

The Cheltenham Civic Society CIO
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2024

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The Cheltenham Civic Society CIO
Charity registration number	1166580
Principal office	Parmoor 26 Cambray Place Cheltenham GL50 1JN
The trustees	Andrew William Booton (Chair) Sarah Anne Harvey Stephen James Bryson David Alan Shelmerdine Hugh Curran Claire Attenborough
	(Appointed 18 April 2024)

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and is governed by a memorandum and articles of association dated 13 April 2016.

Objectives and activities

Cheltenham Civic Society is an active network of citizens that promotes civic pride in our town. As a critical friend to both Councils, we aim to encourage:

- high standards of design and execution for buildings and public spaces;
- conservation of the town's heritage;
- discussion and understanding of our urban environment.

We do this by identifying concerns, developing ideas and galvanising the community to help make the town more distinctive, attractive and enjoyable. We exert significant influence in Cheltenham as a visionary, authoritative and proactive group. Cheltenham Civic Society is a force for good that is determined to ensure that Cheltenham can be all it is capable of being.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

The Chair's full report on the Civic Society's activities during 2024 is published on the Society's website: <https://cheltcivicsoc.org/downloads/>

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trustees to accumulate income in order to set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure. The trustees' policy is to maintain a level of income that is sufficient to meet the demands on its resources.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024 shows incoming resources of £39,255 (2023 - £10,652) and resources expended of £20,597 (2023 – £9,274), generating net incoming resources of £18,658 (2023 - £1,378).

The trustees' annual report was approved on 30 April 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Andrew William Booton
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Cheltenham Civic Society CIO

Year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Cheltenham Civic Society CIO ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M A G Bull Bsc FCA
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	5,804	10,510	16,314	7,242
Charitable activities	5	—	—	—	141
Investment income	6	22,941	—	22,941	3,269
Total income		<u>28,745</u>	<u>10,510</u>	<u>39,255</u>	<u>10,652</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	9,493	11,104	20,597	9,274
Total expenditure		<u>9,493</u>	<u>11,104</u>	<u>20,597</u>	<u>9,274</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>19,252</u>	<u>(594)</u>	<u>18,658</u>	<u>1,378</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,464,517</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,466,017</u>	<u>1,464,639</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,483,769</u>	<u>906</u>	<u>1,484,675</u>	<u>1,466,017</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	11	1,012,624	893,053
Current assets			
Debtors	12	1,656	—
Cash at bank and in hand		470,395	572,964
		472,051	572,964
Net current assets		472,051	572,964
Total assets less current liabilities		1,484,675	1,466,017
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		906	1,500
Unrestricted funds		1,483,769	1,464,517
Total charity funds	13	1,484,675	1,466,017

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 30 April 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Andrew William Booton
Trustee

Claire Attenborough
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is incorporated. The address of the principal office is Parmoor, 26 Cambray Place, Cheltenham, GL50 1JN.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

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Investment property

Investment property is initially recorded at cost, which includes purchase price and any directly attributable expenditure.

Investment property is revalued to its fair value at each reporting date and any changes in fair value are recognised in income or expenditure.

If a reliable measure of fair value is no longer available without undue cost or effort for an item of investment property, it shall be transferred to tangible assets and treated as such until it is expected that fair value will be reliably measurable on an on-going basis.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	989	10,160	11,149
Grants			
Cheltenham Borough Council	—	350	350
Subscriptions			
Individual membership	3,990	—	3,990
Corporate membership	825	—	825
	<u>5,804</u>	<u>10,510</u>	<u>16,314</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	429	1,500	1,929
Grants			
Cheltenham Borough Council	—	—	—
Subscriptions			
Individual membership	4,088	—	4,088
Corporate membership	1,225	—	1,225
	<u>5,742</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>7,242</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Other income	—	—	141	141

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	22,941	<u>22,941</u>	3,269	<u>3,269</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Charitable activities	<u>9,493</u>	<u>11,104</u>	<u>20,597</u>
Charitable activities	<u>9,274</u>	—	<u>9,274</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Charitable activities	<u>20,597</u>	<u>20,597</u>	<u>9,274</u>

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9. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

10. Trustee remuneration and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

11. Investments

	Investment properties £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024	896,649
Additions	115,975
At 31 December 2024	1,012,624
Impairment	
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	1,012,624
At 31 December 2023	896,649

The investment property has been valued by the trustees as 31st December 2024 in accordance with the accounting policy.

12. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	1,656	—

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13. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At	1 January 20	24	Income	Expenditure	At	31 Decembe	r 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>1,464,517</u>	<u>28,745</u>	<u>(9,493)</u>			<u>1,483,769</u>		

	At	1 January 20	23	Income	Expenditure	At	31 December	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>1,464,639</u>	<u>9,152</u>	<u>(9,274)</u>			<u>1,464,517</u>		

Restricted funds

	At	1 January 20	24	Income	Expenditure	At	31 Decembe	r 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
The Crosses	1,500	9,760	(11,104)			156		
Parmoor House fundraising	-	400	-			400		
Cheltenham Arts Council grant	-	350	-			350		
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>10,760</u>	<u>(11,104)</u>			<u>906</u>		

	At	1 January 20	23	Income	Expenditure	At	31 December	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
The Crosses	-	1,500	-			-		

Purpose of restricted funds

1. The Crosses – work to create a small museum to permanently exhibit WW1 Battlefield Crosses.
2. Parmoor House fundraising – to raise funds to help with the redevelopment of Parmoor House
3. Cheltenham Arts Council - For the photography, printing and mounting of two panoramas of the High Street.

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Investments	1,012,624	—	1,012,624
Current assets	471,145	906	472,051
Net assets	1,483,769	906	1,484,675

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Investments	893,053	—	893,053
Current assets	571,464	1,500	572,964
Net assets	1,464,517	1,500	1,466,017

15. Transition to Accruals Basis

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Trustees adopted accruals accounting under the Charities SORP (FRS 102). Previously, the charity prepared accounts on a receipts and payments basis. This change ensures compliance with best practice and provides greater transparency of financial activities."

Impact of Transition

The transition from receipts and payments to accruals basis resulted in recognising fixed assets valued at £893,053. The net effect on unrestricted funds is an adjustment of £893,053 in total funds at the transition date.

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Management Information

Year ended 31 December 2024

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	11,149	1,929
Grant - Cheltenham Arts Council	350	—
Individual membership	3,990	4,088
Corporate membership	825	1,225
	<hr/> 16,314	<hr/> 7,242
Charitable activities		
Other income	—	141
Investment income		
Interest receivable	22,941	3,269
	<hr/> 39,255	<hr/> 10,652
Total income	<hr/> 39,255	<hr/> 10,652
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
The Crosses project	11,104	—
Other establishment costs	793	500
Software expenses	430	607
Plaques	220	162
Website and newsletter costs	4,323	3,470
Subscriptions	285	1,285
Civic awards	194	90
Insurance	2,728	2,690
Sundry expenses	520	470
	<hr/> 20,597	<hr/> 9,274
Total expenditure	<hr/> 20,597	<hr/> 9,274
Net income	<hr/> 18,658	<hr/> 1,378