

# BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 296726

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [02110626](#)

**Registered** 1987-04-29

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL SUBJECTS WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO MONEY MANAGEMENT, HOUSING, HOME OWNERSHIP AND BUILDING SOCIETY AND RELATED MATTERS BY PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR SUCH EDUCATION, PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON SUCH MATTERS, CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND PUBLISHING THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£138,213	£139,699	-	-
2023-12-31	£128,999	£92,120	-	-
2022-12-31	£116,000	£116,588	-	-
2021-12-31	£106,540	£129,939	-	-
2020-12-31	£107,556	£153,578	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Darrin Ramdeen		2020-12-16
Dr Peter Williams		2019-07-10
LUKE HENRY MARCH		2012-07-13
Stephanie Hattersley		2024-07-10

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# Accounts

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Charity registration no: 296726  
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**(A company limited by guarantee)**  
**UNAUDITED**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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Stephanie Hattersley (appointed 10 July 2024)  
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**Company Secretary:**

Elaine Morton

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The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance, contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in settling the grant making policy for the year.

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The Board carries out the Trust's objectives by reviewing grant applications, on an individual basis, which have been invited using the Trustees' discretion from those organisations whom they believe can help to fulfil the charitable aims.

As such, grants have been awarded to a number of organisations to fund projects that benefit as wide a proportion of society as possible whilst still maintaining the core objectives of the Trust.

**Investment Policy**

The Trust has a direct status portfolio, with Blackrock its investment managers. Its objective is to maximise the Trust's long-term total return. The Fund's performance has been measured on the gross performance returns of each fund and their respective benchmarks.

**Reserves Policy**

The Trust does not have any long-term commitments. Generally, it decides the grants which it is going to make during the forthcoming year at the beginning of each year. The Trust employs no staff. Given that the Trust has no long-term commitments, the Trustees do not believe it appropriate to develop a reserves policy. Such a policy would have no meaning in the context of the Trust's operations.

**Financial Review**

During the year, the company generated income of £138,213 (2023: £128,999) and paid out £122,448 (2023: £75,000) by way of grants. The net expenditure after charging governance costs of £3,300 (2023: £3,180) and support costs of £13,951 (2023: £13,940) was £1,486 (2023: net income of £36,878). However net realised and unrealised gains of £182,779 (2023: net realised and unrealised gains of £33,208) were reported resulting in a surplus of £181,293 (2023: a surplus of £70,086).

In view of the company's charitable status the Memorandum of Association prevents the distribution of income or property to its members.

**Going Concern**

Based on the Trustees' assessments, and having regard to the resources available to the entity, the Trustees have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**Small Companies' Exemption**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Special Provisions for Small Companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Building Societies Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 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 the year. In preparing those financial statements, Trustees are required to -

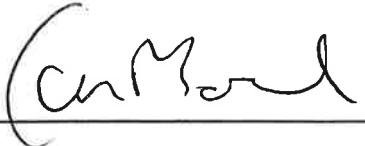
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed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

**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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.

Approved by the directors on 8 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L March', is written over a horizontal line.

L March  
Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**

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I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the Trustees of the Charity (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 Charity 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 Charity'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 that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity 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 Charity'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 Charity'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 Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

*Tracey Moore*

Tracey Moore BFP ACA  
UHY Hacker Young  
Chartered Accountants  
Thames House  
Roman Square  
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Date: 9 July 2025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Income From:</b>			
Investments	2	138,213	128,999
<b>Total</b>		<u>138,213</u>	<u>128,999</u>
<b>Expenditure On:</b>			
Charitable Activities	3	(139,699)	(92,120)
<b>Total</b>		<u>(139,699)</u>	<u>(92,120)</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year before Net (losses)/gains on investments</b>			
		(1,486)	36,878
Net gains on investments	5	182,779	33,208
<b>Net income for the year</b>		181,293	70,086
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2024		4,049,661	3,979,575
<b>Balance carried forward at 31 December 2024</b>		<u><u>4,230,954</u></u>	<u><u>4,049,661</u></u>

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	5	4,140,306	3,957,527
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		93,948	95,314
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>(3,300)</u>	<u>(3,180)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>90,648</u>	<u>92,134</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>4,230,954</u></u>	<u><u>4,049,661</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted Funds		<u>4,230,954</u>	<u>4,049,661</u>
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<u><u>4,230,954</u></u>	<u><u>4,049,661</u></u>

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

The directors 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 the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board for issue on the 8 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



L March  
Chair

**Company registration number - 2110626**

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**1 Accounting Policies****a) General Information and Basis of Accounting**

The Building Societies Trust Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee, and registered in England within the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given on the Legal and Administrative Information on Page 1. The nature of the charitable company's objectives and principal activities are detailed on Page 2 of the Directors' Report.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments.

The significant activity policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below:

**b) Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have considered relevant information and the impact of subsequent events in making their assessment.

Based on this assessment, and having regard to the resources available to the entity, the Trustees have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**c) Basic Financial Instruments**

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**d) Income**

Investment income includes dividends and interest. Dividends are recognised in the financial statements on the date on which the price of the investment is quoted "ex-dividend". Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis.

**e) Investments**

Investments are stated at market value which is calculated using the bid rate of the investment at the year end. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1 Accounting Policies**

**f) Expenditure**

Charitable expenditure comprises of grants and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support their payments.

Support costs include governance costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All non-grant expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside of the control of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

**g) Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted fund are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

**h) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

No significant estimates or judgements have been made by management in preparing these financial statements.

<b>2 Investment Income</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income received from:		
Charities Growth & Income Fund Class A	138,213	128,999
	<u>138,213</u>	<u>128,999</u>

Investment income of £138,213 (2023: £128,999) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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3	<b>Costs of charitable activities</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	All grants consist of one individual grant for the full amount to the following Institutions:		
	Caring in Bristol (Financial education, housing)	10,000	-
	Launchpad (financial education, money management)	30,000	-
	Your Place/Caritas Anchor House (financial education, housing)	25,872	25,000
	Youth Concern (financial education, money management, housing)	28,000	25,000
	Young Enterprise (financial education)	28,576	25,000
	<b>Total grants payable</b>	<b>122,448</b>	<b>75,000</b>
	<b>Support costs:</b>		
	Administration fee - The Building Societies Association	13,183	13,183
	Bank charges	86	93
	<b>Governance costs:</b>		
	Independent Examiner's remuneration	3,300	3,180
	Insurance	669	651
	Companies House fee	13	13
	<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>139,699</b>	<b>92,120</b>
	Cost of charitable activities of £139,699 (2023: £92,120) were attributable to unrestricted funds.		
4	<b>Taxation</b>		
	Building Societies Trust Ltd is a registered Charity and is therefore potentially exempt from taxation on its income and gains as the Trust falls within the definition of a charitable company as defined in Part 1, Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. No tax charge has arisen during the year.		
5	<b>Listed Investments</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	Blackrock Charities Growth & Income Fund	4,140,306	3,957,527
		<b>4,140,306</b>	<b>3,957,527</b>
	<b>Valuation</b>		
	At 1 January 2024	3,957,527	3,924,319
	Gain on Revaluation	182,779	33,208
	<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>4,140,306</b>	<b>3,957,527</b>
	<b>Historical Cost</b>	<b>3,957,527</b>	<b>3,924,319</b>

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6	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	Accruals	3,300	3,180

**7 Status**

The company is limited by guarantee of the members. As at 31 December 2024 the company had six members, each of whom had given a guarantee for the sum of £1.

**8 Employees**

The company has no employees, and consequently no remunerated key management.

**9 Trustees**

In 2024, the Trustees (who were also the directors of the Building Societies Trust Ltd for the purpose of company law) were Mr Luke March (Chair), Mr Andrew Golding, Stephanie Hattersley (from 10 July 2024), Jahanara Rajkoomar, Darrin Ramdeen and Dr Peter Williams.

The Trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration, or other benefits, were paid in respect of their services (2023: £Nil), although they were eligible to be reimbursed for travel expenses on request. During the year, no Trustees received expenses reimbursed (2023: none).

**10 Related Party Transactions**

The affairs of the Building Societies Trust Limited are administered by the Building Societies Association (BSA), under the direction of the Board.

The BSA received an administration fee of £13,183 (2023: £13,183). The administration fee covers the costs of those services carried out by the BSA on the Trust's behalf and includes accounting duties, preparing board agendas and minutes, dealing with correspondence in respect of grant applications, advising as to the legality of grant applications and preparing statutory returns. This covers a three year period between 2022 - 2024 (inclusive) under a Tri-Annual agreement, which is subject to annual CPI increases.

Mr R P Fieth is Adviser to the Trust and Chief Executive of the BSA. Elaine Morton is Secretary and Legal Adviser to the Trust and is Head of Legal, Conduct Risk & Compliance at the BSA.

**11 Independent Examiner's remuneration**

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to a fee of £3,330 (2023: Fee of £3,180).

**12 Controlling Party**

There is no controlling party.

**13 Financial Commitments**

At 31 December 2024 the charity had no commitments to grant expenditure beyond the year end (2023: None).

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**14 Statement of Funds**

**Summary of Funds**

	<b>Balance at 1 January 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Gains/(losses) on investments</b>	<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current Year					
Unrestricted funds	<b>4,049,661</b>	<b>138,213</b>	<b>(139,699)</b>	<b>182,779</b>	<b>4,230,954</b>
	<b>Balance at 1 January 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Gains on investments</b>	<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prior Year					
Unrestricted funds	<b>3,979,575</b>	<b>128,998</b>	<b>(92,120)</b>	<b>33,208</b>	<b>4,049,661</b>

**15 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investments	<b>4,140,306</b>	<b>3,957,527</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>93,948</b>	<b>95,314</b>
Creditors	<b>(3,300)</b>	<b>(3,180)</b>
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**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**Financial Review**

During the year, the company generated income of £128,999 (2022: £116,099) and paid out £75,000 (2022: £97,000) by way of grants. The net income after charging governance costs of £3,180 (2022: £5,700) and support costs of £13,940 (2022: £13,888) was £36,878 (2022: net expenditure of £489). However net realised and unrealised gains of £33,208 (2022: net realised and unrealised losses of £542,715) were reported resulting in a surplus of £70,086 (2022: a deficit of £543,204).

In view of the company's charitable status the Memorandum of Association prevents the distribution of income or property to its members.

**Going Concern**

Based on the Trustees' assessments, and having regard to the resources available to the entity, the Trustees have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**Small Companies' Exemption**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Special Provisions for Small Companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Building Societies Trust Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 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 the year. In preparing those financial statements, Trustees are required to -

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the charities SORP;
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- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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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.

Approved by the directors on 10 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L March', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and includes a small flourish at the end.

L March  
Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**

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I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the Trustees of the Charity (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 Charity 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 Charity'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 that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity 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 Charity'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 Charity'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 Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

*Tracey Moore*

Tracey Moore BFP ACA  
UHY Hacker Young  
Chartered Accountants  
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ME10 4BJ

Date: 10 July 2024

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Income From:</b>			
Investments	2	128,999	116,099
<b>Total</b>		<u>128,999</u>	<u>116,099</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	3	(92,120)	(116,588)
<b>Total</b>		<u>(92,120)</u>	<u>(116,588)</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year before Net gains/(losses) on investments</b>		36,878	(489)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	5	33,208	(542,715)
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>		70,086	(543,204)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2023		3,979,575	4,522,779
<b>Balance carried forward at 31 December 2023</b>		<u><u>4,049,661</u></u>	<u><u>3,979,575</u></u>

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	5	3,957,527	3,924,319
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		95,314	60,956
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>(3,180)</u>	<u>(5,700)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>92,134</u>	<u>55,256</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>4,049,661</u>	<u>3,979,575</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted Funds		<u>4,049,661</u>	<u>3,979,575</u>
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<u>4,049,661</u>	<u>3,979,575</u>

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A applicable to small entities.

The financial statements were approved by the board for issue on the 10 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



L March  
Chair

**Company registration number - 2110626**

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**1 Accounting Policies****a) General Information and Basis of Accounting**

The Building Societies Trust Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee, and registered in England within the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given on the Legal and Administrative Information on Page 1. The nature of the charitable company's objectives and principal activities are detailed on Page 2 of the Directors' Report.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments, and on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees 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 resources for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

The significant activity policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below:

**b) Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have considered relevant information and the impact of subsequent events in making their assessment.

Based on this assessment, and having regard to the resources available to the entity, the Trustees have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**c) Basic Financial Instruments**

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**d) Income**

Investment income includes dividends and interest. Dividends are recognised in the financial statements on the date on which the price of the investment is quoted "ex-dividend". Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**1 Accounting Policies**

**e) Investments**

Investments are stated at market value which is calculated using the bid rate of the investment at the year end. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year.

**f) Expenditure**

Charitable expenditure comprises of grants and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support their payments.

Support costs include governance costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All non-grant expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside of the control of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

**g) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

No significant estimates or judgements have been made by management in preparing these financial statements.

**2 Investment Income**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income received from:		
Charities Growth & Income Fund Class A	128,999	116,099
	<u>128,999</u>	<u>116,099</u>
	<u><u>128,999</u></u>	<u><u>116,099</u></u>

Investment income of £128,999 (2022: £116,099) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

3	<b>Costs of charitable activities</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
	All grants consist of one individual grant for the full amount to the following Institutions:		
	Launchpad (financial education, money management)	-	24,000
	Your Place/Caritas Anchor House (financial education, housing)	25,000	20,000
	Youth Concern (financial education, money management, housing)	25,000	25,000
	MyBnk (financial education, money management)	-	20,000
	Young Enterprise (financial education)	25,000	-
	Caring in Bristol (Financial education, housing)	-	8,000
	<b>Total grants payable</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>97,000</b>
	<b>Support costs:</b>		
	Administration fee - The Building Societies Association	13,183	13,183
	Bank charges	93	73
	<b>Governance costs:</b>		
	Independent Examiner's remuneration	3,180	-
	Auditor's remuneration	-	5,700
	Insurance	651	619
	Companies House fee	13	13
	<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>92,120</b>	<b>116,588</b>

Cost of charitable activities of £92,120 (2022: £116,588) were attributable to unrestricted funds.

**4 Taxation**

Building Societies Trust Ltd is a registered Charity and is therefore potentially exempt from taxation on its income and gains as the Trust falls within the definition of a charitable company as defined in Part 1, Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. No tax charge has arisen during the year.

5	<b>Listed Investments</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
	Blackrock Charities Growth & Income Fund	3,957,527	3,924,319
		<b>3,957,527</b>	<b>3,924,319</b>
	<b>Valuation</b>		
	At 1 January 2023	3,924,319	4,467,034
	Gain/(loss) on Revaluation	33,208	(542,715)
	<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>3,957,527</b>	<b>3,924,319</b>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

6	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Accruals	3,180	5,700

**7 Status**

The company is limited by guarantee of the members. As at 31 December 2023 the company had five members, each of whom had given a guarantee for the sum of £1.

**8 Employees**

The company has no employees, and consequently no remunerated key management.

**9 Trustees**

In 2023, the Trustees (who were also the directors of the Building Societies Trust Ltd for the purpose of company law) were Mr Luke March (Chair), Mr Andrew Golding, Jahanara Rajkoomar, Darrin Ramdeen and Dr Peter Williams.

The Trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in respect of their services (2022: £Nil), although they were eligible to be reimbursed for travel expenses on request. During the year, no Trustees received expenses reimbursed (2022: none).

**10 Related Party Transactions**

The affairs of the Building Societies Trust Limited are administered by the Building Societies Association (BSA), under the direction of the Board. No grant was made to the BSA, by the Trust, during the year (2022: £Nil).

The BSA received an administration fee of £13,183 (2022: £13,183). The administration fee covers the costs of those services carried out by the BSA on the Trust's behalf and includes accounting duties, preparing board agendas and minutes, dealing with correspondence in respect of grant applications, advising as to the legality of grant applications and preparing statutory returns. This covers a three year period between 2022 - 2024 under a Tri-Annual agreement, which is subject to annual CPI increases.

Mr R P Fieth is Adviser to the Trust and Chief Executive of the BSA. Elaine Morton is Secretary and Legal Adviser to the Trust and is Head of Legal, Conduct Risk & Compliance at the BSA.

**11 Independent Examiner's remuneration**

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to a fee of £3,180 (2022: Audit fee of £5,700).

**12 Controlling Party**

There is no controlling party.

**13 Financial Commitments**

At 31 December 2023 the charity had no commitments to grant expenditure beyond the year end (2022: None).

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**14 Statement of Funds**

**Summary of Funds**

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Gains/(losses) on investments	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Current Year					
Unrestricted funds	<u>3,979,575</u>	<u>128,998</u>	<u>(92,120)</u>	<u>33,208</u>	<u>4,049,661</u>

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)/gains on investments	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Prior Year					
Unrestricted funds	<u>4,522,779</u>	<u>116,099</u>	<u>(116,588)</u>	<u>(542,715)</u>	<u>3,979,575</u>

**15 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds**

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023	2023
	£	£	£
Investments	3,957,527	3,957,527	3,957,527
Other debtors	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	95,314	95,314	95,314
Creditors	(3,180)	(3,180)	(3,180)
	<u>4,049,661</u>	<u>4,049,661</u>	<u>4,049,661</u>

**BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 296726

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# Accounts

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**BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

# **BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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**Directors:**

Luke March (Chair)  
Andrew Golding  
Jahanara Rajkoomar  
Darrin Ramdeen  
Peter Williams

**Company Secretary:**

Elaine Morton

**Registered Address:**

Building Societies Trust Limited  
6th Floor, York House  
23 Kingsway  
London WC2B 6UJ

**Company Number:**

2110626

**Charity Registration Number:**

296726

**Auditors:**

MHA  
Victoria Court  
17-21 Ashford Road  
Maidstone  
Kent ME14 5DA

**Bank:**

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154-158 Kensington High Street  
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W8 7RL

**Investment Managers:**

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**General and Legal Advisers to the Trust:**

Robin Fieth  
Elaine Morton  
The Building Societies Association  
6th Floor, York House  
23 Kingsway  
London WC2B 6UJ

**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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The Directors (who are also the Trustees) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Building Societies Trust Limited (the company) for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Directors confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A) (effective 1 January 2015).

**Governing document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated on 13 March 1987 and registered as a charity on 29 April 1987. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the object and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association dated 27 January 1987. At 31 December 2022 the company had 5 members, each of whom has guaranteed the sum of £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

**The Trustees**

The Directors, who are also the Trustees, of the company in the year are given below:

Luke March (Chair)  
Andrew Golding  
Jahanara Rajkoomar  
Darrin Ramdeen  
Peter Williams

During the year, each of the Trustees were members of the company, their interests being non-beneficial. The Trustees received no remuneration in respect of their services, but were entitled to claim certain expenses. The Board may consist of not less than 3 nor more than 9 members. The quorum is 2. The appointment of new and additional trustees is the responsibility of the Board.

The Trustees have ensured that different charitable activities have been supported for the purposes of promoting the company's objectives.

**Principal Risk and Uncertainties and Risk Management**

The Board implicitly considers the Trust's potential risks on an ongoing basis. The risks relating to the independence of the Board, investment policies and compliance with regulatory reporting requirements, as set out in the Charity Commission paper "*Charities and Risk Management*", are still believed to be the most significant. In the view of the Board, all these risks have been mitigated. Most of the other operational and financial risks are broadly irrelevant to the Company because of its size, organisation and funding mechanism.

The Directors are asked to disclose any conflicts of interests that they may have in relation to Building Societies Trust Limited's business.

**Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

The grant-making policies are governed by the objective of the Trust, in its Memorandum of Association, which is -

"To promote and advance the education of the public in commercial and financial subjects with particular regard to money management, housing, home ownership and building society and related matters by providing facilities for such education, providing information and advice on such matters, conducting research and publishing the useful results of such research."

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance, contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in settling the grant making policy for the year.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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The Board carries out the Trust's objectives by reviewing grant applications, on an individual basis, which have been invited using the Trustees' discretion from those organisations whom they believe can help to fulfil the charitable aims.

As such, grants have been awarded to a number of organisations to fund projects that benefit as wide a proportion of society as possible whilst still maintaining the core objectives of the Trust.

**Investment Policy**

The Trust has a direct status portfolio, with Blackrock its investment managers. Its objective is to maximise the Trust's long-term total return. The Fund's performance has been measured on the gross performance returns of each fund and their respective benchmarks.

**Reserves Policy**

The Trust does not have any long-term commitments. Generally, it decides the grants which it is going to make during the forthcoming year at the beginning of each year. The Trust employs no staff. Given that the Trust has no long-term commitments, the Trustees do not believe it appropriate to develop a reserves policy. Such a policy would have no meaning in the context of the Trust's operations.

**Financial Review**

During the year, the company generated income of £116,099 (2021: £106,540) and paid out £97,000 (2021: £112,000) by way of grants. The net expenditure after charging governance costs of £5,700 (2021: £5,353) and support costs of £13,888 (2021: £12,466) was -£489 (2021: (£23,279)). However net realised and unrealised losses of £542,715 (2021: net realised and unrealised gains of £306,425) were reported resulting in a deficit of £543,204 (2021: a surplus of £283,146).

In view of the company's charitable status the Memorandum of Association prevents the distribution of income or property to its members.

**Going Concern**

Based on the Trustees' assessments, and having regard to the resources available to the entity, the Trustees have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Building Societies Trust Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 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 the year. In preparing those financial statements, Trustees are required to -

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

**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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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.

**Statement of disclosure to auditor**

In accordance with our role as the company's directors for the purpose of company law we certify that:

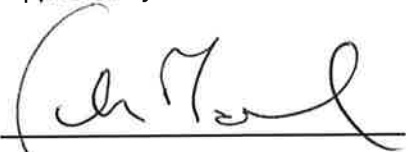
- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

In preparing this report, the Directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by Section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

**Auditors**

MHA were re-appointed as the charitable company's auditors during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the directors on 6 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



L March  
Chair

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Building Societies Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including an Income and Expenditure Account), Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Directors' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**

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**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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

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

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 3, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

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- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias; and
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our Report**

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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**Duncan Cochrane-Dyett BSc BFP FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

**For and on behalf of**

**MHA**

**Statutory Auditor**

**Maidstone**

**United Kingdom**



Date: 07 July 2023

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MHA is the trading name of MacIntyre Hudson LLP, a limited liability partnership in England

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Incoming resources from generating funds:			
Investment income	2	116,099	106,540
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>116,099</u>	<u>106,540</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Costs of charitable activities	3	(116,588)	(129,939)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>(116,588)</u>	<u>(129,939)</u>
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year before other recognised losses</b>		(489)	(23,399)
Net (losses)/gains on investments	5	(542,715)	306,425
<b>Net expenditure/income for the year</b>		(543,204)	283,026
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2022		4,522,779	4,239,753
<b>Balance carried forward at 31 December 2022</b>		<u><u>3,979,575</u></u>	<u><u>4,522,779</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	5	3,924,319	4,467,034
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		60,956	60,485
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>(5,700)</u>	<u>(4,740)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>55,256</u>	<u>55,745</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>3,979,575</u>	<u>4,522,779</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted Funds		<u>3,979,575</u>	<u>4,522,779</u>
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<u>3,979,575</u>	<u>4,522,779</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A applicable to small entities.

The financial statements were approved by the board for issue on the 6 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



L March  
Chair

**Company registration number - 2110626**

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements

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

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**1 Accounting Policies****a) General Information and Basis of Accounting**

The Building Societies Trust Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee, and registered in England within the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given on the Legal and Administrative Information on Page 1. The nature of the charitable company's objectives and principal activities are detailed on Page 2 of the Directors' Report.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity has applied Updated Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees 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 resources for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

The significant activity policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below:

**b) Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have considered relevant information and the impact of subsequent events in making their assessment.

Based on this assessment, and having regard to the resources available to the entity, the Trustees have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**c) Basic Financial Instruments**

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**d) Incoming resources**

Both donation income and other income are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

Investment income includes dividends and interest. Dividends are recognised in the financial statements on the date on which the price of the investment is quoted "ex-dividend". Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis.

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**1 Accounting Policies**

**e) Investments**

Investments are stated at market value which is calculated using the bid rate of the investment at the year end. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year.

**f) Resources expended**

Charitable expenditure comprises of grants and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support their payments.

Support costs include governance costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All non-grant expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside of the control of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

**g) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

No estimates or judgements have been made by management in preparing these financial statements.

<b>2 Investment Income</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income received from:		
Charities Growth & Income Fund Class A	116,099	75,556
Charities UK Equity Fund	-	22,893
Charities UK Bond Fund	-	4,318
Global Income Fund	-	3,773
	<u>116,099</u>	<u>106,540</u>
	<u><u>116,099</u></u>	<u><u>106,540</u></u>

Investment income of £116,099 (2021: £106,540) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

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

3	<b>Costs of charitable activities</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
	All grants consist of one individual grant for the full amount to the following Institutions:		
	Launchpad (financial education, money management)	24,000	-
	Caritas Anchor House (financial education, housing)	20,000	20,000
	Youth Concern (financial education, money management, housing)	25,000	22,000
	MyBnk (financial education, money management)	20,000	-
	Shelter (financial education, housing)	-	25,000
	Treloar (financial education, money management)	-	45,000
	Caring in Bristol (Financial education, housing)	8,000	-
	<b>Total grants payable</b>	<b>97,000</b>	<b>112,000</b>
	Support costs:		
	Administration fee - The Building Societies Association	13,183	11,855
	Bank charges	73	-
	Governance costs - Auditor's remuneration	5,700	5,473
	Insurance	619	598
	Companies House fee	13	13
	<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>116,588</b>	<b>129,939</b>

Cost of charitable activities of £116,588 (2021: £129,939) were attributable to unrestricted funds.

**4 Taxation**

The company has charitable status and accordingly is not accountable for taxation in respect of its income.

5	<b>Listed Investments</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
	Blackrock Charities Growth & Income Fund*	3,924,319	4,467,034
		<u>3,924,319</u>	<u>4,467,034</u>
	<b>Cost or valuation</b>		
	At 1 January 2022	4,467,034	4,160,609
	Additions	-	4,146,378
	Disposals	-	(4,146,378)
	Appn/(Depn)	(542,715)	306,425
	<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>3,924,319</b>	<b>4,467,034</b>

\* In February 2021, all existing holdings were switched to Blackrock's Charities Growth & Income Fund. Net investment loss of £542,715 (2021: Net realised gain of £306,425) was experienced in the year.

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6	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Accruals	5,700	4,740

**7 Status**

The company is limited by guarantee of the members. As at 31 December 2022 the company had four members, each of whom had given a guarantee for the sum of £1.

**8 Employees**

The company has no employees, and consequently no remunerated key management.

**9 Trustees**

In 2022, the Trustees (who were also the directors of the Building Societies Trust Ltd for the purpose of company law) were Mr Luke March (Chair), Mr Andrew Golding, Jahanara Rajkoomar, Darrin Ramdeen and Dr Peter Williams.

The Trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in respect of their services (2021: £Nil), although they were eligible to be reimbursed for travel expenses on request. During the year, no Trustees received expenses reimbursed (2021: none).

**10 Related Party Transactions**

The affairs of the Building Societies Trust Limited are administered by the Building Societies Association (BSA), under the direction of the Board. No grant was made to the BSA, by the Trust, during the year (2021: £Nil).

The BSA received an administration fee of £13,183 (2021: £11,855). The administration fee covers the costs of those services carried out by the BSA on the Trust's behalf and includes accounting duties, preparing board agendas and minutes, dealing with correspondence in respect of grant applications, advising as to the legality of grant applications and preparing statutory returns. This covers a three year period between 2022 - 2024 under a Tri-Annual agreement, which is subject to annual CPI increases.

Mr R P Fieth is Adviser to the Trust and Chief Executive of the BSA. Elaine Morton is Secretary and Legal Adviser to the Trust and is Head of Legal, Conduct Risk & Compliance at the BSA.

**11 Auditor's remuneration**

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an audit fee of £5,700 (2021: £4,740).

**12 Controlling Party**

There is no controlling party.

**13 Financial Commitments**

At 31 December 2022 the charity had no commitments to grant expenditure beyond the year end (2021: None).

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**14 Statement of Funds**

**Summary of Funds**

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	(losses)/Gains on investments	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Current Year					
Unrestricted funds	<u>4,522,779</u>	<u>116,099</u>	<u>(116,588)</u>	<u>(542,715)</u>	<u>3,979,575</u>

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Gains/(losses) on investments	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Prior Year					
Unrestricted funds	<u>4,239,753</u>	<u>106,540</u>	<u>(129,939)</u>	<u>306,425</u>	<u>4,522,779</u>

**15 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Investments	3,924,319	3,924,319	4,467,034
Other debtors	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	60,956	60,956	60,485
Creditors	(5,700)	(5,700)	(4,740)
	<u>3,979,575</u>	<u>3,979,575</u>	<u>4,522,779</u>

**BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 296726

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# Accounts

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Charity registration no: 296726  
Company registration no: 2110626

**BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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**Directors:**

Luke March (Chair)  
Andrew Golding  
Jahanara Rajkoomar  
Darrin Ramdeen  
Peter Williams

**Company Secretary:**

Elaine Morton

**Registered Address:**

Building Societies Trust Limited  
6th Floor, York House  
23 Kingsway  
London WC2B 6UJ

**Company Number:**

2110626

**Charity Registration Number:**

296726

**Auditors:**

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**Bank:**

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**General and Legal Advisers to the Trust:**

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Elaine Morton  
The Building Societies Association  
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23 Kingsway  
London WC2B 6UJ

**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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The Directors (who are also the Trustees) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Building Societies Trust Limited (the company) for the year ended 31 December 2021. The Directors confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A) (effective 1 January 2015).

**Governing document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated on 13 March 1987 and registered as a charity on 29 April 1987. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the object and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association dated 27 January 1987. At 31 December 2021 the company had 5 members, each of whom has guaranteed the sum of £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

**The Trustees**

The Directors, who are also the Trustees, of the company in the year are given below:

Luke March (Chair)  
Andrew Golding  
Jahanara Rajkoomar  
Darrin Ramdeen  
Peter Williams

During the year, each of the Trustees were members of the company, their interests being non-beneficial. The Trustees received no remuneration in respect of their services, but were entitled to claim certain expenses. The Board may consist of not less than 3 nor more than 9 members. The quorum is 2. The appointment of new and additional trustees is the responsibility of the Board.

The Trustees have ensured that different charitable activities have been supported for the purposes of promoting the company's objectives.

**Principal Risk and Uncertainties and Risk Management**

The Board implicitly considers the Trust's potential risks on an ongoing basis. The risks relating to the independence of the Board, investment policies and compliance with regulatory reporting requirements, as set out in the Charity Commission paper "*Charities and Risk Management*", are still believed to be the most significant. In the view of the Board, all these risks have been mitigated. Most of the other operational and financial risks are broadly irrelevant to the Company because of its size, organisation and funding mechanism.

The Directors are asked to disclose any conflicts of interests that they may have in relation to Building Societies Trust Limited's business.

**Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

The grant-making policies are governed by the objective of the Trust, in its Memorandum of Association, which is -

"To promote and advance the education of the public in commercial and financial subjects with particular regard to money management, housing, home ownership and building society and related matters by providing facilities for such education, providing information and advice on such matters, conducting research and publishing the useful results of such research."

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance, contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in settling the grant making policy for the year.

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The Board carries out the Trust's objectives by reviewing grant applications, on an individual basis, which have been invited using the Trustees' discretion from those organisations whom they believe can help to fulfil the charitable aims.

As such, grants have been awarded to a number of organisations to fund projects that benefit as wide a proportion of society as possible whilst still maintaining the core objectives of the Trust.

**Investment Policy**

The Trust has a direct status portfolio, with Blackrock its investment managers. Its objective is to maximise the Trust's long-term total return. The Fund's performance has been measured on the gross performance returns of each fund and their respective benchmarks.

**Reserves Policy**

The Trust does not have any long-term commitments. Generally, it decides the grants which it is going to make during the forthcoming year at the beginning of each year. One grant, which commenced in 2019, involves expenditure for a short-term period of three years. The Trust employs no staff. Given that the Trust has no long-term commitments, the Trustees do not believe it appropriate to develop a reserves policy. Such a policy would have no meaning in the context of the Trust's operations.

**Financial Review**

During the year, the company generated income of £106,540 (2020: £107,556) and paid out £112,000 (2020: £137,440) by way of grants. The net expenditure after charging governance costs of £5,353 (2020: £3,667) and support costs of £12,466 (2020: £12,471) was -£23,279 (2020: (-£46,002)). However net realised and unrealised gains of £306,425 (2020: net realised and unrealised losses of £178,463) were reported resulting in a surplus of £283,146 (2020: a deficit of £224,485).

In view of the company's charitable status the Memorandum of Association prevents the distribution of income or property to its members.

**Going Concern**

Based on their assessments, and having regard to the resources available to the entity, the Trustees have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Building Societies Trust Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 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 the year. In preparing those financial statements, Trustees are required to -

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

**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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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.

**Statement of disclosure to auditor**

In accordance with our role as the company's directors for the purpose of company law we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

In preparing this report, the Directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by Section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

**Auditors**

MHA Macintyre Hudson were re-appointed as the charitable company's auditors during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the directors on 5 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



L March  
Chair

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Building Societies Trust Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including an Income and Expenditure Account), Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**

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**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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

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

**Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

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- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias; and
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our Report**

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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**Duncan Cochrane-Dyett BSc BFP FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

For and on behalf of

**MHA Macintyre Hudson**

Statutory Auditor

Maidstone

United Kingdom



Date: 22 July 2022

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Incoming resources from generating funds:			
Investment income	2	106,540	107,556
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>106,540</u>	<u>107,556</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Costs of charitable activities	3	(129,939)	(153,578)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>(129,939)</u>	<u>(153,578)</u>
<b>Net (outgoing) resources for the year before other recognised losses</b>		(23,399)	(46,022)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	5	306,425	(178,463)
<b>Net expenditure/income for the year</b>		283,026	(224,485)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2021		4,239,753	4,464,238
<b>Balance carried forward at 31 December 2021</b>		<u><u>4,522,779</u></u>	<u><u>4,239,753</u></u>

The net surplus for the year for Companies Act purposes is the net surplus of £283,146 (2020: net deficit of £224,485).

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	5	4,467,034	4,160,609
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		60,485	89,621
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>(4,740)</u>	<u>(10,477)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>55,745</u>	<u>79,144</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>4,522,779</u>	<u>4,239,753</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>4,522,779</u>	<u>4,239,753</u>

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 by the board for issue on the 5 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



L March  
Chair

**Company registration number - 2110626**

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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**1 Accounting Policies****a) General Information and Basis of Accounting**

The Building Societies Trust Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee, and registered in England within the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given on the Legal and Administrative Information on Page 1. The nature of the charitable company's objectives and principal activities are detailed on Page 2 of the Directors' Report.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and 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 Section 1A) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity has applied Updated Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The charity 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.

The charity's functional and presentational currency is GBP, presented rounded to the nearest £1.

**b) Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have considered relevant information and the impact of subsequent events in making their assessment.

Based on this assessment, and having regard to the resources available to the entity, the Trustees have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**c) Basic Financial Instruments**

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**d) Incoming resources**

Both donation income and other income are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

Investment income includes dividends and interest. Dividends are recognised in the financial statements on the date on which the price of the investment is quoted "ex-dividend". Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis.

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**1 Accounting Policies**

**e) Investments**

Investments are stated at market value which is calculated using the bid rate of the investment at the year end. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year.

**f) Resources expended**

Charitable expenditure comprises of grants and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support their payments.

Support costs include governance costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All non grant expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside of the control of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

<b>2 Investment Income</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income received from:		
Charities Growth & Income Fund	75,556	-
Charities UK Equity Fund	22,893	58,938
Charities UK Bond Fund	4,318	18,655
Global Income Fund	3,773	25,753
Bank Switch Incentive	-	4,210
	<u>106,540</u>	<u>107,556</u>

Investment income of £106,540 (2020: £103,346) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

3	<b>Costs of charitable activities</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
	All grants consist of one individual grant for the full amount to the following Institutions:		
	BSA Research (financial education)	-	8,440
	Crisis	-	15,000
	Launchpad (financial education, money management)	-	10,000
	Caritas Anchor House (financial education, housing)	20,000	22,000
	Youth Concern	22,000	-
	MyBnk (financial education, money management)	-	20,000
	Shelter (financial education, housing)	25,000	25,000
	Treloar (financial education, money management)	45,000	15,000
	Young Enterprise (financial education, money management)	-	22,000
	<b>Total grants payable</b>	<b>112,000</b>	<b>137,440</b>
	<b>Support costs:</b>		
	Administration fee - The Building Societies Association	11,855	11,855
	Bank charges	-	45
	Governance costs - Auditor's remuneration	5,473	3,667
	Insurance	598	558
	Companies House fee	13	13
	<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>129,939</b>	<b>153,577</b>

Cost of charitable activities of £129,819 (2020: £153,577) were attributable to unrestricted funds.

**4 Taxation**

The company has charitable status and accordingly is not accountable for taxation in respect of its income.

5	<b>Listed Investments</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
	<b>Common Investment Fund</b>		
	- BLK Charities UK Bond Fund A	-	567,038
	- BLK Charities UK Equity Fund A	-	2,657,769
	<b>BlackRock Lump Sum &amp; Regular Savings</b>		
	- Blackrock Dynamic Diversified Growth	-	93,227
	- Blackrock Global Income Fund D Inc	-	842,576
	3,685,671.58 Blackrock Charities Growth & Income Fund*	4,467,034	-
		<b>4,467,034</b>	<b>4,160,609</b>
	<b>Cost or valuation</b>		
	At 1 January 2021	4,160,609	4,409,072
	Additions	4,146,378	-
	Disposals	(4,146,378)	(70,000)
	Revaluations*	306,425	(178,463)
	At 31 December 2021	<b>4,467,034</b>	<b>4,160,609</b>

\* In February 2021, all existing holdings were switched to Blackrock's Charities Growth & Income Fund. Net investment gains, for the year, comprise net realised gains of £306,424 (2020: Net realised losses of £178,463).

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6	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Accruals	4,740	10,477

**7 Status**

The company is limited by guarantee of the members. As at 31 December 2021 the company had five members, each of whom had given a guarantee for the sum of £1.

**8 Employees**

The company has no employees, and consequently no remunerated key management.

**9 Trustees**

In 2020, the Trustees (who were also the directors of the Building Societies Trust Ltd for the purpose of company law) were Mr Luke March (Chair), Mr Andrew Golding, Jahanara Rajkoomar, Darrin Ramdeen and Dr Peter Williams.

The Trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in respect of their services (2020: £Nil), although they were eligible to be reimbursed for travel expenses on request. During the year, no Trustees received expenses reimbursed.

**10 Related Party Transactions**

The affairs of the Building Societies Trust Limited are administered by the Building Societies Association (BSA), under the direction of the Board. No grant was made to the BSA, by the Trust, during the year (2020: a grant of £8,440 was made in respect of the BSA's financial education project, to develop the financial education provisions provided by building societies).

The BSA received an administration fee of £11,855 (2020: £11,855). The administration fee covers the costs of those services carried out by the BSA on the Trust's behalf and includes accounting duties, preparing board agendas and minutes, dealing with correspondence in respect of grant applications, advising as to the legality of grant applications and preparing statutory returns. This covers a three year period between 2019 - 2021 under a Tri-Annual agreement.

Mr R P Fieth is Adviser to the Trust and Chief Executive of the BSA. Elaine Morton is Secretary and Legal Adviser to the Trust and is Head of Legal, Conduct Risk & Compliance at the BSA.

**11 Auditor's remuneration**

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an audit fee of £4,740 (2020: £4,400).

**12 Controlling Party**

There is no one controlling party.

**13 Financial Commitments**

At 31 December 2021 the charity had no commitments to grant expenditure beyond the year end (2020: £21,810 until 2021).

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**14 Statement of Funds**

**Summary of Funds**

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	(losses)/Gains on investments	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Current Year					
Unrestricted funds	<u>4,239,753</u>	<u>106,540</u>	<u>(129,819)</u>	<u>306,425</u>	<u>4,522,899</u>
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Gains/(losses) on investments	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Prior Year					
Unrestricted funds	<u>4,239,753</u>	<u>107,556</u>	<u>(153,578)</u>	<u>(178,463)</u>	<u>4,239,753</u>

**15 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Investments	4,467,034	4,467,034	4,409,072
Other debtors	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	60,485	60,485	58,726
Creditors	(4,620)	(4,620)	(3,560)
	<u>4,522,899</u>	<u>4,522,899</u>	<u>4,464,238</u>

**BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 296726

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# Accounts

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Charity registration no: 296726  
Company registration no: 2110626

**BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

# BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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**Directors:**

Luke March (Chair)  
Andrew Golding  
Graham Kentfield (until 28 July 2020)  
Jahanara Rajkoomar (from 16 December 2020)  
Darrin Ramdeen (from 16 December 2020)  
Peter Williams

**Company Secretary:**

Louise Thornbury

**Registered Address:**

Building Societies Trust Limited  
6th Floor, York House  
23 Kingsway  
London WC2B 6UJ

**Company Number:**

2110626

**Charity Registration Number:**

296726

**Auditors:**

MHA MacIntyre Hudson  
17-21 Ashford Road  
Maidstone  
Kent ME14 5DA

**Bank:**

Royal Bank of Scotland (until 28 February 2020)  
28 Cavendish Square  
London W1G 0DB

Clydesdale Bank (from 29 February 2020)  
Clydesdale Business Park  
Clydesdale  
G81 2NR

**Investment Managers:**

Blackrock  
33 King William St  
London EC4R 9AS

**General and Legal Advisers to the Trust:**

Robin Fieth  
Christopher Lawrenson MBE (until 30 April 2020)  
Elaine Morton (from 1 May 2020)  
The Building Societies Association  
6th Floor, York House  
23 Kingsway  
London WC2B 6UJ

**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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The Directors (who are also the Trustees) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Building Societies Trust Limited (the company) for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Directors confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A) (effective 1 January 2015).

**Governing document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated on 13 March 1987 and registered as a charity on 29 April 1987. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the object and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association dated 27 January 1987. At 31 December 2020 the company had 5 members, each of whom has guaranteed the sum of £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

**The Trustees**

The Directors, who are also the Trustees, of the company in the year are given below:

Luke March (Chair)  
Andrew Golding  
Graham Kentfield (until 28 July 2020)  
Jahanara Rajkoomar (from 16 December 2020)  
Darrin Ramdeen (from 16 December 2020)  
Peter Williams

During the year, each of the Trustees were members of the company, their interests being non-beneficial. The Trustees received no remuneration in respect of their services, but were entitled to claim certain expenses. The Board may consist of not less than 3 nor more than 9 members. The quorum is 2. The appointment of new and additional trustees is the responsibility of the Board.

The Trustees have ensured that different charitable activities have been supported for the purposes of promoting the company's objectives.

**Principal Risk and Uncertainties and Risk Management**

The Board implicitly considers the Trust's potential risks on an ongoing basis. The risks relating to the independence of the Board, investment policies and compliance with regulatory reporting requirements, as set out in the Charity Commission paper "*Charities and Risk Management*", are still believed to be the most significant. In the view of the Board, all these risks have been mitigated. Most of the other operational and financial risks are broadly irrelevant to the Company because of its size, organisation and funding mechanism.

The Directors are asked to disclose any conflicts of interests that they may have in relation to Building Societies Trust Limited's business.

**Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

The grant-making policies are governed by the objective of the Trust, in its Memorandum of Association, which is -

"To promote and advance the education of the public in commercial and financial subjects with particular regard to money management, housing, home ownership and building society and related matters by providing facilities for such education, providing information and advice on such matters, conducting research and publishing the useful results of such research."

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance, contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in settling the grant making policy for the year.

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The Board carries out the Trust's objectives by reviewing grant applications, on an individual basis, which have been invited using the Trustees' discretion from those organisations whom they believe can help to fulfil the charitable aims.

As such, grants have been awarded to a number of organisations to fund projects that benefit as wide a proportion of society as possible whilst still maintaining the core objectives of the Trust.

**Investment Policy**

The Trust has a direct status portfolio, with Blackrock its investment managers. Its objective is to maximise the Trust's long-term total return. The Fund's performance has been measured on the gross performance returns of each fund and their respective benchmarks.

**Reserves Policy**

The Trust does not have any long-term commitments. Generally, it decides the grants which it is going to make during the forthcoming year at the beginning of each year. Two grants, which commenced in 2018 and 2019 respectively, involve expenditure for a short-term period of three years. The Trust employs no staff. Given that the Trust has no long-term commitments, the Trustees do not believe it appropriate to develop a reserves policy. Such a policy would have no meaning in the context of the Trust's operations.

**Financial Review**

During the year, the company generated income of £107,556 (2019: £134,429) and paid out £137,440 (2019: £112,000) by way of grants. The net expenditure after charging governance costs of £3,667 (2019: £3,626) and support costs of £12,471 (2019: £12,231) was -£46,002 (2019: £6,572). However net realised and unrealised losses of (£178,463) (2019: net realised and unrealised gains of £614,925) were reported resulting in a deficit of (£224,485) (2019: a surplus of £621,497).

In view of the company's charitable status the Memorandum of Association prevents the distribution of income or property to its members.

**Going Concern**

The Trustees have considered the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the company, further details can be found in the accounting policy note 1(b).

Based on their assessments and having regard to the resources available to the entity, the Trustees have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Building Societies Trust Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 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 the year. In preparing those financial statements, Trustees are required to -

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

**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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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.

**Statement of disclosure to auditor**

In accordance with our role as the company's directors for the purpose of company law we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

In preparing this report, the Directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by Section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

**Auditors**

MHA Macintyre Hudson were re-appointed as the charitable company's auditors during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the directors on 29 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



L March  
Chair

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Building Societies Trust Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including an Income and Expenditure Account), Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BUILDING SOCIETIES TRUST LIMITED**

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**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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

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

**Responsibilities of directors**

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Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

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- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias; and
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our Report**

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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**Duncan Cochrane-Dyet BSc BFP FCA, Senior Statutory Auditor**  
**For and on behalf of**  
**MHA Macintyre Hudson**  
**Statutory Auditors**  
**Maidstone**  
**United Kingdom**



Date: 9 July 2021

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

	Note	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Incoming resources from generating funds:			
Investment income	2	107,556	134,429
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>107,556</u>	<u>134,429</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Costs of charitable activities	3	(153,578)	(127,857)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>(153,578)</u>	<u>(127,857)</u>
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year before other recognised losses</b>		(46,022)	6,572
Net losses/gains on investments	5	(178,463)	614,925
<b>Net expenditure/income for the year</b>		(224,485)	621,497
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2020		4,464,238	3,842,741
<b>Balance carried forward at 31 December 2020</b>		<u><u>4,239,753</u></u>	<u><u>4,464,238</u></u>

The net deficit for the year for Companies Act purposes is the net deficit of (£224,485) (2019: net surplus of £621,497).

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	5	4,160,609	4,409,072
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		89,621	58,726
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>(10,477)</u>	<u>(3,560)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>79,144</u>	<u>55,166</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>4,239,753</u>	<u>4,464,238</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>4,239,753</u>	<u>4,464,238</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A applicable to small entities.

The financial statements were approved by the board for issue on the 29 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



L March  
Chair

**Company registration number - 2110626**

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements

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

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**1 Accounting Policies****a) General Information and Basis of Accounting**

The Building Societies Trust Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee, and registered in England within the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given on the Legal and Administrative Information on Page 1. The nature of the charitable company's objectives and principal activities are detailed on Page 2 of the Directors' Report.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity has applied Updated Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees 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 resources for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

The significant activity policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below:

**b) Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have considered relevant information and the impact of subsequent events in making their assessment. The COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic shutdown has had a significant impact on the company's operations as Building Societies Trust receives its income in the form of dividends from stock market investments and the amount of income received is likely to decline.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trustees have performed a robust analysis of forecast of future cash flows taking into account the potential impact on the business of possible future scenarios arising from the impact of COVID-19. This analysis also considers the effectiveness of available measures to assist in mitigating the impact.

Based on these assessments and having regard to the resources available to the entity, the Trustees have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**c) Basic Financial Instruments**

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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**1 Accounting Policies**

**d) Incoming resources**

Both donation income and other income are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

Investment income includes dividends and interest. Dividends are recognised in the financial statements on the date on which the price of the investment is quoted "ex-dividend". Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis.

**e) Investments**

Investments are stated at market value which is calculated using the bid rate of the investment at the year end. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year.

**f) Resources expended**

Charitable expenditure comprises of grants and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support their payments.

Support costs include governance costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All non grant expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside of the control of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

<b>2 Investment Income</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income receivable from UK Fixed Interest securities	18,655	24,467
Dividends receivable from Equities	84,691	109,962
Other Operating Income - Bank Switch Incentive	<u>4,210</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>107,556</u></u>	<u><u>134,429</u></u>

Investment income of £103,346 (2019: £134,429) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

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3	<b>Costs of charitable activities</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		£	£
	All grants consist of one individual grant for the full amount to the following Institutions:		
	BSA Research (financial education)	8,440	-
	Crisis	15,000	-
	Launchpad (financial education, money management)	10,000	5,000
	Caritas Anchor House (financial education, housing)	22,000	22,000
	Money Advice Trust (financial education, money management)	-	30,000
	MyBnk (financial education, money management)	20,000	20,000
	Shelter (financial education, housing)	25,000	-
	Treloar (financial education, money management)	15,000	15,000
	Young Enterprise (financial education, money management)	22,000	20,000
	<b>Total grants payable</b>	<b>137,440</b>	<b>112,000</b>
	Support costs:		
	Administration fee - The Building Societies Association	11,855	11,855
	Bank charges	45	105
	Governance costs - Auditor's remuneration	3,667	3,626
	Insurance	558	-
	Trustee expenses	-	258
	Companies House fee	13	13
	<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>153,578</b>	<b>127,857</b>

Cost of charitable activities of £153,578 (2019: £127,857) were attributable to unrestricted funds.

**4 Taxation**

The company has charitable status and accordingly is not accountable for taxation in respect of its income.

5	<b>Listed Investments</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		£	£
	<b>Common Investment Fund</b>		
	287,836.44      BLK Charities UK Bond Fund A	567,038	582,914
	411,737.97      BLK Charities UK Equity Fund A	2,657,769	2,892,588
	<b>BlackRock Lump Sum &amp; Regular Savings</b>		
	57,833.11      Blackrock Dynamic Diversified Growth	93,227	86,287
	470,712.67      Blackrock Global Income Fund D Inc	842,576	847,283
		<b>4,160,609</b>	<b>4,409,072</b>
	<b>Cost or valuation</b>		
	At 1 January 2020	4,409,072	3,794,147
	Additions	-	3,333,655
	Disposals	(70,000)	(3,333,655)
	Revaluations*	(178,463)	614,925
	At 31 December 2020	<b>4,160,609</b>	<b>4,409,072</b>

\* Net investment losses comprise net unrealised losses of £178,463 (2019: Net realised gains of £614,925).

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6	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		£	£
	Accruals	10,477	3,560

**7 Status**

The company is limited by guarantee of the members. As at 31 December 2020 the company had four members, each of whom had given a guarantee for the sum of £1.

**8 Employees**

The company has no employees, and consequently no remunerated key management.

**9 Trustees**

In 2020, the Trustees (who were also the directors of the Building Societies Trust Ltd for the purpose of company law) were Mr Luke March (Chair), Mr Andrew Golding, Mr Graham Kentfield (until 28 July 2020), Jahanara Rajkoomar (from 16 December 2020), Darrin Ramdeen (from from 16 December 2020) and Dr Peter Williams.

The Trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in respect of their services (2019: £Nil), although they were eligible to be reimbursed for travel expenses on request. During the year, no Trustees received expenses reimbursed. (2019: Two trustees received expenses of £258).

**10 Related Party Transactions**

The affairs of the Building Societies Trust Limited are administered by the Building Societies Association (BSA), under the direction of the Board. During the year, a grant of £8,440 was made in respect of the BSA's financial education project, to develop the financial education provisions provided by building societies. No grant payment was made during 2019.

The BSA received an administration fee of £11,855 (2019: £11,855). The administration fee covers the costs of those services carried out by the BSA on the Trust's behalf and includes accounting duties, preparing board agendas and minutes, dealing with correspondence in respect of grant applications, advising as to the legality of grant applications and preparing statutory returns. This covers a three year period between 2019 - 2021 under a Tri-Annual agreement.

Mr R P Fieth is Adviser to the Trust and Chief Executive of the BSA. Christopher Lawrenson (until 30 April 2020) was Legal Adviser to the Trust and Head of Legal Services at the BSA. Elaine Morton became Legal Adviser to the Trust from 1 May 2020 and is Head of Legal, Conduct Risk & Compliance at the BSA.

**11 Auditor's remuneration**

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an audit fee of £3,667 (2019: £3,560).

**12 Controlling Party**

There is no one controlling party.

**13 Financial Commitments**

At 31 December 2020 the charity has committed to grant expenditure of £21,810 (2019: £38,440 between the years 2020 to 2021 inclusive).

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**14 Statement of Funds**

**Summary of Funds**

	Balance at 1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	(losses)/Gains on investments	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Current Year					
Unrestricted funds	<u>4,464,238</u>	<u>107,556</u>	<u>(153,578)</u>	<u>(178,463)</u>	<u>4,239,753</u>
Prior Year					
Unrestricted funds	<u>3,842,741</u>	<u>134,429</u>	<u>(127,857)</u>	<u>614,925</u>	<u>4,464,238</u>

**15 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Investments	4,160,609	4,160,609	4,409,072
Other debtors	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	89,621	89,621	58,726
Creditors	(10,477)	(10,477)	(3,560)
	<u>4,239,753</u>	<u>4,239,753</u>	<u>4,464,238</u>