

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2017
for
Hereford Municipal Charities

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Hereford Municipal Charities

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2017. 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 2015).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity No.: 218738

Main Office: 147, St. Owen Street, Hereford, HR1 2JR.

Names of Trustees:

Cllr Polly Andrews
Cllr Martin Baker (until 31 August 2017)
Cllr Susan Boulter
Mrs Jennifer Davies
Mr Derek Duffett (Chairman)
Mrs Jean Franzen
Mrs Marian Hawkes
Cllr Katherine Hey
Mrs Jennifer Holmes (until 30 April 2017)
Mrs Linda Hunter-Choat (from 1 May 2017)
Cllr Marcelle Lloyd Hayes
Mr Robert Sockett
Mr Robert Stevens

Chief Executive Officer and Clerk: Dr Thomas Roderick, BA, PhD, PGCE, MIL

Accounts Administrator and General Assistant: Mrs Heather Hughes

Bankers: National Westminster Bank plc, Broad Street, Hereford, HR4 9AH

Solicitors: Gabbs (Solicitors), 14 Broad St, Hereford, HR4 9AP

Auditors: Thorne Widgey, 2 Wye Vale Business Park, Kings Acre, Hereford, HR4 7BS

Investment Advisers: CCLA Investment Management Ltd, Cheapside, London

Land Agents: Sunderlands, St. Peter's Square, HR1 2PQ

Architect: B S Hapgood Associates (Design and Planning), 96 Monnow St, Monmouth, NP25 3EQ

GOVERNANCE

Governing Instrument: Charity Commission Scheme sealed on 24th April 1972

Trustees: The Board of Trustees consists of 12 competent persons, namely, four Nominative Trustees and eight Co-optative Trustees.

Nominative Trustees are appointed by the Parish Council of the City of Hereford (or its appropriate successor). Each appointment is made for a term of four years.

Co-optative Trustees are appointed for five years by a resolution of the Co-optative Trustees, passed at a Special Meeting; Trustees whose terms are expiring may not vote on the matter.

Meetings: General Meetings are normally held five times a year.

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Chairman and Deputy Chairman: the Trustees, at their first meeting in each year (Annual General Meeting), elect one of their number to be Chairman until the commencement of the following year, and similarly with regard to a Deputy Chairman. At the AGM in January 2017, Mr Derek Duffett was elected as Chairman and Mrs Jean Franzen as Deputy Chairman. There is time limit of three years for the position of Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

Special meetings: a Special Meeting may be summoned by the Chairman or by two Trustees upon four days' notice being given to the other Trustees of the matter to be discussed, but, if the matters include an appointment of a Co-optative Trustee, then upon not less than 21 days' notice being so given.

Quorum: there is a quorum when five Trustees are present at a meeting.

Voting: every meeting is determined by the majority of votes of the Trustees present. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman has a casting vote.

COMMITTEES

The Trustees appoint as many committees as they think fit for the administration of the Charities. All acts and proceedings of the committees are reported to a General Meeting of the Board of Trustees for confirmation. At present, there are the following Committees:

Almshouse Branch

Executive Committee: this comprises five Trustees, including the Chairman of the Board, and deals with all aspects of the management of the Almshouses between General Meetings. It usually meets four times a year.

Pastoral Committee: this comprises four Trustees and deals with the selection and appointment of residents and their subsequent welfare. It meets as necessary.

Eleemosynary and Educational Branches

Grants Committee: this comprises two Trustees and deals with the applications submitted for grants under the above Funds, normally interviewing applicants. It meets five times a year, though the Chairman of the Board of Trustees has executive authority to deal with urgent applications between meetings as necessary.

MANAGEMENT

Chief Executive Officer and Clerk: the Trustees appoint a fit person for the day-to day running of the Trustees' business and provide suitable office accommodation and ancillary support for the efficient running of the Trustees' affairs. The current appointee is Dr Thomas Roderick.

Chaplain: the Trustees appoint a Minister of Religion as Chaplain of St. Giles' and Williams' Hospitals (currently the Incumbent of St Peter's with St Owen and St James, Hereford) and another Minister of Religion as Chaplain of Price's Chapel (currently the Rev'd Lynne Davis). The Trustees pay an honorarium to each of the Chaplains.

Good Neighbours: the Trustees have designated the following residents to be the Good Neighbours at the two sites in order to provide support and assistance to the residents:

- St Owen St/Ledbury Rd: Mrs Susan Cook
- Whitecross: Ms Anne Sterling and Mrs Lynda Brown

RISK ASSESSMENT

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed are identified and reviewed periodically by the Trustees. They have approved and implemented financial controls and have concluded that the risk of material financial fraud is low. They review annually comprehensive insurance policies and are satisfied that these are suitable for their purpose.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

OBJECTIVES

The Charities consolidated by the Charity Commission Scheme of 1972 were established over many centuries to provide charitable relief and housing to needy citizens of the City of Hereford. Their current purpose is similar in so far as current needs demand. The Trustees are able to make small charitable grants to people living within the official boundary of Hereford City. The Trustees set guidelines to their Grants Committee in accordance with the funds available in any given year and the Committee interviews applicants.

ALMSHOUSE RESIDENTS

During the year, five residents died (Mr R Burton, Mrs D Bubb, Mrs S Gore, Mrs S Harrison and Mr S Hoskins) and five residents moved away (Mr J Bound, Mr S Constance, Mr & Mrs J Hancock and Mrs R Power). The resultant vacancies were filled either by internal transfers or by appointing new residents.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Summary results

The results for the year show a surplus of £245,819 (2016: £529,729), after investment gains of £221,913 (2016:£407,230). Net assets amounted to £5,286,982 (2016: £5,041,163). There has been an increase in Almshouse Income of 6.33% (2016: 5.69%), which helped to support the continuing programme of repairs and maintenance. Dividend income has remained constant, while the overall market value of listed investments rose by 8.11% (2016: 9.03%).

Further details can be seen in the Achievements and Performance section of this report and in the Statement of Financial Activities in the Accounts for 2017.

Investments Policy

The investments in stocks and shares are managed by CCLA (Church, Charity and Local Authority) Investment Management Limited. The Trustees' investment policy is, in conjunction with charges to residents, to provide sufficient income to maintain and improve their properties and to enhance the value of invested funds for the benefit of residents now and in the future. The Charities' investments are managed by CCLA according to guidelines agreed by the Trustees. CCLA has an ethical policy to which the Trustees subscribe.

The Trustees review the investments with CCLA annually to ensure that they meet the needs of the Charities, making changes as necessary in consultation with their professional advisers.

The Almshouse Branch owns one farm (Nunsland), managed by a resident farmer (Mark Bufton) and inspected by a professional Farm Agent. The Trustees are supportive landlords and usually pay at least 25% of income in farm improvements. The surplus subsidises the Almshouse Branch. The farm's value was reviewed by the Trustees' Land Agent at the end of 2016. It saw an increase in value from £650K eight years ago to £825K as at 31 December 2016.

Reserves Policy

The Charity Annual Return excludes permanent endowment, restricted funds and designated funds. There remain only unrestricted funds. The Trustees wish to retain these at a level equivalent to one year's income.

Administrative costs

The Trustees ensure that the administrative and staffing costs of the Trust are under a tight rein and are kept as low as possible consistent with effective management and control. The Trustees would like to place on record their grateful thanks to the staff for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the Trust.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (2017)

As in previous years, the Trustees approved a wide range of long term maintenance improvements during 2017. This included major adaptations to almshouses whenever they became vacant, including the installation of wet rooms and the fitting of new kitchen units. The Trustees accelerated this programme of renovations by paying for extensive improvements to three almshouses already occupied by residents. The Trustees also agreed to the replacement of the external windows in Ledbury Road. Work started on the repair and re-decoration of the listed almshouses in St Owen St and this will continue in 2018. Improvements were made to the pavement surfaces and car parking at Bricknell Close in 2017. The grounds and gardens at both sites were kept in good condition by employing a contractor to cut and maintain the grass, trees and hedges.

As mentioned in last year's report, the redundant office and garage at the Whitecross site had been converted during 2016 into two almshouse flats. The new flats were named the 'John Ellis Almshouses', in recognition of the remarkable service which Mr John Ellis devoted to the charitable trust for more than 35 years, during which he served as Chairman for 13 years. To mark this important event, there was an official opening of the John Ellis Almshouse Flats in March 2017 by the Lord Lieutenant, Lady Darnley, attended by John Ellis's wife, son and daughter. The Chairman of Herefordshire District Council was invited to the special occasion as were all the almshouse residents. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Derek Duffett, welcomed Lady Darnley and Cllr Wilcox and the invited guests to the site and thanked them for coming. After the official opening and prayers of thanksgiving, the guests visited the two almshouse flats and talked to the new residents, Mrs Grace Hoskins and Mr Mike Kerrigan. A reception and buffet lunch were then held in the Tomkins Theatre, Whitecross Road, next to the almshouses. The Chairman of Herefordshire Council spoke at the reception and gave a toast to celebrate the work of HMC over the centuries.

The residents continued to enjoy a variety of benefits, including the Annual Christmas Luncheon, which was held again at the Chase Hotel (Ross on Wye) and which is always a well-supported and enjoyable event. In addition, the group television licence was renewed, thereby allowing those in residence before 2012 to watch television without paying for their own licence.

In addition to the provision of low-cost social housing to residents of Hereford city, the trust continued to help, through the Eleemosynary Fund, in the relief of poverty through the provision of grants to needy people in the city for essential household goods and furniture. Through the Educational and Training Fund, the trust also gave grants to local residents to assist in education and training.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE (2018 AND BEYOND)

In recent years, the Trustees have held an Away Day in a local hotel, in order to give long term consideration to issues without the encumbrance of the formality of General Meetings. At these sessions, the Trustees are joined not only by the Officers but also by the Auditor as well as an adviser from CCLA, the investment managers, and other advisers as necessary. These occasions have proved to be very useful in enabling the Trustees to discuss long term matters and to plan future policy for the Trust in an informal manner.

During 2017, the Trustees set up a Working Group on Almshouse Repairs and Maintenance to monitor the building condition of the almshouses, to prepare a repairs and maintenance schedule for the almshouses and to advise the Board of Trustees as necessary. The Working Group has prepared a long term rolling maintenance programme for the almshouses and it is monitoring work in progress. As noted above, repairs and re-decoration of the exterior (windows and doors) of the listed almshouses on St Owen St started in the autumn of 2017 and the work will be continuing in 2018. In addition, next year, repair and renovation of the exterior of the almshouses on Whitecross Road will commence. The Trustees have taken the strategic decision to spend as much money as possible on repairs and refurbishment of the almshouses: this seems much better long term value for the trust's tangible resources than the meagre rate of return on cash deposits, which has remained so low for more than a decade.

FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CHARITIES

The Charities do not fund raise or actively seek bequests. Benevolent citizens have made bequests for six centuries, including up to the present day. It is not within the Trustees' remit to compete with charities whose aims are more immediate and ephemeral.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charities meet the public benefit test by providing social housing, at a subsidised cost, for elderly residents of the City of Hereford. They also assist in the relief of poverty, through the provision of grants to needy residents of the City for essential household items of furniture, and in helping the education and training of residents through grants for course/training fees and materials.

CONCLUSION

This has been a busy year for the Trustees. Finances are in good condition. Given the capital injection of money which has taken place in the recent past, the Trustees have used the opportunity to make long term structural improvements to the Almshouses, which will help to ensure their future sustainability. At the same time, the capital value of the permanent endowments is being maintained and enhanced. They date from the establishment of St Giles's Hospital in 1290 and the Trustees have looked after them over many centuries for the benefit of the Almshouse residents and the citizens of Hereford.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

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).

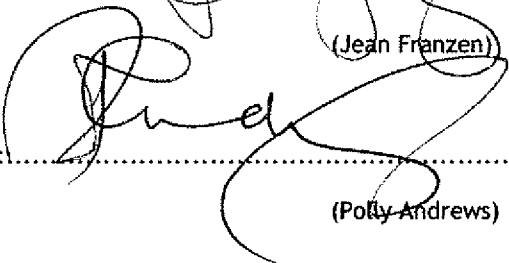
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the 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.

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 THE TRUSTEES AT THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2018 AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Signed:  (Chairman)
(Jean Franzen)

Signed:  (Deputy Chairman)
(Polly Andrews)

22 MAY 2018

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Hereford Municipal Charities

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hereford Municipal Charities (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2017 on pages nine to nineteen. 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).

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.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2017 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 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, 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.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
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Responsibilities of trustees

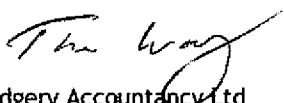
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities set out on page six, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial 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.

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. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.



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Date: 22/5/18

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	31.12.17 Total funds £	31.12.16 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies		3,760	-	-	3,760	-
Charitable activities						
Almshouse expenditure		264,695	-	-	264,695	248,942
Investment income	2	<u>115,190</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,275</u>	<u>114,992</u>
Total		383,645	85	-	383,730	363,934
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	3	3,284	-	-	3,284	2,234
Charitable activities						
Grants payable		27,245	-	-	27,245	27,521
Almshouse expenditure		<u>329,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>329,295</u>	<u>211,680</u>
Total		359,824	-	-	359,824	241,435
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>21,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,309</u>	<u>221,913</u>	<u>407,230</u>
NET INCOME		45,425	85	200,309	245,819	529,729
Transfers between funds	14	<u>(71,086)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,086</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(25,661)	85	271,395	245,819	529,729
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		<u>682,032</u>	<u>485,174</u>	<u>3,873,957</u>	<u>5,041,163</u>	<u>4,511,434</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>656,371</u>	<u>485,259</u>	<u>4,145,352</u>	<u>5,286,982</u>	<u>5,041,163</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

Hereford Municipal Charities

Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	31.12.17 Total funds £	31.12.16 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	8	-	480,932	649,853	1,130,785	1,059,699
Investments	9	-	-	2,670,499	2,670,499	2,470,190
Investment property	10	-	-	825,000	825,000	825,000
		-	480,932	4,145,352	4,626,284	4,354,889
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	11	55,766	-	-	55,766	54,977
Investments	12	247,094	-	-	247,094	225,490
Cash at bank		361,844	4,327	-	366,171	413,855
		664,704	4,327	-	669,031	694,322
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(8,333)	-	-	(8,333)	(8,048)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>656,371</u>	<u>4,327</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>660,698</u>	<u>686,274</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>656,371</u>	<u>485,259</u>	<u>4,145,352</u>	<u>5,286,982</u>	<u>5,041,163</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>656,371</u>	<u>485,259</u>	<u>4,145,352</u>	<u>5,286,982</u>	<u>5,041,163</u>
FUNDS						
Unrestricted funds	14				656,371	682,032
Restricted funds					485,259	485,174
Endowment funds					4,145,352	3,873,957
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>5,286,982</u>	<u>5,041,163</u>


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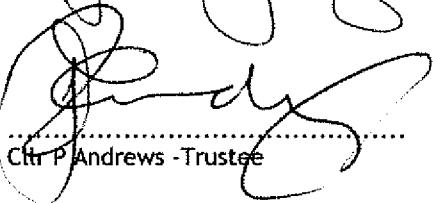
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Balance Sheet - continued

At 31 December 2017

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22/5/18 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs J Franzen - Trustee


.....
Cllr P Andrews - Trustee

Hereford Municipal Charities

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	31.12.17 £	31.12.16 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(91,873)</u>	<u>4,102</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>(91,873)</u>	<u>4,102</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(71,086)	(90,360)
Sale of fixed asset investments		-	(1)
Rent received		16,950	16,611
Interest received		<u>98,325</u>	<u>98,381</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>44,189</u>	<u>24,631</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(47,684)</u>	<u>28,733</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>413,855</u>	<u>385,122</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>366,171</u></u>	<u><u>413,855</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
	31.12.17	31.12.16
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	245,819	529,729
Adjustments for:		
Gain on investments	(221,913)	(407,229)
Interest received	(98,325)	(98,381)
Rent received	(16,950)	(16,611)
Increase in debtors	(789)	(3,271)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	285	(135)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(91,873)</u>	<u>4,102</u>

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 2015)', 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.

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.

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.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

75% of the salaries of the clerk and the assistant clerk, and related office costs are regarded as directly related to charitable activity.

Tangible fixed assets

Almshouses, which are inalienable, are included in the balance sheet at a valuation made in 1972 at the time of the establishment of the Charity Commission Scheme.

Almshouses built since the 1972 scheme are included at cost, and are not depreciated.

Freehold property is not depreciated, as it is considered that the remaining useful economic life of the property is of such a length that any depreciation charge would be immaterial.

All expenditure of repair, improvement or enhancement of freehold properties is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Investment property

The Farm property is stated at the professional valuation of Sunderlands & Thompsons LLP, Chartered Surveyors at 31 December 2016.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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.

Restricted Funds are made up of the following:

The Almshouse Fund consists of the Housing Association grant towards the construction of new almshouses.
The Muriel Fildes legacy has been provided for the purpose of fostering and promoting musical education and the knowledge and appreciation of music in the City of Hereford.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

Listed investments

Listed investments are stated at market valuation as at the Balance Sheet date.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	31.12.17 Total funds £	31.12.16 Total funds £
Rents received	16,950	-	-	16,950	16,611
Dividends and interest	<u>98,240</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,325</u>	<u>98,381</u>
	<u>115,190</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,275</u>	<u>114,992</u>

3. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	31.12.17 Total funds £	31.12.16 Total funds £
Investment management costs	<u>3,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,284</u>	<u>2,234</u>

4. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	31.12.17 £	31.12.16 £
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	<u>3,882</u>	<u>4,170</u>

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5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2017 nor for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2017 nor for the year ended 31 December 2016.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.12.17	31.12.16
Administrative staff	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Charitable activities				
Almshouse expenditure	248,942	-	-	248,942
Investment income	<u>114,909</u>	<u>83</u>	-	<u>114,992</u>
Total	363,851	83	-	363,934
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	2,234	-	-	2,234
Charitable activities				
Grants payable	27,521	-	-	27,521
Almshouse expenditure	<u>211,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>211,680</u>
Total	241,435	-	-	241,435
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>27,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>379,586</u>	<u>407,230</u>
NET INCOME	150,060	83	379,586	529,729
Transfers between funds	<u>(90,360)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,360</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	59,700	83	469,946	529,729
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	<u>622,332</u>	<u>485,091</u>	<u>3,404,011</u>	<u>4,511,434</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>682,032</u>	<u>485,174</u>	<u>3,873,957</u>	<u>5,041,163</u>

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Housing Association Property £	Almshouse Property £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2017	480,932	578,767	1,059,699
Additions	-	71,086	71,086
At 31 December 2017	<u>480,932</u>	<u>649,853</u>	<u>1,130,785</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2017	<u>480,932</u>	<u>649,853</u>	<u>1,130,785</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>480,932</u>	<u>578,767</u>	<u>1,059,699</u>

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2017	2,470,190
Revaluations	200,309
At 31 December 2017	<u>2,670,499</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2017	<u>2,670,499</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>2,470,190</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Investments comprise holdings in common investment funds managed by professional fund managers.

	31.12.2017 Market Value £	31.12.2017 Cost £
Investments		
Almshouse Branch	2,038,654	1,292,275
Eleemosynary Branch	542,028	306,424
William Brydges Charity	4,885	4,266
Apprenticing and Educational Branch	63,867	35,649
Herbert Gelder's Charity	21,065	11,871
	<u>2,670,499</u>	<u>1,650,485</u>
Farm properties	<u>825,000</u>	<u>53,476</u>
	<u>3,495,499</u>	<u>1,703,961</u>

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10. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017	<u>825,000</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2017	<u>825,000</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>825,000</u>

The investment property consisting of land and buildings has not been depreciated in the year.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.17	31.12.16
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>55,766</u>	<u>54,977</u>

12. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	31.12.17	31.12.16
	£	£
Listed investments	<u>247,094</u>	<u>225,490</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.17	31.12.16
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,228	992
Taxation and social security	1,105	1,056
Other creditors	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	<u>8,333</u>	<u>8,048</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.17 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.17 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted fund	581,712	34,686	(71,086)	545,312
Designated Extraordinary repair fund	<u>100,320</u>	<u>10,739</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,059</u>
	682,032	45,425	(71,086)	656,371
Restricted funds				
Aimshouse fund	480,932	-	-	480,932
Muriel Fildes' fund	<u>4,242</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,327</u>
	485,174	85	-	485,259
Endowment funds				
Endowment fund	<u>3,873,957</u>	<u>200,309</u>	<u>71,086</u>	<u>4,145,352</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,041,163</u>	<u>245,819</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,286,982</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted fund	383,645	(359,824)	10,865	34,686
Designated Extraordinary repair fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,739</u>	<u>10,739</u>
	383,645	(359,824)	21,604	45,425
Restricted funds				
Muriel Fildes' fund	85	-	-	85
Endowment funds				
Endowment fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,309</u>	<u>200,309</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>383,730</u>	<u>(359,824)</u>	<u>221,913</u>	<u>245,819</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Hereford Municipal Charities carries out the administration of the Millar Charity Fund (Charity No: 514381) and the Tudor Champion Fun (Charity No: 1035990). Certain direct costs relating to these charities are charged by Hereford Municipal Charities and in addition an appropriate share of administrative costs is also borne by these connected charities.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	31.12.17 £	31.12.16 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Exceptional items	3,760	-
Investment income		
Rents received	16,950	16,611
Dividends and interest	<u>98,325</u>	<u>98,381</u>
	115,275	114,992
Charitable activities		
Almshouse income	<u>264,695</u>	<u>248,942</u>
Total incoming resources	383,730	363,934
EXPENDITURE		
Investment management costs		
Investment management costs	3,284	2,234
Charitable activities		
Repairs and maintenance	275,714	157,457
Grounds maintenance	4,343	4,450
Lighting	1,436	1,202
Alarm system and mobile warden	4,617	3,624
Good neighbour	8,304	8,436
Water	10,741	10,897
Insurance	6,587	6,370
Chaplain and chapel expenses	2,674	1,468
Subscriptions and-TV licence	803	810
Residents' benefits	2,118	1,982
Grants to institutions	-	1,500
Grants to individuals	<u>11,686</u>	<u>11,037</u>
	329,023	209,233
Support costs		
Other		
Wages	13,652	13,886
Pensions	1,118	1,102
Telephone	730	498
Stationery	254	301
Postage	306	330
Office expenses	<u>1,667</u>	<u>3,232</u>
	17,727	19,349

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	31.12.17 £	31.12.16 £
Governance costs		
Wages	4,551	4,629
Pensions	372	367
Auditors' remuneration	3,882	4,170
Telephone	243	166
Stationery	85	100
Postage	102	110
Office expenses	555	1,077
	<u>9,790</u>	<u>10,619</u>
Total resources expended	359,824	241,435
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Net income before gains and losses	23,906	122,499
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	221,913	407,230
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Net income	<u>245,819</u>	<u>529,729</u>