

# Charity for St Joseph's Missionary Society (British Region)

Scotland · Charity number SC039809

## Details

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Known as	Mill Hill Missionaries
Status	Active
Legal form	Trust (founding document is a deed of trust) (other than educational endowment)
Registered	2008-08-22
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of religion'

**Beneficiaries:** 'Other defined groups'

**Objectives:** 2.2 The Objects are such charitable purposes that advance the religious and other charitable work of the Society including: (a) the promotion maintenance and support of the Society and its members including the education of those members. (b) the relief of poverty. and (c) the advancement of the Roman Catholic religion.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Outwith Scotland
- **Geographical spread:** UK and overseas

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£2,205,580	£2,944,396	-	33
2024-12-31	£2,351,752	£2,641,214	-	32
2023-12-31	£2,185,971	£2,489,556	-	33
2022-12-31	£2,218,231	£2,345,791	-	34
2021-12-31	£2,278,479	£2,325,534	-	32
2020-12-31	£1,937,831	£2,079,214	-	33

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number 220690 (England and Wales)

Charity registration number SC039809 (Scotland)

**CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Rev S Botto Bro E Slawinski Rev D Byrne
<b>Charity number (England and Wales)</b>	220690
<b>Charity number (Scotland)</b>	SC039809
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# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **Introduction**

St. Joseph's Society for Foreign Missions was founded in 1866 by Cardinal Herbert Vaughan at Mill Hill in London. The Society is an "international fellowship of Missionaries", dedicated to the work of evangelisation, to the building up of young Churches, & to the assisting of Churches in special need outside our home regions. Members of the Society are expected to leave their own country & culture & to be involved in pioneering areas of evangelisation. In December 2006 the Society's Generalate moved from Mill Hill to Maidenhead following the sale of St. Joseph's College in Mill Hill which traditionally had been the principal training centre of the Society. Because of its historical foundation the Society & its members are known as the Mill Hill Missionaries.

The Society is organised into three Missions: the Europe & North America Mission (comprising Great Britain, The Netherlands, Ireland, The United States, & the German Speaking Region, encompassing houses in Italy & Austria), the Africa Mission & the Asia Mission. Until recently it has drawn the majority of its members from Europe & North America. Today there are many candidates from East Africa, Cameroon, Congo, India & the Philippines.

It has Mission Areas in twelve countries - Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, Cameroon, Congo, South Africa, Pakistan, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Brazil, Indonesia, & a presence elsewhere in the world.

The accounts accompanying this report are the accounts of the Trust in which the assets of the Society's activities in Great Britain are vested & cover the activities of the British Region of the Society. The accounts of the Central Society were historically incorporated with the British Region until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012. With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013, the Central Society separated from the British Region & now operates & reports as Charity for St. Joseph's Missionary Society (Generalate) Charity Commission No. 1148980.

The Charity for St. Joseph's Missionary Society (British Region) is governed by a principal deed dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 1929, & is registered at the Charity Commission No. 220690 & the Scottish Charity Regulator No. SC039809.

#### **Organisation**

In March 2012 under a Charity Commission Scheme dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012 & a Deed of Amendment dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 the Charity was renamed *Charity for St Joseph's Missionary Society (British Region)* its objectives revised & four new Trustees were appointed replacing the above sole corporate Trustee.

All the Trustees of the Charity for St Joseph's Society (British Region) are appointed by the British Regional Council & are all Members of St Joseph's Missionary Society.

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### The Trustees

#### Rev Dermot Byrne MHM

Fr. Byrne has been a full member of the Society since November 1991. He was ordained in June 1992 & elected Regional of the British Region 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Prior to being elected Regional he was working on the Society's Mission in Uganda.

#### Rev Stephen Botto MHM

Fr Botto has been a full member of the Society since October 1990. He was ordained in June 1991 & is currently Bursar of the British Region since June 2011. Prior to being appointed Bursar he was following a course of further studies & has worked on the Society's mission in Cameroon.

#### Bro Eddie Slawinski MHM

Bro Slawinski has been a full member of the Society since April 1982. He is currently a member of the team making appeals & doing promotion work for APF - Mill Hill in England & Wales. He has previously worked on the Society's mission in Cameroon.

### Principle activities and aims

The principal objectives of the Society as stated in the trust deed are:

Such charitable purposes that advance the religious & other charitable work of the Society including:

1. The promotion, maintenance & support of the Society & its members including the education of those members
2. The relief of poverty and
3. The advancement of the Roman Catholic Religion

The Trustees may use the capital & the income of the Charity in promoting the Objects.

These objectives clearly state the aims of the Society.

### Financial

The Society adheres to stringent policies as outlined in the Global Financial Regulations Manual & detailed in the British Region Financial Regulations Manual. The Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2025 satisfy the Trustees with regard to the Charity's ability to continue to operate in future periods. The Trustees have given consideration to ongoing global conflicts & the negative effect these will inevitably continue to have on investment market values & income. They have also considered the ever-increasing cost of living & the potential negative impact this has on donations as well as the Society overheads, particularly increased wage costs & running expenses.

The Charity maintains General Fund Reserves & Retirement Fund Reserves separate to Land & Building Reserves to ensure transparency of financial reports & to enable consideration of future financial planning. The Appeal Fund does not hold reserves, all surpluses being transferred to the Charity for St. Joseph's Missionary Society (Generalate) Charity No. 1148980 for funding of the Missions. No Restricted Funds are held for year ended 31 December 2025.

The Charity has an Investment Policy primarily aimed at maximising investment income whilst maintaining an ethical stance across a diverse range of asset class & security. The Charity will not invest in companies pursuing activities which are directly contrary to the purpose of the Trust Deed & investment is avoided in companies where their main business activities are in the areas of pornography, armaments/military equipment, gambling or tobacco. Investment Managers are instructed to follow the policy of 'safe' rather than 'speculative' investment whilst aiming to achieve an overall income yield not less than 3.5% annually. The Investment Policy is reviewed periodically to ensure continuing suitability.

Ongoing financial planning, through detailed budgetary consideration, is focused on the following key areas:

- The promotion, maintenance & support of the Society & its members, including the education of those members – these being reliant upon general donations, investment & legacy income
- The relief of poverty. Ongoing review of practices, reinforcing the appeals team (both employed & voluntary) to organise APF Appeals throughout England & Wales, to ensure the future sustainability of the Missions through both Red Box Donations & Covenant Donations
- The advancement of the Roman Catholic Religion.

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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### Laws & regulations

- The Trustees acknowledge their duty to ensure that the Charity complies with charity law & with the requirements of the Charity Commission in England & Wales & the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) as well as their responsibility for ensuring the Charity does not breach any of the requirements or rules set out in the Trust Deed & the Constitutions of the Society.
- The Trustees appoint a qualified external auditor to verify the accuracy of accounts, processes & procedures, to minimise the potential for inaccurate accounting & potential fraud.
- The Trustees are aware of their obligation to report any serious incidents to the Charity Commission.

### Protection of Vulnerable Adults:

The Trustees ensure ongoing compliance assessment to ensure the Society meets with the current legislative requirements as regards the Protection of Vulnerable Adults. As well as complying with its own 'Code of Conduct' & 'Safeguarding Guidelines' the Society also adheres to the Safeguarding Guidelines of the Catholic Church in England & Wales. The Society employs the professional services of a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) primarily responsible for managing safeguarding concerns, acting as the main point of contact for external agencies & promoting a safe culture throughout the Society & its activities.

### Public Benefit

The Trustees have consulted the guidance made available by the Charity Commission for England & Wales on the Public Benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees are confident that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 in that they have had due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission. In furtherance of the trust's charitable purposes for the public benefit the trustees give details of their activities in the following paragraphs.

### Financial review

#### Review of 2025

- In 2025 the British Region which comprises England, Wales & Scotland had **56** members of whom **20** were retired (18 in Herbert House, 1 in Manchester & 1 non-resident).
- **1** member is in the UK pending appointment - resident in Herbert House.

#### Overseas:

- **3** members were on missionary work overseas. They were spread over 3 different countries: Cameroon, Kenya & the Philippine Islands.
- The Society's Members work mainly in Parishes amongst people in need providing religious & humanitarian services. The latter includes urban projects such as rehabilitating drug users, helping displaced persons, working with the disabled, feeding schemes for children & in rural areas, projects for women.

#### England & Wales:

- **1** member is working as the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies/Missio for England & Wales whilst **8** members were involved in raising missionary awareness & making appeals England & Wales. This work is carried out in confluence with Missio (Regd. Charity 1056651) & collectively a total of £2,240,478 was raised in 2025 of which £896,191 went to the Society – an **increase** of 0.25% on 2024 (Missio income from the South was up 2.6% & Mill Hill income from the North was down 4.6% on 2024).
- **9** members of the society were working in parishes in England while **2** others were chaplains to hospitals, care homes, schools, & convents.
- One of the members working in a Parish is also the representative for MHM for safeguarding in England and Wales working in conjunction with our professional DSL.
- There are **9** members of the region who are involved in management of the society (**3** British Region & **6** Generalate).

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

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### Scotland: Trustees Report 2025

- 3 members were involved in raising missionary awareness & making Mission Appeals in Scotland as part of the Mission Deanery Appeal set up organised by Missio Scotland. In 2025 they visited 32 parishes. Due to the declining numbers of diocesan priests, they also visited 8 parishes regularly on supply as well as providing a daily supply to neighbouring Nazareth House Nursing Home.
- The Society magazine for Scotland (St. Joseph's Advocate) was published twice during 2025 together with one calendar.
- As well as providing reflection/religious retreat days & evenings, our members also visited schools & worked with other groups belonging to the Catholic Church in Scotland - Serra, Lourdes Hospitalite & Lourdes Nurses, all of whom use Cardonald house for their meetings.
- A Centring Prayer Group continues to be held every Tuesday & on Wednesday evenings we have Faith Development Sessions given by Fr. Bernard Fox.
- The proceeds of a Prize Draw (Friends of Mill Hill) held in 2025 went to Food Project, Cambodia. There are also various fundraising activities throughout the year to raise funds for Mill Hill missionary work abroad.
- We have an annual Novena to St. Joseph & Holy Souls in November.
- Cardonald provides a base for any Scottish Mill Hill Missionaries visiting on Home Leave.
- Fr. Bernard Fox is also the safeguarding link in Scotland.
- Fr. Mark Connolly works on the Deanery Evangelisation Sub Committee.

### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to ensure that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained as liquid assets at a minimum level equivalent to twelve month's expenditure (inclusive of Herbert House). The remaining balances of unrestricted funds will be held as investment portfolio's to ensure the maximum dividend return which is the main source of income for the unrestricted (General) funds held. The trustees consider that reserves held at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in income, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

### Risk policy

In line with the requirements for Trustees to undertake a risk assessment exercise & give an account of this in the report, the Trustees have looked at the risks the Institute faces in England & have reviewed the measures already in place to deal with them. The Trustees have identified the following main areas where risks may occur.

The General Council, supported by the Finance Council & Financial Secretary, is responsible as regards finance to the following:

- Approve the annual budget
- Approve the annual financial report
- Approve the purchase or sale of land/property
- Grant requests/projects for members in need & non-MHM's
- Appoint external auditor for annual auditing
- Approve the Global & Regional Financial Manuals

All decisions regarding financial matters & properties must be made in line with the Constitutions & Directives of the Society. The Trustees may only act within parameters set by the General Council & as outlined in the Financial Regulations Manual. There is no formal induction training for Trustees.

Employees are only authorised to act within the parameters of their job description & no employees are responsible for financial decision making at any level.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### Plans for future periods

In addition to the continuation of its current activities a number of specific projects are envisaged.

- To support the British Region Members in their missionary work overseas.
- To provide for the retirement & health needs of members of the British Region.
- To promote overseas mission in the British Region.

### Structure, governance and management

#### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev S Botto

Bro E Slawinski

Rev D Byrne

#### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales and in Scotland 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

..... S J Botto

Rev S Botto

Trustee

Date: ..... 13-5-2026 .....

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Charity For St Joseph's Missionary Society (British Region) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including 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 charity's affairs as at 31 December 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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 charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees 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 charity'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 cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit by performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Analytical review and substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore any instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant. In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team;

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, including the legal and regulatory framework, in which the charity operates and how the charity complies with that legal and regulatory framework
- inquired with management and those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud
- discussed with management and those charged with governance any non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessments of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

The risk of management override of controls was also considered an area of potential misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included testing of manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business.

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

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There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Nicholas Cunningham MSc BSc FCCA(Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Robson Laidler Accountants Limited, Statutory Auditor

14-5-2026

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Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	448,519	1,008,101	1,456,620	1,612,089
Investments		737,483	-	737,483	738,863
Other income		11,477	-	11,477	800
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,197,479</u>	<u>1,008,101</u>	<u>2,205,580</u>	<u>2,351,752</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	3	108,724	297,326	406,050	408,173
Charitable activities	4	1,833,104	705,242	2,538,346	2,233,041
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,941,828</u>	<u>1,002,568</u>	<u>2,944,396</u>	<u>2,641,214</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		1,807,759	-	1,807,759	1,028,881
<b>Net income</b>		<u>1,063,410</u>	<u>5,533</u>	<u>1,068,943</u>	<u>739,419</u>
Transfers between funds		5,533	(5,533)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	6	<u>1,068,943</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,068,943</u>	<u>739,419</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		<u>31,097,119</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,097,119</u>	<u>30,357,700</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2025</b>		<u><u>32,166,062</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>32,166,062</u></u>	<u><u>31,097,119</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes			
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	667,474	944,615	1,612,089
Investments		738,863	-	738,863
Other income		800	-	800
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,407,137</u>	<u>944,615</u>	<u>2,351,752</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	3	106,177	301,996	408,173
Charitable activities	4	1,597,577	635,464	2,233,041
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,703,754</u>	<u>937,460</u>	<u>2,641,214</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		1,028,881	-	1,028,881
<b>Net income</b>		732,264	7,155	739,419
Transfers between funds		7,155	(7,155)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	6	<u>739,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>739,419</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		30,357,700	-	30,357,700
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2024</b>		<u><u>31,097,119</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>31,097,119</u></u>

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10		6,813,205		6,809,737
Investments	11		24,742,942		23,089,997
			<u>31,556,147</u>		<u>29,899,734</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	518,679		548,016	
Cash at bank and in hand		922,645		1,303,093	
		<u>1,441,324</u>		<u>1,851,109</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13		<u>(831,409)</u>		<u>(653,724)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			609,915		1,197,385
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>32,166,062</u>		<u>31,097,119</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds	15		32,166,062		31,097,119
			<u>32,166,062</u>		<u>31,097,119</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 13-5-2026

S. J. Botto

Rev S Botto  
Trustee

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash absorbed by operations	17		(1,244,953)		(874,974)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(39,269)		(35,050)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		11,477		800	
Purchase of investments		(4,578,592)		(6,051,838)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		4,733,406		5,807,289	
Investment income received		737,483		738,863	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			864,505		460,064
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(380,448)		(414,910)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,303,093		1,718,003
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			922,645		1,303,093

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Charity For St Joseph's Missionary Society (British Region) is an unincorporated charity (charity number 220690 (England and Wales) and SCO39809 (Scotland)). The principal office is based at High Thorn, Pittington Road, Rainton Gate, Houghton le Spring, DH5 9RG.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

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

#### 1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis on the ground that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. The Trustees have considered a period of 12 months from the balance sheet date and consider no further disclosures relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

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

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.4 Income

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

- 1) Donations are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both amount and settlement date.
- 2) Legacies are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and the settlement date.
- 3) Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably.
- 4) Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	not provided
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

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

#### 1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

Property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared against its carrying amount. Where the estimated recoverable amount is lower, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### 1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### 1.11 Retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### 1.12 Short term debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no interest rate which are receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any loss arising from impairment are recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.13 Investments

Quoted investments are stated in the financial statements at their market value on the balance sheet date. Market value represents the mid-market value price of quoted investments on the relevant day. The resulting unrealised surplus or deficit is credited or debited to the Statement of Financial Activities.

### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	120,519	970,005	1,090,524	120,668	943,990	1,064,658
Legacies	34,909	38,096	73,005	200,695	625	201,320
Masses said	92,980	-	92,980	101,939	-	101,939
Salaries, stipends & pensions	200,111	-	200,111	244,172	-	244,172
	<u>448,519</u>	<u>1,008,101</u>	<u>1,456,620</u>	<u>667,474</u>	<u>944,615</u>	<u>1,612,089</u>

### 3 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Fundraising and publicity</b>						
Personal and external boarding allowances	-	42,090	42,090	-	44,475	44,475
Promotional costs and appeals	6,619	92,803	99,422	9,968	92,633	102,601
Office costs	-	2,235	2,235	-	2,208	2,208
Sundries	38	1,311	1,349	317	1,526	1,843
Travel and motor costs	-	31,146	31,146	-	42,941	42,941
Staff costs	-	109,664	109,664	-	108,741	108,741
Depreciation and impairment	-	18,077	18,077	-	9,472	9,472
Fundraising and publicity	<u>6,657</u>	<u>297,326</u>	<u>303,983</u>	<u>10,285</u>	<u>301,996</u>	<u>312,281</u>
Investment management	<u>102,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,067</u>	<u>95,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,892</u>
Total costs	<u>108,724</u>	<u>297,326</u>	<u>406,050</u>	<u>106,177</u>	<u>301,996</u>	<u>408,173</u>

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2025 £	Charitable activities 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Staff costs	797,837	734,551
Rent and rates	46,273	42,198
Insurance	20,993	20,057
Light and heat	114,995	173,113
Telephone, postage and stationery	11,470	12,513
Repairs and maintenance	101,154	75,659
Sundries	28,065	34,484
Retirement costs	129,900	140,583
Chapel expenses	1,949	2,094
Household costs	108,412	125,698
Motor and travel	29,724	23,714
Medical expenses	10,721	13,567
Personal allowances	32,700	36,000
Regional external allowances	18,600	17,720
Contributions to Generalate	925,842	596,014
Overseas allowances	29,400	39,450
	<u>2,408,035</u>	<u>2,087,415</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)</b>		
Support	130,311	145,626
	<u>2,538,346</u>	<u>2,233,041</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	1,833,104	1,597,577
Restricted funds	705,242	635,464
	<u>2,538,346</u>	<u>2,233,041</u>

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 5 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	29,952	36,126
Depreciation	17,724	16,719
Telephone	1,475	1,419
Postage and stationery	12,627	12,942
Subscriptions	17,408	10,988
Sundries	3,620	3,869
Motor, travel and meeting costs	6,362	8,543
Professional costs	32,111	42,720
Audit fees	9,000	8,700
Bank charges	32	3,600
	<u>130,311</u>	<u>145,626</u>
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Charitable activities	<u>130,311</u>	<u>145,626</u>

### 6 Net movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	9,450	9,000
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	35,801	26,191
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(11,477)	(800)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

#### Trustees

During the year the Trustees received living and boarding allowances totaling £11,700 (2024: £11,700). In addition, in the current and previous year the charity paid certain travel and medical expenses on behalf of the Trustees and provided the Trustees with the use of a vehicle and living accommodation. All these costs were in relation to the Trustees duties as missionaries rather than in relation to their duties as a Trustee.

During the year Bro E Slawinski, a trustee of the charity, sold his vehicle to the charity for £4,781, representing its market value at the date of sale.

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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### 8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Administrative and fundraising	7	6
Domestic, cleaning and catering	26	27
Total	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>

### Employment costs

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	852,875	810,042
Social security costs	69,715	55,737
Other pension costs	14,863	13,639
	<u>937,453</u>	<u>879,418</u>

The Trustees consider that no key management received remuneration in either the current or previous year.

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

### 9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 2025	6,724,921	14,636	302,996	7,042,553
Additions	-	1,080	38,189	39,269
Disposals	-	-	(33,397)	(33,397)
At 31 December 2025	6,724,921	15,716	307,788	7,048,425
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 January 2025	-	8,381	224,435	232,816
Depreciation charged in the year	-	3,749	32,052	35,801
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(33,397)	(33,397)
At 31 December 2025	-	12,130	223,090	235,220
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 December 2025	6,724,921	3,586	84,698	6,813,205
At 31 December 2024	6,724,921	6,255	78,561	6,809,737

### 11 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
	£
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2025	23,089,997
Additions	4,578,592
Valuation changes	1,807,760
Disposals	(4,733,406)
At 31 December 2025	24,742,943
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2025	24,742,943
At 31 December 2024	23,089,997

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 12 Debtors

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	476,672	540,554
Other debtors	16,425	7,462
Prepayments and accrued income	25,582	-
	<u>518,679</u>	<u>548,016</u>

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	14,468	11,765
Trade creditors	767,772	593,297
Other creditors	37,573	45,662
Accruals and deferred income	11,596	3,000
	<u>831,409</u>	<u>653,724</u>

### 14 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
APF Fund	-	1,008,101	(1,002,568)	(5,533)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,008,101</u>	<u>(1,002,568)</u>	<u>(5,533)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 January 2024</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>At 31 December 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
APF Fund	-	944,615	(937,460)	(7,155)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>944,615</u>	<u>(937,460)</u>	<u>(7,155)</u>	<u>-</u>

#### APF Fund

This fund consists of funds for mission work collected for and on behalf of the Charity for St Joseph's Missionary Society (Generalate). Transfers from this fund represent additional contributions toward the costs of the retirement home.

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

#### 15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

See the breakdown of the Designated funds below:

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Retirement fund	17,347,436	743,532	(1,256,600)	-	1,430,245	18,264,613
Capital fund	6,724,921	-	-	-	-	6,724,921
General funds	7,024,762	453,947	(685,228)	5,533	377,514	7,176,528
	<u>31,097,119</u>	<u>1,197,479</u>	<u>(1,941,828)</u>	<u>5,533</u>	<u>1,807,759</u>	<u>32,166,062</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 January 2024</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Gains and losses</b>	<b>At 31 December 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Retirement fund	16,943,133	856,960	(1,294,632)	-	841,975	17,347,436
Capital fund	6,724,921	-	-	-	-	6,724,921
General funds	6,689,646	550,177	(409,122)	7,155	186,906	7,024,762
	<u>30,357,700</u>	<u>1,407,137</u>	<u>(1,703,754)</u>	<u>7,155</u>	<u>1,028,881</u>	<u>31,097,119</u>

#### Capital fund

This represents the value of the society's land and buildings.

#### Retirement fund

This represents monies set aside to fund retirement costs for members both at Herbert House, the retirement home, and those in residence.

#### Unrestricted funds

The total Unrestricted Funds of the charity are £32,166,062 (2024: £31,097,119)

This total is comprised of the £24,989,534 (2024: £24,072,357) Designated funds that are shown above and £7,176,528 (2024: £7,024,762) of General unrestricted funds.

#### 16 Related party transactions

##### Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

# CHARITY FOR ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (BRITISH REGION)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 16 Related party transactions

(Continued)

During the year the charity paid over £925,842 (2024: £596,014) in donations to support the Charity for St Joseph's Missionary Society (Generalate) mission activities. At the year end, £576,649 (2024: £291,234) is owed to the Charity for St Joseph's Missionary Society (Generalate), £576,649 (£2024:£393,410) is included in creditors and £nil (2024:£102,176) is included in debtors. Although the British Region and Generalate do not share any common Trustees, they do work closely with each other and are deemed to be related parties for disclosure purposes.

17 Cash absorbed by operations	2025 £	2024 £
Surplus for the year	1,068,943	739,419
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(737,483)	(738,863)
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(11,477)	(800)
Gain on disposal of investments	(201,910)	(1,570)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(1,605,849)	(1,027,311)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	35,801	26,191
<b>Movements in working capital:</b>		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	29,337	(36,363)
Increase in creditors	177,685	164,323
<b>Cash absorbed by operations</b>	<u>(1,244,953)</u>	<u>(874,974)</u>