

Order of Mary Servite Trust

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108785

Details

Known as Benburb Priory

Status Received

Company number [671223](#)

Registered 2022-09-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The charity's objects ('Objects') are specifically restricted to the promotion of the following purposes for the benefit of the public: 4.1 The advancement of religion through the provision, upkeep and maintenance of Roman Catholic churches and other properties and facilities in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. 4.2 The advancement of citizenship or community development through social, cultural and economic development activities in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. 4.3 The advancement of education including through the provision, upkeep and maintenance of the Priory Library and Museum and the books, artefacts and Servite archives contained therein.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of religion, The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Community development, Education/training, Heritage/historical, Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse), Adult training, Carers, General public, Language community, Learning disabilities, Men, Mental health, Older people, Parents, Tenants, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£248,624	£142,453	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bronagh Curran		
Kevin Boyd		
Mr Seamus Duffy		
Ms Noreen Taggart		
Méabh Ní Uallacháin		
Prof Patrick Gerald Mckenna		
Rev Christopher Joseph O'brien		
Rev Colm Joseph Mcglynn		

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Accounts

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Directors' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

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DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Directors	Seamus Duffy Colm Glynn Professor Patrick Gerald McKenna Christopher O'Brien Noreen Elizabeth Rose Taggart Méabh Ní Uallacháin Bronagh Curran Kevin Joseph Boyd
Company Registration Number	NI671223
Registered Office and Business Address	10 Main Street Benburb Dungannon Co Tyrone BT71 7JZ Northern Ireland
Accountants	McDonald O'Neill & Co 5 Union Buildings Union Place Dungannon Co Tyrone BT70 1DL Northern Ireland
Bankers	Bank of Ireland 11 Upper English Street Armagh Co Armagh Northern Ireland Permanent TSB Old Butterfield Ave Rathfarnham Dublin Ireland

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The directors present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

The Company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

Directors

The directors who served during the financial year are as follows:

Seamus Duffy
Colm Glynn
Professor Patrick Gerald McKenna
Christopher O'Brien
Noreen Elizabeth Rose Taggart
Méabh Ní Uallacháin
Bronagh Curran
Kevin Joseph Boyd

There were no changes in shareholdings between 31 December 2024 and the date of signing the financial statements.

In accordance with the Constitution, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Political Contributions

The company did not make any disclosable political donations in the current financial year.

Statement of directors' Responsibilities and Declaration on Unaudited Financial Statements

General responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

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Directors' declaration on unaudited financial statements

In relation to the financial statements comprising the Income Statement, the Balance Sheet and the related notes:

The directors approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgements underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that they have made available to McDonald O'Neill & Co, all the company's accounting records and provided all the information, books and documents necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

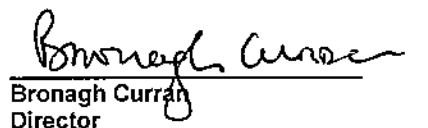
Special provisions relating to small companies

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

On behalf of the board


Kevin Joseph Boyd
Director

25 September 2025


Bronagh Curran
Director

25 September 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORDER OF MARY SERVITE TRUST

We have examined the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

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 work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Directors that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

The company's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The company's directors consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

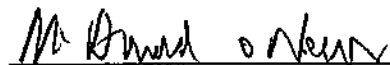
We have examined your company financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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



MCDONALD O'NEILL & CO

Chartered Accountants

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Date: 25 September 2025

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INCOME STATEMENT
for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover		205,889	137,337
Cost of sales		189	(18,868)
Gross profit		<u>206,078</u>	<u>118,469</u>
Administrative expenses		(142,453)	(262,516)
Other operating income		42,546	24,661
Profit/(loss) before taxation		<u>106,171</u>	<u>(119,386)</u>
Tax on profit/(loss)		-	-
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		<u><u>106,171</u></u>	<u><u>(119,386)</u></u>

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Company Registration Number: NI671223

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	4	2,848,007	2,843,678
Investments	5	1	1
Fixed Assets		<u>2,848,008</u>	<u>2,843,679</u>
Current Assets			
Stocks	6	7,989	2,000
Debtors	7	12,306	4,406
Cash and cash equivalents		144,817	119,287
		<u>165,112</u>	<u>125,693</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(40,607)</u>	<u>(103,031)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>124,505</u>	<u>22,662</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>2,972,513</u>	<u>2,866,341</u>
Reserves			
Capital reserves and funds		2,989,087	2,989,086
Retained deficit		(16,574)	(122,745)
Members' Funds		<u>2,972,513</u>	<u>2,866,341</u>

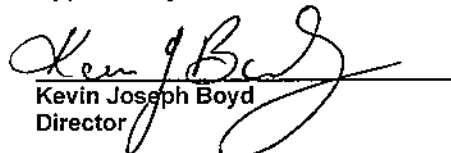
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A (Small Entities).

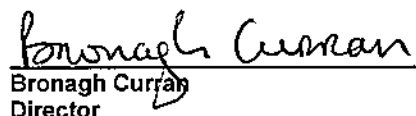
For the financial year ended 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 25 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by


Kevin Joseph Boyd
Director


Bronagh Curran
Director

Order of Mary Servite Trust

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

1. General Information

Order of Mary Servite Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated and registered in Northern Ireland. The registered number of the company is NI671223. The registered office of the company is 10 Main Street, Benburb, Dungannon, Co Tyrone, BT71 7JZ, Northern Ireland which is also the principal place of business of the company. The company is a charitable trust set up for the following purposes: the advancement of religion, the advancement of citizenship and community development, and the advancement of education. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A (Small Entities) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the historical cost convention except for certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoice value of goods supplied by the company, exclusive of trade discounts and value added tax.

Tangible assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings	-	No depreciation charged
Plant and machinery	-	No depreciation charged
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	No depreciation charged
Motor vehicles	-	No depreciation charged
Library refurbishment	-	No depreciation charged

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value. Income from other investments together with any related tax credit is recognised in the Income Statement in the financial year in which it is receivable.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stocks are determined on a first-in first-out basis. Cost comprises expenditure incurred in the normal course of business in bringing stocks to their present location and condition. Full provision is made for obsolete and slow moving items. Net realisable value comprises actual or estimated selling price (net of trade discounts) less all further costs to completion or to be incurred in marketing and selling.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts except where the effect of discounting would be immaterial. In such cases the receivables are stated at cost less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Trade and other creditors

Trade and other creditors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

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Employee benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

Taxation and deferred taxation

The company has charitable status for tax purposes

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. The resulting exchange differences are dealt with in the Income Statement.

3. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the financial year was 6, (2023 - 6).

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

4. Tangible assets

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles	Library refurbishments	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 January 2024	1,332,662	776	341,542	5,200	1,163,498	2,843,678
Additions	-	-	4,329	-	-	4,329
At 31 December 2024	1,332,662	776	345,871	5,200	1,163,498	2,848,007
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2024	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value						
At 31 December 2024	1,332,662	776	345,871	5,200	1,163,498	2,848,007
At 31 December 2023	1,332,662	776	341,542	5,200	1,163,498	2,843,678

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5. Investments

Investments	Group and participating interests/ joint ventures
Cost	£
At 31 December 2024	1
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	1
At 31 December 2023	1

Order of Mary Servite Trust owns 100% of the issued share capital of Benburb Priory Ltd

6. Stocks	2024	2023
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	7,989	2,000

The replacement cost of stock did not differ significantly from the figures shown.

7. Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	8,000	-
Prepayments and accrued income	4,306	4,406
	<u>12,306</u>	<u>4,406</u>

8. Creditors	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Trade creditors	17,538	-
Amounts owed to connected parties (Note 10)	18,625	39,951
Taxation	221	-
Accruals	4,223	63,080
	<u>40,607</u>	<u>103,031</u>

9. Capital commitments

The company had no material capital commitments at the financial year-ended 31 December 2024.

10. Related party transactions

The following amounts are due to other connected parties:

2024	2023
£	£
<u>18,625</u>	<u>39,951</u>

11. Post-Balance Sheet Events

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the financial year-end.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TRADING STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sales	205,889	137,337
Cost of sales		
Opening stock	2,000	-
Direct costs	5,800	20,868
	7,800	20,868
Closing stock	(7,989)	(2,000)
	(189)	18,868
Gross profit	206,078	118,469
Administrative expenses		
Wages and salaries	58,458	96,576
Staff defined contribution pension costs	432	1,901
consumables	-	714
Service charges	-	215
Insurance	17,372	13,220
Light and heat	-	42,724
Cleaning	-	2,020
Repairs and maintenance	25,775	21,248
sacristy	-	6,566
Printing, postage and stationery	662	3,447
Advertising	360	1,090
Telephone	447	996
Computer costs	1,892	304
Motor expenses	1,214	2,357
hospitality	-	1,228
Legal and professional	31,047	9,689
Accountancy	3,972	4,458
Bank charges	1,051	1,163
Profit/loss on exchange	(962)	-
General expenses	733	5,745
Subscriptions	-	115
Profits/losses on disposal of tangibles	-	7,870
Charitable donations	-	38,870
	142,453	262,516
Miscellaneous income		
Sundry income	42,546	24,661
Net profit/(loss)	106,171	(119,386)

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Directors

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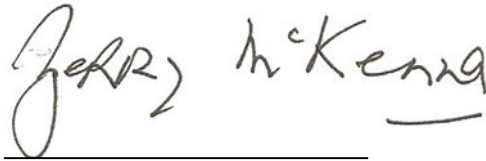
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On behalf of the board



Kevin Joseph Boyd
Director

26 September 2024



Professor Patrick Gerald McKenna
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Date: 26 September 2024

Order of Mary Servite Trust

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover		137,337	297,852
Cost of sales		(18,868)	(4,802)
Gross profit		118,469	293,050
Administrative expenses		(262,516)	(339,290)
Other operating income		24,661	<u>56,319</u>
Operating (loss)/profit		(119,386)	10,079
Investment income	3		<u>2,879</u>
(Loss)/profit before taxation		(119,386)	12,958
Tax on (loss)/profit			
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(119,386)	<u>12,958</u>

Order of Mary Servite Trust

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)
Company Registration Number: NI671223

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	5	2,843,678	2,820,328
Investments	6	1	1
Fixed Assets		2,843,679	2,820,329
Current Assets			
Stocks	7	2,000	
Debtors	8	4,406	13,437
Cash and cash equivalents		119,287	160,768
		125,693	174,205
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(103,031)	(8,807)
Net Current Assets		22,662	165,398
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		2,866,341	2,985,727
Reserves			
Capital reserves and funds		2,989,086	2,989,086
Retained deficit		(122,745)	(3,359)
Members' Funds		2,866,341	2,985,727

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 (Small Entities).

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 26 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Kevin Joseph Boyd
Director

Professor Patrick Gerald McKenna
Director

Order of Mary Servite Trust

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

1. General Information

Order of Mary Servite Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated and registered in Northern Ireland. The registered number of the company is NI671223. The registered office of the company is 10 Main Street, Benburb, Dungannon, Co Tyrone, BT71 7JZ, Northern Ireland which is also the principal place of business of the company. The company is a charitable trust set up for the following purposes: the advancement of religion, the advancement of citizenship and community development, and the advancement of education. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A (Small Entities) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the historical cost convention except for certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoice value of goods supplied by the company, exclusive of trade discounts and value added tax.

Tangible assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings	No depreciation charged
Plant and machinery	No depreciation charged
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	No depreciation charged
Motor vehicles	No depreciation charged
Library refurbishment	No depreciation charged

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value. Income from other investments together with any related tax credit is recognised in the Income Statement in the financial year in which it is receivable.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stocks are determined on a first-in first-out basis. Cost comprises expenditure incurred in the normal course of business in bringing stocks to their present location and condition. Full provision is made for obsolete and slow moving items. Net realisable value comprises actual or estimated selling price (net of trade discounts) less all further costs to completion or to be incurred in marketing and selling.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts except where the effect of discounting would be immaterial. In such cases the receivables are stated at cost less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Trade and other creditors

Trade and other creditors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

Employee benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

Taxation and deferred taxation

The company has charitable status for tax purposes

Government grants

Capital grants received and receivable are treated as deferred income and amortised to the Income Statement annually over the useful economic life of the asset to which it relates. Revenue grants are credited to the Income Statement when received.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. The resulting exchange differences are dealt with in the Income Statement.

3.	Income from investments	2023	2022
		£	£
	Investment income	<u> </u>	<u>2,879</u>
4.	Employees		

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the financial year was 6, (2022 - 6).

Order of Mary Servite Trust
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for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

5. Tangible assets

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles	Library refurbishmen t	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 January 2023	1,304,542	776	335,942	15,570	1,163,498	2,820,328
Additions	28,120		5,600			33,720
Disposals				(10,370)		(10,370)
At 31 December 2023	1,332,662	776	341,542	5,200	1,163,498	2,843,678
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Depreciation						
At 1 January 2023						
At 31 December 2023						
Net book value						
At 31 December 2023	1,332,662	776	341,542	5,200	1,163,498	2,843,678
At 31 December 2022	1,304,542	776	335,942	15,570	1,163,498	2,820,328

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

6. Investments

Investments	Group and participating interests/ joint ventures
Cost	£
At 31 December 2023	_____
Net book value	
At 31 December 2023	1
At 31 December 2022	_____

Order of Mary Servite Trust owns 100% of the issued share capital of Benburb Priory Ltd

7. Stocks	2023	2022
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	2,000	_____

The replacement cost of stock did not differ significantly from the figures shown.

8. Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors		13,437
Prepayments and accrued income	4,406	
	4,406	13,437

9. Creditors	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Amounts owed to connected parties (Note 11)	39,951	
Accruals	63,080	8,807
	103,031	8,807

10. Capital commitments

The company had no material capital commitments at the financial year-ended 31 December 2023.

11. Related party transactions

The following amounts are due to other connected parties:

2023	2022
£	£
39,951	_____

12. Post-Balance Sheet Events

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the financial year-end.

ORDER OF MARY SERVITE TRUST

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Order of Mary Servite Trust

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sales	137,337	297,852
Cost of sales		
Direct costs	<u>20,868</u>	4,802
	20,868	4,802
Closing stock	<u>(2,000)</u>	
	<u>18,868</u>	4,802
Gross profit	118,469	293,050
Administrative expenses		
Wages and salaries	96,576	117,654
Staff defined contribution pension costs	1,901	164
health		593
consumables	714	13,051
Rates		26
Service charges	215	3,211
Insurance	13,220	353
library costs		792
Light and heat	42,724	47,782
Cleaning	2,020	6,253
Repairs and maintenance	21,248	12,424
sacristy	6,566	9,382
Printing, postage and stationery	3,447	4,025
Advertising	1,090	1,738
Telephone	996	420
Computer costs	304	6,974
Hire of equipment		8,070
Motor expenses	2,357	4,773
hospitality	1,228	2,546
Legal and professional	9,689	
Consultancy fees		3,658
Accountancy	4,458	7,334
Bank charges	1,163	1,090
Profit/loss on exchange		(711)
friars expenses		6,905
General expenses	5,745	55,532
Subscriptions	115	251
Profits/losses on disposal of tangibles	7,870	
Charitable donations	38,870	25,000
	<u>262,516</u>	339,290
Miscellaneous income		
Government grants received		50,840
Sundry income	24,661	5,479
Income from unlisted investments		<u>2,879</u>
	<u>24,661</u>	59,198
Net (loss)/profit	(119,386)	12,958

Order of Mary Servite Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108785

Annual report

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2023 - Period start date

To 31 December 2023 - Period end date

Charity name: Order of Mary Servite Trust
(Benburb Priory)

Charity registration number: 108785

Company Number: NI671223

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The charity's objects ('Objects') are specifically restricted to the promotion of the following purposes for the benefit of the public:</p> <p>1.1 The advancement of religion through the provision, upkeep and maintenance of Roman Catholic churches and other properties and facilities in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and the support of the Servite Order central administration (Curia), and the missionary apostolate including developing foundations.</p> <p>1.2 The advancement of citizenship or community development through social, cultural and economic development activities in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.</p> <p>1.3 The advancement of education including through the provision, upkeep and maintenance of the Priory Library and Museum and the books, artefacts and Servite archives contained therein.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Religious services- Library and Museum archiving, research and public visits- Lectures, talks and tours- Community events
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees are committed to ensuring public benefit from all the activities undertaken by the Trust.</p>

Commission on public benefit		
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The trust does not make grants but is a beneficiary of charitable grants from eg. The Heritage Fund
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Trustees in fulfilling the objects of the charity are committed to supporting and promoting the spiritual, social and economic well-being of the community and catchment area served by the charity
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers are the life blood of the charity, contributing to the organisation and delivery of all of its objects. Paid employees are kept to a minimum thus ensuring that the charity's income is directed primarily to charitable activities.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The trust provides spiritual, cultural, social and economic benefits to its local and wider community through: prayer and reflection, lectures and research, social interaction opportunities to people of all ages and social backgrounds, and support of fledgling businesses to enable them to mature. It is a major hub for community development in an area that has had a troubled past and continues to suffer from geographic and political peripherality, poor public services and infrastructure, and low economic performance indices. It also provides major educational and intellectual support for schools, community groups, historical societies and interested individuals.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

		A major early objective was to imbed the new governance and organisational
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	structures that came into being in August 2020. This has been achieved. A further objective was to emerge from the Covid pandemic and ensure, in so far as was possible, that the Priory returned to pre-Covid levels of activity including weekly footfall. This was also achieved, as was stabilisation of the trust's finances.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising through charitable donations picked up again significantly post-Covid. This was supplemented by grant income from the Department for Communities and the Heritage Fund during 2021 and 2022.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	A major investment opportunity came in 2022 via a grant from the Department for Communities which enabled the appointment of a Coordinator of Marketing and Fundraising. Hopefully, this appointment will yield dividends in the future.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity posted a deficit of £119,386 at the end of the accounting year, 2023. The charity has capital assets of £2,866,341. £ 2,866,341 The charity incurred significant expenditure during the year in order to bring its buildings to required safety standards. It also suffered a dip in income due to reorganisation of human resource support from the Servite Order. This is being attended to.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	It is envisaged that modest reserves will accumulate over time in order to fund developments designed to enable the charity to maintain or increase its income and more effectively achieve its stated objects.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The charity has capital reserves of £ 2,866,341 but zero cash reserves.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	This reflects the challenge of breaking even on income and expenditure. It is the intention to build up modest cash/investment reserves over time.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The charity has no funds materially in deficit. The wholly owned trading company, Benburb Priory Ltd, had a surplus of £59,289. The surplus will be gifted to the charity, OMST.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no current uncertainties regarding the charity's sustainability.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donations - Grant Income - Room/ building rental (via Benburb Priory Ltd) - Events
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The charity is not in a position to make investments at this stage. All potential investments would conform to the Servites' ethical investment policy.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Obvious potential risks would be a loss of income due to reputational damage or lack of success in generating donations, grant income or commercial activities (via Benburb Priory Ltd).
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		The Trust (OMST) is a charitable company limited by guarantee.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Trust/charitable company is constituted by Articles of Association.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The trust/company is governed by a board. As per the Articles of Association, the Board of trustees may add or delete trustees/directors using procedures laid out in the articles. All trustees/directors have equal voting rights.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees/directors are inducted through dedicated one to one training/mentoring by the chair and other experienced trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It has a trading subsidiary company, Benburb Priory Ltd which handles commercial activities eg, room, buildings and conacre rental, externally run conferences, craft shop etc. The trading company is wholly owned by the trust and gifts all profits annually to it. OMST is a branch of the Servite Order (Province of the Isles) but is financially autonomous. It receives an annual subvention from the Province of the Isles for the upkeep of the Library and Museum which <i>inter alia</i> houses all of the Servite archives for England, Ireland and Northern Ireland.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	As stated above, the trust, though financially independent, is affiliated to the Servite Order. The Servite Prior Provincial and the Servite Provincial Treasurer are trustees/directors of the trust.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Order of Mary Servite Trust (OMST)
Other name the charity uses	Benburb Priory
Registered charity number	108785
Charity's principal address	10 Main Street Benburb Co. Tyrone BT71 7JZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Note: All OMST board members are trustees/directors of the charitable company, OMST, and have equal voting rights. No trustee/director has any personal ownership of the charity/company.

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	BOYD, Kevin Joseph	Director/Trustee	Appointed 01.04.2023	OMST Board
2	CURRAN, Bronagh	Director/Trustee	Appointed 01.04.2023	OMST Board
3	DUFFY, Seamus	Director/Trustee	Appointed 01.01.2022	OMST Board
4	McGLYNN, Fr. Colm	Director/Trustee	Appointed 23.07.2020	Servite Order
5	McKENNA, Prof. Patrick Gerald,	Director/Trustee (Chair: 01.01.2023 – currently)	Appointed 01.01.2022	OMST Board
6	NÍ UALLACHÁIN, Sr.Méabh	Director/Trustee	Appointed 15.08.2023	OMST Board
7	O'BRIEN, Fr Christopher	Director/Trustee	Appointed 23.07.2020	Servite Order
8	TAGGART, Noreen Elizabeth Rose	Director/Trustee	Appointed 01.01.2022	OMST Board
9	THORNE, Fr. Bernard (Peter)	Director/Trustee (Chair: 23.07.20 – 31.12.22)	Appointed 23.07.2020 Resigned/Retired 31.12.22	Servite Order

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable.

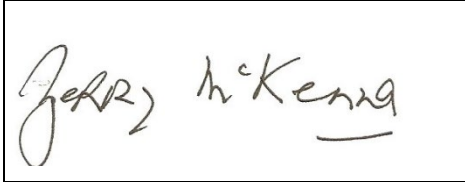
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Prof Patrick Gerald McKenna
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair, Board of Order of Mary Servite Trust
Date	23.10.24

Order of Mary Servite Trust

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108785

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORDER OF MARY SERVITE TRUST

We have examined the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

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 work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Directors that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

The company's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The company's directors consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report


We have examined your company financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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


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Date: 26 September 2024