

Registered Charity number 295832 (England and Wales)



**THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF WORLD TRADERS
CHARITABLE TRUST**

**Trustees' Report and Accounts
For the year ended 30 September 2020**

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Details of the Charity, its Trustees, Officers and Advisers

Charity registration number

295832 (England and Wales)

Trustees

Master of the Worshipful Company of World Traders

-at date of signing S Algeo

Immediate Past Master – Chairman

-at date of signing P Alvey

Senior Warden

-at date of signing M M Hardy

G Batchelor (retired 21st September 2020)

Dr P Cozens

M G Hardy

S Hughes (retired 16th March 2020)

S Leonard (appointed 2nd April 2020)

Sheriff & Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli (retired 21st September 2020)

Dr E Moreton OBE

A Turner (appointed 8th October 2020)

Clerk & Secretary

G Duffy

Treasurer

P Alvey

Bankers

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Independent Examiner

G Williams DChA FCA BSc

Premier FD, Chartered Accountants

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Investment Managers

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The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2020 in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice FRS102.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure

The Trust was established by deed as a registered charity (number 295832) on 30 September 1986 as 'the Guild of World Traders Trust Fund'.

On 15 January 1993 a meeting of the Court of the Mayor and Alderman of the Corporation of London granted the petition to the then Guild of World Traders in London to be constituted a Company of London without grant of Livery with the new name of 'Company of World Traders'.

On 25 January 2000 the Company of World Traders was granted its Letters Patent and from that date the Trust was known as the 'Worshipful Company of World Traders Trust' and subsequently as the 'Worshipful Company of World Traders Charitable Trust'.

Trustees are appointed from the membership of the Worshipful Company of World Traders (the Company). Three Trustees, the Master, the Immediate Past Master and the Senior Warden are appointed Trustees by virtue of their election as officers of the Company. The Chair of the Trustees is the Immediate Past Master of the Company.

Governance and management

The Trust meets four times a year. They review proposals and approve grants to be made, involving the Education and Charity Committee of the Company in all educational matters.

The Trust's costs comprise largely accounting and bookkeeping and administration. While the Trust's costs have been kept down by utilising the volunteered services of Company members, the Trustees recognise that certain other costs need to be met to ensure a strong basis of management of the Trust, including bookkeeping costs, the cost of the examination of the financial statements and event management of the Tacitus lecture. These have been included in costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Risk policy

The Trust has assessed the risks that the charity faces. The major financial risk is the performance of the Trust's investments. This risk is controlled by means of using experienced investment managers, setting low risk parameters with the investment managers and by maintaining a high level of liquidity relative to known and unexpected cash requirements.

The risk of a reduction in the donations received is monitored carefully. The two main sources of income are the annual donations made by members of the Company and the dividends on the Trust's investments.

In light of the cyber-scam on the Trust's bank accounts in July 2019 the Trustees have amended their insurance policy to cover cyber risk.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The principal objective of the Trust is furthering education and training in connection with the advancement of world trade. This is achieved through the following goals:

- To act as the charitable arm of the Company, giving members of the Company an avenue to meet their charitable undertakings as stipulated in their commitments as Freeman and Liverymen of the Company.
- To give members of the Company the opportunity to be actively involved in the charitable engagements, not merely through the giving of donations.
- To support world trade, education and other linked causes particularly with City of London connections and focusing on state schools.

The current Trust policy is to allocate all regular donations received from Company members and the income from investments towards that year's charitable effort.

Activities

Donations were made to a number of charities in line with the above goals, particularly to educational requests, and the Trustees have been working with the Education and Charity Committee of the Company in conducting this part of the Trust's activities. The aim is to enable mostly young people, often from quite challenging backgrounds, to develop the skills they will need in future to engage with the outside world.

As charities are generally experiencing a reduction in donations due to the Coronavirus pandemic the Trust decided to help in this situation by increasing donation values over and above their incoming funds for the year. The Trust has adequate reserves to accommodate this and the net value of expenditure over income in this financial year almost equalled the excess income over expenditure total for the previous financial year.

The Tacitus Lecture Fund was established in April 1996 by way of a donation from the London School of Foreign Trade. The capital and income are used to assist funding and developing the annual Tacitus Lecture presented by the Company, given by an eminent speaker on a topic relating to world trade.

This financial year the Trustees were not able to secure any sponsorship amounts and the Company is continuing to review how to ensure the continued success and financial sustainability of the Lecture and the Trustees are supporting this.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in undertaking the above activities and concluded that all activities met the public benefit requirement.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ended 30 September 2020 total income was £85,873 (2019: £160,628) and expenditure was £130,875 (2019: £116,619).

The unrealised movement in the Charles Stanley investments was a loss of £21,950. (2019: gain £23,600).

Total unrestricted and restricted donations, including associated Gift Aid amounted to £56,889. (2019: £126,591).

Tacitus Fund investment income was £1,770 (2019: £2,159). No sponsorship was secured for the 2020 lecture (2019: £69,490) however the expenditure of £36,302 (2019: £38,454) was fully supported from reserves built up in previous years.

Charles Stanley continue to manage the Trust's investments with the aim of improving returns on investments and improving understanding of these returns, along with reducing the fees charged for managing its funds. At the same time the Trustees recognised that short term fluctuations in value are likely due to fluctuations in markets and this has been reflected in the loss on revaluation this year.

Reserves policy

The Trust aims to increase its reserves to at least match inflation and provide a solid platform for the future stability of the Trust. The Trust has grown its reserves past the original target of £500,000 and has now taken the decision not to target a specific reserve amount but rather look to balance effective charitable activity with longer term growth. The policy is therefore to allocate all regular donations received from Company members towards that year's charitable effort as outlined above. Any other large donations are determined on a case by case basis. This allows supporters to see that the direct funds that they have donated go immediately to charitable causes while still maintaining the capability to grow reserves. This policy is reviewed annually.

Investment powers

The Trust Deed contains no specific restrictions on the powers of the Trustees to invest.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Trustees are reviewing the donations made by the charity and continue to monitor the performance of the Trust's funds as indicated above.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

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

In preparing these financial statements the Trustees have:

- Selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently ;
- Observed the methods and principles in the Charities SORP ;
- Made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent ;
- Prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis ;
- Prepared the financial statements in accordance with relevant applicable accounting standards and applicable statements of recommended practice.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 as subsequently amended.

Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and reporting by charities (SORP 2015 – FRS 102 version), applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011. The charity has taken advantage of the Small Entity provisions of FRS 102. The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£).

Statement on going concern

After reviewing the charity's forecasts and projections, the Trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Full name Peter Alvey
Position Chairman & Treasurer

24th March 2021

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**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of the Worshipful
Company of World Traders Charitable Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Worshipful Company of World Traders Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 30th September 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Gavin Williams DChA FCA BSc
24th March 2021

Premier FD, Chartered Accountants
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The Worshipful Company of World Traders Charitable Trust
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 September 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 30.9.20 £	Restricted Tacitus Fund 30.9.20 £	Total Funds 30.9.20 £	Prior year Total Funds 30.9.19 £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and Legacies	2	56,689	-	56,689	126,591
Investments	2	25,820	1,770	27,590	33,677
Other income	2	1,594	-	1,594	-
Totals		84,103	1,770	85,873	160,268
Expenditure on					
Raising funds	3	640	-	640	1,352
Charitable activities					
Education – Tacitus	3	-	36,302	36,302	38,454
Education – Other	3 / 4	46,309	-	46,309	53,340
Other Charitable Activities	3 / 5	29,820	-	29,820	16,949
Investment fees	3 / 7	9,875	677	10,552	-
Other costs	3	7,252	-	7,252	6,524
Totals		93,896	36,979	130,875	116,619
Net unrealised (loss) / gain on investments	7	(17,976)	(3,974)	(21,950)	23,600
Net (expenditure) / income		(27,769)	(39,183)	(66,952)	67,249
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward 1 October 2019		1,097,240	132,674	1,229,914	1,162,665
Total funds carried forward 30 September 2020		1,069,471	93,491	1,162,962	1,229,914

The Worshipful Company of World Traders Charitable Trust
Balance Sheet
As at 30 September 2020

	Notes	Total Funds 30.9.20		Prior year Funds 30.9.19	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	7				
Investments			<u>1,084,213</u>		<u>1,129,130</u>
Current assets					
Debtors and accrued income	8	11,847		42,480	
Cash at bank		<u>70,009</u>		<u>61,396</u>	
		81,856		103,876	
Liabilities					
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	3,107		3,092	
Net current assets			78,749		100,784
Total assets less current liabilities			1,162,962		1,229,914
The funds of the Charity					
Restricted funds			93,491		132,674
Unrestricted funds			1,069,471		1,097,240
Total Charity funds			1,162,962		1,229,914

The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2020 were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 24th March 2021.


Deputy Chairman


Treasurer

The notes on the following pages 11-17 form part of these Financial Statements.

The Worshipful Company of World Traders Charitable Trust
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 30 September 2020

1 Accounting Policies

The following material accounting policies have been adopted, and have been applied consistently unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that quoted investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102);
- and with Accounting Standards;
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Income

Income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis, except that income arising on investments is credited when received and is applied to the Unrestricted Fund or to the Restricted Fund as appropriate.

Other donations are treated as Restricted Funds and dealt with in accordance with the donor's wishes.

Income from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

(c) Expenditure

Charitable Expenditure constitutes grants made by the Trustees to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust, and costs related directly to this expenditure. Grants are accounted for when they are paid.

(d) Quoted Investments

Quoted investments are included in the Balance Sheet at market value, with the annual unrealised gain or loss being credited to the Unrestricted and Restricted Funds.

(e) Taxation

As the trust is a registered charity no income or corporation tax is borne on its income (except dividend income which is taxed at source) and no capital gains tax is payable on gains made on disposal of investments. Investment income and any other income received under deduction of tax is included gross in the accounts and any tax not recovered at the accounting date is included in the balance sheet as taxation recoverable. Any VAT paid by the Trust on expenditure is included with the relevant cost.

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2 Income and endowments

Donations are primarily from individuals, including Gift Aid of £10,287 (2019: £10,372), and some corporations.

No sponsorship was secured for the Tacitus 2020 lecture despite the earnest efforts of the Tacitus committee. The Trust is committed to supporting the Lecture and has adequate reserves in place to accommodate fluctuations in annual sponsorships received.

Investment income is dividends and interest on the Charles Stanley investments, and a small amount of bank interest.

Other income is compensation the Trust received from the banks involved in the Cyber-scam suffered in July 2019. (see also Note 8(a))

3 Expenditure

	Charitable Activities	Raising funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Tacitus lecture	36,302	-	36,302	38,454
Grants for Educational charitable activities	46,309	-	46,309	53,340
Grants for other Charitable activities	29,820	-	29,820	16,949
Investment management fees (note 7)	10,552	-	10,552	-
Other costs (note 6)	7,252	640	7,892	7,876
	130,235	640	130,875	116,619

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4 Analysis of Charitable Donations – Education Other

	2020 £	2019 £
Birkbeck, University of London	4,000	4,000
Build Up	2,400	4,983
Council for at Risk Academics	3,000	3,000
Christ's Hospital School Horsham	100	100
City of London Academy	100	100
City of London Freeman's School	100	100
City of London School for Boys	100	100
City of London School for Girls	100	100
Clio's Company	3,000	3,000
Create (Arts) Ltd	5,000	-
Enabling Enterprise	-	5,000
Envision	2,500	-
George Green School –Prize	100	100
Goodenough College	4,000	-
Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust	500	500
King Edward's School Witley	100	100
Livery Schools Link	-	1,000
London Academy of Excellence	-	7,800
Mansion House Scholarship	500	500
World Traders Company – Masters' Scholarship awards	652	-
Open University Disabled Veterans	3,000	-
Sea-Change Sailing Trust	2,700	-
TexSelect	-	3,000
The Brokerage	2,500	-
Treloar Trust	2,000	1,000
Windle Trust International	-	4,000
World Maritime University	-	5,000
XLP Arts Showcase Project	5,000	5,000
Young Enterprise	4,857	4,857
Totals	46,309	53,340

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5 Analysis of Charitable Donations – Other Charitable Activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
1st Rifles	1,000	1,000
28(AC) Squadron Award	250	250
28(AC) Squadron Service Funds	1,000	1,000
ABF The Soldiers' Charity	500	500
All Hallows by the Tower	1,000	1,000
Anti-Slavery International	-	3,154
Blind in Business	3,300	-
Chiswick Sea Cadets	500	500
Devices and Connectivity for Disadvantaged Students	500	-
Distillers Charity	-	600
Dulwich Air Cadets	500	500
First Love Foundation	3,000	-
Institute of Export Award	-	500
Just Giving in memory of Liveryman John Bristow	-	50
Just Share	630	-
Lord Mayor's Appeal	1,000	1,000
Maytree Respite Centre	3,000	-
Microloan Foundation re Zimbabwe	-	1,000
Moorfields Eye Charity	-	2,000
MuchLoved-The Online Tribute Charity	100	-
In memory of Liveryman David Breeze		
Olly's Future	1,500	-
Perspective Project	1,000	-
Project Peru	1,000	-
RAF Benevolent Fund	955	-
RAF Benson Service Funds		650
Ripple Africa	1,000	-
Royal British Legion	500	500
St. Paul's Cathedral Music Fund	500	500
Sheriffs' Challenge	100	100
Sheriffs' and Recorders' Fund	3,000	500
Thames Sailing Barge Match	70	70
The Worshipful Company of Hackney Drivers	-	1,400
Traidcraft	3,740	-
United Guilds Services	175	175
Totals	29,820	16,949

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6 Analysis of other and support costs

	Charitable Activities £	Raising Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Administration	2,400	600	3,000	3,000
Other costs	1,745	40	1,785	1,784
Independent examination	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Accountancy	1,607	-	1,607	1,592
	<u>7,252</u>	<u>640</u>	<u>7,892</u>	<u>7,876</u>

7 Investments

	2020 £	2019 £
<u>Charles Stanley</u>		
At 1 October	1,129,130	1,101,879
Income earned	27,585	33,651
Management fees *	(10,552)	-
Cash drawn to unrestricted fund	(40,000)	(30,000)
(Loss) / Gain on revaluation	<u>(21,950)</u>	<u>23,600</u>
At 30 September	1,084,213	1,129,130
Investments at cost	913,210	913,210

* Management fees were not disclosed by Charles Stanley prior to this financial year,

Investments comprise primarily UK equities with some North American equity, UK Government Gilts and Unit Trust holdings as well. The Tacitus restricted fund is 6.4152 % of the total investment balance amounting to £ 69,554 at 30 September 2020 (2019: £ 72,436).

8 Debtors and accrued Income

	2020 £	2019 £
Loss from bank accounts note 8 (a)	-	28,600
Gift Aid recoverable	9,958	9,361
Tacitus Lecture room hire deposit	-	3,772
Prepaid insurance	<u>1,889</u>	<u>747</u>
	11,847	42,480

8 (a)

In late July 2019 the Trust was the victim of a cyber-scam. The Trustees are very pleased to confirm that all funds lost from their bank accounts were recovered by the end of the 2020 financial year along with some additional financial compensation from the banks involved.

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9 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:-

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals	<u>3,107</u>	<u>3,092</u>

10 Analysis of movements in funds

	Balance at 1 October 2019 £	Income in period £	Expenditure in period £	Unrealised (loss) / gain on investments £	Balance at 30 September 2020 £
(a) Restricted fund					
Tacitus Fund	132,674	1,770	36,979	(3,974)	93,491
(b) Unrestricted fund					
Unrestricted Fund	1,097,240	84,103	93,896	(17,976)	1,069,471
Total Funds	<u>1,229,914</u>	<u>85,873</u>	<u>130,875</u>	<u>(21,950)</u>	<u>1,162,962</u>

The Tacitus Fund is described in the Trustees' Report.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fixed assets	1,014,659	69,554	1,084,213
Debtors and accrued income	11,847	-	11,847
Deposits and cash at bank	46,072	23,937	70,009
Creditors	(3,107)	-	(3,107)
	<u>1,069,471</u>	<u>93,491</u>	<u>1,162,962</u>

12 Capital commitments

At 30 September 2020 there were no capital commitments (2019 none).

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13 Employees

The Trust has no employees (2019 none).

14 Transactions with Trustees and related parties

No Trustee received remuneration or expenses from the Trust (2019 none). Trustee Indemnity insurance was in place throughout the year. There were no related party transactions during the year.

As described in the Trustees' Report, Trustees are appointed from the membership of the World Traders Company.

Trustee, current Chairman and Treasurer, P Alvey, is a Director of the company Aldatum Limited that supplies The Worshipful Company of World Traders Charitable Trust with bookkeeping services.