Financial statements for

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Charitable Company Information

Constitution

Bedfordshire Charitable Trust Limited is a private company limited by shares, and is registered with the Charity Commission under the Charities Act 2011.

On 17 August 2018, the entity previously registered as unlimited re-registered under the Companies Act 2006 as limited by shares, under the name of The Ibbett Trust Limited. On 28 August 2018, the entity changed its name to Bedfordshire Charitable Trust Limited.

Trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of Company Law)	Mr C J C Ibbett (Chairman) Mrs B Plumbly Mr K A Borneo Mrs M Ibbett Mr C R Kilroy Ms C Beddoes Mr M Thompson (appointed 11 May 2020)		
Secretary	Ms C Beddoes		
Charity number	234329		
Company number	802236		
Registered office and principal office	Ladyslaude Court Bramley Way Bedford MK41 7FX		
Independent Auditor	Steve Monico Limited 19 Goldington Road Bedford MK40 3JY		
Bankers	Lloyds TSB plc 34 High Street Bedford MK40 1SB	CCLA Investment Managers COIF Charity Funds 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6DZ	
	Virgin Money Jubilee House Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4PL	SG Kleinwort Hambros Bank SG House 41 Tower Hill London EC3N 4SG	
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Trustees' report For the year ended 31 March 2020

The Trustees, who are also directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 which are prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The charitable company was established by memorandum and articles of association dated 13 April 1964 under the company registration number 802236. The Trust operated for many years as The Ibbett Trust but on 28 August 2018 reincorporated itself as the Bedfordshire Charitable Trust. The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission with the reference number 234329.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the 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) issued in October 2019.

The trustees are also responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Bedfordshire Charitable Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. 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 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- state whether appliable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

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OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable purpose

The object of the charitable company is to retain or to pay for and apply any of its property and the income of all such property for such purposes which are exclusively charitable as the trustees shall determine, according to the laws of England and Wales. During the course of this year, the Trustees resolved in November 2019 to make minor changes to the Trust's Charitable Objects to reflect better the inclusion of "Health" as an issue they wished to promote and advance, to make clear that they would support organisations based in Bedfordshire but operating more widely and to include Christian values as the underpinning basis for their provision of support.

The trustees continue to fulfil this object by funding a home for the elderly in Bedford (operated by Methodist Homes for the Aged) and associated extra-care flats, and by making grants to individuals and other organisations for charitable purposes.

Objectives for the public benefit

To advance such charitable purposes as are for the public benefit (according to the law of England and Wales) as the trustees see fit from time to time, in particular but not limited to promoting and advancing education, religion, health, citizenship, community development and environmental improvement.

Trustees' focus will be on providing relief to those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health or with a disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage in Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire particularly, in Bedfordshire generally and in support of organisations based there but with a geographically wider sphere of operation, all in accordance with Christian principles.

The trust will achieve those outcomes particularly but not exclusively by making grants and making accommodation, facilities and open spaces available, and by ensuring that the trust's resources, which are likely to be received infrequently but in large tranches, are managed in such a way as to enable annually consistent levels of grant giving.

When reviewing and resolving to amend these objectives, the trustees considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and the activities described below illustrate how the Trust has furthered its purposes for the public benefit.

Factors affecting future plans

The Trust owns property whose value may increase significantly – and be realised – as a result of the development of Bedford Borough Council's Local Plan 2030 that will set out how much growth there should be in the borough in coming years and where it should take place.

That Bedford Borough Local Plan 2030 was adopted by Full Council on 15 January 2020.

The Trustees will consider new, major funding activities, in accordance with the Trust's Objectives, in the light of the further detailed development of these plans and their implementation through Neighbourhood Development Plans. Outside these larger developments, the focus is likely to be on repeating the successful Anjulita Court and Ladyslaude Court models elsewhere in Bedfordshire or possibly neighbouring counties so long as the links to Bedfordshire outlined in the Trust's charitable objectives can be demonstrated.

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Achievements and performance

During this period, the core work of the Trust has been taken forward through three main activities:

Anjulita Court

Anjulita Court is a purpose-built care home on the outskirts of Bedford. The Trust funded its construction. Anjulita Court opened in 2012 and is operated by Methodist Homes for the Aged (MHA) to whom the Trust lets the building for a peppercorn rent.

Anjulita Court Care Home offers 62 places for residential, nursing and dementia care, with facilities including a hydrotherapy room, coffee shop, hairdressing salon, beautiful gardens and a range of lounges – one of which is set up to allow film screenings.

Anjulita Court offers award winning music and other alternative therapies to help alleviate isolation and the symptoms for those living with dementia. A dedicated Chaplain offers pastoral support to all, providing a listening presence, companionship and one-to-one pastoral support for all residents, their friends and relatives, and staff members – irrespective of their beliefs – and organises worship for those who wish to participate. Where appropriate, residents are encouraged to maintain links with local faith communities.

Anjulita Court was rated 9.1/10 (<u>carehome.co.uk - reviews</u>, April 2020) and was scored 905 (out of 1,000) by residents and 835 by Family and Friends (<u>Your Care rating 2018/19</u>). The latest <u>Care Quality Commission</u> <u>overall rating for Anjulita Court</u> was 'Good' (17th Nov 2017).

Ladyslaude Court

Ladyslaude Court is a purpose-built extra care home, offering independent living for those aged 55 and over in 22 one- and two-bedroom apartments. Ladyslaude Court is situated on the same site as Anjulita Court on the outskirts of Bedford and opened in 2012.

The Trust funded the construction of Ladyslaude Court, with residents purchasing the apartments under leasehold arrangements. The Trust offers guaranteed buy-back to the first tenant, with this facility lapsing as soon as a tenant (or their representative) sells an apartment privately.

During 2019-20, seven apartments were vacated (- one was already vacant as the year began). The Trust 'bought back' two of them at a total cost of £464,922 (net of costs) and six apartments were sold – or are being sold – privately. The Trust let one of the two 'bought back' apartments and has agreed the sale of the second, although the process remains disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thus, at 31 March 2020, one apartment owned by the Trust was vacant awaiting sale and four privately owned apartments were vacant: each of the latter has a 'buy back' option available representing a total potential liability of £900,000.

Ladyslaude Court offers optional 24-hour care and support through the Wellbeing Service offered by Methodist Homes for the Aged from the adjacent Anjulita Court with which it shares facilities including a café bistro, shop, chapel, media room, hydrotherapy pool, hair salon and therapy room.

Ladyslaude Court offers a residents' lounge with adjoining kitchenette and an assisted bathroom, which also offers conventional bathing facilities.

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Grant making

This year, the Trust supported 26 applications, having made grants to 32 organisations in 2018-19. Total funds granted amounted to $\pounds71,585$ ($\pounds174,632$ in 2018-19). Trustees considered all applications on their merits and in accordance with public benefit guidelines. The two most significant reasons for declining applications were that the Trust had recently supported the same organisation or that the applicant's sphere of operations did not fit the Trust's geographical focus.

Amongst the most significant impacts of the Trust's grant-making activity were support for:

- The SMART Prebend Centre provides facilities, support and guidance; to relieve rough sleeping and to prevent further homelessness, operating 365 days a year in Bedford. It supports those who sleep rough, are vulnerably housed and face issues around social isolation and exclusion, providing a place of safety, meeting the basic needs of service users; providing food, warmth, water, a place to get clean and rest.
- Target Ovarian Cancer, the UK's leading ovarian cancer charity. It works to improve early diagnosis, fund life-saving research and provide support to women with ovarian cancer.
- Christian Aid, the official relief and development agency of 41 Christian churches in the UK and Ireland. It works to support sustainable development, eradicate poverty, support civil society and provide disaster relief in South America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.
- Sue Ryder St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger, provides expert care for life-limiting conditions. The Charity provides help to patients and their families, through pain and symptom management and through emotional and practical help.
- The Bedfordshire Charitable Trust funded five defibrillators in North Bedfordshire provided, operated and maintained by London Hearts.
- SERVE, a charity that supports independent living. It aims to ensure that everyone who wishes to remain in their own home, irrespective of their age or disability, is enabled to do so, and provides a range of services to help people stay fit and healthy and enjoy the independence that living in their own home provides. SERVE helps people get to medical appointments, provides personal care, day care, and helps with cleaning and shopping.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year was £231,170 (2019: £304,172), all of which was unrestricted. Investment income was the main source of income as was the case in the previous year.

Expenditure totalled £371,659 (2019: £458,547) which was all related to charitable activities. £136,491 of this expenditure is allocated to the designated fund, representing the depreciation charge on the properties held within the designated funds.

The net movement on funds for the year was a deficit of $\pounds 167,178$ (2019: deficit of $\pounds 61,085$) after the unrealised loss on the investment portfolio (2019: unrealised gain).

Trustees' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2020

FINANCIAL REVIEW (CONTINUED)

Value Added Tax

The Trust's 2018-19 report acknowledged risks in financial management procedures. During the course of the current year, the Trust commissioned advice from Mazars LLP on a range of issues around its treatment of VAT. A full report helpfully provided reassurance on the majority of 'past treatment' and other issues; flagged some matters for further investigation; made suggestions on practice and procedure; and confirmed that the handling of input and output VAT had not always been correct from June 2018.

As a result, the Trust made full disclosure to HM Revenue and Customs and has repaid the incorrectly reclaimed input VAT and adjusted its procedures to ensure VAT is correctly treated in future.

Risks

The Trustees have considerable experience of risk assessment, mitigation and management, reviewing the Trust's ongoing and planned activity with this in mind.

The charitable company holds cash and investments in order to meet its liabilities, as well as other assets in the form of property. It also has other financial assets and liabilities such as receivables and payables arising directly from its operations, principally relating to Ladyslaude Court.

The Trust manages its financial risks in relation to these as follows:

- Liquidity risk: the charitable company maintains its cash and investment balances in accounts such that it always has available sufficient liquid resources to meet its operating needs whilst balancing the competing aim of obtaining a competitive return on investments.
- Interest rate risk: the charitable company is exposed to changes in interest rates in respect of its bank deposit accounts.
- > Credit risk: cash deposits and investments are made through banks which have a good credit rating.
- > Foreign currency risk: the Trust has minimal exposure to movements in foreign currency.

The Trust also recognises higher levels of risk in: the management of its investment assets; the buy-back commitment for the apartments in Ladyslaude Court; grant assessment and monitoring; and trustee succession.

The COVID-19 pandemic magnifies a number of these risks in ways that are outside the Trust's control and to an extent that cannot yet be estimated. However:

the financial and operational effects of the virus and the control measures relating to the virus did affect the principal risks and uncertainties that faced the Trust during the reporting period. Although the virus control measures had only a small effect on the Trust's activities during the last few weeks of the year, the general slow-down in economic activity will inevitably have an impact on development opportunities flowing from approval of Bedford Borough Council's Local Plan 2030. It is not yet clear whether this will lead just to delay or to a wider impact. Similarly, the government's lockdown restrictions have significantly affected the activities of some of the Trust's tenants in the weeks immediately following this reporting period. The full impact of that will not be known until well into the 2020-21 year;

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Risks (continued)

- these unknowns will not jeopardise the Trust's financial sustainability unless there are catastrophic impacts affecting the UK economy generally. The Trust holds a mixture of financial and physical assets. Although the Trust's investments will inevitably produce lower levels of income until the economy begins to recover, the Trustees are able to exercise almost complete control over outgoings, with the exception of the 'buy back' option at Ladyslaude Court. This reduces significantly the likelihood of short-term cash issues and means the Trustees have no doubts about the Trust's status as a going concern;
- the Trustees regard the Trust's assets as being comparatively well protected and do not consider there is a need to alter its reserves policy, level of reserves or make any change to funds set aside for future commitments;
- MHA's operation of Anjulita Court (and the services it provides to residents of Ladyslaude Court) has, of course, been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. MHA has been at the forefront of lobbying government for effective support to the sector, in terms of personal protective equipment (PPE) supply lines and regular testing, as well as adequate guidance. This meant MHA was very active in the preparatory activity when testing regimes were eventually extended by the government into the care home sector. MHA introduced strict rules to enforce government guidance in order to keep Ladyslaude Court residents safe. The Trust has been fortunate indeed to have such and expert 'partner' in place to ensure the impact of the pandemic has been relatively limited. The Trust is, of course, part of a wider network of organisations that work with MHA but the Trustees do not regard the virus-related control measures as likely to have a particularly significant impact on that or on the Trust's operations in general;
- the Trust does not rely to any significant extent on the contribution of volunteers, and neither does it fundraise. The Trust has sought to fast-track its grant making activities during the pandemic in order to support those charities who do have those types of reliance, but neither factor has of itself been a concern to the Trustees in respect of the Bedfordshire Charitable Trust's changes circumstances. We expect the COVID-19 pandemic to continue to have some but not debilitating impact on the Trust's staff (- the Trust's office in Ladyslaude Court has largely been inaccessible since the building was locked down in late March 2020), on its beneficiaries, and on the Trust's operations and ways of working for the year 2020-21 year;
- The Trust's charitable purpose specifically includes the promotion and advancement of health (alongside education, religion, citizenship, community development and environmental improvement) and providing relief to those in need by reason of age or ill-health (alongside youth, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage). Despite this, the Trustees do not consider the likely impact of the virus control measures, and their potential duration, to have a disproportionate impact on the future aims and activities of the Trust. That view takes into account the high impact of the COVID-19 pandemic (within the East of England region) in Bedford Borough particularly, and in Bedfordshire generally.

Trustees' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2020

Reserves

The balance on the general fund at the year-end was £10,319,243 (2018-19: £10,349,930).

The designated fund represents the fixed assets held by the Trust being used for charitable purposes and the value of the extra-care apartments at Ladyslaude Court. This balance amounted to $\pounds 5,555,593$ at the year-end (2018-19: $\pounds 5,692,084$).

The trustees are confident that sufficient funds have been, and are being, set aside to meet expenditure within the twelve months from the date of signature of the financial statements. The trustees remain delighted with the success of the care home and the extra-care apartments and are considering opportunities for developments of a similar nature. Sufficient reserves will be maintained, and further additions to those reserves are expected, to enable the Trust to take any opportunities that arise in the near future.

FUTURE PLANS

See above on page 3. The trustees remain delighted with the success of the care home and the extra-care apartments and are considering opportunities for developments of a similar nature alongside the other grant-making activities of the Trust.

The earlier reincorporation as the Bedfordshire Charitable Trust led to some early changes of Trustee and the appointment of a new secretary. Further changes in Trustee are being planned.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Trust is an unlimited company having a share capital, and is registered with the Charity Commission under the Charities Act 2011. At winding up, the liability of the shareholders is unlimited.

Administration and management

The Trust appointed a part-time Chief Executive Officer in June 2019. He has worked closely with the Chair of Trustees to reduce the day-to-day administrative and management he had previously shouldered. The Trusts suite of policies (Attendance and Sickness, Bullying and Harassment, Code of Behaviour, Conflicts of Interest, Complaints Procedure, Data Protection – GDPR, Disciplinary Procedure, Equal Opportunities, Financial Management and Accounting, Grievance Procedure, Health and Safety, Reimbursement of Expenses and Purchases, Reserves, Safe Recruitment, Supervision, Volunteering and Whistleblowing) have been revised and updated. The Trust's Statement of Charitable Purpose and its Aims have been revised, approved and updated on the Charity Commission website, and a number of the Trust's financial, administrative and procedural policies and ways of working have been revised and updated.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Appointment of trustees is either by the Trust in general meeting or by the other trustees.

Organisational structure

One member of staff is supervised by the new Chief Executive Officer who, in turn, is managed by the Chair of Trustees.

Trustees' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2020

Induction and training of new trustees

Induction and training of new trustees takes place as needed, but rarely because trustees are not required to retire by rotation. However, when a new trustee is appointed, a full programme of induction is put in place, appropriate to the size of the Trust and the new Trustee's experience, to meet their needs. More general trustee training needs are assessed periodically.

Going concern

The trustees believe that, after making all appropriate enquiries and despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic (see 'Risks' above), there are reasonable expectations that the Trust is able to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees also believe that the accounts should be prepared on a going concern basis.

Statement of disclosure to the Auditor

The trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Trust's auditor is aware of that information.

As far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Trust's auditor is unaware.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Action 2006 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Trustees on 30 March 2021

and signed on their behalf by:

Tr. Selv

C Beddoes **Trustee**

Registered company number: 802236

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Bedfordshire Charitable Trust Limited (Formerly known as: The Ibbett Trust)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bedfordshire Charitable Trust Ltd (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2020, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the 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 charitable company'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 trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 2, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Bedfordshire Charitable Trust Limited (Formerly known as: The Ibbett Trust) (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

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

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Stephen Monico (Senior Statutory Auditor) Steve Monico Limited, Statutory Auditor 19 Goldington Road Bedford MK40 3JY

Date: 30 March 2021

Steve Monico Ltd is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of financial activities Incorporating summary income and expenditure account For the year ended 31 March 2020

Income	Note	General funds £	Designated funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income					
Income from generated funds: Income from investments Other income:	2	229,540	-	229,540	209,352
Gain on disposal of assets	3	-	-	-	93,930
Other income		1,630	-	1,630	890
Total income and endowments Expenditure		231,170	-	231,170	304,172
Charitable activities	5	(235,168)	(136,491)	(371,659)	(458,547)
Net income/expenditure before other recognised gains/(losses)		(3,998)	(136,491)	(140,489)	(154,375)
(Loss)/gain on revaluation of investments	6	(26,689)	-	(26,689)	63,200
Gain on sale of investment property		-	-	-	30,090
Net income/expenditure after other recognised gains/(losses)		(30,687)	(136, 491)	(167,178)	(61,085)
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(30,687)	(136,491)	(167,178)	(61,085)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds at 1 April		10,349,930	5,692,084	16,042,014	16,103,099
Total funds at 31 March	16	10,319,243	5,555,593	15,874,836	16,042,014

The notes on pages 15 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the Statement of Financial Activities.

Company number: 802236

Bedfordshire Charitable Trust Limited (Formerly known as: The Ibbett Trust)

Balance sheet As at 31 March 2020

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	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investment properties	7		6,465,459		6,465,459
Tangible fixed assets	8		5,576,506		5,717,975
Investments	9		1,259,497		1,342,883
			13,301,462		13,526,317
Current assets					
Investments	10	472,550		-	
Debtors	11	35,565		26,104	
Short term deposits	12	-		-	
Cash and cash equivalents	12	2,152,619		2,567,372	
_		2,660,734	-	2,593,476	
Creditors – amounts falling due					
Within one year	13	(87,353)		(77,772)	
Net current assets			2,573,381		2,515,704
Net assets			15,874,843		16,042,021
Capital and funds					
Called up share capital	14		7		7
Designated funds	15		5,555,593		5,692,084
General funds	16		10,319,243		10,349,930
			15,874,843		16,042,021

The notes on pages 15 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provision of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 30 March 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 March 2020

1 Accounting policies

1.1 General information

Bedfordshire Charitable Trust Limited is a private company limited by shares, incorporated in England and Wales. On 17 August 2018, the entity previously registered as unlimited re-registered under the Companies Act 2006 as limited by shares, under the name of The Ibbett Trust Limited. On 28 August 2018, the entity changed its name to Bedfordshire Charitable Trust Limited. The address of its registered office and principal place of business is disclosed in the company information.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The principal activity of the charity is to support local organisations whose primary objective is the care and support of young, old or needy individuals.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling to the nearest whole pound, and this is the functional currency of the Charity.

1.2 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

These accounts are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The Trustees are confident that the charity has sufficient unrestricted funds for the foreseeable future. The trustees have prepared and reviewed forecasts covering a period of at least one year from the date of signing of these accounts which take into account the impact of the Covid-10 pandemic. The key assumption in the assessment of going concern is the timing of the repurchase of apartments. However, the charity has investments and cash that can be used for this purpose, meaning the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources. As a result, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements.

1.3 Investment properties

In accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No 19, the freehold land and some of the freehold buildings owned by the charity are held as investment properties.

Depreciation is not provided in respect of freehold investment properties. This policy represents a departure from statutory accounting principles, which require depreciation to be provided on all fixed assets. The Trustees consider that this policy is necessary in order that the financial statements may give a true and fair view, because current values and changes in current values are of prime importance rather than the calculation of systematic annual depreciation. Depreciation is only one of many factors reflected in the valuation and the amount which might otherwise have been shown cannot be separately identified or quantified.

Any gains or losses in valuation will be taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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1.4 Programme related investments

Programme related investments represent assets held to further the objects of the charity through the provision of buildings for charitable purposes. The majority are shown as fixed assets investments with the extra-care flats shown as a current investment as they are offered for sale.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Some of the freehold properties are used by the charity to further its charitable purpose by providing accommodation at low rents for other charities and access to wardened accommodation associated with a care home. The buildings are initially recognised at cost and then depreciated over a useful life of 50 years and are disclosed as programme related investments. Plant and machinery is depreciated over 6 years. Computer equipment is depreciated over 3 years.

1.6 Investments

Investments in stocks and shares are included at market value. Gains and losses are recognised annually in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.7 Rental income

Rents, ground rents and service charges are accounted for on an accruals basis.

1.8 Investment income

Investment income comprises interest receivable on investment and bank deposits.

1.9 Donations

Donations are accounted for as received.

1.10 Profit or loss on disposal of investment properties

Profit or loss on disposal is accounted for at the date of completion of the sale. All associated costs are accrued and netted off against sale proceeds.

In accordance with the SORP such gains or losses are disclosed on the Statement of Financial Activities under other recognised gains or losses.

1.11 Grants

Charitable grants awarded are accounted for as payable.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2020

1.12 Other resources expended

Apart from grants awarded, other resources expended comprise management and administration of the programme related properties and governance costs. Governance costs are those costs associated with maintaining the governance of the charity as opposed to the management of the charity's activities. Liabilities are recognised on an accruals basis in the period to which they relate. All costs are directly attributed to their activities, no apportionment being required.

1.13 Fund accounting

General funds comprise the accumulated reserves of the charitable company. They are available for use at the Trustees' discretion, in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are also unrestricted funds, but represent the value of property used for charitable purposes and the cost of the extra-care flats unsold at the year end.

1.14 Tax status

The company is a registered charity and is not subject to corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.15 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.16 Financial instruments

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

1.17 Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In applying the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions in determining the carrying amount of assets and liabilities. The Trustees' judgements, estimates and assumptions are based on the best and most reliable evidence available at the time when the decisions are made, and are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be applicable. Due to inherent subjectivity involved in making such judgements, estimates and assumptions, the actual results and outcomes may differ.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods, if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key estimates and assumptions made in these accounts are:

- Depreciation charged on fixed assets refer to accounting policy 1.5
- The valuation of investment properties refer to note 7

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2020

2 Investment income

	2020 £	2019 £
Bank and other interest receivable Rental income from investment properties	15,856 213,684	10,783 198,569
	229,540	209,352

All income was unrestricted in 2020 and 2019.

3 Profit on disposal of programme related investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Sales proceeds Cost of construction/purchase and associated selling costs	-	396,700 (302,770)
Profit on disposal		93,930

4 Employees and Trustees' remuneration

The average number of employees during the year was three (2019: two).

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 (2019: none).

Under the terms of the Memorandum of Association any Trustee can be properly remunerated. Nevertheless, no Trustee received any emoluments or was reimbursed expenses in the year.

Staff costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Salaries Social Security costs Pension costs Other staff costs recharged by Bedfordia Group	33,953 1,549 5,907	13,930 29 1,211 9,565
	41,409	24,735

Termination payments were made during the year of £5,538 to one employee (2019: £nil).

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2020

5 Charitable activities		
	2020	2019
Crants were awarded to 26 (2010, 32) institutions as	£	£
Grants were awarded to 26 (2019: 32) institutions as follows:		
School Readers	-	4,000
BOLD	-	100,000
East Anglian Air Ambulance	-	5,500
Keech Hospice	2,500	2,500
MacMillan (North Beds Hospice)	-	30,000
Motor Neurone Disease	-	6,000
The Kings Arms Project	-	1,000
London Hearts	7,500	-
Music 24	2,500	-
Target Ovarian Cancer	10,000	-
Serve	5,000	-
Smart – Prebend Street	10,000	-
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	3,000	-
Project 229	11,972	
Other Donations (£2,000 or less)	19,113	25,632
Total	71,585	174,632
Support costs for programme related properties:		
Investment properties costs	66,271	42,658
Staff costs	20,494	24,735
Depreciation	141,469	140,780
Professional fees	29,227	8,867
Other administration expenses	23,753	29,073
Governance costs		
Auditor's remuneration for audit fees	5,400	5,400
Auditor's remuneration for accountancy fees	6,260	13,158
Professional fees	7,200	11,970
Other administrative expenses	-	7,274
	371,659	458,547

All costs are unrestricted in 2020 and 2019. The freehold building element (see note 8) of the depreciation costs above has been allocated to designated funds. All other expenses are unrestricted in 2020 and 2019. Until August 2018, the financial records of the charity are maintained by an employee of Bedfordia Group owned by one of the Trustees. There is no charge for the provision of this service and the cost is not reflected in the accounts due to being an immaterial value.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2020

$\begin{array}{c|c} 6 & Gains/(losses) \ on \ revaluation \ of \ investment \ assets \\ \hline & 2020 & 2019 \\ & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ Investment \ properties \\ Fixed \ asset \ investments \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \hline \\ \hline$

All unrealised gains/(losses) are unrestricted in 2020 and 2019.

7 Investment properties

	Freehold Buildings £	Freehold Land £	Total £
Market Value			
At 31 March 2019	3,498,048	2,967,411	6,465,459
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-
At 31 March 2020	3,498,048	2,967,411	6,465,459

Historic cost or valuation at time of acquisition

At 31 March 2020	3,629,270	1,183,233	4,812,503
At 31 March 2019	3,629,270	1,183,233	4,812,503

The investment properties are valued at market value.

Valuations were undertaken by Robinson Hall, an independent expert, in 2011 and 2015. The Trustees have reviewed the market in 2020.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2020

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold buildings	Plant and machinery	Total
Programme related investments	£	£	£
Cost			
At 31 March 2019	7,072,757	28,564	7,101,321
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals			
At 31 March 2020	7,072,757	28,564	7,101,321
Depreciation At 31 March 2019 Charge for the year Eliminated on disposal At 31 March 2020	1,380,673 136,491 - 1,517,164	2,673 4,978 	1,383,346 141,469 - 1,524,815
Net book value At 31 March 2020	5,555,593	20,913	5,576,506
At 31 March 2019	5,692,084	25,891	5,717,975

The above tangible fixed assets represent assets utilised to meet the charitable purposes of the Charity, i.e. programme related investments.

The properties are occupied by other charities on favourable terms.

9 Fixed asset investment

	2020	2019
	£	£
Market value		
At 1 April	1,342,883	1,312,561
Charges	(11,163)	(12,815)
Transfer to cash account	(45,534)	(20,063)
Revaluation	(26,689)	63,200
At 31 March	1,259,497	1,342,883
Historic cost	1,250,616	1,254,073

The investments comprise of a portfolio of collective funds managed by Kleinwort Benson. No holding represents more than 10% of the total portfolio.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2020

10 Current asset investments

Programme related investments	£
At 1 April 2019	-
Profit on sale	-
Flats repurchased in the year	472,550
Cost of flats sold in the year	-
At 31 March 2020	472,550

11 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors	10,751	8,221
Accrued income and prepaid expenditure	24,814	17,883
	35,565	26,104

12 Short term deposits and cash and cash equivalents

	2020 £	2019 £
Short term deposits		
Callable without penalty with 189 day notice		-
Cash and cash equivalents		
Callable without penalty with 92 day notice	928,640	928,640
Cash held as part of investment portfolio	291,247	235,694
Cash at bank and instant access deposits	932,732	1,403,038
	2,152,619	2,567,372

13 Creditors due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Tax and social security	20,759	10,376
Grants payable	5,000	16,000
Other creditors	30,380	35,496
Accruals and prepaid rents	31,214	15,900
	87,353	77,772

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2020

14 Share capital

	2020 £	2019 £
Authorised Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
Issued and fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each	7	7

The shares provide no fixed income and have voting rights attached.

15 Movement on designated funds

	Fund balance at 1 April 2019 £	Net movement in the year £	Transfer to unrestricted funds £	Revaluation £	Fund balance at 31 March 2020 £
Home for the Elderly – main home	4,841,263	(119,401)	-	-	4,721,862
Home for the Elderly – extra-care flats	-	-	-	-	-
229 Bedford Road, Kempston	253,591	(5,960)	-	-	247,631
146 Bedford Road, Kempston	142,640	(2,500)	-	-	140,140
3 Linden Road, Bedford	270,000	(5,000)	-	-	265,000
65 Lincroft Avenue,	184,590	(3,630)	-	-	180,960
Oakley	5 602 084	(126 401)			5 555 502
	5,692,084	(136,491)	-	-	5,555,593

All properties within this fund represent programme related investments held to further the objects of the Trust through the provision of buildings for charitable purposes.

The Home for the Elderly fund represents the net book value of a Home for the Elderly which was completed in 2009.

The 229 Bedford Road, Kempston (Community Centre Building) fund represents the net book value of the original property.

The 146 Bedford Road, Kempston (Road Victims Trust) fund balance represents the net book value of alterations made to 146 Bedford Road, Kempston.

The 3 Linden Road, Bedford (Hospice building) fund balance represents the net book value of the Trust's share of the building.

The 65 Lincroft Avenue, Oakley (Parish building) fund balance represents the net book value of the building.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2020

16 Net assets held by funds

	Fixed assets £	Current asset investments £	Short term deposits and cash equivalents £	Other net current assets £	Creditors after one year £	Total assets on funds £
Designated funds	5,555,593	-	-	-	-	5,555,593
General funds	7,745,869	472,550	2,152,612	(51,788)	-	10,319,243
	13,301,462	472,550	2,152,612	(51,788)	-	15,874,836

17 The charity as a lessor

The charity leases land and buildings to third parties. The future minimum lease payments receivable under those non-cancellable leases are as follows:

	2020 Land and buildings £	2019 Land and buildings £
Not later than one year	67,900	67,900
Later than one year not later than five years	271,600	271,600
Later than five years	156,750	224,650
Total future minimum lease payments	496,250	564,150

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2020

18 Related party transactions

Related party transactions took place during the year with the following companies on behalf of the charity, at no cost:

Mr J Ibbett was a trustee until 3 May 2018 and is Chairman and Chief Executive of the Bedfordia Group.

Bedfordia Group Plc (trading as Bedfordia Properties) and Bedfordia Farms Limited Expenditure of £nil (2019: £16,455) was processed by Bedfordia Group Plc on behalf of the charity during the year. At the year end there was a balance due to the charity of £nil (2019: £182) and a balance due from the charity of £nil (2019: £nil).

The charity lets land to Bedfordia Farms Limited. Rent amounting to £86,962 (2019: £88,655) was charged by the charity in the year. These amounts are included in the transactions processed by Bedfordia Group as detailed above. Expenditure of £9 (2019: £6,817) was incurred by Bedfordia Developments on behalf of and recharged to the charity during the year. At the year end there was a balance due to the charity of £nil (2019: £1,650).

Bedfordia Developments Limited

Expenditure of £nil (2019: £2,400) was incurred by Bedfordia Developments on behalf of and recharged to the charity during the year.

Road Victims' Trust

The charity rents out a property to the Road Victims Trust at a peppercorn rent of £1. Mr C Ibbett is a Trustee of this charity.

Mr C Ibbett

One (2019: One) property was rented by Mr C Ibbett from the Trust at a market rate of £24,600 for 12 months (2019: £24,600 for 12 months). At the year end £2,050 was outstanding and included in other debtors (2019: £2,050).

19 Post Balance Sheet Events

The Covid-19 pandemic has developed rapidly in 2020, with a significant number of cases. Measures taken to contain the virus have affected economic and social activity, including the charity's staff working from home. A number of measures have been taken to monitor and mitigate the effects of Covid-19. At this stage, the impact on the business and results has been difficult to quantify although the most significant factors have been the loss of some rental income (which is covered by the tenant's business interruption insurance and should be repaid) and, to a lesser extent, the impact on the property market where repurchased apartments at Ladyslaude Court have impacted on the charity's cash flow until they can be re-sold. Steps are being taken to mitigate the effect of the pandemic on the charity and the hope is that the impact is minimised as the charity has been able to use cash reserves for the repurchases. Further details about the impact of Covid-19 are given in the Trustees Report. The trustees do not currently believe there is an impact on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.