**Charity No: 205112** 

# CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Incorporating:

The Twitty's Almshouse Charity

The Tomkins Almshouse Charity

The Abingdon Almshouse and Relief in Need Charity

The Charity of John Blacknall

The Charity of Richard Wrigglesworth

Statutory and other information

Co-optative Governors

Mr L D King (Master from 1.1.21)

Mr M W Matthews (left 3.2.22)

Mrs G Butt Mr T R Ayling Mr K W Senior Mr S J McConnell Mrs J D Kent Mr C Birks

Mrs A Saunders (from 7.7.22)

Ex Officio Governors

Rector - Rev Dr E C Miller

Mayor Cllr Mrs C Briggs (to 8.6 22) Mayor Cllr Mr A Foulsham (from 9.6.22)

Nominative Governors

Cllr Mrs H Pighills (left 8.6.22)

Cllr Mrs M Crick

Cllr Mrs G Barody (from 9.6 22) Cllr Mrs C Briggs (from 9.6 22)

**Emeritus Governor** 

Mr M W Matthews (from 3.2.22)

Clerk to the Governors

Mrs G Kent (left 30.9.22)

Mrs A Acott (from 1.10.22)

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Registered Charity No

205112

The Governors present their annual report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 Published on 16 July 2014.

#### STATUS ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTITUTION

The Ancient Corporation of the Master and Governors of the Hospital of Christ of Abingdon ("Ancient Corporation") was created by Letters Patent of King Edward VI in 1553. Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is now a Registered Charity regulated by a Scheme sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 25 January 1971.

The charity number, present Governors and advisors are listed on page 2. All Governors, both Cooptative and Nominative, are invited to nominate candidates to fill a vacancy for a Co-optative Governor and are asked to provide a resume of their nominee's career and other interests. Further soundings are undertaken, and an opportunity created for Governors to meet the preferred candidate(s) before their name is put forward formally to a special meeting for election.

Nominative Governors are appointed by Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council whilst the Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames and the incumbent of the United Benefice of Abingdon - on - Thames with Shippon, hold office as Governors ex officio.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Christ's Hospital is a Registered Charity regulated by a Scheme sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 25 January 1971 and subsequent Orders of 1999 and 2002. The Governors perform their obligations under the Schemes for the constituent charities by applying the income of the Charity to provide charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon in Oxfordshire and such part of the ancient parishes of St Helen, St Helen Without and St Nicolas, Abingdon as do not fall within the boundaries of the town. The Governors are able to extend the area of benefit to the immediate surroundings of Abingdon in certain circumstances.

When appointing new Governors, care is taken to seek a candidate with the particular skills judged to be required by the Charity at that time. This will ensure that as successive Governors are appointed in future years, they may in their turn successfully maintain the Charity for the public benefit.

Ordinarily prospective Co-optative Governors are proposed by existing Governors. They are requested to meet with the Master then submit a resume of their career and interests for consideration by members of the Ancient Corporation. New Governor suitable applicants are invited to proceed to appointment if members of the Ancient Corporation are unanimous. All newly appointed Governors are provided with a copy of the Scheme dated 25th January 1971 and subsequent Orders, a copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the last financial year, the Charity Commission book (or email link) "The Essential Trustee" and a copy of the Almshouse Association book "Standards of Almshouse Management". They also have a briefing meeting with the Master and the Clerk. Governors are encouraged to attend the various seminars organised by the Almshouse Association.

As a result of the retirement of Mr M Matthews in February 2022 there existed a vacancy for a Co-optative Governor for which there was no potential candidates. It was decided to advertise the position of Co-optative Governor in the regional press and other media. The charity was fortunate in receiving several excellent potential applications. A short list of candidates was interviewed by Mr L King, Mr T Ayling and Mr C Birks. At a Special Meeting of the Governors on Thursday 9th June 2022 it was proposed and unanimously agreed by those present to appoint Mrs Angharad Saunders to the position of Co-optative Governor with effect from 6th July 2022. It was further agreed at the same meeting that Mr Steve Workman should be appointed a Co-optative Governor in July 2023 and Mrs Marion Evans in December 2023 so that each would have a handover period of 1 month with Mr Ayling and Mrs Butt who would retire as governors the month following (respectively).

Special meetings would be organized prior to these events to re-confirm these appointments.

Much of the day-to-day work of the Governors is carried out by the Governors-in-Charge, supported by the Clerk, Finance & Admin Assistant, Almshouse Administrator and Park Keeper. Governors-in-Charge during the year were as follows:

Mr T R Ayling

- Park & Gardens

Mrs G Butt

Almshouse ResidentsAlmshouse Property

Mr L D King Mr S J McConnell

- Estates

Mr M W Matthews

- Grants & Archives (to Feb 2022)

Mr K W Senior

- Finance

Mr C Birks

- Grants

Governors delegate day to day responsibility for various aspects of the Charity's affairs to:

The Clerk

who manages the staff and the almshouse property portfolio, maintains the Charity's accounting and other records and carries on the administration of the Charity to comply with applicable laws and regulations. The Clerk also manages the Archivist who is responsible for the recording and safe keeping of material for the archives of the Charity.

The Investment Managers

who manage the portfolios held by the Charity under a

discretionary management mandate.

The Property Managing Agents

who manage the investment property held by the Charity.

The Chartered Surveyors

who advise on the structural integrity of the Charity's almshouse property to ensure a suitable standard is

maintained.

#### Scheme of Governance

Governors met on ten Thursdays during the year to enable them to discharge their responsibilities. Early in the year these meeting took place in St Helen's Church Parish Centre and then moved to the Long Alley Hall. At these meetings, Governors receive reports from the Governors-in-Charge on their activities in the previous month which confirm, or recommend for discussion, actions to be taken in both the short and longer term. These written and verbal reports provide each Governor with the information necessary to discharge their duties.

The Governors retain responsibility for all key decisions, including approval of:

- The strategy and policies adopted by the Charity to achieve its charitable objectives.
- The annual budget.
- Major capital expenditure, including property acquisition and refurbishment.
- The annual financial statements.
- The appointment of residents to vacant almshouses.
- Grant applications.

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A framework of authorities is in place, which maps out the structure of delegation as well as specifying those issues which remain the preserve of the Governors. This framework emphasizes the key role of specific Governor responsibility in the exercise of executive control, subject to reporting and ratification by the Governors, as described above. The relevant individuals are identified earlier in this report on page 3.

- The Finance Governor monitors and reviews the Charity's financial and internal control as well
  as its investments.
- The Grants Governor receives, considers and evaluates applications for charitable assistance, according to the provisions of the Scheme.
- The Almshouse Property Governor oversees the management of both almshouses and health and safety matters relating to the almshouses and workplaces.
- The Almshouse Residents' Governor looks after the best interests of the residents and takes the lead role in the appointment of new residents.
- The Park and Gardens Governor oversees the management of Albert Park and the almshouse gardens.
- The Estates (Property) Governor oversees the management of investment properties to ensure rental and maintenance matters are dealt with in line with the Scheme.

#### Related Parties and Conflicts of Interest

Various Governors are involved either as trustees or in the management of a number of voluntary organisations in Abingdon, including The Albert Memorial Trust (Registered Charity No 1076274), The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity No 1160080), Abingdon Carousel (Registered Charity No 1177322) and Dementia Friendly Abingdon (Part of Healthy Abingdon Registered Charity No 1172245), Friends of Abbey Buildings (Registered Charity No 1183398, Friends of Abingdon Civic Society (Registered Charity No 1183397), Charity Mentors Oxfordshire (Registered Charity No 1164429), Quest for Learning (Registered Charity No 1107219) and Stonewater, The Foyer – Abingdon and St Michael's and All Angels' Church.

Various Governors are also involved either as trustees or in the management of schools in Abingdon who are free to apply for educational assistance for pupils in need, several Governors are involved with Abingdon School (Registered Charity No. 1071298) and one Governor with The Manor Preparatory School and one Governor with St Edmunds Catholic Primary School.

One Governor is the Team Rector of Abingdon and Vicar of St Helen's Church, Abingdon. The Church may encounter those seeking almshouse accommodation or financial assistance under the Relief in Need part of the Charity's Scheme.

The Charity is also a member of the Almshouse Association to whom an annual subscription is paid.

The Governors have adopted a comprehensive policy to identify all transactions with related parties or other transactions which might involve any conflict of interest. These are detailed in Note 13.

#### Remuneration

Our approach to remuneration is designed to ensure we can attract and retain the talented and motivated people we need to achieve our mission and deliver our strategic goals. It is applied consistently across the organisation. We aim to pay competitively in the not-for-profit sector within the context of affordability. We therefore consider factors such as salaries paid in comparable organisations.

No remuneration was paid either directly or indirectly to any Governor or connected person during the period under review. Reimbursement of expenses occurs infrequently and then only when Governors or staff are acting on Christ's Hospital or Almshouse Association business and only on production of a valid receipt and the completion of a reimbursement form.

#### Insurance

The Governors maintain indemnity insurance of up to £1 million. The annual premium charged in these financial statements was £868.00 (2021: £868.00). The Governors fully recognise that this does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

#### Risk Management Statement

The Governors have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks which they believe the Charity faces. The external risks and exposure thereto are kept under constant review, together with the internal aspects of health and safety.

A risk management register is maintained and is reviewed annually to ensure risks are effectively managed by the Charity. The major risks and preventative measures in place are as follows:

#### Falling investment income

The investment managers, Investec Wealth and Management Ltd, manage the Charity's portfolio within agreed parameters (medium/high risk) which are monitored at least quarterly, and all Governors are provided with summaries of those reports. A representative of the investment company presents a formal annual report and discussion of the portfolio during at least one of the Governors' meetings, usually March. The investment company ensure that the Charity invests in 'defensive' stocks which remain mostly unaffected by economic variations.

#### Reduction in Commercial & Residential rental income due to voids

Adkin are a specialist property management company who manage the Charity's property and land and report monthly to the Governors, making recommendations as to the best way to maximise the return on the Charity's portfolio, whilst remaining within the remit of the Scheme.

#### Damage to Property, i.e. Fire,

The Governors seek professional advice on the risks associated with Almshouses and other property and install and monitor safety equipment and measures on a regular basis. In April 2015, a major Fire Safety inspection took place and as a result of this upgrades were made to fire equipment and policies. In September 2019, the local Fire Officer also visited and was satisfied by the systems in place and the supporting paperwork. In September 2021 Turner Fire Security Ltd were appointed to carry out a fire risk assessment the findings of which have been scheduled for implementation during 2022.

#### Information Damage i.e. Fraud, cyber crime

The Governors have taken advice on prevention of information theft and regularly review the Charity's Fraud policy to reflect the ever-advancing ability of 'fraudsters' to gain access to sensitive information. In 2022 some older computer equipment replaced to ensure the latest best practice for back-up and protection of information is adhered to.

#### Disease Transmission - Global pandemic

The Covid 19 virus has affected almost every part of life concerned with the Charity. The health of the almshouse residents has been upper most and this has been managed by the implementation of Covid secure processes. The Finances have of course been affected as with many other people and organisations. Th income from investments has dropped as many companies have seen their own income streams diminish, but this has been mitigated as far as possible by the investment management company who have invested heavily in the 'pharma' industry which is booming. The collection of commercial rent has also been challenging as many commercial tenants have experienced a dip in income.

The law prevented court action against tenants until 25th March 2022, but a reasonable approach including negotiation will be the basis on which outstanding rents will be collected. A provision was made in 2020, 2021 and in the 2022 accounts for the possibility of bad debts.

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The code of practice in respect of commercial rent collection has been updated in line with the Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Act 2022. This Act helps tenants still reeling from the effects of the pandemic to confront their debts, come to an agreement with their landlord on rent arrears and start to grow their business again. To that end, the Act ringfences rent debt built up by businesses who were forced to close during the pandemic. It establishes a binding arbitration system which then decides what happens to that ringfenced debt. At this time, we have not entered into arbitration with any of our tenants.

#### Risk of Flooding

Events in January 2021 highlighted the risk to our riverside properties. The water levels at Abingdon Lock were within 20cm of the highest ever recorded. As a result, the "Action Plan in Case of Flooding" was updated by The GIC of Almshouse Properties, The GIC of Residents and The Clerk. The Plan was approved by the Governors.

#### Staff Absence/Cover

The charity has identified the crucial areas of staffing and tries to maintain a level of staffing skills competence across the team that can cover short term absence. It has also contingency plans in place to bring in temporary cover staff if the absence is likely to become long term. This cover system was in place and being used effectively from September 2021 until May 2022.

#### **Public Benefit**

In following the Charity's aims and objectives, Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance in complying with their duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 on public benefit. The provision of almshouse accommodation for those in need provides an identifiable public benefit which is directly in line with the Charity's aims. Beneficiaries of almshouses must be in need and will be drawn from that section of the public which has been defined in the Scheme.

The Charity gives 'relief in need' through education grants and grants of domestic items to those who cannot afford them and fall outside the help of the local authority. This year they also gave a considerable number or substantial grants to local charities for specific purposes to benefit residents in our area of benefit. All the above are directly identifiable public benefit.

The Charity also maintains Albert Park, a park which is permanently open for use by any member of the public and easily accessible to all levels of mobility. This is also in line with the Charities scheme document.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objects**

The Objects of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon and its subsidiary charities were created to provide charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon-on-Thames in Oxfordshire.

The Charity's strategy is to provide funds both for individuals and organisations to provide help and relief within the terms of the Schemes. This can only be achieved within the conditions at the time. The primary objective is the provision of almshouse accommodation. Funds are also available for the relief of need and education of residents within the area of benefit.

The Charity owns Albert Park recreation ground and its surrounding roads, and whilst the Governors fully recognise their responsibility for the maintenance of these, it does provide a major drain on the Charity's resources.

The Charity measures its success in several ways. It aims to achieve a 90% occupation rate for almshouses, to maximise the grants paid out and to adhere as closely as possible to its annual budget in all areas. The Charity is very proud of its commitment to keep almshouses as up to date as possible within the confines of their listed building status (see 'The estate').

The Governors met in June 2021 to discuss possible strategic changes to the Charities status, rules and activities. Subjects included Governor's length of service, the benefits or otherwise of converting to a CIO, expanding the rules of eligibility for almshouse residents. Actions were agreed and documented and satisfactory progress has been made in 2022 as follows.

Governor Mrs A Saunders is leading a working group of Mr L King, Mr K Senior and Mrs A Acott to further these strategic changes and to date two firms of lawyers have been interviewed and invited to help identify the different options available to the charity and to help decide on the best way forward for the charity's move to becoming incorporated. The two firms of lawyers are due to report back early in 2023. Initial reviews have confirmed that there are a number of complex issues and the timescale for conclusion is a minimum of 12 months.

#### Grants

To achieve the Charity's objects for the public benefit, the Grants Governor considers all applications made for assistance, whether for educational support or relief in terms laid down in the controlling Schemes, including the area of benefit and the availability or otherwise of specific or general funds.

The ongoing consequences of the pandemic and the cost of living are proving challenging for families, schools and organisations. The mental health of our youth is proving to be a considerable concern, especially in the lower income areas. The State-funded provision for mental health support and assessments is vastly oversubscribed and waiting times can be up to four years.

All state schools are encouraged to apply for grants to assist with school activities, equipment, and student support.

Students, or their parents, who are both resident within Abingdon and in financial need, may apply to the Charity for support with their education, providing they are educated in Abingdon. The school who has applied for assistance with fees during 2022 is The Unicorn School (Registered charity no 1070807).

The Charity has also helped individuals with Relief in Need payments for equipment and/or basic necessities such as cookers, washing machines, fridge freezers and furniture. Provisions to institutions tend to be more substantial and are usually for equipment to help them function and provide life skills for vulnerable adults. Within the last 12 months the charity has helped to fund day trips for young carers and training sessions for vulnerable adults within various projects in Abingdon.

We have a proactive approach of encouraging schools and organisations to make grant applications making them aware of the Charity's availability and policies. We are encouraged by the extent and value of requests. The gratitude expressed for our commitment and swift response re-enforces our determination to support the citizens of Abingdon.

Numbers of grants and values can be found within Note 6 of the accounts.

#### The estate

The Governors are proud of the Charities' ownership of several freehold properties in Abingdon that are of considerable historic and heritage interest. They are mindful of the inalienable nature of these properties and their duty to maintain them. The most important of these properties are shown here with their listing:

Long Alley Almshouses and Hall	1446	Grade I
Brick Alley Almshouses and outbuildings	1718	Grade I
St Helen's Wharf Almshouses	1884	Grade II
St John's Almshouses	1801	Grade II
Tomkins Almshouses & Clock Tower	1733	Grade II *
Twitty's Almshouses	1710	Grade II
Albert Monument (within Albert Park)	1865	Grade II
Conduit House	circa 1500	Grade II
Albert Park	Listed Victoria	
The Exchequer Room (forming part of the Church	of St Helen, Abi	ngdon)

Associated with these properties are furniture, fittings, historic artefacts and an extensive archive housed in a climate-controlled building known as the Liversidge or Muniment room, which the Governors view as both historic and inalienable.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE AND RECORD OF ACTIVITIES

The Charity has again had a successful year despite concerns over Covid 19 and the economic pressure this brings. Income from rent and dividends has held up compared to the previous year, and again less significant property expenditure has been undertaken. The official revaluation of property has made a significant impact on the surplus for the year which would otherwise have been reasonably modest.

It was felt that it was not necessary to undertake fundraising, as the investment portfolio, and modest contributions from residents towards maintenance, continue to contribute significantly to the planned expenditure.

#### Residents

The residents continue to have the benefit of an Almshouse Administrator, who not only acts as a good neighbor and takes an interest in their welfare but is a safety coordinator for all routine testing of alarms, water hygiene and minor repairs.

Residents benefit from regular visiting, and gatherings when circumstances allow, or phone/email contact on a daily or weekly basis, depending on their needs.

#### The estate

The Governors are mindful and indeed proud of the Charity's heritage but the age and listed building status of some of the assets does entail a financial burden. Despite the heavy demand on resources, the Governors follow their primary duty of maintaining the Charity's assets. However, continuing work will always be necessary.

The Governors are delighted and proud to confirm that the damaged stonework of Conduit House a Grade II building in Albert Park Circa.1500 was repaired and completely refurbished in 2022 to a high standard at a cost of £31k

The policy of the Governors remains to ensure that each almshouse, as it falls vacant, is upgraded to the most modern standards ready for reoccupation. As vacancies are unpredictable, the amount of expenditure can differ from that budgeted.

A Quinquennial Inspection was conducted during May 2021 and a report received at the end of September showing recommended works to be underaken over the next 5 years in degrees of urgency. Each year's recommendations are reviewed thoroughly prior to initiation.

It must never be forgotten, however, that within the Governors' responsibility of preserving the Charity's assets, there is no room whatsoever for any complacency. The entire theme of this report remains as usual to demonstrate the Governors' concern at the need to husband the Charity's resources to maximum effect, never forgetting the need to fulfil the charitable objectives laid down in our governing documents.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Charity employed independent valuers to assess the current value of all Commercial, Residential Property and Land. This resulted in an increase in value of £350,000 from the previous year. Professional valuations of investment properties will now take place no less than every 3 years. In the intervening years the Governor in Charge of Property, using his considerable knowledge and experience, will undertake a review of values. From this review the Governors will decide if a formal, professional valuation is then necessary.

All transactions were deemed to be in the normal course of business and the Governors consider the Charity to be a 'going concern.'

Careful and conservative forecasts and budgets for the next year are prepared by the Clerk and Governors in Charge each November and reviewed at the December meeting of all Governors. The Charity's Governors (Trustees) feel that it is as well placed as it can be to meet significant refurbishment costs in the future. Net outgoing resources before other gains or losses were £ 109,015 (2021: net incoming £181,543).

#### Investment policy

The management of the Charity's investment portfolio is conducted by professional investment managers under discretionary management powers delegated by the Governors, under broad guidelines set by the Governors. These guidelines have been reviewed during the year and currently require that the managers protect the value of the capital and income of the Charity in real terms over the medium term by seeking a balanced return between income and capital growth, avoiding elevated risk. At any one time, the portfolios may comprise fixed interest and equity investments within these criteria. Portfolio exposure to equites is limited to 90% of the total fund value. In the avoidance of high risk, the managers are instructed not to involve the Charity in derivatives trading, underwriting or offmarket transactions. Where necessary, the allocation of income and capital is apportioned according to the figures at the start of the year.

The Governors continue to monitor administrative costs and fees. The Governors are content that they are continuing to avoid high risks. The Governors reserve the right to exclude companies that carry out activities contrary to their aims or from holding investments which might damage the Charity's reputation. This policy is reviewed with the investment company during their annual report to the Governors, usually in the March Governors' meeting.

In order to measure our performance, we review the total fund return against a benchmark fund return of similar risk status.

As reported above a detailed report by the investment managers is delivered in person to a full meeting of the Governors at least annually. The entire area remains under the continuing scrutiny of the Governors and the Governor responsible for Finance in pursuit of the risk control as outlined above. The portfolio on 31st December 2022 was £14,739,909 (2021: £17,563,643). During 2017 the Governors took the decision to sub-divide the Main Fund into Capital and Income generating subsections to better leverage the asset to meet the ongoing costs.

#### Reserves Policy

Christ's Hospital has historically financed its operations through income derived from its endowment investments. In recent years it has also received maintenance contributions from almshouse residents. Due to the limited area of benefit, Governors have decided it is not practicable to seek donations or benefactors on a significant level. It must be noted that the instability in world markets as a result of the war in Ukraine has led to a significant rise in inflation.

As such Governors realise endowment alone is insufficient to provide enough income. It has become necessary to maintain a level of reserves to finance future operations in the long term. They believe that total assets of around £20 million are required under current conditions. It is therefore the intention of Christ's Hospital to try to maintain investment assets at this level. The level will be reviewed as circumstances change.

Total funds held by the Charity at the year-end stood at £23,189,344 (2021: £25,789,903). The Charity's unrestricted funds, excluding designations and unrestricted fixed assets, stood at £8,407,651 (2021: £9,592,223) at the year-end. If the market value of listed investments that are held to generate income to support the Charity's activities is excluded from the above sum, the remaining free reserves are £726,490 (2021: £768,993).

Free reserves are held for the following reasons:

- a) There is a significant cost to maintaining Listed buildings of which the charity has eight sets (noted under 'estates') plus a Listed Victorian Park (Albert Park). Whilst investment monies are put aside in restricted funds for upkeep of the Almshouses and emergency use, it is unknown when an emergency may occur and whether it will be covered by available designated funds. Repairs to ageing Listed buildings are increasingly complex and costly.
- b) It is anticipated that the Conservation area already in existence around Albert Park may be expanded. This may bring additional expense and the need for specialist contractors' expertise as the Charity strives to maintain, to a higher standard, the newly designated dwellings which it owns in the surrounding area.
- c) Considerations are to be made shortly as to the future of certain leasehold properties which revert to Christ's Hospital control in 2037. There may be significant investment needed to bring them to an acceptable modern standard.
- d) The charity like to have the capacity to spend on grants over and above the budgeted level, whilst still maintaining the ratio for allocation of expenditure required by the Charity Scheme i.e. expenditure on grants cannot currently be greater than that on almshouses.

The Governor in Charge of Finance has recognised the level of free reserves is increasing and the strategy for use of this was discussed during 2022, it was agreed that we must investigate ways of giving larger grants to organisations that can make the most impact to relieve need in Abingdon. Discussion regarding the amendments to the Charity's scheme to simplify it and incorporate the expansion of Abingdon's estates were considered and it was agreed to progress these.

#### **FUNDS**

In addition to the unrestricted funds, which represent accumulated income available to the Governors for such purposes as they may decide, the funds controlled by the Governors fall into a number of classes:

#### Permanent endowment funds

These funds represent assets which are permanent capital held by the Governors. The property within these funds comprises:

- Freehold land and buildings held for the Charities' own use.
- Freehold land and buildings held for charitable purposes, including almshouses and Albert Park
- Investments in listed securities and real estate.

Two further funds have been created by orders of the Charity Commissioners made on 21 August and 13 December 1984 to recoup endowment monies spent on the Albert Park service area and in connection with Mullard (Abingdon) Housing Trust, respectively.

#### Designated fund

**Extraordinary Repair Fund** - This fund has been set up by the Governors in response to the Almshouse Association's guidance to have a fund for each group of almshouses to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the Charity's Almshouses. The designated fund balance at the year- end was £521,437 (2021: £605,62) per Note 14.

#### Restricted funds

These funds represent income and other assets which may be applied only for specified purposes. These amount to £1,487,806 (2021: £1,684,903) per Note 15.

The Charity of John Blacknall Church branch

Income payable to the incumbent and churchwardens of the Parish of St Nicolas applicable to the maintenance of the Church of St Nicolas, Abingdon.

The Charity of Richard Wrigglesworth Education branch

Funds available to assist with the education of individuals under the age of 25 by way of exhibition, grant or towards preparing them for entry into a trade.

#### Almshouse branches

Funds for the provision and maintenance of almshouses and their residents.

#### Relief in Need branches

Funds available to support people in conditions of need, hardship or distress either individually or generally.

Extraordinary repair funds

Funds created in response to orders of the Charity Commissioners to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the Charities' almshouses and other property.

#### PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Governors will continue to comply with the requirements of the Charity's Scheme to provide almshouse accommodation, relief in need, educational support and the provision and maintenance of Albert Park.

The Governors remain committed to their policies of maintaining the Charity's assets and particularly the historic nature of many of the buildings. In refurbishing the almshouses to modern standards, consideration is being given to the increased expectations of potential residents.

The Charity is committed to maintaining Albert Park in its current, well-maintained condition, although vandalism seems to be an ongoing problem.

The Charity has supported people in the area of benefit for 469 years and it is the Governors' firm intention that this should be continued for the foreseeable future. They are taking active measures to ensure that the relevant local people are aware of the help Christ's Hospital can offer and that the size of grants offered has increased where appropriate and justified.

The Governors are committed to the objective of providing charitable support to residents of the town of Abingdon on Thames in Oxfordshire for an indefinite period. Fundamental to the achievement of this objective is the maintenance of an effective system of corporate governance. This is concerned with the direction and control of the organisation and, in particular, with the role of Governors and the need to ensure an effective framework of accountability and risk management.

This report was approved by the Governors on GOPRL 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr L D King - Master

#### CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Charity's constitution. 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.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 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 Auditor's 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:

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Governor's 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 charity'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.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

#### Other information

The Governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Governor's report.

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

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept; 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.

#### Responsibilities of Governors

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 13, the Governors 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 Governors 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 Governors 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 Governors either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

Details of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, are set out below.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <a href="www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the Charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the charity were the Charities Act 2011, together with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 2019. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statements.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the Charity for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the Charity were Charity Commission regulations, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Health and Safety regulations. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to the recognition of legacy income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance Governor about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.



### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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 auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Crowe U.K. LLP Statutory Auditor Reading

Date: 6 April 2023

#### CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments						
from: Donations	2		59,100		59,100	4,100
Investments	3	618,521	72,408	7,460	698,389	4,100 704,361
Charitable activities	J	010,521	72,400	7,460	030,303	704,361
- contributions from Almspeople		125,578	99,434	-	225,012	215,421
Other		930		230	1,160	<u>676</u>
Total income and endowments		745,029	230,942	7,690	<u>983,661</u>	<u>924,558</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	34,435	6,432	318,736	359,603	163,324
Charitable activities		·	,	•	ŕ	ŕ
- Grants payable		298,029	21,333	-	319,362	235,924
- Provision of Almshouses		206,561	74,614	-	281,175	234,203
- Albert Park maintenance		69,431	63,105		132,536	109,564
Total expenditure	4	608,456	165,484	318,736	1,092,676	<u>743,015</u>
Net gains/(loss) on investments		(1,405,467)	(262,558)	(823,519)	(2,491,544)	<u>1,955,795</u>
Net surplus/(deficit)		(1,268,894)	(197,100)	_(1,134,565)	(2,600,559)	2,137,338
Transfers between funds	14		<del></del>		-	
Net movement in funds		(1,268,894)	(197,100)	(1,134,565)	(2,600,559)	2,137,338
Total funds brought forward		10,219,490	<u>1,684,903</u>	13,885,510	<u>25,789,903</u>	<u>23,652,565</u>
Total funds carried forward		8,950,596	1,487,803	12,750,945	23,189,344	<u>25,789,903</u>

The notes on pages 21 to 36 form part of these financial statements

# CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets Investment properties Investments	7 8 9	21,508 7,180,000 14,739,909	21,640 6,830,000 <u>17,563,643</u>
CURRENT ASSETS: Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	10	21,941,417 147,500 1,257,297 1,404,797	24,415,283 120,654 1,381,894 1,502,548
LIABILITIES: Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year  NET CURRENT ASSETS	11	(156,870) 1,247,927	(127,928) 
TOTAL NET ASSETS		23,189,344	25,789,903
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:	r <u>s</u> z		
Unrestricted funds General Designated	14 14	8,429,159 <u>521,437</u>	9,613,863 605,627
		8,950,596	10,219,490
Restricted funds	15	1,487,803	1,684,903
Endowment funds	16	12,750,945	13,885,510
TOTAL FUNDS	17	23,189,344	_25,789,903

Approved affd authorised for issue by the Governors on 6 1202 and signed on their behalf by

Mr L D King - Master

Mr K W Senior - Governor

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## CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net cash used in operating activities (see below)	(801,131)	(497,050)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest, dividends and rents from investments	698,389	704,361
Purchase of plant and equipment Proceeds from sale of investments	(4,043) 3,123,267	2,682,109
Purchase of investments	(2,510,111)	(2,878,357)
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,307,502	508,113
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	506,371	(11,063)
Cash and cash equivalent brought forward	1,486,870	1,475,807
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Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	<u>1,993,241</u>	<u>1,486,870</u>
Net income for the reporting period (as per the	٠ ج	
statement of financial activities)	(2,600,559)	2,137,338
Depreciation charges	4,175	3,670
Loss on sale of investments Loss on disposal	-	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(698,389)	(704,361)
(Gain)/loss on investments	2,491,544	(1,955,795)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(26,846) 28,944	19,270 2,828
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(801,131)	(497,050)
Net basii (used mi/provided by operating activities	(601,131)	(497,030)
	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash awaiting investment with investment managers	735,944	104,976
Cash in hand Notice deposits (less than three months)	314,638 942,659	349,438 1,032,456
Notice deposits (less than three months)	942,659	1,032,400
Total cash and cash equivalents (Note 19)	1,993,241	1,486,870

The notes on pages 21 to 36 form part of these financial statements

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the *Charities Act 2011* and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the *Charities* (*Accounts and Reports*) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following *Accounting and Reporting by Charities*, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* effective from 1 April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon is a charity registered in the UK (charity number 205112) with its registered office at 4 St Helens Wharf, Wharf Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 5EN.

#### b) Going Concern

The Governors consider that there are sufficient reserves held at the year-end to manage any foreseeable downturn in the UK and global economy. The Governors consider that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and for this reason the Governors continue to adopt the 'going concern' basis in preparing the accounts.

#### c) Income

Dividends and rents are accounted for in the year to which they relate.

Legacies and voluntary income are accounted for in the year in which they are received.

#### d) Expenditure

Grants awarded by the Governors are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period that they are made to the extent that a legal or constructive obligation exists.

Almshouses and Almspeople costs are accounted for on an accruals basis in the year to which they relate.

Pension costs charged in the SOFA represent contributions payable by the charity in that year.

Included within charitable activities are governance costs, which comprise the costs of running the Charity, including strategic planning for its future development, also internal and external audit, any legal advice for the Charity and all the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are allocated on the basis of time spent (15% Grants Payable, 75% Provision of Almshouses, and 10% Albert Park Maintenance).

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### e) Grant making

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The charity's grant-making process is informed by the best practices of peer organisations, and the Charity Commission's guidelines and recommendations.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one-year or multi-year grant.

Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the Trust.

#### f) Freehold land and buildings

Freehold land and buildings held for the Charity's use are included on the balance sheet at cost. The buildings are depreciated over 50 years on a straight line basis.

The Charity owns certain fixed assets which are historic, inalienable and form part of the permanent endowment, the more important of which are listed in the Report of the Governors. No reliable cost information is available for these assets and their heritage nature means conventional valuation procedures would be unreliable. The Governors have no intention to dispose of these assets in the foreseeable future.

#### g) Other tangible fixed assets

Furniture and equipment are capitalised when considered appropriate and depreciation is calculated to write off the cost over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. A deminimus capitalisation limit of £1,000 is applied. The following rates and bases have been used:

Office furniture, fixtures and fittings
Office equipment
25% straight line basis
Park equipment
25% straight line basis

#### h) Fixed asset investment properties

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at fair value. The Governors obtain an independent valuation every three years. Realised gains and losses on investment properties are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### i) Fixed asset investments

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Realised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment income is recognised in the financial statements on an accruals basis when the charity becomes legally entitled to it. Investment income not directly attributable to a specific fund is apportioned to the various funds based on their opening balance position.

#### j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of 3 months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### k) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### I) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### m) 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.

#### n) Leases

In respect of operating leases for which the charity is the lessor, the charity classifies the leasing of the investment properties as an operating lease. The rents received from investment properties are recognised in the financial statements for the period they relate to.

In respect of operating leases for which the charity is the lessee, rentals are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### o) Funds

#### Unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds represent funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

#### Designated funds

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the Governors for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

#### Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those which must be applied in accordance with the purpose specified by the donor. Expenditure relating to these purposes is charged directly to the fund.

#### **Endowment Funds**

Endowment funds consist of investments. The purpose to which that investment may be applied is restricted in accordance with the terms of the endowment trust.

#### p) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that has a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is in respect of the investment property valuation. The charity's investment properties are stated at their estimated fair value as disclosed in Note 8.

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Unrestricted Funds	2.	INCOME - DONATIO	NS						
Restoration Grant   - 5,000   5,000   - Fielding Alms House   - 50,000   50,000   - 50					unds		nds	2022	2021
Albert Park - 4,100 4,100 4,100		Restoration Grant Fielding Alms House			-	-		-	- -
Section   Costs   Co		Albert Park -				4	100	4,100	<u>4,100</u>
Unrestricted Funds						59	100	<u>59,100</u>	4,100
Funds   Funds   Funds   Funds   2022   2021     Equity dividends   331,563   72,408   7,460   411,431   440,600     Bank Interest   12,079   -   -   12,079   8,483     Rents   274,879   -     -   274,879   255,278	3.	INCOME - INVESTME	ENTS						
And interest 331,563 72,408 7,460 411,431 440,600 Bank Interest 12,079 - 12,079 8,483 Rents 274,879 - 274,879 255,278			Funds	F	unds		nds	2022	2021
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Direct   Costs   Costs   Costs   E   E   E   E   E   E   E   E   E			618,521	7	2,408	<b>7</b> ,	,460 <u>6</u> 9	98,389	<u>704.361</u>
Costs         costs         costs         2022         2021           Cost of raising funds         Investment managers fees         69,621         -         -         -         69,621         71,966           Property costs         289,982         -         -         -         289,982         91,358           359,603         -         -         -         359,603         163,324           Charitable activities           Grants Payable (Note 6)         301,177         12,728         626         4,831         319,362         235,924           Provision of Almshouses         125,401         106,801         3,131         45,842         281,175         234,203           Albert Park maintenance         102,747         26,151         418         3,220         132,536         109,564           Total resources expended         888,928         145,680         4,175         53,893         1,092,676         743,015           Support costs included within provision of Almshouses           Audit         -         -         -         21,682         17,116           Office salaries         84,857         -         -         21,329         20,401           S	4.	TOTAL RESOURCES	SEXPENDED						
Cost of raising funds         Investment managers fees         69,621         -         -         69,621         71,966           Property costs         289,982         -         -         289,982         91,358           359,603         -         -         -         359,603         163,324           Charitable activities           Grants Payable (Note 6)         301,177         12,728         626         4,831         319,362         235,924           Provision of Almshouses         125,401         106,801         3,131         45,842         281,175         234,203           Albert Park maintenance         102,747         26,151         418         3,220         132,536         109,564           Total resources expended         888,928         145,680         4,175         53,893         1,092,676         743,015           Support costs included within provision of Almshouses           Audit         -         -         -         21,682         17,116           Office salaries         84,857         -         -         -         84,857         81,131           Office costs         21,329         -         -         -         21,329         20,401     <	2022		Costs	costs	Depre		costs	2022	2021
Charitable activities         Grants Payable (Note 6)       301,177       12,728       626       4,831       319,362       235,924         Provision of Almshouses       125,401       106,801       3,131       45,842       281,175       234,203         Albert Park maintenance       102,747       26,151       418       3,220       132,536       109,564         Total resources expended       888,928       145,680       4,175       53,893       1,092,676       743,015         Support costs included within provision of Almshouses         Audit       -       -       -       21,682       17,116         Office salaries       84,857       -       -       84,857       81,131         Office costs       21,329       -       -       21,329       20,401         Sundry       5,933       -       -       5,933       2,910	Invest	ment managers fees	69,621	£ -	_	£ -	£	69,621	71,966
Provision of Almshouses         125,401         106,801         3,131         45,842         281,175         234,203           Albert Park maintenance         102,747         26,151         418         3,220         132,536         109,564           Total resources expended         888,928         145,680         4,175         53,893         1,092,676         743,015           Support costs included within provision of Almshouses           Audit         -         -         -         21,682         17,116           Office salaries         84,857         -         -         84,857         81,131           Office costs         21,329         -         -         -         21,329         20,401           Sundry         5,933         -         -         -         5,933         2,910	Charit	table activities	359,603	-		-	-	359,603	163,324
Support costs included within provision of Almshouses         Audit       -       -       21,682       17,116         Office salaries       84,857       -       -       84,857       81,131         Office costs       21,329       -       -       21,329       20,401         Sundry       5,933       -       -       5,933       2,910	Provis	ion of Almshouses	125,401	106,801		3,131	45,842	281,175	234,203
within provision of Almshouses       Audit     -     -     21,682     17,116       Office salaries     84,857     -     -     84,857     81,131       Office costs     21,329     -     -     21,329     20,401       Sundry     5,933     -     -     5,933     2,910	Total	resources expended	888,928	145,680		4,175	<u>53,893</u>	1,092,676	743,015
Office salaries       84,857       -       -       84,857       81,131         Office costs       21,329       -       -       -       21,329       20,401         Sundry       5,933       -       -       -       5,933       2,910	within Almsh	provision of							
Office costs       21,329       -       -       -       21,329       20,401         Sundry       5,933       -       -       -       5,933       2,910		adarica	04.057	-		-	21,682		
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			<u>112,119</u>	_	<del>*****</del>		21,682	<u> 133,801</u>	<u> 121,558</u>

Support costs are allocated on an estimate of time spent administering the Almshouses.

4.	TOTAL	<b>RESOURCES</b>	<b>EXPENDED</b>	(continued)
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2021	Direct Costs £	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Support costs £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £	
Cost of raising funds Investment managers fees Property costs	71,966 91,358				71,966 <u>91,358</u>	64,481 186,085	
Charitable activities	163,324	-	-	~	163,324	250,566	
Grants Payable (Note 6) Provision of Almshouses Albert Park maintenance	220,733 98,925 80,020	12,170 103,058 26,229	355 1,778 1,537	2,666 30,442 1,778	235,924 234,203 109,564	166,724 266,908 94,219	
Total resources expended	563,002	141,457	3,670	34,886	743,015	778,417	
Support costs included within provision of							The state of the s
Almshouses Audit Office salaries	- 81,131	-	-	17,116 -	17,116 81,131	16,927 79,832	
Office costs Sundry	20,401 2,910				20,401 2,910	20,430 1,066	
	104,442			<u>17,116</u>	<u>121,558</u>	118,255	

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#### 5. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

Staff costs were as follows:-		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	132,291	128,295
Social security costs	8,067	8,474
Pension contributions	<u>5,302</u>	4,688
	<u>145,680</u>	141,457

No employees earned in excess of £60,000 (2021 - £60,000).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Governors and the Clerk to the Governors. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel (including employers NI and employers' pension) of the charity were £56,289 (2021: £51,606). None of the Governors received any remuneration in the current or preceding year.

During the year 0 (2021: 2) Governors were reimbursed expenses for making purchases on behalf of the Almshouses.

During the previous year, 1 Governor was provided with a UBS Camera and Microphone for £50 to assist with online Governor meetings. No such expenses were incurred during the current year.

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The average monthly number of employees was as follows:-

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Almshouses and Almspeople (1 full-time)	1	1
Albert Park (1 full-time)	1	1
Management and administration (2 full-time, 1 part-time)	3	3
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The charity contributes to the personal pension schemes for certain of its employees. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the funds in respect of the year. £Nil amounts were outstanding at the year end (2021: £Nil).

There were no redundancy payments made in the year (2021: none).

On 1st September 2021, 1 employee began long-term sick leave (6 months) and it was agreed to pay their salary in full during this time. This was outside of their contractually agreed sick pay provision of 20 days full pay and 20 days half pay. In addition, a temporary, part-time position was created to provide cover for the sick employee. The additional costs relating to 2022 are £7,438 (2021: £7,697).

6.	GRANTS PAYABLE			
			Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Educational Charitable payments for 2 (2021: 2) individuals Charitable payments for 8 (2021: 8) educational insti	itutions _	25,200 113,260	14,111 74,605
			138,460	88,716
	Relief Charitable payments for 15 (2021: 18) individuals Other social institutions 15 (2021: 12) institutions	-	12,105 136,007	7,276 <u>112,855</u>
			148,112	120,131
	John Blacknall Church branch	<u>-</u>	14,605	11,886
		=	<u>301,177</u>	220,733
7.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS  Cost	Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture & equipment	Total £
	At 1 January 2022 Additions Disposals	74,480 - 	20,340 4,043	94,820 4,043
	At 31 December 2022	74,480	24,383	98,863
	<b>Depreciation</b> At 1 January 2022 Charge for the year Disposals	52,840 3,670	20,340 505	73,180 4,175
	At 31 December 2022	<u>56,510</u>	20,845	77,355
	Net book values At 31 December 2022	<u>17,970</u>	3,538	21,508

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#### 8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Freehold land and buildings	2022 £	2021 £
Valuation At 1 January 2022 Revaluation	6,830,000 350,000	6,335,000 495,000
At 31 December 2022	<u>7,180,000</u>	6,830,000

All properties, except residential properties, were valued as at 31 December 2022 by professional valuers in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Manual issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on the basis that the properties are held for investment purposes. Residential properties were valued as at 31 December 2022 by the Property Governor.

	Valuer - Adkin £	Valuer – Vail Williams £	Valuer – GL Heard & Partners £	Total £
Commercial	-	1,850,000	305,000	2,155,000
Residential	3,550,000	-	-	3,550,000
Agricultural land	410,000	-	-	410,000
Freehold land (leased until 2025)	-	65,000	-	65,000
Freehold land (leased until 2037)		1,000,000		1,000,000
	3,960,000	2,915,000	305,000	7,180,000

The charity earns rental income by leasing its properties to tenants under non-cancellable operating leases. Leases in which substantially all risks and rewards of ownership are retained by another party, the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments, including prepayments, made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

At the balance sheet date, the charity had contracted with tenants to receive the following future minimum lease payments:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than one year	189,185	202.527
Later than one year and not later than five years Later than five years	307,421 <u>34,393</u>	318,887 <u>108,784</u>
	<u>530,999</u>	630,198

There are no contingent rents recognised as income.

9.	INVESTMENTS		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Market value at 1 January 2022 Additions Disposals Revaluation gains	17,458,667 2,510,111 (3,123,267) (2,841,546)	15,801,624 2,878,357 (2,682,109) 1,460,795
	Market value at 31 December 2022* Cash awaiting investment	14,003,965 <u>735,944</u>	17,458,667 104,976
	Total as at 31 December 2022	14,739,909	<u>17,563,643</u>
	*Historical costs of investments at 31 December 2022	10,755,265	10,942,331
	The year-end market value is made up as follows:		
	UK fixed interest UK equities Overseas fixed interest Overseas equities Other assets Cash and accrued interest	931,069 7,181,177 588,524 3,807,555 1,495,640 736,944  14,740,909	973,999 9,833,717 321,259 5,258,451 1,071,241 
10.	DEBTORS		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Trade debtors Prepayments and accrued income	127,335 20,165	104,222 16,432
		147,500	120,654

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11.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Trade creditors Accruals	32,775 <u>124,095</u>	10,206 <u>117,722</u>
		<u>156,870</u>	127,928
12.	FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Basic financial assets Basic financial liabilities	16,124,541 (156,870)	19,049,759 (127,928)

Basic financial assets are all investments (excluding investment properties), debtors plus cash in hand minus prepayments.

Basic financial liabilities are all creditors less due in less than one year plus creditors due in more than one year minus taxation payable.

The entity's income, expense, gains and losses in respect of financial instruments are summarised below:

	2022 £	2021 £
Total dividend and interest income for basic financial assets Total (losses)/gains in respect of basic financial assets	423,510 (2,841,546)	449,083 1,460,795

#### 13. RELATED PARTIES

Two Governors (Mr K W Senior and Mr T R Ayling) are trustees of the Albert Memorial Trust (Abingdon) Charity (Registered Charity no. 1076274) to whom the Charity paid £800 (2021: £800) and whom granted £486 (2021: £419) during the year to cover the insurance costs of the memorial in Albert Park, Abingdon.

Six Governors (Cllr Mrs H Pighills, Cllr Mr C Birks, Cllr Mayor Mrs C Briggs, Cllr Mayor Mr A Foulsham, Cllr Mrs G Barody and Cllr Mrs M Crick) are members of the Abingdon Town Council which granted the Charity £4,100 (2021: £4,100) during the year towards the upkeep of Albert Park.

One Governor (Mr L King) is a Trustee of The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity no. 1160080) which offers young people advice and counselling. During the year the Charity granted £32,312 (2021: £26,629) towards supporting their services to the people of Abingdon.

One Governor (Cllr Mrs G Barody) has links to Stonewater Foyer to whom the Charity paid £6,055 (2021: £nil) during the year to fund the Stonewater Baby Sensory Room.

#### **UNRESTRICTED FUNDS** 14.

	At 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2022 £
Designated funds						
<ul> <li>extraordinary repair fund</li> <li>General funds</li> </ul>	605,627 <u>9,613,863</u>	13,857 731,172	(2,345) (606,111)	(95,702) (1,309,765)		521,437 <u>8,429,159</u>
	<u>10,219,490</u>	745,029	(608,456)	(1,405,467)	-	8,950,596

**Extraordinary Repair Fund** 

This fund has been set up by the Governors in response of the Almshouse Association's guidance to have a fund for each Almshouse to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the charities' Almshouses.

**Property Capital Fund** 

A temporary endowment fund was created, pursuant to an order of the Charity Commissioners sealed on 16 October 1972, in respect of the property known as South Abingdon Community Centre. This property was sold during the year ended 31 December 2000 and the proceeds were used to open a Property Capital Fund which has now been transferred to general funds.

#### **Transfers**

The transfer from General Fund to Extraordinary Repair Fund is made in accordance with the recommendations of the Almshouse Association. The charity has transferred in excess of the minimum required and varies depending on the Governors best estimate of the state and costs required for that set of Almshouses.

Transfer from the Property Capital Fund to General fund is in order to release this designated fund which is deemed no longer required by the Governors.

The transfer from General Funds to the Endowment Recoupment Funds is in accordance with the Recoupment Orders.

#### 15. RESTRICTED FUNDS

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	At 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2022 £
Conduit House		5,000	(5,000)			
Restoration Grant Fielding Alms House		50,000	(50,000)	_		_
Legacy Albert Park grant	-	4,100	(4,100)	<del>_</del>		<del>-</del>
John Blacknall						
Church branch	24,564	<del>-</del>	(14,605)	(4,221)	-	5,738
Relief in need branch	<u>516,226</u>	<u>34,831</u>	(9,181)	<u>(81,512)</u>	<del></del>	<u>460,364</u>
	540,790	34,831	(23,786)	(85,733)	-	466,102
Richard Wrigglesworth			(= +4.1)	<i></i>		
Relief in need branch	135,170	6,946	(7,614)	(21,774)	-	112,728
Education	<u>47,370</u>	<u>2,481</u>	(185)	<u>(7,560)</u>		42,106
	182,540	9,427	(7,799)	(29,334)	-	154,834
Abingdon Almshouse	074.000	04.700	(ດ ດ່ວດ້າ	(44.440)		050 440
Almshouse branch	274,930	34,708	(9,386)	(41,110)	-	259,142
Extraordinary repair Relief in need branch	251,659 (56,837)	5,795 528	(981) (9,716)	(40,024) 8,078	-	216,449 (57,947)
Rener III need branch	[30,637]	526	(9,710)	0,076		(57,341)
	469,752	41,031	(20,083)	(73,056)	_	417,644
Tomkins Almshouse		•	, , ,	, , ,		·
Almshouse branch	192,999	59,996	(31,445)	(25,693)	-	195,857
Extraordinary repair	<u>133,885</u>	<u>3,206</u>	(542)	(22,141)		<u>114,408</u>
	326.884	63,202	(31,987)	(47,834)	· _	310,265
Twitty's Almshouse	<b>,</b>	,	(,,	( , ,		<b>,</b>
Almshouse branch	9,611	19,779	(22, 125)	(1,942)	-	5,323
Extraordinary repair	154,352	3,549	(600)	(24,503)	_	132,798
Legacy	97 <u>4</u>	23	(4)	(156)		837
	<u> 164,937</u>	23,351	(22,729)	(26,601)	_	138,958
Total restricted funds	<u>1,684,903</u>	230,942	(165,484)	(262,558)		<u>1,487,803</u>

#### Almshouse branches

Funds for the provision and maintenance of almshouses and their residents.

#### Relief in Need branches

Funds available to support people in conditions of need, hardship or distress either individually or generally.

#### Extraordinary repair fund

Funds created in response to orders of the Charity Commissioners to provide for the cost of extraordinary repairs, improvements or building of the charities' almshouses and other property.

#### 15. RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)

#### The Charity of John Blacknall - Church branch

Income payable to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the Parish of St Nicolas applicable to the maintenance of the Church of St Nicolas, Abingdon.

#### The Charity of Richard Wrigglesworth

Education Branch Funds available to assist with the Education of individuals under the age of 25 by way of exhibition, grant or towards preparing them for entry into a trade.

#### **Transfers**

The transfers to John Blacknall Church Branch and the Richard Wigglesworth Education Fund are made to meet the requirements of the Scheme of that Charity.

Transfers from Almshouse funds to Extraordinary Repair Funds are made in accordance with the recommendations of the Almshouse Association. The charity has transferred in excess of the minimum required and varies depending on the Governors best estimate of the state and costs required for that set of Almshouses.

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16.	ENDOWMENT FUNDS	At 1					At 31
		January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains/ (Losses)	Transfers	December 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Christ's Hospital Permanent Capital recoupment	12,140,987	230	(240,224)	(534,455)	-	11,366,538
	- Order B	229,207 89,631	5,361 2,099	(10,065) <u>(3,938)</u>	(37,055) (14,498)		187,448 <u>73,294</u>
	John Blacknall	12,459,825	7,690	(254,227)	(586,008)	-	11,627,280
	Permanent	929,343	<u> </u>	<u>(42,051)</u>	(154,823)	_	732,469
	Richard Wigglesworth Permanent						
	- General - Education	157,272 <u>57,516</u>		(7,116) (2,603)	(26,201) <u>(9,582)</u>		123,955 <u>45,331</u>
		214,788	-	(9,719)	(35,783)	-	169,286
	Abingdon Almshouse Permanent						
	<ul><li>Almshouse branch</li><li>Relief in need</li></ul>	135,621	-	(6,137)	(22,594)	-	106,890
	branch	70,381		(3,184)	(11,725)		55,472
	Tomkins Almshouse	206,002	-	(9,321)	(34,319)	-	162,362
	Permanent	52,044		(2,355)	(8,670)		41,019
	Twitty's Almshouse Permanent	23,508		(1,063)	(3,916)		18,529
		13,885,510	7,690	(318,736)	(823,519)	-	12,750,945

Capital Recoupment Funds were set up in accordance with the Charity Commission Recoupment orders August 1984 and December 1984 to recoup the permanent endowment. The other Funds are permanent Endowment funds held in accordance with the restriction and used to generate restricted funds for the charity.

#### Transfers

Capital Recoupment Order 'A' sealed on the 13th December 1984 in the sum of £215,000 for 'land and buildings', repayment being £1,039.46 per annum for 53 years from the date of the Order.

Capital Recoupment Order 'B' sealed on the 21st August 1984 in the sum of £65,000 for 'provision of a service area in Albert Park', repayment being £0.55% per annum of the sum expended for 50 years from the date of the Order.

For both Orders the Trustees shall permit the dividends accruing to be invested thereon by way of accumulation until twelve months after the last payment.

17. ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS							
2022		Tangible Fixed assets £	Investment properties	Investments £	Net current assets £	Total £	
Endov Restri Unres		21,508	7,180,000	5,570,945 1,487,803 7,681,161	1,247,927	12,750,945 1,487,803 8,950,596	
		21,508	<u>7,180,000</u>	14,739,909	<u>1,247,927</u>	23,189,344	
2021		Tangible Fixed assets £	Investment properties £	Investments £	Net current assets £	Total £	
Endo Restr Unres		- - 21,640	6,830,000	7,055,510 1,684,903 8,823,230	- - <u>1,374,620</u>	13,885,510 1,684,903 10,219,490	
		21,640	6,830,000	<u>17,563,643</u>	<u>1,374,620</u>	<u>25,789,903</u>	
18.	RECONCILIATION	ON OF NET CAS	H FLOW TO N	ET FUNDS			
		·			2022 £	2021 £	
	(Decrease)/increa		g the year		506,371 506,371	<u>11,063</u> 11,063	
	Net funds at 1 Ja	nuary 2022			<u>1,486,870</u>	<u>1,475,807</u>	
	Net funds at 31 D	December 2022			<u>1,993,241</u>	<u>1.486,870</u>	
19.	ANALYSIS OF I	NET FUNDS					
				Net funds at 1 January	Cash change	Net funds at 31 December	
				2022 £	£	2022 £	
	Cash at bank and Cash awaiting in Cash deposits			349,438 104,976 1,032,456	(34,800) 630,968 (89,797)	314,638 735,944 <u>942,659</u>	
				1,486,870	506,371	<u>1,993,241</u>	

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#### CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OF ABINGDON STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 20. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - COMPARATIVES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from: Donations	- -	~ 4.100	~ -	- 4,100
Investments Charitable activities	618,830	77,541	7,990	704,361
- contributions from Almspeople Other	115,988 631	99, <i>4</i> 33	- 45	215,421 676
			70	<u></u>
Total income and endowments	<u>735,449</u>	<u> 181,074</u>	<u>8,035</u>	<u>924,558</u>
Expenditure on: Raising funds	35,595	6,649	121,080	162 224
Charitable activities	,	•	121,000	163,324
- Grants payable - Provision of Almshouses	218,416 166,911	17,508	-	235,924
- Provision of Almshouses - Albert Park maintenance	101,715	67,292 7,849	_	234,203 109,564
Total expenditure	522,637	99,298	121,080	<u>743,015</u>
Net gains on investments	722,531	134,977	1,098,287	<u>1,955,795</u>
Net surplus/(deficit)	935,343	<u>216,753</u>	985,242	2,137,338
Transfers between funds	(1,397)	Mark Control of the C	1,397	_
Net movement in funds	933,946	216,753	986,639	2,137,338
Total funds brought forward	9,285,544	<u>1,468,150</u>	12,898,871	23,652,565
Total funds carried forward	10,219,490	1,684,903	13,885,510	<u>25,789,903</u>

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