of the local public benefit as defined in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees and directors have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements; the trustees are satisfied the charity has sufficient reserves and working capital to enable the charity to remain in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market value.

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

1.4 Income

Total incoming resources are rental income from investment properties and contributions from donations as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis, recognised when a liability is incurred, and classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to a particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost
Computers	33% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

No depreciation provision has been made in the accounts as the amount would be considered immaterial.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the West Herts Charity Trust Limited 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 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost comprises the purchase price of minibuses and related modifications made to ensure they are all health and safety compliant and associated costs incurred to the date of donation.

Net realisable value is based on the the expected sales value of the minibuses if sold and not donated to a third party.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and other short-term liquid investments with short maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition

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.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the West Herts Charity Trust Limited transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities 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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the West Herts Charity Trust Limited's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts	33,290	2,050

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Rental income	205,987	206,825
Interest receivable	3,277	85
	<u>209,264</u>	<u>206,910</u>

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	1,255	1,276
Opening stock	69,300	-
Purchases of vehicles	148,843	96,240
Modifications and livery	9,782	1,655
Closing stock	-	(69,300)
Managing agent fees	18,804	17,695
Rates (recovered)	-	(1,497)
Computer running costs	1,909	2,892
Travel costs	781	186
Entertaining	1,413	1,228
Telecommunications	-	87
Printing, postage and stationery	241	117
Sundry expenses	67	67
Bank charges	546	303
Other charitable expenditure	3,257	44,987
	<u>256,198</u>	<u>95,936</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>256,198</u>	<u>95,936</u>

5 Trustees And Directors

None of the trustees and directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the West Herts Charity Trust Limited during the year.

6 Employees

There were no employees in the year (2022: None).

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2022	228	3,771	3,999
At 31 July 2023	228	3,771	3,999
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 August 2022	19	2,225	2,244
Depreciation charged in the year	46	1,209	1,255
At 31 July 2023	65	3,434	3,499
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2023	163	337	500
At 31 July 2022	209	1,546	1,755

8 Investment property

	2023 £
Fair value	
At 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023	3,280,000

Investment properties comprises four units in two blocks. The fair value of the investment properties have been arrived at on the open market value for existing use basis from a valuation carried out at 10 October 2019 by Brasier Freeth, who are an independent firm of Chartered Surveyors, not connected with the West Herts Charity Trust Limited. In the opinion of the directors there has been no material change in valuation since the valuations in 2019.

If investment properties were stated on an historical cost basis rather than a fair value basis, the amounts would have been included as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Freehold	894,165	894,165

9 Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Stock of vehicles for donation	-	69,300

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

10 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	64,324	71,442
Prepayments and accrued income	6,624	6,547
	<u>70,948</u>	<u>77,989</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income	19,146	27,012
Other creditors	51,503	48,815
Accruals and deferred income	6,837	6,536
	<u>77,486</u>	<u>82,363</u>

12 Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within part of 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

13 Called up share capital

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Under the provisions of the company's memorandum of association, each member would be required to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 for the payment of debts of the company in the event of a deficiency of assets on a winding up of the company.

The charity has been controlled throughout the year by the trustees, whom are identified in the company information.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

14 Operating lease commitments

Lessor

The company owns two investment properties held for rental purposes. Rental income earned during the year was £205,987 (2022: £206,825) and a service charge surplus arose on the properties amounting to £7,330 (2022: deficit £21,724). There are three tenants that are committed for more than 5 years. All operating lease contracts contain market review clauses in the event that the lessee exercises an existing option to renew. The lessees hold no option to purchase the properties at the expiry of the lease period.

At the reporting end date the West Herts Charity Trust Limited had contracted with tenants for the following minimum lease payments:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	176,952	194,160
Between two and five years	657,335	687,835
In over five years	598,706	745,158
	<u>1,432,993</u>	<u>1,627,153</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions.

16 Non-audit services provided by auditor

In common with many businesses of our size and nature we use our auditor to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 278891

Accounts

Charity registration number 278891

Company registration number 01227745 (England and Wales)

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees And Directors	Mr Richard Minashi Mr Matthew Humphreys Mr Michael Humphreys Mr Paul Miller
Charity number	278891
Company number	01227745
Registered office	Brandon House First Floor 90 The Broadway Chesham Bucks HP5 1EG
Auditor	Dickinsons Brandon House First Floor 90 The Broadway Chesham Bucks HP5 1EG
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 31 Chequer Street St Albans Hertfordshire AL1 3YN

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

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WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees and directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the memorandum and Articles of Association 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.) This report is also a directors' report as required by the Companies Act 2006, as all trustees are directors.

Objectives and activities

The trustees and directors have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the West Herts Charity Trust Limited should undertake.

The trustees consider that the charity exists for the purpose of the local public benefit within Hertfordshire and surrounding districts as defined in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

The objectives are:

- to advance education for the public benefit by the award of grants and the provision of funding to schools, colleges, universities and other educational establishments (but not so as to replace, or support the replacement of, funding required to be provided by statutory authorities) and by the award of grants, scholarships, bursaries and maintenance allowances to pupils or students attending school, college, university or other educational establishments;
- to promote road safety for the benefit of the public, and to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities by the provision of suitable vehicles, transport facilities, grants or equipment.

Achievements and performance

During the year the charity continued to make donations of vehicles adapted to meet the needs of local deserving causes. In the year the charity made 2 (2021: 16) such donations. Donations are financed from income generated through the rental of investment properties, which have continued to be maintained in order to maximise current and future rental income from these assets supplemented in certain cases by way of parallel contributions from beneficiaries.

The Trustees intend to continue to raise income through the letting of investment properties to enable the support of local charities.

Future Development and Strategies

The charity intends to continue its mission in providing better accessibility to groups in need. The key strategy going forward is to ensure rental properties remain fully let to ensure sufficient inflow of cash.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 8 of the accounts.

The result for the year is a surplus of £113,024 (2021: Deficit £156,603.) The Trustees consider the result for the year to be satisfactory and in line with expectations.

Unrestricted reserves amount to £3,623,313 (2021: £3,510,289) of which £2,385,835 (2021: £2,385,835) relates to a revaluation reserve.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy to build up unrestricted reserves to a level to support the charity's core expenditure for a minimum of twelve months. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

Structure, governance and management

West Herts Charity Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, managed by an elected Council, and set up under a Trust deed dated 25 September 1975.

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are also appointed Directors of the company. New trustees are appointed on the recommendation of existing trustees and who are deemed to have appropriate experience and knowledge for the role.

There are no formal procedures for inducting new trustees, however, any new trustees appointed would be practically aware of the work undertaken by the Charity and support is always provided by existing trustees.

Details of related party transactions, where applicable, can be found in the notes to the accounts.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

The trustees and directors, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Richard Minashi

Mr Matthew Humphreys

Mr Michael Humphreys

Mr Peter Miller

(Deceased 23 December 2021)

Mr Paul Miller

Legal and Administration Information

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

None of the trustees and directors has any beneficial interest in the company.

All of the trustees and directors are members of the company.

Under the provision of the company's memorandum of association, each member would be required to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 for the payment of the debts of the company, in the event of a deficiency of assets on winding up of the company.

The company is a registered charity under the Charities Act 2011. The company registration number is 01227745 and the charity number is 278891.

Principal Office: Ver House, Park Industrial Estate, St Albans, Herts, AL2 2WH.

Registered Office: Brandon House, First Floor, 90 The Broadway, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 1EG.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees and directors, who are also the directors of West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the purpose of company law, 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).

Company Law requires the trustees and directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees and directors 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless they consider this basis is inappropriate.

The trustees and directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Dickinsons Chartered Accountants be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting. The Auditors, Dickinsons Chartered Accountants, have indicated that they are willing to be reappointed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Risk Assessment

In order to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practise for Charity Accounts (FRS 102) a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and the systems that have to be established to mitigate those risks has been carried out. The trustees receive regular reports and these are monitored on an ongoing basis at Board level.

Exemption Statement

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provision for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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



Mr Matthew Humphreys
Director

Date: 19 April 2023

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the year ended 31 July 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and 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,) the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Charities Act 2011.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2022 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 West Herts Charity Trust Limited 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 the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 16 to the financial statements, 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' (who are also directors' of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) 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 West Herts Charity Trust Limited'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 and directors 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 and directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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 or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires 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 the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirements to prepare a strategic 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.

Responsibilities of trustees and directors

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees and directors, who are also the directors of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees and directors 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 and directors are responsible for assessing the West Herts Charity Trust Limited'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 and directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or 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.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

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.

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to include the Companies Act 2006, and the Charities Act 2011.

We communicated identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indicators of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. We discussed with management any known or suspected instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud as follows:

- The audit team discussed whether there were any areas that were susceptible to misstatement as part of their fraud discussion.
- In addressing the risk of management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries with a focus on large or unusual transactions based on criteria determined using our knowledge of the business and industry. We also challenged assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates and judgements.

We incorporated an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures.

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify and to address material misstatements in relation to fraud, including designing audit procedures to address, for example:

- The possibility of fraudulent or corrupt payments made through third parties.
- The risk of bribery and corruption.
- The opportunity to segregate duties within the entity.

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above.

- Using our general commercial and sector experience and through discussions with management, we identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements as well as those arising from management's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either because of fraud or error.
- The engagement partner considers the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws or regulations.

We considered the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities:

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentation, or through 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.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Opinion on other matters prescriber by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which included the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of Company Law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included in the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Dickinsons is eligible for appointment as auditor of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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.



Natalie Spalton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Dickinsons
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

20 APRIL 2023
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Brandon House
First Floor
90 The Broadway
Chesham
Bucks
HP5 1EG

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
	Notes		
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations	2	2,050	58,000
Investment income	3	206,910	223,418
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Total income		208,960	281,418
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<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Charitable activities	4	95,936	438,021
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Surplus/(deficit) for the year and Net movement in funds		113,024	(156,603)
Fund balances at 1 August 2021		3,510,289	3,666,892
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Fund balances at 31 July 2022		3,623,313	3,510,289
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JULY 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		1,755		2,803
Investment properties	8		3,280,000		3,280,000
			<u>3,281,755</u>		<u>3,282,803</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	9	69,300		-	
Debtors	10	77,989		95,866	
Cash at bank and in hand		276,632		193,000	
		<u>423,921</u>		<u>288,866</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(82,363)</u>		<u>(61,380)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>341,558</u>		<u>227,486</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>3,623,313</u></u>		<u><u>3,510,289</u></u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>3,623,313</u>		<u>3,510,289</u>
			<u><u>3,623,313</u></u>		<u><u>3,510,289</u></u>

The company is entitled to exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2022, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees And Directors on 19 April 2023



Mr Matthew Humphreys
Trustee

Company registration number 01227745

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

West Herts Charity Trust Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Brandon House, First Floor, 90 The Broadway, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 1EG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the memorandum and Articles of Association of West Herts Charity Trust Limited, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, 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.) The financial statements include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

The West Herts Charity Trust Limited has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the West Herts Charity Trust Limited. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The trustees consider that the charity exists for the purpose of the local public benefit as defined in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees and directors have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements; the trustees are satisfied the charity has sufficient reserves and working capital to enable the charity to remain in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market value.

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

1.4 Income

Total incoming resources are rental income from investment properties and contributions from donations as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis, recognised when a liability is incurred, and classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to a particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

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

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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:

Fixtures and fittings	20% on cost
Computers	33% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

No depreciation provision has been made in the accounts as the amount would be considered immaterial.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the West Herts Charity Trust Limited 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 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost comprises the purchase price of minibuses and related modifications made to ensure they are all health and safety compliant and associated costs incurred to the date of donation.

Net realisable value is based on the the expected sales value of the minibuses if sold and not donated to a third party.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and other short-term liquid investments with short maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition

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.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

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

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the West Herts Charity Trust Limited transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities 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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the West Herts Charity Trust Limited's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	2,050	58,000
	<u>2,050</u>	<u>58,000</u>

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

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

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Rental income	206,825	223,351
Interest receivable	85	67
	<u>206,910</u>	<u>223,418</u>

4 Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	1,276	968
Opening stock	-	154,752
Purchases of vehicles	96,240	230,536
Modifications and livery	1,655	5,995
Closing stock	(69,300)	-
Managing agent fees	17,695	17,008
Rates (recovered)	(1,497)	1,497
Computer running costs	2,892	1,149
Travel costs	186	76
Entertaining	1,228	529
Telecommunications	87	-
Printing, postage and stationery	117	-
Sundry expenses	67	269
Bank charges	303	(127)
Audit fees	2,441	1,419
Accountancy fees	5,695	3,213
Legal and professional fees	14,432	17,435
Insurance	695	453
Bad and doubtful debts	-	2,849
Expenses of rented properties	21,724	-
	<u>95,936</u>	<u>438,021</u>

5 Trustees And Directors

None of the trustees and directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the West Herts Charity Trust Limited during the year.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

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

6 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2022 Number	2021 Number
4	5

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

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2021	-	3,771	3,771
Additions in the year	228	-	228
At 31 July 2022	228	3,771	3,999
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 August 2021	-	968	968
Depreciation charged in the year	19	1,257	1,276
At 31 July 2022	19	2,225	2,244
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2022	209	1,546	1,755
At 31 July 2021	-	2,803	2,803

8 Investment property

Fair value	2022 £
At 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022	3,280,000

Investment properties comprises four units in two blocks. The fair value of the investment properties have been arrived at on the open market value for existing use basis from a valuation carried out at 10 October 2019 by Brasier Freeth, who are an independent firm of Chartered Surveyors, not connected with the West Herts Charity Trust Limited. In the opinion of the directors there has been no material change in valuation in the year.

If investment properties were stated on an historical cost basis rather than a fair value basis, the amounts would have been included as follows:

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

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

8 Investment property (Continued)

	2022 £	2021 £
Freehold	894,165	894,165

9 Stocks

	2022 £	2021 £
Stock of vehicles for donation	69,300	-

10 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	71,442	85,378
Prepayments and accrued income	6,547	10,488
	<u>77,989</u>	<u>95,866</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred income	27,012	27,012
Trade creditors	-	85
Other creditors	48,815	29,750
Accruals and deferred income	6,536	4,533
	<u>82,363</u>	<u>61,380</u>

12 Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within part of 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

13 Called up share capital

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Under the provisions of the company's memorandum of association, each member would be required to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 for the payment of debts of the company in the event of a deficiency of assets on a winding up of the company.

The charity has been controlled throughout the year by the trustees, whom are identified in the company information.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

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

14 Operating lease commitments

Lessor

The company owns two investment properties held for rental purposes. Rental income earned during the year was £206,825 (2021: £222,814) and a service charge deficit arose on the properties amounting to £21,724 (2021: surplus £538) All properties are fully occupied as at 31 July 2022. There are three tenants that are committed for more than 5 years. All operating lease contracts contain market review clauses in the event that the lessee exercises an existing option to renew. The lessees hold no option to purchase the properties at the expiry of the lease period.

At the reporting end date the West Herts Charity Trust Limited had contracted with tenants for the following minimum lease payments:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	194,160	201,000
Between two and five years	687,835	585,296
In over five years	745,158	674,601
	<u>1,627,153</u>	<u>1,460,897</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions.

16 Non-audit services provided by auditor

In common with many businesses of our size and nature we use our auditor to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 278891

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WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Company Information

Company Number: 01227745

Charities Number: 278891

Registered Office

Enterprise House
Beeson's Yard
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Trustees and Directors

Matthew Humphreys
Michael Humphreys
Paul Miller
Richard Minashi

Auditors

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WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Trustees' (Directors') Annual Report

for the year ended 31 July 2021

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees submit their report together with the audited accounts for the year ended 31 July 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the memorandum and Articles of Association 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). This report is also a directors' report as required by the Companies Act 2006, as all trustees are directors.

Structure, Governance and Management

West Herts Charity Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, managed by an elected Council, and set up under a Trust deed dated 25 September 1975.

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are also appointed Directors of the company. New trustees are appointed on the recommendation of existing trustees and who are deemed to have appropriate experience and knowledge for the role.

There are no formal procedures for inducting new trustees, however, any new trustee appointed would be practically aware of the work undertaken by the Charity and support is always provided by the existing trustees.

Details of related party transactions, where applicable, can be found in the notes to the accounts.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

Objectives and Activities

The trustees consider that the charity exists for the purpose of the local public benefit within Hertfordshire and surrounding districts as defined in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

The objectives are:

- i) to advance education for the public benefit by the award of grants and the provision of funding to schools, colleges, universities and other educational establishments (but not so as to replace, or support the replacement of, funding required to be provided by statutory authorities) and by the award of grants, scholarships, bursaries and maintenance allowances to pupils or students attending school, college, university or other educational establishment;
- ii) to promote road safety for the benefit of the public, and to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities by the provision of suitable vehicles, transport facilities, grants or equipment.

Risk Assessment

In order to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charity Accounts (FRS 102) a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and the systems that have to be established to mitigate those risks has been carried out. The trustees receive regular reports and these are monitored on an ongoing basis at Board level.

Achievements and Performance

During the year the charity continued to make donations of vehicles adapted to meet the needs of local deserving causes. In the year the charity made 16 (2020: 8) such donations. Donations are financed from income generated through the rental of investment properties, which have continued to be maintained in order to maximise current and future rental income from these assets supplemented in certain cases by way of parallel contributions from beneficiaries.

The Trustees intend to continue to raise income through the letting of investment properties to enable the support of local charities.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Trustees' (Directors') Annual Report

for the year ended 31 July 2021

Future Developments and Strategies

The charity intends to continue its mission in providing better accessibility to groups in need. The key strategy going forward is to ensure rental properties remain fully let to ensure sufficient inflow of cash.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 7 of the accounts.

The result for the year is a deficit of £156,603 (2020: Surplus £6,546). The Trustees consider the result for the year to be satisfactory and in line with expectations.

Unrestricted reserves amount to £3,510,289 (2020: £3,666,892) of this £2,385,835 (2020: £2,385,835) relates to a revaluation reserve.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy to build up unrestricted reserves to a level to support the charity's core expenditure for a minimum of twelve months.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Company law requires the trustees, to prepare accounts for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the deficit for that period. In preparing those accounts the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. 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.

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Legal and Administrative Information

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Under the provisions of the company's memorandum of association, each member would be required to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 for the payment of the debts of the company in the event of a deficiency of assets on a winding up of the company.

The company is a registered charity under the Charities Act 2011. The company registration number is 01227745 and the charity number is 278891.

Principal Office: The Weather House, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 3BE

Registered Office: Enterprise House, Beeson's Yard, Bury Lane, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 1DS

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Trustees' (Directors') Annual Report

for the year ended 31 July 2021

Trustees and Directors

The trustees, and also directors, who served during the year, were as follows:

Matthew Humphreys
Michael Humphreys
Paul Miller
Peter Miller (Deceased 23 December 2021)
Richard Minashi

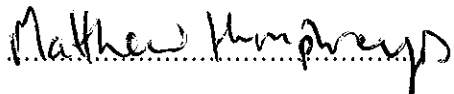
Auditors

The Auditors, Dickinsons Chartered Accountants have indicated that they are willing to be reappointed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Exemption Statement

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

By Order of the Board:



**M Humphreys
Trustee and Director**

Date: ...14/4/2022

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of West Herts Charity Trust Limited

for the year ended 31 July 2021

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of West Herts Charity Trust Limited for the year ended 31 July 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet 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), the Statement of Recommended Practice accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Charities Act 2011.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 July 2021 and of its deficit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 charitable company 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 the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 2 to the financial statements 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' (who are also directors' of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) 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 company'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 (who are also directors' of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) 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 auditors' report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of Company Law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included in the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of West Herts Charity Trust Limited

for the year ended 31 July 2021

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 2, the trustees (who are also Directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the 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 company'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 liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under s144 of 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 auditors' 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 was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to include the Companies Act 2006, and the Charities Act 2011.

We communicated identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

We examined discussed with management any known or suspected instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations

We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud as follows:

- The audit team discussed whether there were any areas that were susceptible to misstatement as part of their fraud discussion.
- In addressing the risk of management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries with a focus on large or unusual transactions based on criteria determined using our knowledge of the business and industry. We also challenged assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates and judgements.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Auditors' Report to the Trustees

for the year ended 31 July 2021

We incorporated an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing, and extent of our audit procedures.

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify and to address material misstatements in relation to fraud, including designing audit procedures to address, for example:

- The possibility of fraudulent or corrupt payments made through third parties.
- The risk of bribery and corruption.
- The opportunity to segregate duties within the entity.

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above.

- Using our general commercial and sector experience and through discussions with management, we identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements as well as those arising from management's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either because of fraud or error.
- The engagement partner considers the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

We considered the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities:

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentation, or through 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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to the, 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 company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Natalie Spalton (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of Dickinsons, Statutory Auditor

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19th April 2022
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Date

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 July 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources					
Donations		58,000	58,000	32,400	32,400
Investment income		223,418	223,418	227,554	227,554
Total Incoming Resources		<u>281,418</u>	<u>281,418</u>	<u>259,954</u>	<u>259,954</u>
Resources Expended					
Costs of charitable activities	4	391,283	391,283	228,693	228,693
Other resources expended	5	46,738	46,738	24,715	24,715
Total Resources Expended		<u>438,021</u>	<u>438,021</u>	<u>253,408</u>	<u>253,408</u>
Net Movements in Funds		<u>(156,603)</u>	<u>(156,603)</u>	<u>6,546</u>	<u>6,546</u>
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds at 1 August 2020		3,666,892	3,666,892	3,660,346	3,660,346
Net Movement in Funds		(156,603)	(156,603)	6,546	6,546
Revaluation of investment property		-	-	-	-
Total Funds at 31 July 2021	13	<u>3,510,289</u>	<u>3,510,289</u>	<u>3,666,892</u>	<u>3,666,892</u>

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

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts

Balance Sheet

Charity Number: 278891

as at 31 July 2021

	Notes	As at 31 July 2021		As at 31 July 2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investment property	6		3,280,000		3,280,000
Tangible fixed assets	7		2,803		-
			<u>3,282,803</u>		<u>3,280,000</u>
Current Assets					
Stock			-	154,752	
Debtors	9	95,865		81,759	
Cash at bank and in hand		193,000		206,462	
		<u>288,865</u>		<u>442,973</u>	
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(61,379)		(56,081)	
Net current assets			<u>227,486</u>	<u>386,892</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,510,289</u>	<u>3,666,892</u>	
Net Assets			<u><u>3,510,289</u></u>	<u><u>3,666,892</u></u>	
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted Income Funds	12		1,124,454		1,281,057
Revaluation Reserve	13		2,385,835		2,385,835
Total funds			<u><u>3,510,289</u></u>	<u><u>3,666,892</u></u>	

These accounts were approved by the board on 19/4/22

Matthew Humphreys

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Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts.

WEST HERTS CHARITY TRUST LIMITED

Notes forming part of the Accounts

for the year ended 31 July 2021

1 Principal Accounting Policies

Company Information

West Herts Charity Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is at Enterprise House, Beeson's Yard, Bury Lane, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 1DS.

Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Statement of Recommended Practice accounting and Reporting by Charities in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006, and the Charities Act 2011. The accounts include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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

The trustees consider that the charity exists for the purpose of the local public benefit as defined in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

Going concern

The trustees have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements; the trustees are satisfied the charity has sufficient reserves and working capital to enable the charity to remain in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Incoming Resources

Total incoming resources are rental income from investment properties and contributions from donations as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, recognised when a liability is incurred, and classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the profit and loss account.

No depreciation provision made in the accounts as the amount would be considered immaterial.

Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Cost comprises the purchase price of minibuses and related modifications made to ensure they are health and safety compliant and associated costs incurred to the date of donation.

Net realisable value is based on the expected sales value of the minibuses if sold and not donated to a third party.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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Basic Financial Assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction cost 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, 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 receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Fund Accounting - Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are those which are unrestricted and are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market value.

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

Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease except where another more systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leases asset are consumed.

2 Ethical Standard – Provisions available for small entities

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the accounts.

3 Employees

There were no employees during the reporting period. The number of unpaid trustees (directors) amounted to 5 (2020: 5).

4 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Opening Stock	154,752	117,830
Purchase of vehicles	230,536	138,761
Modifications and Livery	5,995	126,854
Closing Stock	-	(154,752)
	<u>391,283</u>	<u>228,693</u>

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5	Investment Management Costs	2021 £	2020 £
	Managing agent fees	17,008	16,462
	Rates	1,497	-
	Insurance	453	431
	Computer running costs	1,149	70
	Travel costs	76	-
	Legal and professional fees	17,435	2,430
	Accountancy fees	3,213	3,026
	Audit fees	1,419	1,294
	Bank charges	(127)	182
	Bad and doubtful debts	2,849	-
	Entertaining	529	484
	Sundry expenses	269	336
	Depreciation	968	-
		<u>46,738</u>	<u>24,715</u>

6	Investment Property	Investment Property £
	Fair value	
	As at 1 August 2020 and at 31 July 2021	<u>3,280,000</u>

Asset revaluations

The properties were revalued on 10 October 2019 by Brasier Freeth, an independent firm of Chartered Surveyors, on an open market value for existing use basis. In the opinion of the directors there has been no material change in valuation in the year.

These properties would have been included on an historical cost basis at £894,165 (2020: £894,165)

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7	Tangible Fixed Assets	Plant and Machinery £	Total £
	Cost		
	At 1 August 2020	-	-
	Additions in the year	3,771	3,771
	Disposal in the year	-	-
	At 31 July 2021	<u>3,771</u>	<u>3,771</u>
	Depreciation		
	At 1 August 2020	-	-
	Charge for the year	968	968
	Eliminated on disposals	-	-
	At 31 July 2021	<u>968</u>	<u>968</u>
	Net book value		
	At 31 July 2021	<u>2,803</u>	<u>2,803</u>
	At 31 July 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
8	Financial Instruments	2021 £	2020 £
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Measured at amortised cost	<u>85,378</u>	<u>75,809</u>
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised cost	<u>56,847</u>	<u>51,831</u>
9	Debtors	2021 £	2020 £
	Other debtors	85,377	75,809
	Prepayments and accrued income	10,488	5,950
		<u>95,865</u>	<u>81,759</u>
10	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2021 £	2020 £
	Trade creditors	85	5,256
	Other creditors	29,750	16,071
	Accruals and deferred income	31,544	34,754
		<u>61,379</u>	<u>56,081</u>

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11 Corporation Tax

The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within part 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Unrestricted Funds

	Profit and Loss account £	Total £
Balance at 1 August 2020	1,281,057	1,281,057
Deficit for the financial year	(156,603)	(156,603)
Surplus as at 31 July 2021	<u>1,124,454</u>	<u>1,124,454</u>

13 Summary of Funds

	Balance at 1 August 2020 £	Movement in the year £	Balance at 31 July 2021 £
Unrestricted Income Funds	1,281,057	(156,603)	1,124,454
Revaluation Reserve	2,385,835	-	2,385,835
	<u>3,666,892</u>	<u>(156,603)</u>	<u>3,510,289</u>

14 Called up share capital

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Under the provisions of the company's memorandum of association, each member would be required to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 for the payment of debts of the company in the event of a deficiency of assets on a winding up of the company.

15 Operating lease commitments

Lessor

The company owns four investment properties held for rental purposes. Rental income earned during the year was £222,814 (2020: £218,413) and service charge income arose on the properties amounting to £537 (2020: £7,929). Three properties have tenants that are committed for the next 5 years. All operating lease contracts contain market review clauses in the event that the lessee exercises an existing option to renew. The lessees hold no option to purchase the property at the expiry of the lease period.

At the reporting end date the company had contracted with tenants for the following minimum lease payments:

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	201,000	175,500
Between two and five years	585,296	408,667
In over five years	674,601	618,750
	<u>1,460,897</u>	<u>1,202,917</u>

16 Control

The charity has been controlled throughout the year by the trustees, whom are identified in the company information.

17 Related Party Transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions.