

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2019**  
**for**  
**The Municipal General Charity**

Wright Vigar Limited  
Statutory Auditors  
Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers  
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**The Municipal General Charity**

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**The Municipal General Charity**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2019**

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

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The object of the charity is the application of income for relief in need relieving either generally or individually persons in Newark, Farndon, Winthorpe, Hawton, Collingham, Coddington, Langford and Holme, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money, providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need of hardship or distress of such persons.

The trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning in future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

In furtherance of the object, the trustees have undertaken the following activities:-

1. The trustees actively encourage application from aid from various bodies on behalf of individuals in need.
2. The upkeep and maintenance of the properties in Newark and the surrounding area held for investment purposes.
3. A regular review of the charity's finances and a review of investments twice annually on formal reports and valuations from the charity's stockbrokers.

**Public benefit**

In deciding on how to direct the grant-making activities of the charity, the trustees have regard to the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**Grantmaking**

The charity has established its grant making policies to achieve its objects for the public benefit by giving particular emphasis to those applications satisfying the criteria of the prevention or relief of poverty, and relief in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage. The grant making policies are in accordance with the objects of the charity described above.

In respect of unrestricted income funds the trustees are able to consider grant applications in accordance with the object of the charity. Written grant applications within these objects are considered for approval at the trustees meeting during the year.

In respect of restricted income funds, as stated in the charity's scheme, income less expenses relating to Besthorpe and Girton Estate assets is apportioned 25/95 to the Charity of Bishop Thomas White for distribution to Newark Municipal Church Charities, and 70/95 to the Charity of Henry Stone for distribution to Lilley and Stone Endowment.

The trustees always seek feedback on the actual use of the grants given and the achievements made, including those given to individuals. The explanations and feedback received are sufficient for monitoring the quality of the grants made.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The charity continues to provide relief to persons in need, hardship or distress through grants either directly to individuals or to organisations.

Grants from unrestricted income funds totalling £10,536 have been made by the trustees to various organisations and individuals following the appropriate consideration and investigation of applications. Grants to individuals have been made mainly to purchase household equipment.

Grants from restricted income funds were payable to Newark Municipal Church Charities in the sum of £2,397, Lilley and Stone Endowment £6,711 and Magnus Charity £14, in accordance with the scheme document.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

The financial position of the charity is adequately reflected in the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2019. Funds available are sufficient to permit the charity to continue in operation and the nature and management of its investments provides a firm base for the future.

At 31st December 2019, income funds stood at £58,302 (2018: £54,671) including £58,296 (2018: £54,668) of unrestricted funds.

At 31st December 2019, endowment funds stood at £1,881,201 (2018: £1,820,065) mainly represented by investment properties and listed investments on which the charity is reliant in order to generate income.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Investment policy and objectives**

The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds and have found that a diversified portfolio of property, shares, corporate bonds and government securities meet their requirements to generate both income and capital growth.

The charity employs specialists as investment advisers and managers. They charge a fee based on the value of the portfolio.

**Reserves policy**

The trustees have reviewed the level of unrestricted funds required to support the charity's grant making activities and to deal with any eventuality that may arise. As a result, the charity's grant making has been set at a level to preserve the amount of unrestricted funds. The policy will be reviewed annually by the trustees in the light of available distributable income.

**FUTURE PLANS**

The trustees are committed to the furtherance of the object already outlined in this report.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

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

**Charity constitution**

The charity is an unincorporated body, constituted under a scheme dated 28th June 1895 and 28th February 2000. The charity does not actively fundraise and seeks to continue its activities through the careful stewardship of its existing resources.

Until 28th February 2000 the charity was known as Municipal General Charities for the Poor (formerly Newark Municipal (General) Charities) and thereafter became responsible for the administration and management of several charities, these being:

- Charities of John Lilley and Henry Stone
- Phillypot Educational Foundation
- Charities of William Bethell, Hercules Clay, Anthony Collingwood and Bishop Thomas White.
- Charity known as Chapman's charity.
- Charities of John Johnson, Timothy Ellis, Isabel Marshall, Richard Lamb, George Lawrence, Lady Frances Leake, -John Martin, William Phillyot, Alderman James Dyson, Henry Hall, Thomas Summers, Emma Watson, and Frederick Duke.

Investments held by The Municipal General Charity include those held on behalf of The East and West Loughton Estate Charity.

After many years of negotiations with the charity commissioners a new charity Scheme was made on 28th February 2000. The major constitutional changes brought about by the new scheme were as follows:-

- a) The name of the charity shall in future be The Municipal General Charity.
- b) There are six nominated trustees and ten co-opted trustees.
- c) Several small charities were brought under the umbrella of The Municipal General Charity including those listed above together with The Charity of Jane Heron, The Newark-upon-Trent Relief in Need Charity, The Newark Benevolent Society, The Newark Widows Fund, The Garner Charity and The Collingham Charity.
- d) The area of benefit of the new charity has been extended and includes the parishes of Newark, Farndon, Winthorpe, Hawton, Collingham, Coddington, Langford and Holme.

The trustees of Farndon Relief in Need Charity agreed that this charity would also merge with The Municipal General Charity. The assets of this charity were transferred by a general vesting declaration dated 7 March 2016.

The charities mentioned above and the properties thereof are administered and managed together as one charity.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The trustees named on page 1 have served throughout the year. Appointment of trustees is in accordance with the governing documents of the charity. The board of trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee.

As set out in the charity scheme co-opted trustees are appointed with regard to the requirement of any specialist skills needed.

Nominated trustees appointed by Newark & Sherwood District Council and Newark Town Council are subject to the appointment processes of those bodies and the guidelines on appointment to public office as they apply to local government nominees. The scheme dated 28th February 2000 states that Nottinghamshire County Council may nominate a trustee.

Nominated trustees are also appointed by the trustees of the Collingham Charity and the trustees of Newark Municipal Church Charities in the former borough of Newark.

At the quarterly trustees meetings, the trustees agree the board strategy and areas of activity for the charity, including consideration of grant making, investment, reserves and risk management policies and performance.

The induction process for any newly-appointed trustee comprises an initial meeting with the clerk to the trustees to familiarise the person appointed on investments, the grant making process and powers and responsibilities of the Trustees. A brief history of the charity and copies of annual reports and accounts, a copy of the charity scheme and a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know' are also given to newly-appointed trustees.

**Decision making**

The day to day administration of the charity is the responsibility of the clerk who reports regularly to the trustees. The activities of the charity have been administered in conjunction with those of The East and West Laughton Estate Charity (Registered Charity No. 501882). During the course of the present financial period there have been four ordinary meetings of the trustees.

The charity is not financially dependent upon the support of any individuals, corporation, or classes of donors known to play a key role in its affairs.

**Key management Personnel and remuneration**

The trustees consider the board of trustees and the clerk to the trustees as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. In accordance with the charity's governing document the trustees may pay the clerk to the trustees such a salary as may be approved by the charity commissioners. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the clerk to the trustees and in accordance with the charity's policy withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The charity trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risk. The trustees consider variability of investment returns on the permanent endowment to constitute the charity's major risk. The trustees believe that maintaining reserves at current levels will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

217437

**Principal address**

48 Lombard Street  
Newark  
Nottinghamshire  
NG24 1DY

**The Municipal General Charity**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2019**

**Trustees**

L G Aslin  
J Whicher  
V Picker  
J Moore  
R Crowe  
M G Cope  
D Westmoreland  
I Brown  
D Hyde  
T S Bickley  
Mrs E Dalton  
S R Wallace  
M Skinner  
M Davies  
A C Roberts

**Auditors**

Wright Vigar Limited  
Statutory Auditors  
Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers  
15 Newland  
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48 Lombard Street  
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NG24 1XP

**Investment advisers**

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Time Central Gallowgate  
Newcastle-upon-Tyne  
NE1 4SR

**EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

**FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS**

Investments held by The Municipal General Charity include those held on behalf of The East and West Laughton Estate Charity. The object of The East and West Laughton Estate Charity is similar to that of The Municipal General Charity, which is a beneficiary of a proportion of grant payments, the other beneficiary being Newark Municipal Church Charities. Details of assets held on behalf of The East and West Laughton Estate Charity are shown in the notes to the accounts. Safe custody of these investments is ensured by holding them in a nominee account held by the charities investment adviser.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

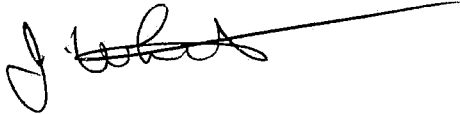
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 October 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Whicher', written over a horizontal line.

J Whicher - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of**  
**The Municipal General Charity**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Municipal General Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (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 2019 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 requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**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 Auditors' 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**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; 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 which 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 liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of**  
**The Municipal General Charity**

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

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

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. 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 auditors' 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.

*Wright Vigar Limited*

Wright Vigar Limited

Statutory Auditors

Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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16 October 2020

**The Municipal General Charity**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2019**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>						
Donations and legacies		9,678	-	-	9,678	9,725
Investment income	2	<u>20,765</u>	<u>9,858</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,623</u>	<u>29,183</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>30,443</b>	<b>9,858</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,301</b>	<b>38,908</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>						
Raising funds	3	2,515	734	2,168	5,417	5,639
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Grants-Individuals and organisations		17,819	9,121	-	26,940	27,967
Other		<u>6,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,481</u>	<u>11,064</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>26,815</b>	<b>9,855</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>38,838</b>	<b>44,670</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,304</u>	<u>63,304</u>	<u>(20,143)</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>3,628</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>61,136</b>	<b>64,767</b>	<b>(25,905)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>						
Total funds brought forward		54,668	3	1,820,065	1,874,736	1,900,641
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><b>58,296</b></u>	<u><b>6</b></u>	<u><b>1,881,201</b></u>	<u><b>1,939,503</b></u>	<u><b>1,874,736</b></u>


The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Municipal General Charity**

**Balance Sheet**  
**31 December 2019**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
<b>Investments</b>						
Investments	8	45,834	-	958,324	1,004,158	875,295
Investment property	9	-	-	<u>1,315,000</u>	<u>1,315,000</u>	<u>1,336,000</u>
		45,834	-	2,273,324	2,319,158	2,211,295
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Debtors	10	3,225	2,963	-	6,188	10,445
Cash in hand		<u>14,206</u>	<u>7,921</u>	<u>1,906</u>	<u>24,033</u>	<u>16,519</u>
		17,431	10,884	1,906	30,221	26,964
<b>CREDITORS</b>						
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(4,969)	(10,878)	(3,464)	(19,311)	(19,175)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>12,462</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>(1,558)</u>	<u>10,910</u>	<u>7,789</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		58,296	6	2,271,766	2,330,068	2,219,084
<b>CREDITORS</b>						
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	-	-	(390,565)	(390,565)	(344,348)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>58,296</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1,881,201</u>	<u>1,939,503</u>	<u>1,874,736</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	13					
Unrestricted funds					58,296	54,668
Restricted funds					6	3
Endowment funds					<u>1,881,201</u>	<u>1,820,065</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					<u>1,939,503</u>	<u>1,874,736</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 October 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Whicher - Trustee



M G Cope - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Municipal General Charity**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2019**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The Municipal General Charity is an unincorporated charity. The address of the principal office is given in the charity information page on page 1 of these financial statements.

**Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

**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.

Distributions from The East and West Laughton Estate Charity- in accordance with the terms of the trust deed of The East and West Laughton Estate Charity, 84.028% of the net income is given as a grant each year to The Municipal General Charity. The amount receivable is only known once accounts have been finalised for each accounting year and the appropriate proportions calculated based on the net income of the charity.

Income from listed investments and cash deposits is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Rental income from investment properties is accounted for on a receivable basis in the period to which it relates.

**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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Raising funds**

The expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for charitable purposes. This includes fees in respect of portfolio management of listed investments, rent collection and investment property costs.

**Charitable activities**

The expenditure on charitable activities includes grants made and an apportionment of support costs as shown in the notes to the accounts.

**Other costs**

Other costs include all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with constitutional and statutory regulations and good practice. These costs include audit and accountancy.

**Allocation of support and other costs**

Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

**Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any fair value adjustments are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**The Municipal General Charity**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2019**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Investments**

Investments are revalued annually and are shown in the financial statements at their year end market value.

Income received on investments is available for distribution by the trustees in line with the objectives of the charity and is accordingly shown as unrestricted income in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2019	2018
	£	£
Rents received	21,660	21,353
Listed investments	8,912	7,807
Cash deposits	51	23
	<u>30,623</u>	<u>29,183</u>

**3. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds 31/12/19 £	Total funds 31/12/18 £
Insurance	2,019	-	-	2,019	1,908
Investment management fees	-	-	2,168	2,168	2,080
Repairs and renewals	-	-	-	-	344
Letting agents fees	-	734	-	734	795
Sundries	496	-	-	496	512
	<u>2,515</u>	<u>734</u>	<u>2,168</u>	<u>5,417</u>	<u>5,639</u>

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	2019	2018
	£	£
Grants-Individuals and organisations	<u>19,657</u>	<u>20,966</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Individuals and Organisations	100	-
Newark Municipal Church Charities	2,397	2,495
Lilley and Stone Endowment	6,710	6,987
Magnus Charity	14	20
Think Children	<u>1,176</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>10,397</u>	<u>9,502</u>

**The Municipal General Charity**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2019**

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued**

The total grants paid to individuals during the year was as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
Individuals and Organisations	<u>9,260</u>	<u>11,464</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other resources expended	<u>2,781</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>6,481</u>

**Allocation of support costs**

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between Governance and Charitable Activities is shown in the table below.

	Total allocated £	Charitable activities £	Other costs £
Clerk to the trustees fees	<u>9,710</u>	<u>7,283 (75%)</u>	<u>2,427 (25%)</u>

**6. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

	2019 £	2018 £
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	<u>3,700</u>	<u>(744)</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2019 nor for the year ended 31 December 2018.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2019 nor for the year ended 31 December 2018.

**8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>			
At 1 January 2019	821,793	53,502	875,295
Additions	213,656	(386)	213,270
Disposals	(198,737)	-	(198,737)
Revaluations	<u>114,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,330</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>951,042</u>	<u>53,116</u>	<u>1,004,158</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2019	<u>951,042</u>	<u>53,116</u>	<u>1,004,158</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>821,793</u>	<u>53,502</u>	<u>875,295</u>

A summary of the investments held in each fund is detailed below:

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**8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued**

Endowment fund name	Listed investments £	Cash deposits £	Investment property £	Total 31/12/19 £
The East and West Laughton Estate Charity	391,518	(954)	-	390,564
Besthorpe & Girtton Estate	178,156	(554)	350,000	527,602
Chapman Charity	181	(4)	-	177
Sundry Charities (Collingwood, Duke, Johnson Lamb, Lawrence, Marshall and Thorpe)	2,888	398	-	3,286
Lady Jane Heron Charity	55,580	245	35,000	90,825
The Collingham Charity	8,000	(25)	100,000	107,975
Farndon Relief in Need Charity	32,702	-	55,000	87,702
The Garner Charity	4,007	(127)	-	3,880
Newark Benevolent Society	2,422	(57)	-	2,365
The Newark Relief in Need Charity	1,930	(9)	-	1,921
The Newark Widows' Fund	17,491	(38)	-	17,453
Phillypot Education Foundation	310	(7)	-	303
Wm. Phillypot Charity	255,857	8,414	775,000	1,039,271
<b>Total capital endowment funds</b>	<b>951,042</b>	<b>7,282</b>	<b>1,315,000</b>	<b>2,273,324</b>
Unrestricted funds	-	45,834	-	45,834
	<b>951,042</b>	<b>53,116</b>	<b>1,315,000</b>	<b>2,319,158</b>

**9. INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

	£
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2019	1,336,000
Revaluation	(21,000)
At 31 December 2019	<u>1,315,000</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2019	<u>1,315,000</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>1,336,000</u>

The charity's investment properties were independently valued on an open market basis subject to existing tenancies by Richard Watkinson & Partners, Chartered Surveyors, on 27th January 2020. The trustees consider the valuations of the investment properties at 31st December 2019 to be not materially different to these valuations.

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2019 £	2018 £
Other debtors	2,780	36
Arrears of rent	3,225	10,225
Prepayments	183	184
	<u>6,188</u>	<u>10,445</u>

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**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade creditors	367	-
Grants payable	10,960	11,330
Accrued expenses	6,261	6,122
Rents received in advance	<u>1,723</u>	<u>1,723</u>
	<u>19,311</u>	<u>19,175</u>

**Deferred income**

Included in other creditors is deferred income totalling £1,723 (2018: £1,723). This represents rental income received in advance.

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	2019	2018
	£	£
Amount due to The East and West Laughton Estate Charity	<u>390,565</u>	<u>344,348</u>

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.19
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General	54,668	3,628	58,296
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Phillypott Educational Foundation	1	-	1
Chapman Charity	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
	3	3	6
<b>Endowment funds</b>			
Besthorpe and Gorton Estate	529,527	(1,954)	527,573
Chapman Charity	170	7	177
Sundry Charities (Collingwood, Duke, Johnson, Lamb, Lawrence, Marshall and Thorpe)	2,985	301	3,286
Lady Jane Heron Charity	82,298	8,527	90,825
The Collingham Charity	116,888	(8,913)	107,975
Fardon Relief in Need Charity	47,523	40,178	87,701
The Garner Charity	3,281	597	3,878
Newark Benevolent Society	2,284	83	2,367
The Newark Relief in Need Charity	1,871	51	1,922
The Newark Widows Fund	14,989	2,464	17,453
Phillypot Educational Foundation	292	11	303
Wm. Phillypot Charity	<u>1,017,957</u>	<u>19,784</u>	<u>1,037,741</u>
	<u>1,820,065</u>	<u>61,136</u>	<u>1,881,201</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,874,736</u>	<u>64,767</u>	<u>1,939,503</u>



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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	30,443	(26,815)	-	3,628
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
T.White Charity	2,590	(2,590)	-	-
H. Stone Charity	541	(541)	-	-
Phillypott Educational Foundation	14	(14)	-	-
H Stone Charity	6,710	(6,710)	-	-
Chapman Charity	3	-	-	3
	9,858	(9,855)	-	3
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Besthorpe and Gorton Estate	-	(1,242)	(712)	(1,954)
Chapman Charity	-	(2)	9	7
Sundry Charities (Collingwood, Duke, Johnson, Lamb, Lawrence, Marshall and Thorpe)	-	(18)	319	301
Lady Jane Heron Charity	-	(573)	9,100	8,527
The Collingham Charity	-	(15)	(8,898)	(8,913)
Fardon Relief in Need Charity	-	-	40,178	40,178
The Garner Charity	-	(70)	667	597
Newark Benevolent Society	-	(33)	116	83
The Newark Relief in Need Charity	-	(5)	56	51
The Newark Widows Fund	-	(22)	2,486	2,464
Phillypot Educational Foundation	-	(4)	15	11
Wm. Phillypot Charity	-	(184)	19,968	19,784
	-	(2,168)	63,304	61,136
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>40,301</u>	<u>(38,838)</u>	<u>63,304</u>	<u>64,767</u>

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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.18 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.18 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	58,347	(3,674)	(5)	54,668
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Phillypott Educational Foundation	6	(10)	5	1
Chapman Charity	-	2	-	2
	6	(8)	5	3
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Besthorpe and Girton Estate	545,830	(16,303)	-	529,527
Chapman Charity	181	(11)	-	170
Sundry Charities (Collingwood, Duke, Johnson, Lamb, Lawrence, Marshall and Thorpe)	3,094	(109)	-	2,985
Lady Jane Heron Charity	85,287	(2,989)	-	82,298
The Collingham Charity	117,118	(230)	-	116,888
Fardon Relief in Need Charity	49,261	(1,738)	-	47,523
The Garner Charity	3,537	(256)	-	3,281
Newark Benevolent Society	2,424	(140)	-	2,284
The Newark Relief in Need Charity	1,967	(96)	-	1,871
The Newark Widows Fund	15,465	(476)	-	14,989
Phillypot Educational Foundation	310	(18)	-	292
Wm. Phillypot Charity	1,017,814	143	-	1,017,957
	1,842,288	(22,223)	-	1,820,065
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,900,641</u>	<u>(25,905)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,874,736</u>

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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	28,619	(32,293)	-	(3,674)
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
T.White Charity	2,704	(2,704)	-	-
Phillypott Educational Foundation	10	(20)	-	(10)
H Stone Charity	7,573	(7,573)	-	-
Chapman Charity	2	-	-	2
	10,289	(10,297)	-	(8)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Besthorpe and Gorton Estate	-	(1,294)	(15,009)	(16,303)
Chapman Charity	-	(2)	(9)	(11)
Sundry Charities (Collingwood, Duke, Johnson, Lamb, Lawrence, Marshall and Thorpe)	-	(16)	(93)	(109)
Lady Jane Heron Charity	-	(516)	(2,473)	(2,989)
The Collingham Charity	-	(11)	(219)	(230)
Farndon Relief in Need Charity	-	-	(1,738)	(1,738)
The Garner Charity	-	(58)	(198)	(256)
Newark Benevolent Society	-	(23)	(117)	(140)
The Newark Relief in Need Charity	-	(4)	(92)	(96)
The Newark Widows Fund	-	(16)	(460)	(476)
Phillypott Educational Foundation	-	(3)	(15)	(18)
Wm. Phillypott Charity	-	(137)	280	143
	-	(2,080)	(20,143)	(22,223)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>38,908</b>	<b>(44,670)</b>	<b>(20,143)</b>	<b>(25,905)</b>

**Endowment funds**

**Besthorpe and Gorton Estate**

This is an endowment retained in the charity. Income derived from this endowment is allocated to the T White and H stone restricted funds.

**Chapman Charity**

This is an endowment retained in the charity. Income from this endowment is allocated to unrestricted.

**Sundry Charities**

This is an endowment retained in the charity. Income from these endowment is allocated to unrestricted.

**Lady Jane Heron Charity**

This is an endowment brought in as part of the consolidation of charities on 28 February 2000. Income from this endowment is allocated to unrestricted.

**The Collingham Charity**

This is an endowment brought in as part of the consolidation of charities on 28 February 2000. Income from this endowment is allocated to unrestricted.

**Farndon Relief in Need**

This is an endowment brought into the Charity on 7 March 2016. Income from this endowment is allocated to unrestricted.

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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

The Garner Charity

This is an endowment brought in as part of the consolidation of charities on 28 February 2000. Income from this endowment is allocated to unrestricted.

Newark Benevolent Society

This is an endowment brought in as part of the consolidation of charities on 28 February 2000. Income from this endowment is allocated to unrestricted.

The Newark Relief in Need Charity

This is an endowment brought in as part of the consolidation of charities on 28 February 2000. Income from this endowment is allocated to unrestricted.

The Newark Widows' Fund

This is an endowment brought in as part of the consolidation of charities on 28 February 2000. Income from this endowment is allocated to unrestricted.

Phillypot Educational Foundation

This is an endowment retained in the charity. Income from this endowment is allocated to restricted.

Wm. Phillypot Charity

This is an endowment retained in the charity. Income from this endowment is allocated to unrestricted.

**Restricted funds**

T. White Charity

This is a restricted fund which receives a share of income from the Besthorpe and Girton Estate. This is then paid as a grant to the Municipal Church Charity.

H Stone Charity

This is a restricted fund which receives a share of income from the Besthorpe and Girton Estate. This is then paid as a grant to the Lilley and Stone School Charity.

Chapman Charity

This is a restricted fund which receives a share of income from Phillypot Educational Foundation. This is then paid as a grant to the Magnus Charity.

**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The charity's governing document states that yearly sums are payable out of the property of Besthorpe and Girton Estate to H Stone Charity for the benefit of Lilley and Stone Endowment. The trustees have no discretion in determining the proportion payable. Mrs R Crowe and Miss J Moore are Trustees of Lilley and Stone School Charity to which the Lilley and Stone Endowment relates. During the year a grant of £6,711 (2018: £6,987) was payable to Lilley and Stone Endowment. At 31 December 2019 and amount of £6,711 (2018: £6,987) was outstanding and is included in other creditors.

The charity's governing document also states that yearly sums are payable out of the income of Phillypot Educational Foundation to The Magnus Charity. The trustees have no discretion in determining the proportion payable. Cllr I Brown is a trustee of The Magnus Charity to whom the grant is paid. During the year a grant of £14 (2018: £20) was payable to The Magnus Charity. At 31 December 2019 and amount of £14 (2018: £nil) was outstanding and is included in other creditors.

The charity's governing document states that the trustees must pay a clerk and receiver such a salary as may be approved by the charity commissioners. The clerk and receiver, Mrs E Gamage, is a partner of Payne & Gamage Solicitors. During the year Payne & Gamage solicitors charged the charity an amount of £9,710 (2018: £9,165) for the clerk's services and an amount of £nil (2018: £7,800) for other services.

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**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES - continued**

The trustees of the charity also are trustees of The East and West Laughton Estate Charity. The investments of East and West Laughton Estate are managed by the charity. At the year end there is £390,564 (2018: £348,539) included in investments that are investments held on behalf of The East and West Laughton Estate Charity. There is also a long-term creditor due to The East and West Laughton Estate Charity in respect of these investments less management fees. At the year end this totalled £390,565 (2018: £344,348).

The East and West Laughton Estate Charity also make an annual donation to The Municipal General Charity. This year a donation of £9,679 (2018: £9,725) was made to The Municipal General Charity.

**15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

Following the year end there has been a vesting deed to transfer the assets of The East and West Laughton Estate Charity into The Municipal General Charity.

**The Municipal General Charity**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2019**

	2019 £	2018 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	9,678	9,725
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	21,660	21,353
Listed investments	8,912	7,807
Cash deposits	<u>51</u>	<u>23</u>
	<u>30,623</u>	<u>29,183</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	40,301	38,908
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Insurance	2,019	1,908
Sundries	496	512
Repairs and renewals	-	344
Letting agents fees	<u>734</u>	<u>795</u>
	3,249	3,559
<b>Investment management costs</b>		
Portfolio management	2,168	2,080
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Clerk to the Trustees fees	7,283	7,001
Grants to institutions	10,397	9,502
Grants to individuals	<u>9,260</u>	<u>11,464</u>
	26,940	27,967
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Other</b>		
Clerk to the Trustees fees	2,427	2,334
Legal and professional	354	9,390
Bank charges	<u>-</u>	<u>84</u>
	2,781	11,808
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	<u>3,700</u>	<u>(744)</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>38,838</u>	<u>44,670</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses</b>	1,463	(5,762)
<b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	<u>13,265</u>	<u>137</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u><u>14,728</u></u>	<u><u>(5,625)</u></u>

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