

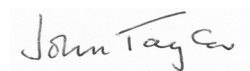
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Trustees Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



John Taylor Chair of St Monica's Housing Ltd

24.1.2019

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Annual Report of Trustees 2017-2018



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Financial Summary 2017-18

Annual Accounts for year to 31.3.2018

	£	£
Income from Donations		31,350
Less		
Running Cost of accommodation	14,412	
Legal and Insurance	476	
Total Expenditure		14,888
Surplus for the year		16,462

The surplus funds from 2017-18 are added to our existing reserves and are carried forward for 2018-19.
At 31.3.18 the charity's reserves were £41,574.
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How we started

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How does the service work?

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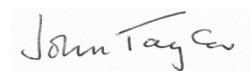
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ST. MONICA'S HOUSING LTD

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	3,482	0
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments	431	0
Cash at bank and on hand	<u>41,892</u>	<u>29,595</u>
CREDITORS:		
Deferred Income		
Amounts falling due		
Within one year	<u>4,231</u>	<u>4,483</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>41,574</u>	<u>25,112</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>41,574</u>	<u>25,112</u>
Funds of the Charity		
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>41,574</u>	<u>25,112</u>
Unrestricted Funds	22,276	25,112
Restricted Funds	19,298	

These accounts were approved and signed by the directors and authorised for issue on 27 September 2018.

For the year ending 31/03/2018 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

Mr John Taylor *J E Taylor* Director

Mr James McDaid *James McDaid* Director

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The notes on page 3 & 4 form part of these accounts