

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

England & Wales · Charity number 290349

Details

Other names	THE FRIENDS OF THE ST MARYLEBONE HOUSING ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	01851320
Registered	1984-10-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ASSIST THE ST. MARYLEBONE HOUSING ASSOCIATION SO LONG AS ITS OBJECTS REMAIN CHARITABLE AND THEREAFTER TO ASSIST ANY OTHER CHARITY OR CHARITIES IN SUCH MANNER AND TO SUCH EXTENT AS THE COUNCIL SHALL DETERMINE.

Activities: Providing help to the tenants of Octavia Housing and Care

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Essex
- Hampshire
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£67,008	£56,674	-	-
2024-03-31	£65,782	£50,674	-	-
2023-03-31	£67,378	£61,635	-	-
2022-03-31	£53,082	£49,921	-	-
2021-03-31	£63,245	£41,749	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BRIDGET MARY CLARKE	Chair	
CAROLINE ROSEMARY BAILEY		
GLEN BOR		2012-12-13
MARTIN COURTENAY CLARKE		
VIVIENNE SIMPSON		

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01851320 (England and Wales)
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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
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**Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

TRUSTEES	Mrs C R Bailey Mrs G M Bor M C Clarke Treasurer Ms B Clarke Chair D J Dunbar (resigned 1.4.25) Mrs V Simpson
COMPANY SECRETARY	M C Clarke
REGISTERED OFFICE	7 Middle Field St. John's Wood Park London NW8 6ND
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	01851320 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	290349
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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the charity ("the objects") are:

1) to assist the Octavia Foundation so long as its objects remain charitable and thereafter to assist any other charity or charities in such manner and to such extent as the Council shall determine, including:

- a. improving the conditions of living of the beneficiaries who are poor, aged or disabled persons in the City of Westminster and elsewhere;
- b. providing the beneficiaries with food, fuel, furniture and other items, amenities or other services of whatsoever nature to improve the beneficiaries' conditions of life;
- c. organising holidays, outings and excursions; and
- d. obtaining, collecting and receiving money and funds by way of contribution, donations, legacies and grants;

2) to cooperate with any charitable, national or international bodies whose objects are similar to the objects of the Company.

Aims

The charity aims to have a demonstrable impact on charitable causes falling within its objects which are particularly in need of funds, but which may have difficulty, for whatever reason, garnering popular support or the support of other trusts or institutional funders.

Objectives

The Charity's key objectives for the year were to continue to maximise income and to continue to support the Octavia Foundation.

Significant activities

The charity was able to maximise its available resources during the year whilst delivering effective and meaningful grants. The Trustees were satisfied with the Charity's performance.

Investment performance

The charity's investment portfolio is managed by Brewin Dolphin. The portfolio value increased by £48,385 net of fees. The performance, net of fees, was 6.6% which the Trustees regard as satisfactory. The yield was 3.2%.

Review of activities

The Trustees are aware of their responsibility to balance the needs of both current and future beneficiaries. The Trustees are pleased with the outcome of the activities undertaken throughout the year.

Public benefit

The Council confirms that it has complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

The Charity's public benefit is enshrined in its charitable objects as outlined above.

The Council has the right not to disclose why a particular application may have been approved or rejected, so as not to impugn its discretion, but it will not discriminate on the grounds of any characteristic protected by the Equality Act or any other relevant legislation.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Grantmaking

The Charity uses the services of Octavia Foundation and Octavia Housing and Care to identify tenants who are in need of essential items of furnishings and white goods or who would benefit from grants to assist in their education and training.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Unrestricted fund stood at £1,747,856 at year-end (2024: £1,678,451).

The key sources of income were derived from investments of £54,106 (2024: £55,837) and rental income of £11,392 (2024: £11,392).

The Friends gave grants of £41,500 (2024: £38,494) in the year, of which £788 (2024: £Nil) was for educational and training purposes for tenants of Octavia Housing, and £40,712 (2024: £38,494) was for welfare and community purposes. Support costs totalled £4,398 (2024: £4,558).

Gains on investments amounted to £59,071 (2024: £71,661), which resulted in an overall surplus for the year of £69,405 (2024: £86,458).

Investment policy and objectives

The Council's investment policy is to retain a degree of safety in the investment strategy while looking for a higher rate of investment return rather than being income dependent. No additional social or ethical considerations are taken into account as part of the investment policy, as the governing document of the charity does not mandate consideration of such matters.

The fund is managed on a discretionary basis on a medium risk profile. It has a balanced mandate meaning the fund is managed for a combination of income and capital growth.

Reserves policy

The Council does not feel that it is exposed to operational risks of the sort that would require or be ameliorated by emergency expenditure. The Company maintains a level of reserves sufficient to enable its activities to be continued on a similar basis to that of previous years.

FUTURE PLANS

The strategy is to find opportunities to make grants to tenants of Octavia Housing for welfare and educational purposes.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Company is limited by guarantee; each member has undertaken to contribute, if necessary, up to a maximum of £1 on winding up. The Company was incorporated on 27 September 1984. The Company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission, for which purpose the registration number is 290349. The charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Company is run by means of Trustees' meetings (Council) which take place at regular intervals during the year.

The number of Council members shall be not less than 4. The Council considers that at its present level of activity the Charity has an appropriate number of Council members with the requisite skills. The Council may from time to time and at any time appoint any member of the company to the Council.

Recruitment of Trustees is carried out through advertisement and via recommendation in order to recruit the required skills for administering the charity. From this, candidates are long-listed and interviewed prior to election by the Board of Trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are informed of their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, the content of the foundation, the committee and decision-making processes, and recent financial performance of the Charity.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Council regularly review the Risk Register, which details the present status of those operational risks which might diminish the charity's effectiveness, and the measures in place to mitigate them.

The potential for grant fraud is acknowledged as being a risk to which the charity, and charities like it, may be subject, and it is felt that the extensive due diligence carried out on grant applications by Octavia Foundation staff mitigate against it as strongly as the charity's resources will allow. A proportion of beneficiaries receive a visit from Octavia Housing's Housing Officers at some point in the grant cycle. Personal contact is established with each beneficiary.

The other major risk to which the charity is exposed is the value of, and yield from, its investments. Investments are monitored closely, with regular scrutiny of the investment manager's performance.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Friends of Octavia for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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 to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable 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 charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

.....*Brenda M. Clarke*.....

Ms B Clarke - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Friends of Octavia**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Friends of Octavia ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



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30 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

		2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Investment income	3	<u>67,008</u>	<u>68,042</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	10,776	10,193
Charitable activities	5		
Education and training grants		788	-
Octavia tenants grants		40,712	38,494
Other		<u>4,398</u>	<u>4,558</u>
Total		<u>56,674</u>	<u>53,245</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>59,071</u>	<u>71,661</u>
NET INCOME		69,405	86,458
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,678,451</u>	<u>1,591,993</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>1,747,856</u>	<u>1,678,451</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments			
Investments	9	1,573,162	1,519,465
Investment property	10	<u>77,593</u>	<u>77,593</u>
		1,650,755	1,597,058
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	729	2,260
Investments	12	42,134	45,917
Cash at bank		<u>78,649</u>	<u>49,972</u>
		121,512	98,149
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(24,411)	(16,756)
		<u>97,101</u>	<u>81,393</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		1,747,856	1,678,451
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>1,747,856</u>	<u>1,678,451</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>1,747,856</u>	<u>1,678,451</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	14	<u>1,747,856</u>	<u>1,678,451</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>1,747,856</u>	<u>1,678,451</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.


The notes form part of these financial statements


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Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2025

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
B Clarke - Trustee


.....
M C Clarke - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Friends of Octavia is a Company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity Registered Number 290349) and Registrar of Companies (Company Registration Number 1851320) in England and Wales. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity. The address of the registered office is 7 Middle Field, St Johns Wood Park, London, NW8 6ND. The Friends of Octavia provides support to the Octavia Foundation.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Directors believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements.

The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Company, can be reliably measured.

For donations to be recognised the Charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the Charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from renting out properties to raise funds for the Charity.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares. It includes dividends and interest which are recognised when the Charity's right to receive payment is established. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the Charity's right to receive payment is established.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost 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.

Charitable activities consist of grants to tenants of Octavia Housing for welfare and educational purposes, and other charitable donations.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. When unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

Financial instruments

The Charity does not have a material holding in complex financial instruments and only holds basic Financial Instruments. The financial asset and financial liabilities of the Charity are as follows:

Debtors - trade and other debtors (including accrued income) are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost.

Cash at bank - is classified as a basic financial instrument and measured at face value.

Liabilities - accruals and other creditors will be classified as financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rents received - Adventure playground	11,392	11,392
Dividends receivable	54,106	55,837
Deposit account interest	<u>1,510</u>	<u>813</u>
	<u>67,008</u>	<u>68,042</u>

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4. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Portfolio management	<u>10,776</u>	<u>10,193</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities £
Education and training grants	788
Octavia tenants grants	<u>40,712</u>
	<u>41,500</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Other resources expended	<u>4,398</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	Other resources expended £	Total activities £
Professional fees	13	18
Independent Examination	2,880	3,004
Trustees' indemnity insurance	1,445	1,476
Bank charges	<u>60</u>	<u>60</u>
	<u>4,398</u>	<u>4,558</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Investment income	<u>68,042</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	10,193
Charitable activities	
Octavia tenants grants	38,494
Other	<u>4,558</u>
Total	<u>53,245</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>71,661</u>
NET INCOME	86,458
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	1,591,993
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>1,678,451</u>

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2024	1,519,465
Additions	668,957
Disposals	(674,331)
Unrealised gains/(losses)	66,317
Realised gains/(losses)	<u>(7,246)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,573,162</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,573,162</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,519,465</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

If fixed asset investments had not been included at valuation they would have been included under the historical cost convention at £1,429,412 (2024: £1,458,952).

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10. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
FAIR VALUE	
At 1 April 2024	
and 31 March 2025	<u>77,593</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	<u>77,593</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>77,593</u>

The figure of £77,593 represents the cost of acquiring one half share in land on the southeast side of St. Johns Wood Terrace, which forms the site of the Adventure Playground, together with associated legal costs. The Funds required to acquire the remaining one half share of the site have been put up by the St. John's Wood Terrace Adventure Playground Association. Under the arrangements agreed between the two parties the charity now holds the whole legal interest in the land and has entered into a Declaration of Trust with the Trustees of St. Johns Wood Terrace Adventure Playground Association under which one half share is held on their behalf. The directors consider that the cost value of this land is a reasonable reflection of its existing use value while the above arrangements remain in being.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>729</u>	<u>2,260</u>

12. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Dealing account	<u>42,134</u>	<u>45,917</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	622	626
Grant commitments	18,070	10,559
Accrued expenses	<u>5,719</u>	<u>5,571</u>
	<u>24,411</u>	<u>16,756</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,678,451	69,405	1,747,856
	<u>1,678,451</u>	<u>69,405</u>	<u>1,747,856</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	67,008	(56,674)	59,071	69,405
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>67,008</u>	<u>(56,674)</u>	<u>59,071</u>	<u>69,405</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,591,993	86,458	1,678,451
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,591,993</u>	<u>86,458</u>	<u>1,678,451</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	68,042	(53,245)	71,661	86,458
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,042</u>	<u>(53,245)</u>	<u>71,661</u>	<u>86,458</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

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Objectives and aims

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- c. organising holidays, outings and excursions; and
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Aims

The charity aims to have a demonstrable impact on charitable causes falling within its objects which are particularly in need of funds, but which may have difficulty, for whatever reason, garnering popular support or the support of other trusts or institutional funders.

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The Charity's key objectives for the year were to continue to maximise income and to continue to support the Octavia Foundation.

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The charity was able to maximise its available resources during the year whilst delivering effective and meaningful grants. The Trustees were satisfied with the Charity's performance.

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The charity's investment portfolio is managed by Brewin Dolphin. The portfolio value increased by £71,661 net of fees. Markets were difficult for income focused portfolios. The yield was 3.5%.

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The Trustees are aware of their responsibility to balance the needs of both current and future beneficiaries. The Trustees are pleased with the outcome of the activities undertaken throughout the year.

Public benefit

The Council confirms that it has complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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Grantmaking

The Charity uses the services of Octavia Foundation and Octavia Housing and Care to identify tenants who are in need of essential items of furnishings and white goods or who would benefit from grants to assist in their education and training.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Unrestricted fund stood at £1,678,451 at year-end (2023: £1,591,993).

The key sources of income were derived from investments of £55,837 (2023: £55,816) and rental income of £11,392 (2023: £11,392).

The Friends gave grants of £38,494 (2023: £46,929) in the year, of which £Nil (2023: £300) was for educational and training purposes for tenants of Octavia Housing, and £38,494 (2023: £46,629) was for welfare and community purposes. Support costs totalled £4,558 (2023: £4,438).

Gains on investments amounted to £71,661 (2023: losses of £129,048), which resulted in an overall surplus for the year of £86,458 (2023: Deficit of £123,305).

Investment policy and objectives

The Council's investment policy is to retain a degree of safety in the investment strategy while looking for a higher rate of investment return rather than being income dependent. No additional social or ethical considerations are taken into account as part of the investment policy, as the governing document of the charity does not mandate consideration of such matters.

The fund is managed on a discretionary basis on a medium risk profile. It has a balanced mandate meaning the fund is managed for a combination of income and capital growth.

Reserves policy

The Council does not feel that it is exposed to operational risks of the sort that would require or be ameliorated by emergency expenditure. The Company maintains a level of reserves sufficient to enable its activities to be continued on a similar basis to that of previous years.

FUTURE PLANS

The strategy is to find opportunities to make grants to tenants of Octavia Housing for welfare and educational purposes.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Company is limited by guarantee; each member has undertaken to contribute, if necessary, up to a maximum of £1 on winding up. The Company was incorporated on 27 September 1984. The Company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission, for which purpose the registration number is 290349. The charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Company is run by means of Trustees' meetings (Council) which take place at regular intervals during the year.

The number of Council members shall be not less than 4. The Council considers that at its present level of activity the Charity has an appropriate number of Council members with the requisite skills. The Council may from time to time and at any time appoint any member of the company to the Council.

Recruitment of Trustees is carried out through advertisement and via recommendation in order to recruit the required skills for administering the charity. From this, candidates are long-listed and interviewed prior to election by the Board of Trustees.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are informed of their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, the content of the foundation, the committee and decision-making processes, and recent financial performance of the Charity.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Council regularly review the Risk Register, which details the present status of those operational risks which might diminish the charity's effectiveness, and the measures in place to mitigate them.

The potential for grant fraud is acknowledged as being a risk to which the charity, and charities like it, may be subject, and it is felt that the extensive due diligence carried out on grant applications by Octavia Foundation staff mitigate against it as strongly as the charity's resources will allow. A proportion of beneficiaries receive a visit from Octavia Housing's Housing Officers at some point in the grant cycle. Personal contact is established with each beneficiary.

The other major risk to which the charity is exposed is the value of, and yield from, its investments. Investments are monitored closely, with regular scrutiny of the investment manager's performance.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Friends of Octavia for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable 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 charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms B Clarke - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Friends of Octavia ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

James Holland-Leader FCA

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26 December 2024

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

		2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
		£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Investment income	3	<u>68,042</u>	<u>67,378</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	10,193	10,268
Charitable activities	5		
Education and training grants		-	300
Octavia tenants grants		38,494	46,629
Other		<u>4,558</u>	<u>4,438</u>
Total		<u>53,245</u>	<u>61,635</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>71,661</u>	<u>(129,048)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		86,458	(123,305)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,591,993</u>	<u>1,715,298</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>1,678,451</u>	<u>1,591,993</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments			
Investments	9	1,519,465	1,453,643
Investment property	10	<u>77,593</u>	<u>77,593</u>
		1,597,058	1,531,236
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	2,260	7,806
Investments	12	45,917	47,864
Cash at bank		<u>49,972</u>	<u>31,188</u>
		98,149	86,858
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(16,756)	(26,101)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>81,393</u>	<u>60,757</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>1,678,451</u>	<u>1,591,993</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>1,678,451</u>	<u>1,591,993</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	14	<u>1,678,451</u>	<u>1,591,993</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>1,678,451</u>	<u>1,591,993</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

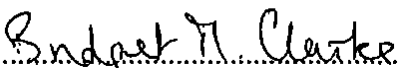
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THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


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B Clarke - Trustee


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M C Clarke - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Friends of Octavia is a Company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity Registered Number 290349) and Registrar of Companies (Company Registration Number 1851320) in England and Wales. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity. The address of the registered office is 7 Middle Field, St Johns Wood Park, London, NW8 6ND. The Friends of Octavia provides support to the Octavia Foundation.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Directors believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements.

The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Company, can be reliably measured.

For donations to be recognised the Charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the Charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from renting out properties to raise funds for the Charity.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares. It includes dividends and interest which are recognised when the Charity's right to receive payment is established. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the Charity's right to receive payment is

established.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost 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.

Charitable activities consist of grants to tenants of Octavia Housing for welfare and educational purposes, and other charitable donations.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. When unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

Financial instruments

The Charity does not have a material holding in complex financial instruments and only holds basic Financial Instruments. The financial asset and financial liabilities of the Charity are as follows:

Debtors - trade and other debtors (including accrued income) are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost.

Cash at bank - is classified as a basic financial instrument and measured at face value.

Liabilities - accruals and other creditors will be classified as financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rents received - Adventure playground	11,392	11,392
Dividends receivable	55,837	55,816
Deposit account interest	813	170
	<u>68,042</u>	<u>67,378</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Portfolio management	<u>10,193</u>	<u>10,268</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

		Grant funding of activities £
Octavia tenants grants		<u>38,494</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

		Governance costs £
Other resources expended		<u>4,558</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	Other resources expended £	Total activities £
Sundries	-	84
Professional fees	18	13
Independent Examination	3,004	2,935
Trustees' indemnity insurance	1,476	1,334
Bank charges	60	72
	<u>4,558</u>	<u>4,438</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
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EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	10,268
Charitable activities	
Education and training grants	300
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(123,305)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	1,715,298
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>1,591,993</u></u>

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2023	1,453,643
Additions	455,570
Disposals	(461,409)
Unrealised gains/(losses)	79,065
Realised gains/(losses)	<u>(7,404)</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,519,465</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,519,465</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,453,643</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

If fixed asset investments had not been included at valuation they would have been included under the historical cost convention at £1,458,952 (2023: £1,431,659).

10. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
FAIR VALUE	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>77,593</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	<u>77,593</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>77,593</u>

The figure of £77,593 represents the cost of acquiring one half share in land on the southeast side of St.Johns Wood Terrace, which forms the site of the Adventure Playground, together with associated legal costs. The Funds required to acquire the remaining one half share of the site have been put up by the St.John's Wood Terrace Adventure Playground Association. Under the arrangements agreed between the two parties the charity now holds the whole legal interest in the land and has entered into a Declaration of Trust with the Trustees of St. Johns Wood Terrace Adventure Playground Association under which one half share is held on their behalf. The directors consider that the cost value of this land is a reasonable reflection of its existing use value while the above arrangements remain in being.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2024	2023
		£	£
Prepayments and accrued income		<u>2,260</u>	<u>7,806</u>
12. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		2024	2023
		£	£
Dealing account		<u>45,917</u>	<u>47,864</u>
13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2024	2023
		£	£
Other creditors		626	610
Grant commitments		10,559	20,169
Accrued expenses		<u>5,571</u>	<u>5,322</u>
		<u>16,756</u>	<u>26,101</u>
14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	At 1.4.23	Net movement	At
	£	in funds	31.3.24
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,591,993	86,458	1,678,451
	<u>1,591,993</u>	<u>86,458</u>	<u>1,678,451</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,591,993</u>	<u>86,458</u>	<u>1,678,451</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	68,042	(53,245)	71,661	86,458
	<u>68,042</u>	<u>(53,245)</u>	<u>71,661</u>	<u>86,458</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,042</u>	<u>(53,245)</u>	<u>71,661</u>	<u>86,458</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,715,298	(123,305)	1,591,993
	<u>1,715,298</u>	<u>(123,305)</u>	<u>1,591,993</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,715,298</u>	<u>(123,305)</u>	<u>1,591,993</u>

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	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	67,378	(61,635)	(129,048)	(123,305)
	<u>67,378</u>	<u>(61,635)</u>	<u>(129,048)</u>	<u>(123,305)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>67,378</u>	<u>(61,635)</u>	<u>(129,048)</u>	<u>(123,305)</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

England & Wales - Charity number 290349

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01851320 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 290349

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

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**Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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COMPANY SECRETARY	M C Clarke
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

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The Friends gave grants of £46,929 (2022: £35,130) in the year, of which £300 (2022: £1,775) was for educational and training purposes for tenants of Octavia Housing, and £46,629 (2022: £33,355) was for welfare and community purposes. Support costs totalled £4,438 (2022: £4,249).

Losses on investments amounted to £129,048 (2022: gains of £25,580), which resulted in an overall deficit for the year of £123,305 (2022: Surplus of £28,741).

Investment policy and objectives

The Council's investment policy is to retain a degree of safety in the investment strategy while looking for a higher rate of investment return rather than being income dependent. No additional social or ethical considerations are taken into account as part of the investment policy, as the governing document of the charity does not mandate consideration of such matters.

The fund is managed on a discretionary basis on a medium risk profile. It has a balance mandate meaning the fund is managed for a combination of income and capital growth.

Reserves policy

The Council does not feel that it is exposed to operational risks of the sort that would require or be ameliorated by emergency expenditure. The Company maintains a level of reserves sufficient to enable its activities to be continued on a similar basis to that of previous years.

FUTURE PLANS

The strategy is to find opportunities to make grants to tenants of Octavia Housing for welfare and educational purposes.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Company is limited by guarantee; each member has undertaken to contribute, if necessary, up to a maximum of £1 on winding up. The Company was incorporated on 27 September 1984. The Company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission, for which purpose the registration number is 290349. The charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Company is run by means of Trustees' meetings (Council) which take place at regular intervals during the year.

The number of Council members shall be not less than 4. The Council considers that at its present level of activity the Charity has an appropriate number of Council members with the requisite skills. The Council may from time to time and at any time appoint any member of the company to the Council.

Recruitment of Trustees is carried out through advertisement and via recommendation in order to recruit the required skills for administering the charity. From this, candidates are long-listed and interviewed prior to election by the Board of Trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees are informed of their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, the content of the foundation, the committee and decision-making processes, and recent financial performance of the Charity.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Council regularly review the Risk Register, which details the present status of those operational risks which might diminish the charity's effectiveness, and the measures in place to mitigate them.

The potential for grant fraud is acknowledged as being a risk to which the charity, and charities like it, may be subject, and it is felt that the extensive due diligence carried out on grant applications by Octavia Foundation staff militate against it as strongly as the charity's resources will allow. A proportion of beneficiaries receive a visit from Octavia Housing's Housing Officers at some point in the grant cycle. Personal contact is established with each beneficiary.

The other major risk to which the charity is exposed is the value of, and yield from, its investments. Investments are monitored closely, with regular scrutiny of the investment manager's performance.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Friends of Octavia for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable 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 charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Ms B Clarke - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Friends of Octavia

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Friends of Octavia ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might carry out an Independent Examination of the financial statements in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners 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 Charity's Trustees, as a body, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

James Holland-Leader FCA

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Chartered Accountants
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Surrey
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Date: 21 December 2023

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

		2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Investment income	3	<u>67,378</u>	<u>53,082</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	10,268	10,542
Charitable activities	5		
Education and training grants		300	1,775
Octavia tenants grants		46,629	33,355
Other		<u>4,438</u>	<u>4,249</u>
Total		<u>61,635</u>	<u>49,921</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(129,048)</u>	<u>25,580</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(123,305)	28,741
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,715,298</u>	<u>1,686,557</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>1,591,993</u>	<u>1,715,298</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments			
Investments	9	1,453,643	1,465,414
Investment property	10	<u>77,593</u>	<u>77,593</u>
		1,531,236	1,543,007
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	7,806	-
Investments	12	47,864	47,838
Cash at bank		<u>31,188</u>	<u>139,946</u>
		86,858	187,784
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(26,101)</u>	<u>(15,493)</u>
		60,757	172,291
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>60,757</u>	<u>172,291</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>1,591,993</u>	<u>1,715,298</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>1,591,993</u>	<u>1,715,298</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	14	<u>1,591,993</u>	<u>1,715,298</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>1,591,993</u>	<u>1,715,298</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

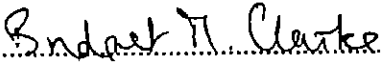
The notes form part of these financial statements


THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2023

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 December 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Ms B Clarke - Trustee


.....
M C Clarke - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Friends of Octavia is a Company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity Registered Number 290349) and Registrar of Companies (Company Registration Number 1851320) in England and Wales. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity. The address of the registered office is 7 Middle Field, St Johns Wood Park, London, NW8 6ND. The Friends of Octavia provides support to the Octavia Foundation.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Directors believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements.

The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate.

Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Company, can be reliably measured.

For donations to be recognised the Charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the Charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from renting out properties to raise funds for the Charity.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares. It includes dividends and interest which are recognised when the Charity's right to receive payment is established. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Income

scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the Charity's right to receive payment is established.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost 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.

Charitable activities consist of grants to tenants of Octavia Housing for welfare and educational purposes, and other charitable donations.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. When unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

Financial Instruments

The Charity does not have a material holding in complex financial instruments and only holds basic Financial Instruments. The financial asset and financial liabilities of the Charity are as follows:

Debtors - trade and other debtors (including accrued income) are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost.

Cash at bank - is classified as a basic financial instrument and measured at face value.

Liabilities - accruals and other creditors will be classified as financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost.

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rents received - Adventure playground	11,392	10,999
Dividends receivable	55,816	42,059
Deposit account interest	170	24
	<u>67,378</u>	<u>53,082</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Portfolio management	<u>10,268</u>	<u>10,542</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Education and training grants		300
Octavia tenants grants		<u>46,629</u>
		<u>46,929</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other resources expended		<u>4,438</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	Other resources expended	Total activities
	£	£
Sundries	84	-
Professional fees	13	13
Independent Examination	2,935	2,875
Trustees' Indemnity insurance	1,334	1,265
Bank charges	72	96
	<u>4,438</u>	<u>4,249</u>

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Investment income	<u>53,082</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	10,542
Charitable activities	
Education and training grants	1,775
Octavia tenants grants	33,355
Other	<u>4,249</u>
Total	<u>49,921</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>25,580</u>
NET INCOME	28,741
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	1,686,557
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>1,715,298</u>

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2022	1,465,414
Additions	839,365
Disposals	(722,088)
Unrealised gains/(losses)	<u>(129,048)</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,453,643</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,453,643</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,465,414</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

If fixed asset investments had not been included at valuation they would have been included under the historical cost convention at £1,429,893 (2022: £1,316,173).

10. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
FAIR VALUE	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>77,593</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	<u>77,593</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>77,593</u>

The figure of £77,593 represents the cost of acquiring one half share in land on the southeast side of St. Johns Wood Terrace, which forms the site of the Adventure Playground, together with associated legal costs. The Funds required to acquire the remaining one half share of the site have been put up by the St. John's Wood Terrace Adventure Playground Association. Under the arrangements agreed between the two parties the charity now holds the whole legal interest in the land and has entered into a Declaration of Trust with the Trustees of St. Johns Wood Terrace Adventure Playground Association under which one half share is held on their behalf. The directors consider that the cost value of this land is a reasonable reflection of its existing use value while the above arrangements remain in being.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2023	2022
		£	£
Prepayments and accrued income		<u>7,806</u>	<u>-</u>
12. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		2023	2022
		£	£
Dealing account		<u>47,864</u>	<u>47,838</u>
13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2023	2022
		£	£
Other creditors		610	670
Grant commitments		20,169	11,948
Accrued expenses		<u>5,322</u>	<u>2,875</u>
		<u>26,101</u>	<u>15,493</u>
14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	At 1.4.22	Net movement	At
	£	in funds	31.3.23
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,715,298	(123,305)	1,591,993
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,715,298</u>	<u>(123,305)</u>	<u>1,591,993</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	67,378	(61,635)	(129,048)	(123,305)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>67,378</u>	<u>(61,635)</u>	<u>(129,048)</u>	<u>(123,305)</u>

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,686,557	28,741	1,715,298
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,686,557</u>	<u>28,741</u>	<u>1,715,298</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	53,082	(49,921)	25,580	28,741
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>53,082</u>	<u>(49,921)</u>	<u>25,580</u>	<u>28,741</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

England & Wales - Charity number 290349

Accounts

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA
(A company limited by guarantee)

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Trustees Miss Bridget Clarke, Chair
Mr Martin Courtenay Clarke, Honorary Treasurer
Mrs Caroline Rosemary Bailey
Mrs Vivienne Simpson
Mr David James Dunbar
Mrs Glen Bor

Company registered number 01851320

Charity registered number 290349

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THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA
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CHAIR'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The chairman presents her statement for the year.

The Friends gave grants of £35,130 (2021: £28,054) in the year ended 31 March 2022, of which £27,897 (2021: £23,186) was on amenities, £1,775 (2021: £1,716) on education grants for tenants of Octavia Housing, and £5,458 (2021: £3,152) on community grants. Governance expense was £4,249 (2021: £3,813) and investment management fees costs £10,542 (2021: £9,882). Total expenditure was £49,921 (2021: £41,749).

Income to meet this expenditure was £53,082 (2021: £63,245) of which investment income and donations was £42,083 (2021: £37,875), rental income from the Adventure Playground in St Johns Wood of £10,999 (2021: £9,820), and legacies of £Nil (2021: £15,550).

Our total net assets were £1,715,298 (2021: £1,686,557).

We would like to thank Octavia Foundation and the members of their staff for their help and co-operation in administering the grants we give to their tenants. At their invitation David Dunbar now attends the Octavia Foundation meetings. The Annual General Meeting will take place on 20 January 2023 at 2.15pm at 7 Middle Field, St John's Wood, London NW8 6ND.

Bridget Clarke

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget M. Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive style. To the right of the signature, there is a dark, rectangular redaction mark.

Chair

Date: 20 December 2022

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The Friends of Octavia is classed as a small charitable company as it meets all three of the following criteria:

- Gross income not exceeding £10.2m
- Total assets not exceeding £5.6m
- Employs no more than 50 staff

The Trustees have chosen to adopt the provisions of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) – 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 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Company is limited by guarantee; each member has undertaken to contribute, if necessary, up to a maximum of £1 on winding up. The Company was incorporated on 27 September 1984. The Company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission, for which purpose the registration number is 290349. The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The Company is run by means of Trustees' meetings (Council) which take place at regular intervals during the year.

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

Miss Bridget Clarke	(Chair)
Mr Martin Courtenay Clarke	(Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs Caroline Rosemary Bailey	
Mrs Vivienne Simpson	
Mr David James Dunbar	
Mrs Glen Bor	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

● **Charitable Objects**

The objects of the charity ("the objects") are:

- 1) to assist the Octavia Foundation so long as its objects remain charitable and thereafter to assist any other charity or charities in such manner and to such extent as the Council shall determine, including:
 - a. improving the conditions of living of the beneficiaries who are poor, aged or disabled persons in the City of Westminster and elsewhere;
 - b. providing the beneficiaries with food, fuel, furniture and other items, amenities or other services of whatsoever nature to improve the beneficiaries' conditions of life;
 - c. organising holidays outings and excursions; and
 - d. obtaining, collecting and receiving money and funds by way of contribution, donations, legacies and grants;
- 2) to cooperate with any charitable, national or international bodies whose objects are similar to the objects of the Company

● **Aims**

The charity aims to have a demonstrable impact on charitable causes falling within its objects which are particularly in need of funds, but which may have difficulty, for whatever reason, garnering popular support or the support of other trusts or institutional funders.

● **Objectives**

The Charity's key objectives for the year were to continue to maximise income and to continue to support the Octavia Foundation.

● **Activities**

The Charity continued to make welfare and educational grants to tenants of Octavia Housing.

● **Public benefit**

The Council confirms that it has complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

The Charity's public benefit is enshrined in its charitable objects as outlined above.

The Council has the right not to disclose why a particular application may have been approved or rejected, so as not to impugn its discretion, but it will not discriminate on the grounds of any characteristic protected by the Equality Act or any other relevant legislation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

● **Performance against strategy**

The charity was able to maximise its available resources during the year whilst delivering effective and meaningful grants. The Trustees were satisfied with the Charity's performance.

● **Investment performance**

The charity's investment portfolio is managed by Brewin Dolphin. The portfolio value increased by 3.8% net of fees.

● **Review of activities**

The Trustees are aware of their responsibility to balance the needs of both current and future beneficiaries. The Trustees are pleased with the outcome of the activities undertaken throughout the year.

● **Grant-making policies**

The Charity uses the services of Octavia Foundation and Octavia Housing and Care to identify tenants who are in need of essential items of furnishings and white goods or who would benefit from grants to assist in their education and training.

● **Strategy**

The strategy for the year was to find opportunities to make grants to tenants of Octavia Housing for welfare and educational purposes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

● **Investment powers and policy**

The Council's investment policy is to retain a degree of safety in the investment strategy while looking for a higher rate of investment return rather than being income dependent. No additional social or ethical considerations are taken into account as part of the investment policy, as the governing document of the charity does not mandate consideration of such matters.

The fund is managed on a discretionary basis on a medium risk profile. It has a balanced mandate meaning the fund is managed for a combination of income and capital growth.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

● **Risk management**

The Council regularly review the Risk Register, which details the present status of those operational risks which might diminish the charity's effectiveness, and the measures in place to mitigate them.

The potential for grant fraud is acknowledged as being a risk to which the charity, and charities like it, may be subject, and it is felt that the extensive due diligence carried out on grant applications by Octavia Foundation staff militate against it as strongly as the charity's resources will allow. A proportion of beneficiaries receive a visit from Octavia Housing's Housing Officers at some point in the grant cycle. Personal contact is established with each beneficiary.

The other major risk to which the charity is exposed is the value of, and yield from, its investments. Investments are monitored closely, with regular scrutiny of the investment manager's performance.

● **Financial reserves policy**

The Council does not feel that it is exposed to operational risks of the sort that would require or be ameliorated by emergency expenditure. The Company maintains a level of reserves sufficient to enable its activities to be continued on a similar basis to that of previous years.

The Council

The number of Council members shall be not less than 4. The Council considers that at its present level of activity the Charity has an appropriate number of Council members with the requisite skills. The Council may from time to time and at any time appoint any member of the company to the Council.

● **A review of the financial position at the end of the reporting period**

The Unrestricted fund stood at £1,715,298 at year-end (2021: £1,686,557).

The key sources of income were derived from investments of £42,083 (2021: £37,849) and rental income of £10,999 (2021: £9,820). In the prior year two legacies were also received amounting to £15,550.

Further details of finance are in the Chair's report.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes 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 to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company 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 Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Miss Bridget Clarke
(Chair of Trustees)



.....
Mr Martin Courtenay Clarke
Treasurer

Date: 20 December 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Friends of Octavia ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: *Helen Blundell*

Dated: 20 December 2022

Helen Blundell LLB FCA FCIE DChA

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148 Edmund Street
Birmingham
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THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	-	-	15,576
Other trading activities:				
Adventure playground (rent)		10,999	10,999	9,820
Other trading activities		-	-	-
Investments	4	42,083	42,083	37,849
Total income		53,082	53,082	63,245
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds:				
Investment management fees		10,542	10,542	9,882
Charitable activities	5	39,379	39,379	31,867
Total expenditure		49,921	49,921	41,749
Net income before net gains on investments		3,161	3,161	21,496
Net gains on investments		25,580	25,580	242,140
Net movement in funds		28,741	28,741	263,636
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		1,686,557	1,686,557	1,422,921
Net movement in funds		28,741	28,741	263,636
Total funds carried forward		1,715,298	1,715,298	1,686,557

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

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

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 01851320

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	7	1,465,414	1,459,957
Investment property	6	77,593	77,593
		1,543,007	1,537,550
Current assets			
Investments	8	47,838	38,256
Cash at bank and in hand		139,946	134,937
		187,784	173,193
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(15,493)	(24,186)
Net current assets		172,291	149,007
Total net assets		1,715,298	1,686,557
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds		1,715,298	1,686,557
Total funds		1,715,298	1,686,557

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Miss Bridget Clarke
Chair



Mr Martin Courtenay Clarke
Treasurer

Date: 20 December 2022

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. General information

The Friends of Octavia is a Company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity Registered Number 290349) and Registrar of Companies (Company Registration Number 1851320) in England and Wales. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity. The address of the registered office is 7 Middle Field, St Johns Wood Park, London, NW8 6ND. The Friends of Octavia provides support to the Octavia Foundation.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Friends of Octavia meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Fund accounting

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Company, can be reliably measured.

For donations to be recognised the Charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the Charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from renting out properties to raise funds for the Charity.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares. It includes dividends and interest which are recognised when the Charity's right to receive payment is established. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the Charity's right to receive payment is established.

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

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity.

Charitable activities consist of grants to tenants of Octavia Housing for welfare and educational purposes, and other charitable donations.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. When unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'Net gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arises on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

2.6 Financial instruments

The Charity does not have a material holding in complex financial instruments and only holds basic Financial Instruments. The financial asset and financial liabilities of the Charity are as follows:

Debtors – trade and other debtors (including accrued income) are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and measured at face value.

Liabilities – accruals and other creditors will be classified as financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 9.

2.7 Taxation

The Charity is an exempt Charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it is able to take advantage of applicable Charity tax exemptions for UK corporation tax purposes.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Directors believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

3. Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	-	-	26
Legacies	-	-	15,550
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	-	-	15,576
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4. Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Deposit and other interest receivable	24	24	42
Dividends receivable	42,059	42,059	37,807
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	42,083	42,083	37,849
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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Education and training grants	1,775	-	1,775
Octavia tenants grants	33,355	-	33,355
Support costs	-	4,249	4,249
Total 2022	35,130	4,249	39,379

There are no employees and therefore no one earns in excess of £60,000.

	Grant funding of activities 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Education and training grants	1,716	-	1,716
Octavia tenants grants	26,338	-	26,338
Support costs	-	3,813	3,813
Total 2021	28,054	3,813	31,867

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Professional fees	13	13
Independent examiners remuneration	2,875	2,696
Bank charges	96	69
Trustees' indemnity insurance	1,265	1,035
	4,249	3,813

6. Investment Property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2021	77,593
At 31 March 2022	77,593

The figure of £77,593 represents the cost of acquiring one half share in land on the southeast side of St. Johns Wood Terrace, which forms the site of the Adventure Playground, together with associated legal costs. The Funds required to acquire the remaining one half share of the site have been put up by the St. John's Wood Terrace Adventure Playground Association. Under the arrangements agreed between the two parties the charity now holds the whole legal interest in the land and has entered into a Declaration of Trust with the Trustees of St. Johns Wood Terrace Adventure Playground Association under which one half share is held on their behalf. The directors consider that the cost value of this land is a reasonable reflection of its existing use value while the above arrangements remain in being.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

7. Fixed Asset Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2021	1,459,957
Additions	263,162
Disposals	(266,434)
Revaluations	8,729
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,465,414</u>

If fixed asset investments had not been included at valuation they would have been included under the historical cost convention at £1,316,173 (2021: £1,283,337).

8. Current asset investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Dealing account	<u>47,838</u>	<u>38,256</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	670	1,583
Accruals	2,875	2,876
Grant commitments	11,948	19,727
	15,493	24,186

10. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (2021 - £Nil)
During the year, no directors received any remuneration (2021 - £Nil) or reimbursement of expenses (2021 - £Nil).

THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA

England & Wales - Charity number 290349

Accounts

Registered number: 01851320
Charity number: 290349

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Trustees	Miss Bridget Clarke, Chair Mr Martin Courtenay Clarke, Honorary Treasurer Mrs Caroline Rosemary Bailey Mrs Vivienne Simpson Mrs Madeleine Ginsburg (resigned 14 July 2020) Mr David James Dunbar Mrs Glen Bor
Company registered number	01851320
Charity registered number	290349
Registered office	7 Middle Field St Johns Wood Park London NW86ND
Company secretary	Mr Martin Courtenay Clarke
Chief executive officer	Miss Bridget Clarke
Independent Examiner	MHA MacIntyre Hudson Rutland House 148 Edmund Street Birmingham B32FD
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Solicitors	Gordon Dadds 6 Agar Street London WC2N4HN

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CHAIR'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The chairman presents her statement for the year.

The Friends gave grants of £28,054 (2020: £35,249) in the year ended 31 March 2021, of which £23,186 (2020: £28,294) was on amenities, £1,716 (2020: £1,111) on education grants for tenants of Octavia Housing, and £3,152 (2020: £5,844) on community grants. Governance expense was £3,813 (2020: £3,912) and investment management fees cost £9,882 (2020: £9,424). Total expenditure was £41,749 (2020: £48,585)

Income to meet this expenditure was £63,245 (2020: £47,467) of which investment income and donations was £37,875 (2020: £34,678), rental income from the Adventure Playground in St Johns Wood of £9,820 (2020: £9,562), and legacies of £15,550 (2020: Nil)

The Friends were very touched to receive two generous legacies from Roland Richards and Hugh Sassoon.

Roland Richards (1934 – 2020) was a long term (67 years) Octavia Housing tenant. He led a reclusive life after retirement and, because he died at the time of the corona virus lockdown, it was difficult to organise his funeral, but our Treasurer managed to arrange one at the West London Crematorium. Although only he and the priest were allowed to attend, an appropriate service took place. His estate was shared between SSAFA, the forces' charity, and the Friends of Octavia, to help vulnerable tenants.

Hugh Sassoon and his wife were closely connected with the St Marylebone Housing Society (now part of Octavia Housing) for many years. He left his legacy to The Friends of Octavia to help vulnerable tenants.

Our total net assets were £1,686,557 (2020: £1,422,921).

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the charity but not so much as had been feared. Income from investments and rent held up well but the difficulties in administration of the grant approval process resulted in fewer grants being paid to beneficiaries. We expect grant payments to return to previous levels when restrictions are lifted.

We should like to thank Octavia Foundation and the members of their staff for their help and cooperation in administering the grants we give to their tenants. At their invitation David Dunbar now attends the Octavia Foundation meetings. The Annual General Meeting will take place on 28 October 2021 at 2.15 at 7 Middle Field, St John's Wood, London NW8 6ND.

Bridget Clarke

Chair

Date: 4 November 2021:

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The Friends of Octavia is classed as a small charitable company as it meets all three of the following criteria:

- Gross income not exceeding £10.2m
- Total assets not exceeding £5.6m
- Employs no more than 50 staff

The Trustees have chosen to adopt the provisions of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) – 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 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Company is limited by guarantee; each member has undertaken to contribute, if necessary, up to a maximum of £1 on winding up. The Company was incorporated on 27 September 1984. The Company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission, for which purpose the registration number is 290349. The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The Company is run by means of Trustees' meetings (Council) which take place at regular intervals during the year.

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

Miss Bridget Clarke	(Chair)
Mr Martin Courtenay Clarke	(Hon. Treasurer)
Mrs Caroline Rosemary Bailey	
Mrs Vivienne Simpson	
Mrs Madeleine Ginsburg (resigned 14 July 2020)	
Mr David James Dunbar	
Mrs Glen Bor	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

• **Charitable Objects**

The objects of the charity ("the objects") are:

- 1) to assist the Octavia Foundation so long as its objects remain charitable and thereafter to assist any other charity or charities in such manner and to such extent as the Council shall determine, including:
 - a. improving the conditions of living of the beneficiaries who are poor, aged or disabled persons in the City of Westminster and elsewhere;
 - b. providing the beneficiaries with food, fuel, furniture and other items, amenities or other services of whatsoever nature to improve the beneficiaries' conditions of life;
 - c. organising holidays outings and excursions; and
 - d. obtaining, collecting and receiving money and funds by way of contribution, donations, legacies and grants;
- 2) to cooperate with any charitable, national or international bodies whose objects are similar to the objects of the Company

• **Aims**

The charity aims to have a demonstrable impact on charitable causes falling within its objects which are particularly in need of funds, but which may have difficulty, for whatever reason, garnering popular support or the support of other trusts or institutional funders.

• **Objectives**

The Charity's key objectives for the year were to continue to maximise income and to continue to support the Octavia Foundation.

• **Activities**

The Charity continued to make welfare and educational grants to tenants of Octavia Housing.

• **Public benefit**

The Council confirms that it has complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

The Charity's public benefit is enshrined in its charitable objects as outlined above.

The Council has the right not to disclose why a particular application may have been approved or rejected, so as not to impugn its discretion, but it will not discriminate on the grounds of any characteristic protected by the Equality Act or any other relevant legislation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

● **Performance against strategy**

The charity was able to maximise its available resources during the year whilst delivering effective and meaningful grants. The Trustees were satisfied with the Charity's performance.

● **Investment performance**

The charity's investment portfolio is managed by Brewin Dolphin. The portfolio value increased by 18.8% net of fees, in line with appropriate benchmarks.

● **Review of activities**

The Trustees are aware of their responsibility to balance the needs of both current and future beneficiaries. The Trustees are pleased with the outcome of the activities undertaken throughout the year.

● **Grant-making policies**

The Charity uses the services of Octavia Foundation and Octavia Housing and Care to identify tenants who are in need of essential items of furnishings and white goods or who would benefit from grants to assist in their education and training.

● **Strategy**

The strategy for the year was to find opportunities to make grants to tenants of Octavia Housing for welfare and educational purposes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

● **Investment powers and policy**

The Council's investment policy is to retain a degree of safety in the investment strategy while looking for a higher rate of investment return than being income dependent. No additional social or ethical considerations are taken into account as part of the investment policy, as the governing document of the charity does not mandate consideration of such matters.

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**THE FRIENDS OF OCTAVIA
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

• Risk Management

The Council regularly review the Risk Register, which details the present status of those operational risks which might diminish the charity's effectiveness, and the measures in place to mitigate them.

The potential for grant fraud is acknowledged as being a risk to which the charity, and charities like it, may be subject, and it is felt that the extensive due diligence carried out on grant applications by Octavia Foundation staff militate against it as strongly as the charity's resources will allow. A proportion of beneficiaries receive a visit from Octavia Housing's Housing Officers at some point in the grant cycle. Personal contact is established with each beneficiary.

The other major risk to which the charity is exposed is the value of, and yield from, its investments. Investments are monitored closely, with regular scrutiny of the investment manager's performance.

• Financial Reserves Policy

The Council does not feel that it is exposed to operational risks of the sort that would require or be ameliorated by emergency expenditure. The Company maintains a level of reserves sufficient to enable its activities to be continued on a similar basis to that of previous years.

The Council

The number of Council members shall be not less than 4. The Council considers that at its present level of activity the Charity has an appropriate number of Council members with the requisite skills. The Council may from time to time and at any time appoint any member of the company to the Council.

• A Review of the Financial Position at the End of the Reporting Period

The Unrestricted fund stood at £1,686,557 at year-end (2020: £1,422,921).

The key sources of income were derived from investments of £37,849 (2020: £37,526) and rental income of £9,820 (2020: £9,820). This year two legacies were also received amounting to £15,550.

Further details of finance are in the Chair's report.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes 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 to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company 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 Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Miss Bridget Clarke
(Chair of Trustees)
Date: 4 November 2021

.....
Mr Martin Courtenay Clarke
Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Friends of Octavia ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 22 November 2021

Helen Blundell LLB FCA FCIE DChA

MHA MacIntyre Hudson
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148 Edmund Street
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	15,576	15,576	121
Other trading activities:				
Adventure playground (rent)		9,820	9,820	9,820
Other trading activities		-	-	-
Investments	4	37,849	37,849	37,526
		<u>63,245</u>	<u>63,245</u>	<u>47,467</u>
Total income				
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds:				
Investment management fees		9,882	9,882	9,424
Charitable activities	5	31,867	31,867	39,161
		<u>41,749</u>	<u>41,749</u>	<u>48,585</u>
Total expenditure				
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		21,496	21,496	(1,118)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		242,140	242,140	(101,829)
		<u>263,636</u>	<u>263,636</u>	<u>(102,947)</u>
Net movement in funds				
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		1,422,921	1,422,921	1,525,868
Net movement in funds		263,636	263,636	(102,947)
		<u>1,686,557</u>	<u>1,686,557</u>	<u>1,422,921</u>
Total funds carried forward				

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

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

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 01851320

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	7	1,459,957	1,228,834
Investment property	6	77,593	77,593
		<hr/> 1,537,550	<hr/> 1,306,427
Current assets			
Debtors	8	-	892
Investments	9	38,256	38,133
Cash at bank and in hand		134,937	89,216
		<hr/> 173,193	<hr/> 128,241
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(24,186)	(11,747)
		<hr/> 149,007	<hr/> 116,494
Net current assets		<hr/> 149,007	<hr/> 116,494
Total net assets		<hr/> 1,686,557	<hr/> 1,422,921
		<hr/> <hr/> 1,686,557	<hr/> <hr/> 1,422,921
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds		1,686,557	1,422,921
Total funds		<hr/> 1,686,557	<hr/> 1,422,921
		<hr/> <hr/> 1,686,557	<hr/> <hr/> 1,422,921

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Miss Bridget Clarke

Chair

Date: 4 November 2021

Mr Martin Courtenay Clarke

Treasurer

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. General information

The Friends of Octavia is a Company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity Registered Number 290349) and Registrar of Companies (Company Registration Number 1851320) in England and Wales. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity. The address of the registered office is 7 Middle Field, St Johns Wood Park, London, NW8 6ND. Friends of Octavia provides support to the Octavia Foundation.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102)- 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 Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Friends of Octavia meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Fund accounting

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2 Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Company, can be reliably measured.

For donations to be recognised the Charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the Charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from renting out properties to raise funds for the Charity.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares. It includes dividends and interest which are recognised when the Charity's right to receive payment is established. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the Charity's right to receive payment is established.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity.

Charitable activities consist of grants to tenants of Octavia Housing for welfare and educational purposes, and other charitable donations.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. When unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'Net gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arises on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

The company does not acquire or hold put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

2.6 Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors are recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Creditors are recognised when the Charity has a legal or constructive obligation resulting from a past event and the settlement is expected to result in an outflow of economic benefits.

2.7 Financial instruments

The Charity does not have a material holding in complex financial instruments and only holds basic Financial Instruments. The financial asset and financial liabilities of the Charity are as follows:

Debtors – trade and other debtors (including accrued income) are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 8.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and measured at face value.

Liabilities – accruals and other creditors will be classified as financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 10.

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2 Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Taxation

The Charity is an exempt Charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it is able to take advantage of applicable Charity tax exemptions for UK corporation tax purposes.

2.9 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Directors believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

3. Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	26	26	121
Legacies	15,550	15,550	-
	<u>15,576</u>	<u>15,576</u>	<u>121</u>

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Deposit and other interest receivable	42	42	126
Dividends receivable	37,807	37,807	37,400
	<u>37,849</u>	<u>37,849</u>	<u>37,526</u>

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Education and training grants	1,716	-	1,716
Octavia tenants grants	26,338	-	26,338
Support costs	-	3,813	3,813
Total 2021	28,054	3,813	31,867

There are no employees and therefore no one earns in excess of £60,000.

	Grant funding of activities 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Education and training grants	1,111	-	1,111
Octavia tenants grants	34,138	-	34,138
Support costs	-	3,912	3,912
Total 2020	35,249	3,912	39,161

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Professional fees	13	13
Independent examiners remuneration	2,696	2,750
Bank charges	69	60
Trustees' indemnity insurance	1,035	1,089
	<u>3,813</u>	<u>3,912</u>

6. Investment Property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2020	<u>77,593</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>77,593</u>

The figure of £77,593 represents the cost of acquiring one half share in land on the southeast side of St. Johns Wood Terrace, which forms the site of the Adventure Playground, together with associated legal costs. The Funds required to acquire the remaining one half share of the site have been put up by the St. John's Wood Terrace Adventure Playground Association. Under the arrangements agreed between the two parties the charity now holds the whole legal interest in the land and has entered into a Declaration of Trust with the Trustees of St. Johns Wood Terrace Adventure Playground Association under which one half share is held on their behalf. The directors consider that the cost value of this land is a reasonable reflection of its existing use value while the above arrangements remain in being.

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7. Fixed Asset Investments

	Listed investments £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2020	1,228,834
Additions	308,398
Disposals	(302,220)
Revaluations	224,945
At 31 March 2021	<u><u>1,459,957</u></u>

If fixed asset investments had not been included at valuation they would have been included under the historical cost convention at £1,283,337 (2020: £1,274,789).

8. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Due within one year		
Accrued dividend income	-	892
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>892</u></u>

9. Current asset investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Dealing account	38,256	38,133
	<u><u>38,256</u></u>	<u><u>38,133</u></u>

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10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	1,583	548
Accruals	2,876	2,750
Grant commitments	19,727	8,449
	<u>24,186</u>	<u>11,747</u>

11. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (2020 - £Nil)

During the year, no directors received any remuneration (2020 - £Nil) or reimbursement of expenses (2020- £Nil).