

ANNUAL  
REPORT  
AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS



YEAR ENDED  
30 SEPTEMBER 2024

ARCHITECTS  
BENEVOLENT  
SOCIETY



Registered Company No. 1084747 (England and Wales)  
Registered Charity No. 265139

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# COMPANY INFORMATION

## OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

**Patron** His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO

**President** Eddie Weir PPCIAT

### Trustees

Richard Brindley (Chair of Trustees since June 2024)

Mark Grzegorzczuk (Chair of Trustees until June 2024)

Mark Hodgkinson (Hon Treasurer from June 2024 - Appointed February 2024)

Christl Hughes (Appointed February 2025)

Rick McCluggage

Andy McLeish

John Moakes

Aled Rees

Karen Rogers (Resigned June 2024 but remains a member of the Nominations & Remuneration Committee)

Sangeeta Shenoy

Sumita Singha (Resigned September 2024)

Nigel Thorne (Hon Treasurer to June 2024 - Resigned February 2025)

Alison Thornton-Sykes (Resigned February 2025)

### Non-trustee Committee Members

Katie Fisher (Development Committee)

Kate Marks (Nominations & Remuneration Committee)

Karen Rogers (Nominations & Remuneration Committee)

Benna Schellhorn (Development Committee, resigned September 2024)

Simon Still (Nominations & Remuneration Committee)

COMPANY INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

Chief Executive	Robert Ball (until April 2024) Simon Ashmore (from January 2025)	
Operations Manager	Katie Vivian (Acting CEO from April 2024)	
Chief Financial Officer	Tricia Johnstone (from November 2023)	
Company number	1084747	
Charity number	265139	
Registered office	43 Portland Place, London W1B 1QH	
Independent auditors	Moore Kingston Smith 6th Floor, 9 Appold Street London EC2A 2AP	
Bankers	C Hoare and Co 37 Fleet Street London EC4P 4DQ	Lloyds Bank PLC 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN
Investment Managers	Cazenove Capital 1 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU  Investec Wealth and Investment Limited 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN	
Solicitors	Bates Wells 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE	Hunters 9 New Square, Lincoln’s Inn London WC2A 3QN

# CHAIR'S STATEMENT

2024 has been a year of significant change for our Society. The economic pressures and trends within the profession has meant that our support is needed more now than ever before.

The charity continued to meet exceptional demand driven by the cost-of-living crisis combined with our successful awareness-raising activities. Enquiries have continued to increase and although the number of people we supported financially has remained largely flat, the average amount grant per person has risen considerably.

An enormous amount of work and dedication lies behind the support provided by the charity. The Trustees would like to thank all those who collectively helped those in need. I would like to thank our Ambassadors for their continued support raising awareness and helping our fundraising activities throughout the UK. We could not have achieved all that we have without their valuable contributions. Finally, the Trustees and I wish to offer our appreciation to the staff who have brought their professionalism and dedication to help achieve our goal of supporting those in the architectural community in need. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

2024 was a difficult year for income generation. Gifts via legacies were down on previous years and - in the face of the cost-of-living crisis – there was no growth in the level of donations. The post pandemic shift to hybrid working has increased the volatility of rental returns on our building assets. While reduced levels of income from fundraising and rent were significantly offset by the improved market return on invested funds, 2024 saw a significant deficit.

As with many charities the demand for support far outweighs our resources. The Trustees have had to weigh the present needs of the architectural community against the need of future generations. We have had to make changes to the way we provide support to ensure our long-term financial sustainability while, at the same time, striving to support as many of those in need as we can. These are never easy decisions to make.

In recent years the ABS has funded significant annual deficits from its reserves as the demand for support grew and income levels became more volatile. Recognising that such deficits are not sustainable in the long term, the Trustees have taken short term actions to amend the grant giving policy to reduce the financial deficit and. 2025 will see ABS undertake a strategic review with the long-term aim of providing support to those in need in a financially sustainability manner.

Finally, during 2024 our CEO Rob Ball elected to leave the organisation after 23 years. Rob steered the ABS through challenging times for the architectural community and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rob for his tireless effort and steady guidance, which brought the Society to a level of which we can all be proud. We wish him well in his next endeavour. I am pleased to announce that the Trustees have appointed Simon Ashmore to replace Rob Ball. We look forward to welcoming Simon in January 2025.

**Mark Grzegorzcyk**

# ABOUT ABS

Founded in 1850, Architects Benevolent Society is a charity dedicated to supporting past and present members of the architectural community and their families from the beginning of their careers to those who are now in retirement.

We help people who are experiencing challenges such as illness, accident, redundancy, unemployment, or other personal difficulties. We provide a range of services including confidential advice, mental health and wellbeing support and financial assistance.

## Our Vision

People in the architectural community will flourish and live full and rewarding lives whilst following their passion for architecture and design.

## Our mission

To provide holistic, tailored support to enable people in the architectural community to improve quality of life and to reach a point when they no longer need our help.

## We support:

- Architects
- Architectural Technologists
- Landscape Architects
- Architectural Assistants
- Architectural practice employees
- Dependants of any of the above
- Students of architecture, architectural technology, landscape architecture

## Objects and Activities

### Objects

The charitable objects of the Society are:

- the prevention and relief of poverty and financial hardship;
- the advancement of health; and
- the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability or other disadvantage

of Architecture Professionals, their spouse, civil partner, cohabitee, widow, widower, surviving civil partner or cohabitee, child or dependent.

## How we help



### Money and debt

- Grants
- Debt advice
- Welfare benefits advice



### Mental health and wellbeing

- Self-management support
- One to one therapy
- Workplace Wellbeing Essential



### Physical health & disability

- Assessment of needs from OT practice



### Employment

- Job search support



### Housing advice

- Specialist advice from Shelter



### Other advice

- Health and wellbeing advice and signposting

### Our welfare partners:

Anxiety UK

LAWEXPRESS

renovo

The OTPractice  
EXPERTS IN THERAPY





## Our values



### Responsive

We're passionate about helping people. Our flexible approach and dedicated team enables us to provide meaningful and dedicated support – often fast.



### Compassionate

We value people and approach every person and situation with empathy, kindness and respect.



### Improvement

We are driven to improve the lives of our community by continuing to learn from our collective experiences to grow, evolve and strive to do better.



### Community Focused

We are approachable and warm. We encourage collaboration and engage with the architectural community.



### Inclusive

We are actively inclusive within our objectives as a charity. We have an equitable, welcoming and ethical approach, and value each person's unique life experience.

## Public benefit

Architects Benevolent Society is a registered charity whose charitable purpose within the Charities Act 2011 is defined above (our objects). The Society provides public benefit through financial help and other assistance to past and present members of the architectural community and their dependants.

### Aims for public benefit

ABS is the only occupational benevolent fund for the architectural community in the UK and its aim is to offer confidential advice, support and financial assistance to individuals and their families in times of need to achieve the following social outcomes:

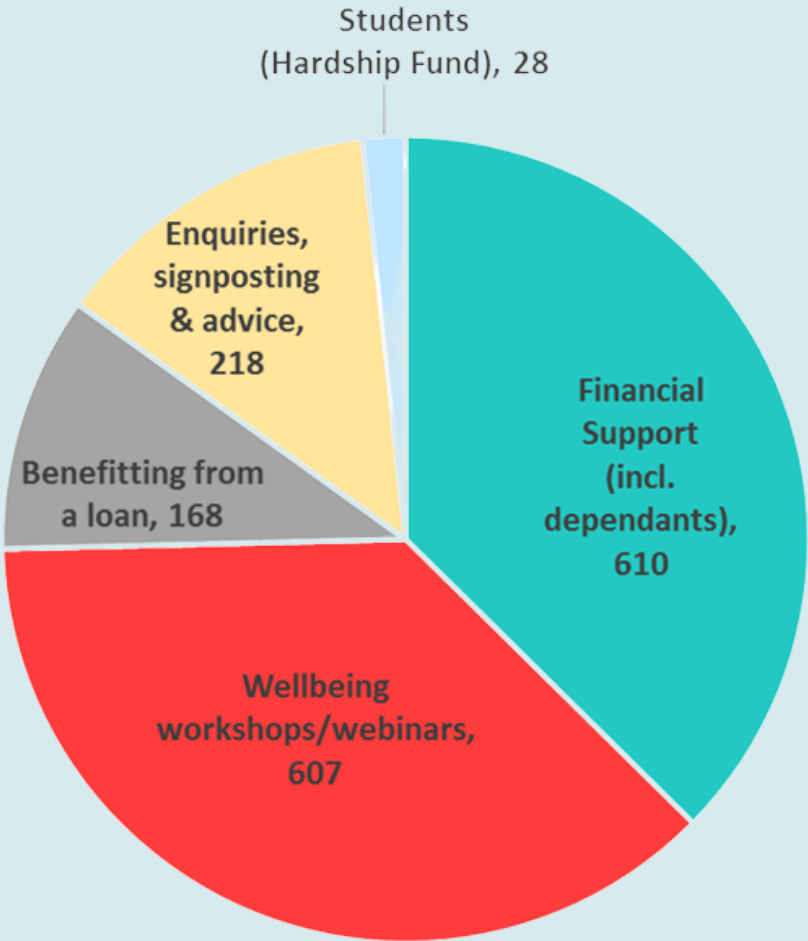
- **improve** the quality of life for individuals and/or families who are struggling financially and socially due to poverty
- **enable** individuals and/or families to regain financial independence following an event or period of crisis
- **increase** employability or maintain employment
- **relieve emotional and psychological distress** which impacts on daily living, e.g. engagement in work and community.
- **support people with disabilities and long-term health problems to overcome barriers** to employment, housing, financial services and thus promote social inclusion.

# OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR





Our support



We helped a total of 1,631 people this year. Demand for our support continues to increase year-on-year and we opened 16% more cases this year compared to the previous year.

The overwhelming majority of new clients sought our help with financial assistance (55%) and mental health (40%).




Continued exceptional demand for our grants programme once more resulted in the Society using more reserves than budgeted this year to meet the need.

The uncertain economic climate has also impacted specifically in the area of employment, and we have seen many redundancies in the architectural sector this year.

Outcomes

273 cases were closed this year, a 58% increase on the previous year. This is partially due to the introduction of limits to the duration of funding for some beneficiaries and the short term nature of support provided under the student hardship fund.

ABS partners with other organisations who can provide specialist support to achieve our aims. This year we have referred more people to our partners than ever before.

		
Advocacy, representation and specialist telephone casework in order to keep people safe in their homes and to prevent homelessness.	Support and therapy to those experiencing anxiety, stress and anxiety-based depression.	Direct support from a personal job coach to those who have either experienced redundancy, are at threat of being made redundant or who have been out of work for a period of time and need help securing employment.
We made 16 referrals to Shelter	We made 127 referrals to AUK (a 9% decrease compared to 2022-23)	117% increase in referrals compared to 2022-23

ABS works with several specialist welfare benefits advisors who support beneficiaries to claim benefits that they are eligible for. The welfare benefits system can be difficult to navigate without guidance, and our welfare benefits advisors provide excellent support to help beneficiaries make successful benefits claims.

We also work with IncomeMax, Stepchange, Law Express and other charities and organisations that can

provide our beneficiaries with expert advice and support to help them navigate a range of issues.

These services, combined with our own grants programme and inhouse expertise offer a comprehensive package of assistance to those we support.

# FUNDRAISING



The Society receives donations from individual and corporate/organisational donors through regular and one-off donations, events and legacies. We have a team of three fundraisers and do not use professional fundraisers.

2024 saw the implementation of a more focused approach to fundraising, building on the successes of the previous year. During the year considerable energy was put into reviewing and cleansing our supporter data.

Our events portfolio for the year fell into three categories: ABS-managed events, Ambassador events, and 'challenge events', which are new to our portfolio.

Events comprised 21% of our fundraising income this year. In addition to income directly generated through events, they provided our most significant engagement opportunity, laying the foundations to add further value to our fundraising efforts.

For the third year running, we saw record entries for all three of our internal events and recorded the highest individual fundraising income yet. Our much-loved Chicken Run generated an amazing £17,000 this year - roughly half of our events income for 23/24. The ambassadors kept the moment going, too, hosting six events and raising £3,500.

The newly introduced challenge events are mass participation events such as marathons, triathlons, and Cycle races that our supporters enter to raise funds for the ABS. Our initial foray into this area was welcomed by our supporters.



## Ambassador Program

Particular thanks must be given to the Society's Ambassadors who work on our behalf across the UK. We are indebted to their effort and commitment which enables us to reach more members of the architectural community and generate more support for our cause. Our Ambassadors are part of a regionally based network and play a key role in raising awareness of our cause within the architectural community and in leading regional fundraising initiatives.

We have also seen our Ambassadors take part in individual challenge events to raise money for the Society, showing a truly personal commitment to the cause. The Ambassadors are a vital pillar of our work, and we are truly grateful to them all.

## Corporate partners and donors – together we become a lifeline

We currently have 15 corporate partners and 73 practices that financially support ABS. Leveraging our internal ABS events continues to provide opportunities for staff to fundraise, complementing the traditional corporate donations we receive annually.

The organisations and practices across the UK who donate annually help us achieve much more than we could on our own to support people in times of need. The Society is working with organisations of all sizes across the UK that want to give something back to the profession, develop

their corporate social responsibility and support people in the architectural community.

Our corporate partners work with us to raise awareness of the work we do and how we can help, engage employees through event participation and competitions and transform people's lives.

### Keystone partners

- Howells
- CIAT
- Allford Hall Monaghan Morris – AHMM
- Eric Parry Architects
- Hopkins Architects
- Fletcher Priest architects
- Bennetts Associates

### Foundation partners

- Planit
- Orms Interior Designers and Architects
- Nash Baker Architects
- Assael Architects
- Worshipful Company Of Chartered Architects - WCCA
- MICA Architects
- Acme
- 7N

## Legacies

We are always grateful for the generosity of those who deem the Society as a cause worth committing to in their wills. The money we receive goes towards our charitable work.

## Fundraising Code of Practice

ABS is registered with the Fundraising Regulator. This demonstrates a commitment to openness and honesty in our fundraising practice and enables us to keep up to date with current legislation, such as the Fundraising Code of Practice, taking into account the needs of any possible donor who may be in vulnerable circumstances or need extra care and support to make an informed decision. It also gives us access to resources and training, ensuring that staff and trustees are equipped with the skills and knowledge to carry out fundraising responsibly and effectively. The Development Manager reports regularly to the Development and Engagement Committee, where performance is monitored.

During 2023-2024 no complaints about fundraising conduct or practice were received.

Staff are kept informed of fundraising legislation updates through the monthly Fundraising Regulator newsletter to ensure they are aware of best practice, data protection and protection of the public from unreasonable, intrusive or persistent fundraising approaches. There are systems in place to flag up to staff when a donor should not be contacted for reasons such as ill health, disability or changes in their financial situation.

All volunteer Ambassadors attend an induction and have a handbook which outlines the Fundraising Code of Practice. Ambassadors are supported in their fundraising activities by a member of the Development Team, who advises on best practice and monitors methods used.



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND KEY RISKS





ABS continues to monitor its investments, in terms of portfolio structure, targets and ethical investing. We operate a disciplined approach to ethical investment and monitor investment holdings on a regular basis against our Ethical Investing Guidelines which were agreed in 2023. Our investment managers are required to screen all investments using the Ethical Investing Guidelines, and provide regular ethical screening reports to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee.

## Income

Income from **donations and gifts** totalled £184k, a 20% increase on the previous year.

**Legacy income** was £15k compared with £78k during 2022-23. The Society is extremely grateful to all those who have left legacies.

**Income from commercial property** of £642k was very similar to the previous year (£609k).

**Investment income** reduced slightly to £240k for the year (£257k last year).

## Expenditure

**Costs of generating funds.** Fundraising costs this year totalled £376k, a significant increase on last year due to expanding the development team and higher allocated costs.

The cost of running the **commercial properties** decreased to £130k from £240k the previous year when the costs of leasing empty units were incurred.

**Charitable expenditure.** The Society's overall charitable expenditure in 2023-24 of £1.885m was very similar to last year (£1.869m).

## Net Expenditure

The Society's net expenditure for the year (before applying investment gains and losses) was a deficit of £1.380m, as we utilised our reserves to meet the increasing demand. The net result after applying net gains on financial and property investments was a small surplus of £176k.

## Market value of land and buildings

43 Portland Place, purchased in July 2003 and 9 Weymouth Mews, purchased in 2007-8, are included within investment properties and were valued at 30 September 2024 by Cushman & Wakefield. Total values were at £19,500,000 at 30 September 2023 and had increased to £20,200,000 at 30 September 2024.

## Reserves Policy

It is the view of the Board that the calls on the Society's funds will continue to increase over the years ahead, aligned to growing awareness of the Society's work. The Reserves Policy which is reviewed each year therefore includes a continued commitment to maintain a stable level of investment capital in the medium to long term to ensure that the Society will be able to continue its important work in the future.

### Reasons for reserves

ABS holds reserves in order to safeguard its operations in the event of an unexpected drop in income; an unexpected expense and to maintain sufficient liquid reserves to ensure the continuing smooth running of operations. A level of £550,000 has been agreed as a sufficient general reserve. With the reserves level currently well above that deemed as essential to protect the Charity, we are able to draw on reserves each year to fund our charitable activities.

As at 30 September 2024 the Society had total funds of £29,634,655. Of this total, £768,022 is held within the permanent endowment fund, £31,840 is a restricted fund and £28,834,793 is the total unrestricted fund. The unrestricted fund includes investment properties valued at £20,200,000.

The Society currently supports over 1,000 people each year and total annual expenditure at present stands at £2.5m million per annum.

This expenditure is met from three main sources of income:

**Voluntary income.** The Society is grateful to its generous donors for their gifts and is seeking to increase voluntary income over the medium term. The implementation of the new fundraising strategy outlines how we intend to do this.

**Income from commercial properties.** Since the end of the pandemic, we have been able to increase occupancy, bringing income almost to target levels.

**Investments.** We have budgeted each year to utilise an agreed amount of reserves and release investments on a regular basis to do so. Longer term, we will be reviewing our asset structure and return on investment to ensure that we can continue to fund our charitable activities.

The Society is continually reviewing its investment strategy and the Investment Policy includes a Total Return strategy to ensure the Society can continue to support members of the architectural community in need during periods of economic uncertainty, as well as at other times. We are continuing to review in detail the current balance of the investment holdings, the medium to longer term projections for those investments and whether or not the

current balance between investment property and investment portfolios is appropriate.

With regards to liquidity, the Investment Policy ensures that the Society's investment portfolios are not tied into long term funds, meaning the Society is able to realise investment assets quickly and in addition to the free reserves target detailed below.

The Society wishes to maintain a balance of free reserves in the Current Fund at an average of £525,000, a level sufficient for the Society to continue to operate and fulfil its obligations for a period of three months.

### **Range of reserves required**

Direct financial assistance given to beneficiaries has been increasing in recent years and it is anticipated that calls on the Society will be greater still in the medium to long term as awareness of the Society's work continues to grow, and external socio-economic factors create greater need.

### **Monitoring and review procedures**

Monitoring of the financial performance of the investments is carried out by the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee which reports to the Board each time it meets. Formal reports are submitted by the investment managers each quarter.

## **Risk Management**

The Society recently completed a full review of our approach to risk and the Risk Register. Each Committee is responsible for reviewing risks associated with their area of business. The higher ranked risks as detailed in the Risk Register will continue to be monitored and any action points identified and communicated to the individual or group responsible to ensure steps are taken to mitigate the risk.

### **Key Risks**

#### **Increased need**

The increase in the number of beneficiaries and the level of financial support provided this year led to using more reserves than budgeted to fund our charitable activities. Following a review, amendments were made to the Grant Giving Policy (to be enacted in 2024) to enable the Society to support those in greatest need, and to make provision for increasing numbers of beneficiaries.

#### **Long term sustainability**

High levels of grants expenditure over several years has created a potential risk to the Society's long term financial sustainability. Decisions were made during the year to review our Grant Giving Policy and other areas of expenditure. 2024-25 will see these changes implemented.

# FUTURE PLANS AND OBJECTIVES



## **During 2024-25 we plan to:**

### **Continue to provide holistic support to individuals and families in need.**

We will provide short term financial support and fund specialist support from our welfare partners to enable people to make a positive change in circumstances where possible.

### **Implement a revised Grant Giving Policy.**

We will apply short term measures to manage expenditure so that it is at a level consistent with our resources, and to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Society. During the year we will undertake a thorough review of our support offer to ensure we best meet our beneficiaries' needs within the resources of the Society.

### **Recruit new trustees and committee members.**

To ensure that we have an effective Board, consisting of members with relevant skills and experience and continue to work towards a more diverse Board.

### **Develop a new strategy and business delivery plan.**

For delivering our charitable purposes in the short, medium and longer term The focus will be to maximise the support we provide to our beneficiaries and bringing us into line with current benevolent society practice, while safeguarding the charity's long-term future.

### **Maintain relevance within the architectural community.**

And understanding its needs through engagement and partnerships with relevant organisations and networks, engaging with volunteers and beneficiaries and involving them in our work.

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

ABS is a Registered Charity and a Company limited by guarantee governed by Articles of Association.

ABS currently has nine trustees.

The Nominations and Remuneration Committee continues to review the balance of skills, experience, diversity, professional and regional representation on the Board and Committees in pursuit of a diverse and skilled Board that can make effective decisions for the Charity.

Becoming a trustee of ABS is by appointment by the Board of Trustees and is drawn from those who have been identified as bringing the skills and other criteria necessary to further the strategic work of the Society. It is not restricted to membership of the architectural community, and we welcome applications from those outside the architectural community who can bring a different perspective in specific areas. All trustees of the Society are entitled to attend, to speak and to vote at trustees' meetings.

Any person who is willing to act as a trustee, and who would not be disqualified from acting under the provisions of Article 26, may be appointed to be a trustee by a resolution of the trustees for a term of up

to three years, renewable for two further terms of up to three years subject to Article 25.2. A trustee who has served for nine consecutive years of office must take a break from office and may not be re-appointed until the first anniversary of the commencement of their break from office.

Trustees of the Society are the only Members and all trustees become a Member of the Board on appointment as a trustee. The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Society and as well as being Members of the Board, trustees are also Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law.

## **Charity Governance Code**

The Society formally adopted the Charity Governance Code in 2019, with the aim of developing high standards of governance in line with good practice and using the Code as a tool to support continuous improvement.

The Society will continue to review the seven principles of the Code and working towards making well-considered decisions as to how these principles should be applied to the charity.

## Management

ABS' Board of Trustees meets three times each year to agree and review the strategic approach and areas of activity, including consideration of charitable activity, investments and reserves, risk management, long term strategic planning and all other policies and performance. Some of the task-focused work of the Society is overseen by formally appointed committees which report directly and regularly to the Board. At the heart of ABS' committee structure is the Welfare Committee, which advises the Board on our charitable work. The Welfare Team assess all new applications for assistance and make informed decisions as how to best assist beneficiaries in line with our Grant Giving Policy. This policy is regularly reviewed, enabling a timely response to wider socio-economic issues.

Other Committees are the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, the Development and Engagement Committee and the Nominations and Remuneration Committee.

## Decision making

Our decision-making policies and procedures are detailed in 'Board Instructions.' It sets out the responsibilities and delegated decision-making powers of the committees and continues to be reviewed and amended as and when necessary.

There are additionally several other important policy documents which are reviewed on a regular basis within proscribed timeframes.

## Relationships

ABS pursues a policy of engaging as closely as possible with the various organisations which represent the members of the architectural community and to ensure the work of the Society is effectively communicated to all eligible persons at national and regional levels. This work is essential in helping to ensure as many as possible are aware of the help that ABS can offer and to assist with income generation.

ABS has informal but close links with the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists, the Landscape Institute, the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, the Royal Society of Ulster Architects, the Royal Society of Architects in Wales, the Architects Registration Board, the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects, the Architects Mental Wellbeing Forum and others. It is also a subscribing member of the Association of Charitable Organisations and the Fundraising Regulator.



Engagement with the community served by ABS has been greatly enhanced over recent years with the introduction of our Ambassador programme. There are approximately 80 Ambassadors based all over the UK and their role continues to be vital in raising awareness of our charity.

## **Acknowledgements**

The Society wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to the following:

CIAT, the Landscape Institute, the RIBA, the RIAS, the RSAW, the RSUA, the Architects Registration Board and other Regional and Branch Councils and many other architectural organisations throughout the UK for help in various ways.

Our professional advisers for their continuing guidance and support throughout 2023-24.

The staff team who have looked after the day-to-day business, and demonstrated commitment and passion for the cause during another challenging year.

All those members of the profession and others who continue to do so much in support of the charity, both financially and by giving generously of their time.

The trustees and staff would like to give our expression of thanks to Karen Rogers, Sumita Singha and Alison Thornton-Sykes who left their roles as trustees, and to committee member Benna Schellhorn, after many years of valuable service and dedication to the charity.

The work carried out by the formal committees and working groups appointed by Board is done voluntarily. Many of the tasks involve a great deal of work in addition to attending meetings. We are particularly grateful to those people who are not trustees but who give up their evenings and weekends and even time during the working day to assist in this way.

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Members of the Board (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the 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 members to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of the surplus or deficit of the Society for that period. In preparing those financial statements the members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

- 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 Society and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the Members of the Board is 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.

- the trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Society's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", effective 1 January 2015.

The trustees have taken advantage of the small companies' regime in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

By order of the Board

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARCHITECTS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Architects Benevolent Society ('the company') for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows 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 FRS 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 30 September 2024 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.

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## **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

## **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. 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' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' annual report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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 trustees' 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 take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a Strategic Report.

## Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 22, 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement 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 purposes 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.

### **Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility

for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charitable company.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charitable company and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charity SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.

- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

## 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 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 any party other than the charitable company and charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Jonathan Aikens** (Senior Statutory Auditor)

*for and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP, Statutory Auditor*

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**Statement of financial activities including the Income & Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 30 September 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £ (as restated)
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
Donations and gifts		183,761			183,761	161,918
Legacies		14,861			14,861	77,500
<b>Investments</b>						
Commercial rent receivable		641,890			641,890	609,468
Other investment income	4	211,634	5,174	23,342	240,150	257,256
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Wellbeing programme		11,457			11,457	5,600
Student hardship fund				-	-	71,090
Other income					-	20,985
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>1,063,603</b>	<b>5,174</b>	<b>23,342</b>	<b>1,092,119</b>	<b>1,203,817</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON</b>						
<b>Raising funds</b>						
Fundraising		375,896			375,896	178,656
Investment management		77,722	4,129		81,851	104,473
Running Commercial Properties		129,740			129,740	240,147
		<b>583,358</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>587,487</b>	<b>523,276</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Relief of poverty	5	1,680,383		62,592	1,742,975	1,754,013
Wellbeing programme		142,305			142,305	115,732
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2,406,046</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>62,592</b>	<b>2,472,767</b>	<b>2,393,021</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers and investments gains</b>						
		(1,342,443)	1,045	(39,250)	(1,380,648)	(1,189,204)
Net gain/(loss) on financial investments	11	785,294	71,529	-	856,823	144,275
Net gain/(loss) on property investments	11	700,000	-		700,000	-
Net income/(expenditure)		142,851	72,574	(39,250)	176,175	(1,044,929)
Transfers between funds		17,963	(17,963)	-	-	-
Gain/ (loss) on revaluation of Fixed assets		-	-	-	-	(1,350,000)
Net movements in funds		160,814	54,611	(39,250)	176,175	(2,394,929)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 October 2023		28,673,979	713,411	71,090	29,458,480	31,853,409
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 30 September 2024</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28,834,793</b>	<b>768,022</b>	<b>31,840</b>	<b>29,634,655</b>	<b>29,458,480</b>

All results during the year related to continuing operations.

The above statement of financial activities includes the Society's statement of total recognised gains and losses.

The notes on pages xx to xx form part of these financial statements

		<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>	
		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	
				<b>(as restated)</b>	
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10	-		9,597	
Investments	11	29,174,844		28,860,629	
Programme related investments	12	<u>250,271</u>		<u>252,761</u>	
			29,425,115		29,122,987
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	155,612		278,291	
Cash at bank		<u>400,298</u>		<u>412,427</u>	
			555,910		690,718
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due</b>					
within one year	14		(346,370)		(355,225)
Net current (liabilities)/assets			209,540		335,493
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><b>29,634,655</b></u>		<u><b>29,458,480</b></u>	
<b>Funds</b>	16				
Permanent Endowment Fund		663,292		591,763	
Revaluations Reserve		104,730		121,648	
Restricted Fund		31,840		-	71,090
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
Investment & Property Fund	19	28,834,793		28,673,979	
		<u><b>29,634,655</b></u>		<u><b>29,458,480</b></u>	

**Statement of cash flows**  
**For the year ended 30 September 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £ (as restated)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	21	(2,139,510)	(1,057,969)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Income from investments		882,040	866,724
Purchase of fixed assets	10	0	(2,190)
Purchase of investments	11	(2,772,131)	(4,116,500)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	11	4,068,192	5,579,615
Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets	10	245	0
(Decrease)/Increase in cash held for investment		<u>(53,454)</u>	<u>258,783</u>
<b>Net cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities</b>		2,124,892	2,586,432
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Cash receipts from borrowing	12	<u>2,490</u>	<u>(1,550,710)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>(12,128)</u>	<u>(22,247)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		412,427	434,674
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		400,298	412,427

## 1. Accounting policies

### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the 'Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)' and the Financial Reporting Standard

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

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

### 1.3 Income

Income is recognised when it is probable, measurable and the charity is entitled to it.

- Gifts other than cash are recognised at market value on the date that they are received.
- Income on the endowment fund is regarded as restricted income due to the original terms of the fund.

All the income is included in the financial statements gross i.e. before taking account of any associated expenditure.

### 1.4 Allocation of costs

Direct costs are allocated to the relevant activity. Indirect costs are allocated on the same basis as staff costs, ie. on a time spent basis.

### 1.5 Costs of raising funds

Expenses are included as costs of raising funds if they can be directly related to a source of the Society's income or are for publicity intended to raise the profile of the charity.

### 1.6 Grants payable

Grant expenditure is recognised upon commitment to making the expenditure.

### 1.7 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured.

### 1.8 Governance costs

Governance costs, included within other direct costs (see Note 6) include all costs of maintaining the charity as a legal entity including audit fees, costs of trustee meetings and costs of complying with statutory requirements.

### 1.9 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Motor Vehicles - 25% per annum straight line

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 10% - 25% per annum straight line

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Items purchased are capitalised where their cost is above £2,500 and they are expected to have an ongoing use in the charity's operations. Purchases costing less than this are shown as part of expenditure in the Statement of the Financial Activities in the year of purchase.

1.10 Investments

Fixed asset investments are valued at the current market value at the balance sheet date. Any unrealised gains or losses are credited/charged to the Statement of Financial Activities. Realised gains or losses on disposal of investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Investment properties are included at the Trustees' estimate of open market value and valuations are reviewed annually. No depreciation is charged on these assets in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

1.11 Programme related investments

The Society previously made loans to its beneficiaries that are interest free. The outstanding loans are secured. They are included at the amount advanced less any repayments and impairments.

1.12 Pension costs

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme, which is a Group Personal Plan. Contributions to the Scheme are charged to the SOFA in the financial year in which they become payable.

1.13 Restricted funds

Restricted funds are those received which are earmarked for a specific purpose by the donors. Expenditure which meets the criteria specified is allocated directly to the fund.

1.14 Unrestricted funds

Funds received or generated for the objects of the Charity without a further specified purpose are treated as unrestricted funds. Some of these resources are designated by the Members of the Board for particular purposes as they deem appropriate.

1.15 Endowment Funds

The Sawyer Benevolent Fund was created with a legacy from Joseph Sawyer. The income from the fund is to be used for the relief of poverty of architects.

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 value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The Charity has selected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

1.17 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes 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.

**2. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that



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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 where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

*Provision for interest-free loans*

Other than where there are exceptional circumstances, all secured interest free loans should be repaid in full. A non-recovery rate of 10% is applied to protect against any unforeseen circumstances beyond the Society's

*Valuation of investment property*

Property valuations are based on regularly updated, independent valuations carried out in accordance with the RICS Valuation – Professional Standards 2014.

### **3. Company status**

The Architects Benevolent Society is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is restricted to a maximum of £1 in the event of a winding up.

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#### 4 Investment income

	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed asset investments	180,046	247,511
Gross interest receivable	60,104	9,745
	<u>240,150</u>	<u>257,256</u>

Investment income includes £23,408 (2023: £22,292) of restricted income in relation to the Sawyer Benevolent fund.

#### 5 Relief of Poverty

	2024 £	2023 £
Regular grants	1,062,343	1,066,276
One-off grants	-	250,208
Other direct costs including welfare officers	550,749	342,300
Indirect costs	129,883	95,229
	<u>1,742,975</u>	<u>1,754,013</u>

The Society made grants in the year to 412 (2023: 407) individual cases. All of these were made for the welfare of those who have worked in the profession of architecture and their families who were in need.

Costs include £4,130 (2023: £3,807) of restricted expenditure in relation to the Sawyer Benevolent fund.

#### 6 Governance costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Trustees and committee meetings	1,142	1,765
Audit fee	17,310	20,000
Professional fees	60,655	8,533
	<u>79,107</u>	<u>30,298</u>

#### 7 Analysis of total expenditure

	Staff Costs £	Grants and gifts £	Other £	Total direct costs £	Head office costs other £	Head office depreciation £	Total costs 2024 £
Raising Funds	251,493	-	14,625	266,118	109,778	-	375,896
Investments	16,680	-	57,890	74,570	7,281	-	81,851
Costs of running commercial properties	46,962	-	62,279	109,241	11,147	9,352	129,740
Relief of poverty	297,551	1,315,042	499	1,613,092	129,883	-	1,742,975
Wellbeing programme	71,982	-	40,657	112,639	29,666	-	142,305
	<u>684,668</u>	<u>1,315,042</u>	<u>175,950</u>	<u>2,175,660</u>	<u>287,755</u>	<u>9,352</u>	<u>2,472,767</u>

	Staff Costs £	Grants and gifts £	Other £	Total direct costs £	Head office costs other £	Head office depreciation £	Total costs 2023 £
Raising Funds	132,764	-	8,857	141,621	37,035	-	178,656
Investments	25,962	-	78,511	104,473	-	-	104,473
Costs of running commercial properties	74,492	-	144,875	219,367	15,464	5,316	240,147
Relief of poverty	341,372	1,316,484	929	1,658,785	95,228	-	1,754,013
Wellbeing programme	74,263	-	20,753	95,016	20,716	-	115,732
	<u>648,853</u>	<u>1,316,484</u>	<u>253,925</u>	<u>2,219,262</u>	<u>168,443</u>	<u>5,316</u>	<u>2,393,021</u>

#### 8 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

Net income/(expenditure) for the year is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation	9,352	5,316
Amounts paid to auditors	<u>17,310</u>	<u>20,000</u>

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#### 9 Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
The average monthly number of persons employed by the Society during the year was:	Number	Number
Office management and welfare	12	12
Staff costs (for the above persons)		
Wages and salaries	540,651	508,462
Social security costs	59,727	57,729
Other pension costs	46,996	47,037
Health and other staff benefits	22,756	25,936
	<u>670,130</u>	<u>639,165</u>
Recruitment costs	<u>14,538</u>	<u>9,688</u>
	<u>684,668</u>	<u>648,853</u>
The number of staff paid over £60,000 in the year is as follows:		
Between £60,000 and £70,000	1	1
Between £70,001 and £80,000	1	-
Between £90,000 and £100,000	-	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The key management personnel of the charity consists of the Chief Executive Officer and Operations Manager. The Welfare Lead and Chief Financial Officer are also included in key management personnel this year. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £349,113 for the six employees (2023: £183,564 for two employees). Pension contributions in respect of the key management personnel were £23,131 (2023: £23,131). No Trustees received any remuneration for their services, however travel and out of pocket expenses incurred in their work were reimbursed. The total amount of expenses reimbursed to Trustees was £683 (2023: £1,450). One termination payment of £3,000 was paid during the year and is included in the above analysis.

#### 10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
01.10.23	37,499	37,499
Additions	-	-
Disposals	(245)	(245)
Reclassification	-	-
30.09.24	<u>37,254</u>	<u>37,254</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
01.10.23	27,902	27,902
Charge for year	9,352	9,352
Disposals	-	-
30.09.24	<u>37,254</u>	<u>37,254</u>
<b>NBV 30.09.24</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NBV 30.09.23</b>	<u>9,597</u>	<u>9,597</u>

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11 Fixed asset investments	Investment Property	Quoted Investment equities and unity trusts	Cash	Total	2024
	£	£	£	£	
<b>Market value</b>					
<b>At 1 October 2023</b>	19,500,000	9,060,165	300,464	<b>28,860,629</b>	
Revaluations	700,000	-	-	<b>700,000</b>	
Additions	-	2,772,131	-	<b>2,772,131</b>	
Disposal	-	(4,068,192)	-	<b>(4,068,192)</b>	
Net investment gain	-	856,822	-	<b>856,822</b>	
Net movement in the year	-	-	53,454	<b>53,454</b>	
<b>At 30 September 2024</b>	<b>20,200,000</b>	<b>8,620,926</b>	<b>353,918</b>	<b>29,174,844</b>	
	-				
<b>Fixed asset investments</b>	<b>Investment Property</b>	<b>Quoted Investment equities and unity trusts</b>	<b>Cash</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£	£	£	
<b>Market value</b>					
<b>At 1 October 2022</b>	20,850,000	10,379,005	559,247	<b>31,788,252</b>	
Revaluations	(1,350,000)	-	-	<b>(1,350,000)</b>	
Additions	-	4,116,500	-	<b>4,116,500</b>	
Disposal	-	(5,579,615)	-	<b>(5,579,615)</b>	
Net investment gain	-	144,275	-	<b>144,275</b>	
Net movement in the year	-	-	(258,783)	<b>(258,783)</b>	
<b>At 30 September 2023</b>	<b>19,500,000</b>	<b>9,060,165</b>	<b>300,464</b>	<b>28,860,629</b>	

Net investment gains in the year include gains of £888,464 and unrealised losses of £33,355.

There were no investments in individual entities held at 30 September 2023 which are considered material in the context of the market value of the portfolio.

All investment assets are held in the United Kingdom.

Investment properties were last valued as at 30 September 2024 on an open market value basis using a formal valuation carried out by Cushman & Wakefield.

12 Programme related investments	2024 £	2023 £
The charity makes interest free loans to its beneficiaries		
At 1 October 2023	252,761	252,761
Loans made in year	-	-
Loans repaid in the year	(2,490)	-
<b>At 30 September 2024</b>	<b>250,271</b>	<b>252,761</b>

Total loans that were secured at 30 September 2024 was £250,271(2023: £252,761).

13 Debtors	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	28,344	
Other debtors	39,488	97,242
Prepayments and accrued income	85,463	157,221
Service charge account	2,317	23,828
	<b>155,612</b>	<b>278,291</b>

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14 Creditors	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	30,521	60,367
Other tax and social security	41,246	34,606
Accruals and deferred income	70,666	63,729
Service charge account	-	-
Tenant deposit accounts	203,937	196,523
	<u>346,370</u>	<u>355,225</u>
	-	-

#### 15 Permanent endowment fund

##### Sawyer Benevolent Fund

The Sawyer Benevolent Fund is the only permanent endowment that the charity administers.

	Total £
At October 2023	713,411
Net movement in funds	72,574
Transfer between funds	-
At 30 September 2024	<u>785,985</u>
	-
	Total £
At October 2022	720,277
Net movement in funds	(7,366)
Transfer between funds	-
At 30 September 2023	<u>712,911</u>

#### 16 Unrestricted funds

	Total £
At 1 October 2023	28,656,016
Net movement in funds	160,814
Fund transfers	17,963
At 30 September 2024	<u>28,834,793</u>
	-
	Total £
At 1 October 2022	31,132,632
Net movement in funds	(2,458,653)
Fund transfers	-
At 30 September 2023	<u>28,673,979</u>

#### 17 Restricted funds

	Sawyer Benevolent fund £	Middle Orchard Trust £	Total £
At 1 October 2023	-	71,090	71,090
Income	23,342	-	23,342
Expenditure	(23,342)	(39,250)	(62,592)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-
At 30 September 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>31,840</u>	<u>31,840</u>
	-	-	-
	Sawyer Benevolent fund £	Middle Orchard Trust £	Total £
At 1 October 2022	-	-	-
Income	22,292	71,090	93,382
Expenditure	(22,292)	-	(22,292)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-
At 30 September 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>71,090</u>	<u>71,090</u>

The income from the Sawyer Benevolent Fund is treated as restricted income under the restricted terms of the Endowment, allowing for the income to be spent on the relief of poverty of architects.

Having been identified as a suitable recipients of the funds, the Society received a donation from the Middle Orchard Trust when it wound up operations in 2023. An agreement was made to administer these funds to students who meet agreed eligibility criteria and are experiencing significant and unexpected hardship.

#### 18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Endowment Fund	Restricted Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Total
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Investments	663,292	-	28,511,552	29,174,844
Programme related investments	-	-	250,271	250,271
Current assets/(liabilities)	-	31,840	177,700	209,540
Total net assets	<u>663,292</u>	<u>31,840</u>	<u>28,834,793</u>	<u>29,529,925</u>
	-	-	-	-
Revaluation reserve included above:				
Investment properties	-	-	7,644,145	7,644,145
Other Investments	-	-	3,963,558	3,963,558
Revaluation reserve at 30 September 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,607,703</u>	<u>11,607,703</u>

Fund balances at 30 September  
2023 are represented by:

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	Endowment Fund	Restricted Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Total
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	9,597	9,597
Investments	698,946	-	28,161,683	28,860,629
Programme related investments	-	-	252,761	252,761
Current assets/(liabilities)	14,465	71,090	299,654	385,209
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>713,411</b>	<b>71,090</b>	<b>28,723,695</b>	<b>29,508,196</b>
	-	-	-	-
Revaluation reserve included above:				
Investment properties	-	-	6,944,145	6,944,145
Other investments	121,648	-	3,178,266	3,299,914
Revaluation reserve at 30 September 2023	121,648	-	10,122,411	10,244,059

#### 19 Related party transactions

No Trustees received any remuneration for their services, however travel and out of pocket expenses incurred in their work were reimbursed. The total amount of expenses reimbursed to 2 Trustees was £683 (2023: £1,450 to 4 Trustees).

During the year, unrestricted donations from Trustees amounted to £535 (2023: £615).

#### 20 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £ (as restated)
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period	176,175	(2,394,929)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Revaluation of fixed asset investment property	(700,000)	1,350,000
Depreciation	9,352	5,316
Net loss/(gain) on investments	(856,822)	(144,275)
Investment income	(882,040)	(866,724)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	122,679	911,470
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(8,855)	81,173
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(2,139,510)	(1,057,969)

#### 22 Prior year adjustment

The 2023 accounts included an over-accrual of rental income of £49,716. The comparative figures have been adjusted to reflect this, leading to a decrease in 2023 rental income reported in these accounts (reducing from £659,184 to £609,468).

Cash receipts in relation to rental income were shown as cashflow from operating activities in the cashflow statement included within the 2023 accounts. The 2023 cashflow statement has been amended to show this income (totalling £609,468 following the above adjustment) as cashflow from investing activities.

A summary of this prior year adjustment is shown below:

	Per 2023 accounts	Adjustment	Per 2024 accounts
	£	£	£
Commercial rent receivable	659,184	(49,716)	609,468
Prepayments and accrued income	206,397	(49,716)	156,681
Cashflow from operating activities	(448,501)	(609,468)	(1,057,969)
Cashflow from investing activities	1,976,964	609,468	2,586,432

#### 23 Comparative information

	Unrestricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £ (as restated)
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>				
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations and gifts	161,918	-	-	161,918
Legacies	77,500	-	-	77,500
<b>Investments</b>				
Commercial rent receivable	609,468	-	-	609,468
Other investment income	234,964	-	22,292	257,256
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Wellbeing programme	5,600	-	-	5,600
Student hardship fund	0	-	71,090	71,090
Other income	20,985	-	-	20,985
<b>Total income and endowments</b>	<b>1,110,435</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93,382</b>	<b>1,203,817</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
<b>Raising funds</b>				
Fundraising	178,656	-	-	178,656
Investment management	100,666	3,807	-	104,473
Running Commercial Properties	240,147	-	-	240,147
	519,469	3,807	-	523,276
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Relief of poverty	1,731,721	-	22,292	1,754,013
Wellbeing programme	115,732	-	-	115,732
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>2,366,922</b>	<b>3,807</b>	<b>22,292</b>	<b>2,393,021</b>

Net income/(expenditure) before transfers and investments gains	(1,256,487)	(3,807)	71,090	(1,189,204)
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Net gain/(loss) on financial investments	147,834	(3,559)	-	144,275
Net gain/(loss) on property investments	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	<b>(1,108,653)</b>	<b>(7,366)</b>	<b>71,090</b>	<b>(1,044,929)</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Gain/ (loss) on revaluation of Fixed assets	(1,350,000)	-	-	(1,350,000)
Net movements in funds	(2,458,653)	(7,366)	71,090	(2,394,929)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 October 2022	<b>31,132,632</b>	<b>720,777</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,853,409</b>
Fund balances carried forward at 30 September 2023	<b>28,673,979</b>	<b>713,411</b>	<b>71,090</b>	<b>29,458,480</b>



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