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The Bankers Benevolent Fund

a company limited by guarantee Registered Charity No 0313080 Registered Company No 0019366

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2012

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Report of Trustees (including the Report of the Directors) for the year ended 31 March 2012

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The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2012

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Name	Changes	Bank	Sub-
			Committees++
Chris Beaven		HSBC Bank	AU
Dougle Belmore		National Australia Bank	GS
Lillian Boyle		Non Banker	AU
Rachel Claringbold	Appointed March 2012	Barclays Bank	AU
Lesley Davie+	Resigned October 2011	The Royal Bank of Scotland Group	
Nathalie De Potter	Appointed March 2012	The Royal Bank of Scotland Group	
Gary George		Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Europe Limited	FI*/RC
Roger Gifford	Appointed July 2011	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken	
Paul Haynes		HSBC Bank	GS*/RC
Jackie Hopgood		Santander	AU*/RC
Tarıq Kazı		Lloyds Banking Group	FI
lan Keynes+	Resigned October 2011	Bank of England (retired)	
Linda Lawrence		Standard Chartered Bank (retired)	GS
Mary Locke+	Resigned October 2011	The Royal Bank of Scotland Group	
Shirley Marsh		Lloyds Banking Group (retired)	GS/RC*
Patrick Moynihan	Appointed March 2012	Barclays Bank	GS
lan Nelson	Appointed March 2012	The Royal Bank of Scotland Group	
Maggie Pearson	Appointed October 2011	National Australia Bank (retired)	FI
Tony Ramos*		HSBC Bank	FI
Paul Szumilewicz+	Resigned July 2011	HSBC Bank	
Bryan Turton		Lloyds Banking Group (retired)	GS

+ Trustee retired during the year

AU-Audit, FI-Finance and Investment, GS-Grants and Services, RC-Remuneration, * Chair

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Bank Workers Charity (BWC) is the working name of the Bankers Benevolent Fund, a charitable company limited by guarantee, with Company Registration number 00019366. Established in 1883 as the Bank Clerks' Orphanage, the name of the Charity was changed in 1963 to the Bank Clerks' Orphans' Fund. Following a merger with the Bankers Beneficent Society in 1986, the name was changed to the Bankers Benevolent Fund (BBF). The BWC brand was adopted in May 2011 to better reflect who we are and the support we deliver.

The BWC is a registered Charity, governed by Articles of Association, copies of which may be obtained from the Company Secretary. It is exempt from tax under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 on its charitable activities.

Organisation

The Charity is governed by a General Committee of up to 25 Members, who are the directors of the company for Company Law purposes and trustees for Charity purposes. Trustees are independent of their banks and act as a channel to facilitate support and operational contacts. Each of the major British banks has at least one trustee to act as an interface, larger banks provide two trustees based on the size of the task in communicating with the potential client base. At the date of this report the Charity operates with 17 trustees of whom 4 are retired or former bankers and one is a non-banker possessing skills or special knowledge that the General Committee wishes to retain

When trustee vacancies arise a search process is initiated to identify suitable candidates in line with any skills gap on the General Committee. Applicants are given the opportunity to discuss their appointment with the Chief Executive. The nominations committee reviews potential candidates before an appointment is made. The Chair of the General Committee will arrange interviews to arrive at a suitable selection. The General Committee may co-opt additional members in an advisory capacity. Alternatively, they may recruit non banking trustees through open advertising where it is considered that special skills would strengthen the capabilities of the General Committee. These trustees would serve on the same terms as the existing trustees and are able to confer with more experienced trustees if necessary.

New trustees are briefed by the Chief Executive to provide them with insights into the operation of the Charity and an understanding of their legal obligations under Charity and Company Law. They also gain a high level understanding of the operation of the Charity by meeting the senior managers during an induction programme. Throughout their tenure they are able to select from a variety of training options depending upon their level of need and experience and the Charity encourages trustees to provide support to each other.

The trustees of the Charity, together with details of the membership of the Sub-Committees, are shown on page 1

One fifth of the trustees retire each year and may be re-elected subject to approval by the General Committee

The General Committee meets quarterly and has appointed four standing Sub-Committees Finance and Investment, to monitor investments and financial performance, Grants and Services, to oversee the policies towards grants and to consider new services, Audit Committee, to monitor the internal and external audit processes and risk management and the Remuneration Committee, to review pay and awards

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The Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the Charity. He is supported by a team of eleven (10.2 FTE) who deal with the management and promotion of the Charity, client administration and support, and finance. The team is also responsible for the development of a business plan, detailed budget and three year rolling forecasts, which are then approved annually and adopted by the General Committee.

Related parties

The Charity is independent of the banks. None of the trustees have registered any conflict of interest with the Charity's aims and activities.

Liability of members

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The liability of each Member in the event of the Charity being wound up is limited to 25 pence.

Volunteers

The Chanty relies on a large number of contacts in the banking sector, other benevolent funds and social care to put it in touch with potential clients. None of these contacts are paid by the Chanty, although some may be paid by other organisations, but the number cannot be quantified. Other than these persons and the trustees, the Charity does not use any other volunteers.

Risk assessment

The trustees have a formal risk management process in place and have implemented an annual internal audit to assess business risks and ensure that management implement risk management strategies. This involves identifying the types of risks the Charity faces in the key areas of strategic direction, financial, reputation, legal and statutory, human resources and information communication technology. The trustees prioritise these in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, including their attitude to the individual risks. The trustees identify means of managing the risks and as part of this process they review the adequacy of the Charity's current internal controls. This information is then used to develop a risk management strategy, including any new controls the trustees consider necessary. The trustees' review has not identified any significant risks, financial or otherwise, which are not monitored or controlled.

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law

Under Company Law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its net incoming/outgoing resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,

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- 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 to operate

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions. These should disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

So far as each of the trustees, at the date of this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditor is unaware. Each trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken in order to make him/her aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditor is aware of that information.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of aims and objectives

The Charity is the only occupational benevolent fund for all current and former bank employees working in the UK and their families. We ensure that our governance arrangements deliver effective strategic direction of our activities. We undertake market research to make sure that our services meet the real needs of our clients. We are striving to become a long term and valued strategic partner of banks in the UK focusing on the improvement in wellbeing and the relief of financial hardship of their staff.

The legal objects of the Charity are

- the advancement of education and the relief of poverty and sickness amongst the children of special categories of employees, and
- the relief of poverty and sickness amongst bank employees, their families, children and dependents

We interpret these objects broadly as the relief of financial hardship and the relief of ill health and disability amongst our clients who comprise two key groups - families and retirees

Services and Grants

We are providing an increasingly broad range of services in partnership with leading charities built around our clients' core needs related to money, home and wellbeing issues. We have the experience and knowledge to care and assist. Going beyond financial support to broader, more practical forms of support and guidance, we are helping more bank workers and their families than ever. Our innovative approach is also making a big contribution to wider society. We provide much needed additional funding for delivery charities as we contribute to the costs of meeting the needs of our clients which would otherwise be met by these charities.

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We work with leading charities providing expertise and support services across a range of conditions including arthritis, autism, physical and mental disabilities and with people experiencing financial problems

We continue to focus on making a positive impact on the quality of life of the following applicant groups

- Families including the children of bank employees whose families are suffering financial difficulties due to bereavement, ill health or disability and those in crisis situations who need help to get back on their feet
- Retirees including elderly former bank employees facing financial hardship and former bank employees and their dependants on low incomes who are suffering from long-term ill health or disability

Grants and Services policy

Our policy aims to provide support for people in need based on early intervention, rather than picking up the pieces at crisis point. We recognise that people in need do not always seek help at an early stage due to lack of awareness, pride, chaotic lifestyles and a variety of other reasons.

We want to improve our clients' ability to become self-sufficient and not dependent on long-term grant support. We have developed services for delivery through our website and helpline. In addition our client advisors have the ability to make grants in appropriate cases and refer clients to service delivery partners.

Grants (and some services) are subject to an application process which takes into consideration various criteria, including length of banking service, income and savings as well as the individual circumstances and situation of the applicant. All grants are considered objectively on their merits. When we do make a grant, it is made on an entirely discretionary basis and all regular grants are reviewed annually. We are seeking to ensure that as much alternative support is provided so that we can redirect funding to new cases as they arise.

Grants up to £10,000 may be approved jointly for payment by two senior members of staff. All grants are reported to the Grants and Services Sub-Committee, who also approve all grants over £10,000.

Our approach to determining 'poverty' is based on a comparison of the applicant's income to a figure that is up to 100% of the UK's median household income (after tax and housing costs are taken into account) adjusted to their personal circumstances. The trustees also take into consideration any savings (excluding the family home) broadly in line with the levels at which income Support is available from the Department of Work and Pensions. We are also aware of the limitations of published average data and we flex our assessment taking into consideration the composition of the household and any particular needs relating to disabilities.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit

The trustees describe, above, the objects of the Charity and the range of clients assisted. They believe that these benefits and those who benefit from the Charity are clear and identifiable and related to the aims of the Charity. The Charity makes every effort to ensure that potential clients in poverty have access

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to its services. They maintain contacts with social services, other charities and the banks' welfare departments to provide points of contact between the Charity and those needing help

The trustees have identified a potential client population comprising current bank employees, former employees, their families, children and dependents of approximately 1.8 million persons of whom, statistically, some 50,000 may require assistance at some time during their lives. Although there are restrictions placed on the classes of client helped by the Charity, the clients themselves come from a wide range of occupations at all levels within the banking industry and from a number of different banks. In the year to 31 March 2012, £2 3million (2011 £2 4million) was spent on supporting 749 clients (2011 553) with grants and 311 service users (2011 83) were supported through our charity partners.

The trustees believe that the prevention of poverty is fundamental to the achievement of the relief of poverty. The gap between financial hardship and poverty is very small. The support provided through specialised services, focused grants and other assistance provided by the Charity, aims to keep clients at risk of financial hardship out of poverty. The cost of living is often higher for people with ill health and disabilities, putting an additional strain on their financial situation. Early pro-active support to this group of people provides the best opportunities for them to overcome the challenges they face, making it possible to return to work and attain a reasonable standard of living. Likewise in families with limited income, providing support to help their children to attain a level of education to their best ability helps to keep them from spiralling into poverty in the next generation. The provision of preventative support to those in need is inseparable from the relief of poverty.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Developments, activities and achievements

We had another successful year in the period to 31 March 2012. We achieved a number of important strategic aims and objectives that we set out in our 2011 Report of the Trustees.

We have built both the capability and capacity to deliver the much needed services through the appropriate channels. We have achieved this in a way that has the potential to make a bigger impact on people's lives than ever before

How did we do this year?

Key Performance Indicators

•		Aım 2011/12	Achieved 2011/12
1	Total Interventions	5,180	7,655
2	Service Partner unique users	610	311
3	Casework managed beneficiaries	870	1,028
4	Helpline Calls	1,000	3,149
5	Website Interventions	2,700	3,167
6	Cash Grants (£)	1,400,000	1,208,699
7	Service Provision & Casework (£) (Note3)	700,000	738,487*

^{*}before write-backs relating to previous year

Our target for service partner usage was very ambitious. Take up grew through the year and we are now more experienced at marketing the availability of these services.

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We have invested in a helpline to provide direct support to clients and as a result we have helped more people in need

Our marketing has successfully increased numbers through partner services and cash grants. We have also raised awareness across the sector

Our main marketing campaign began in May last year. We are very pleased that our helpline and case management targets were exceeded as this means that we helped many more people overall. This has given us confidence that we are moving in the right direction.

increasing the number of people that we help

We continue to implement our strategy, providing holistic and more sustainable solutions to people in need. As a result, we continue to move away from the provision of regular long term grants in favour of finding additional sources of income for clients and developing financial competency skills

We provided a total of 7,655 interventions this year, an increase of 48% on 2010-11

We provided these through a variety of means

Self-service information and interactive tools through our website, <u>www bwcharity org uk</u> We have provided 3,167 interventions since May 2011, when our new website was launched, growing from an average of 289 a month in the first 3 months to an average of 361 a month in the final 3 months of the year, an increase of 25%

Our free phone helpline launched in May 2011. It has received 3,149 calls, increasing from 43 enquiries a week at launch to 67 a week in March, a growth of 56%. Our highly skilled advisors have helped 1,028 people through detailed casework support and financial grants.

We have a number of strategic partnerships with charities who support people with specific health needs Support for disabled people and carers provided by Leonard Cheshire Disability, support for families living with autism provided by the National Autistic Society and support for people living with arthritis provided by Arthritis Care. We have seen an increase of 375% in people supported through these partnerships, rising from 83 in 2011 to 311 this year.

We have provided individual bespoke support through other partners and suppliers, selected to meet the specific needs of our clients and we will grow this further in 2012-13

During the year we awarded 593 grants compared with 329 the previous year, an increase of 80% We supported 749 people with these compared with 553 the previous year, an increase of 35%

improve client insights

We regularly gather client research and review reports produced by expert organisations to help inform the development of new services. During the year we evaluated a number of service development opportunities including provision of cancer therapy, dementia, mental health, domestic violence, relationship breakdown and equity release to fund home repairs and adaptations. This has led to the development of our Family Support Service which will be implemented in the coming year.

We decided to work with The Work Foundation and Robertson Cooper to improve our ability to focus our investment in new services on those areas with most unmet need. We want to make the greatest impact on clients commensurate with effective use of our resources.

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· engaging with the banks

This continues to provide us with a major challenge. We have mainly been working with the major banking groups. We recognise that if we are to be effective, we need to align our services with the areas of common interest in banks as employers. As a result, we have developed and agreed detailed communication and service plans with two of the major banks to help raise our profile. Through these we have improved bank staff appreciation of the help that we can give them. We have also built engagement plans to broaden awareness within the next tier of banks employing over 1,000 people in the UK.

We will continue our efforts to build and use new networks and new ideas to ensure that banks perceive us to be relevant and adding value. This will allow us to gain better access to the banks' internal communication channels across the UK and reach people more effectively.

explore opportunities for social investment propositions

We have engaged across the sector and with CASS Business School to explore social investment concepts. We now understand better the opportunities and possible models that could be adopted to deliver impact for people in need. These include the possible use of joint venture vehicles, social impact bonds and payment by result bonds. We have contributed to raising the profile of social investment by showing how this can bring the joint benefit of financial and social return to non-governmental sectors. And, we are now better placed to consider our participation in any new social investment opportunities as they arise.

· Measuring our impact

We have implemented a range of methods, both qualitative and quantitative, to assess the impact we make

- 80% of the people surveyed who accessed our website reported to us that we have given them
 access to all or most of the information that they needed
- We have helped people to overcome short term financial difficulties to achieve financial stability by
 increasing benefits claimed, averaging ~£1,700 per eligible person undertaking intensive casework.
 We have also provided one-off grants to 359 people, averaging ~£2,000 to alleviate financial
 hardship. This has improved their confidence in dealing with financial matters by 18%
- We asked those we have supported to tell us their perception of the impact we've made. They have told us that overall the impact was an improvement of 13% across financial, health, wellbeing, confidence, social and relationships and quality of life.

We have identified case studies from the people we have supported directly as well as those supported by our partners. We can illustrate the depth and breadth of our impact which will help us to produce our first ever detailed impact report, which will be published towards the end of 2012.

Project activities

We undertook significant project activities during the year to launch our new brand and operating model

- · We introduced our new name the Bank Workers Charity
- We launched our new website with significant content and interactive tools to meet the needs
 identified by client and market insights. This has allowed us to increase our reach within the banking
 community.
- We put in place our helpline, providing people with bespoke needs assessments and support

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- We implemented our new customer relationship management software and processes to help us continue to improve our efficiency and effectiveness
- We talked with possible new expert partners to help us meet the needs identified by our insights programme
- We developed a more cost effective approach to service providers on a pay per use basis. We now
 have four partners i.e. National Autistic Society, Arthritis Care, the Mobility Bureau and Second
 Careers delivering support on this basis.

We have an ongoing focus on improving our governance, through our policies and processes. We also made changes to our Articles of Association which were approved at an EGM on 21st July 2011. This allows us to keep up to date with latest best practice and streamline the governance of the Charity.

Raising awareness of BWC

We use defined channels for marketing our services through banks, other intermediaries and charities who support people in need. We widened and strengthened our contacts within all the major banks operating in the UK. We are also working on building relationships with more than 130 of the foreign banks operating in the UK through a specific bank campaign.

In addition, we have launched an intermediary campaign to over 400 charities with the aim to raise awareness and encourage client referrals.

The website <u>www hereisthecity com</u> is London's fastest growing financial website with more than 800,000 unique users per month. We have capitalised on this by taking up advertorial space, which helps direct traffic to our website, making the site among our top 5 referrers.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Increasing the number of clients we reach

We plan to further increase the number of banking people we help. We will work with banks and intermediaries to promote our services in a way which adds value both to introducers and clients. We will make our services more accessible. We will make earlier interventions when problems are first identified by clients. We want to meet the most severe needs of our clients, in particular those who are struggling to find support, and will develop our services accordingly.

We will continue to develop insights into the real needs of our clients through a new research project which aims to explore the boundaries between work and non-work pressures and challenges faced by bank workers, their extent and impact. It will further look at sources of support available both in and out of work.

We will increase our support activities for the banks by aligning what we do for our clients with the challenges faced by their employers. In particular we will explore the opportunities to improve employee and family wellbeing and its impact in the work place for the 400,000 staff employed by banks in the UK. We expect this to provide benefits for our clients and the banks, translating into increased support for our activities in the future. We plan to launch a trial of our new Family Support Service in a major British bank in January 2013 and, if this proves successful, extend this to more banks thereafter.

We plan to contact all the banks operating in the UK with whom we do not have a working relationship. This campaign aims to reach 100,000 people working in over 100 banks, mainly in the Greater London area. The campaign is designed to inform these banks about the valuable contribution their employees.

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make to their and how we can support their employees with life's challenges. We will demonstrate how we can add value to the banks existing employee assistance programmes.

Increasing the scope of our services

We will develop our Family Support Service to address the needs of hard pressed families coping with money and wellbeing problems and issues in their homes. New services will be developed addressing family relationships, domestic violence, bullying, maternity and work/life balance issues and financial competence, including debt advice.

These new services will be delivered through our unique combination of web, telephone helpline and expert partnerships. We have made it easier for all bank workers to use our information services by removing the traditional requirements to pass income and savings tests. We will be promoting our new services with support from the banks at a more strategic level in future.

We have explored the potential to create a range of new services aimed at helping to overcome some of the biggest challenges facing our clients. We have created a shortlist of areas where we want to undertake further analysis before we make new service investments, including mental health, dementia and the challenges faced by older people.

Ensure future sustainability

We will explore opportunities to increase our funding streams from the banks. We will approach this in two ways. First to see if we can attract new donors and second to ensure that our existing donors understand the value we add and are willing to support our growth.

In the longer term we will explore opportunities for innovative new social investment propositions which could help us to pursue our charitable purposes and which may generate new financial returns alongside social returns

Our main objective in participating in social investments will be to bring new services to our clients in a more cost effective and efficient way as well as contributing to our long term financial sustainability. We will seek to add value to the banks in the area of employee engagement and wellbeing. We will try to prove the link between our contribution and the benefits that are achieved from our work. We hope to agree increased corporate donations based on this innovative new approach.

We will continue to improve our focus on cost control and value for money through our processes, suppliers and partners. We will also pay careful attention to the returns generated from our significant reserves.

Measuring our impact and reporting on our progress to encompass qualitative as well as quantitative aspects will play an important part in demonstrating our value to banks and clients

Key Performance Indicators

		2012/13
1	Total Interventions	9,600
2	Service Partner unique users	400
3	Casework managed beneficiaries	1,100
4	Helpline Calls	3,400
5	Website Interventions	4,700
6	Cash Grants (£)	1,450,900
7	Service Provision and Casework (£)	649,000

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The increase in our targets for interventions, particularly service partner users, is heavily dependent on the successful trial of our new Family Support Service

Project activities

We will undertake the following activities in support of our business effectiveness

- Complete the integration of our client relationship management system with our financial systems
- Investigate new expert partnerships and develop at least one new service through our innovations framework which is informed by our market and customer insights programme
- Investigate the potential for developing a collaborative approach with other occupational benevolent funds and investors to share in the wider public benefit opportunities that our operating model provides

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012 are set out on pages 17 to 26 These were prepared applying the Accounting Policies set out on pages 20 and 21 There were no material changes to the Accounting Policies during the year

The Chanty derives its income from a variety of sources set out below

	2012	2012	2011	2011
	£	%	£	%
Investment income	1,050,229	71	1,020,005	69
Legacies	131,688	9	139,173	9
Subscriptions, donations and other income	<u>287,949</u>	20	330,502	22
	1,469,866	100	1,489,680	100

The Charity relies substantially on investment income to support its activities. The trustees have adopted a policy of seeking a total return from investments from a combination of growth and income. The ten year average annual total return target of 6.5% was reduced during the year to 6% due to the prevailing economic conditions worldwide. We will be undertaking a comprehensive review of the risk and reward opportunities relating to our funds to ensure that we have the optimum asset allocation commensurate with our relatively conservative appetite for risk.

Our policy of seeking a total return allows us to plan for longer term service delivery activity by smoothing out the volatility associated with our funds. Therefore to meet our expenditure we need to withdraw some of the capital growth to support our activities. During the year we withdrew £2m from our investment funds to support our objectives. At year end the value of our reserves was £675,000 lower than the previous year.

The trustees are grateful to those who donated to our cause and people who remember us in their wills, but this is not a predictable source of income

We are also grateful to the banks that make corporate donations. We are keen to demonstrate to them that we are generating outcomes that are valued by their staff, retirees and dependants so that we can ensure these donations continue in future.

The Charity does not actively raise funds from outside the banking community

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During the year we made significant investments in the development of new infrastructure with which to deliver our services. The trustees see this investment as necessary to ensure that we provide the best possible service to a growing number of clients. We have built up our in-house team of client advisors who case manage the increasingly complex and multiple needs of our clients, adding to staff costs. We have also undertaken a major information Communication Technology project associated with our Client Relationship Management and web delivery.

During the year 79% of our charitable expenditure was spent in delivering grants and services through our casework, helpline and partnerships with other charities. The remaining 21% relates to general management, marketing and operating the charity. We also wrote back unused funds from our partnership programmes during the year.

We increased our resources available for marketing the organisation which we hope and expect will lead to future corporate donations and social investment opportunities

Investment policies

The trustees have delegated the management of the Charity's investments to the Finance and Investment Sub-Committee On the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee the trustee board appointed UBS AG to undertake discretionary management on our behalf. The Finance and Investment Sub-Committee monitors the performance of the investment manager at its quarterly meetings. The committee is supported by our investment consultant who helps the committee members to keep abreast of the developments in the market with which to provide the necessary challenge to our investment manager. The minutes of these meetings are circulated to the members of the General Committee.

As previously mentioned, the trustees have adopted a total return policy and have set performance goals to achieve a minimum 6% per annum return (post fees) averaged over a ten year cycle. Our investment portfolio is diversified to manage risk and volatility. The asset allocation currently set for the investment manager is 25% in UK Equities, 25% in Overseas Equities, 10% in Hedge Funds, 10% in Commercial Property and 30% in Corporate and Government bonds or cash. We permit an agreed tolerance around these limits to allow for flexibility in dealing with market conditions. The actual allocation at 31 March 2012 is reported in note 7 on page 25. With the exception of Corporate / Government Bonds and commercial property, investment is achieved by using a 'best of breed' approach. This allocation is reviewed quarterly by the Finance and Investment Sub-Committee. There are no special restrictions on the Charity's power to invest and no specific ethical constraints adopted.

The investment policy continues, within market constraints, in line with benchmarks and market conditions to protect the Charity's long term capital and income from the effects of inflation, and without taking excessive risk, to achieve real gains in both capital and income. At present there is no particular ethical investment policy, although the Board has decided to review this in 2013.

Since 2008 the annualised return on investments has been 5.2% versus the benchmark which has returned 5.8%. This apparent underperformance is related to our holdings of fixed interest stocks which may yet restore performance to benchmark. The performance of the fund manager is reviewed every three years and the next planned review will take place in 2013.

Funds and Reserves

The Charity's reserves of £44 33m comprise largely investments and bank deposits generating the income which sustains either wholly or in part the Charity and its activities. The movements on reserves for the year are reported in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 17. These include a net unrealised gain on the value of investments for the year of £1.7m (2011 – gains £2.1m) resulting from market movements.

(including the Report of the Directors)

for the year ended 31 March 2012

The trustees actively manage investment returns to achieve total return targets including long term preservation of capital values. These targets are monitored annually in the business plan, against a three year rolling planning cycle of income and expenditure. The trustees project a net average annual income requirement from investments and bank deposits over the next three years of £2.9m after taking account of other sources of income, to meet the cost of ongoing activities and operating costs. Based on a target total return of 6% this level of income requires reserves of £48.3m.

Investment income is the Charity's main long term source of income and is susceptible to market fluctuations. The annual forecast for non-investment income over the next 3 years is £400,000. The trustees believe that sufficient income will be generated to fund future budgeted expenditure in the medium term, although they will embark on income growth activities when the service set is considered to be sufficiently attractive as a fundraising proposition. In the longer term the Board has the ability to reduce discretionary grant making and service spending to a level commensurate with available reserves.

Going Concern

The General Committee considers the Charity's finances to be sound and that it is able to fulfil all its obligations and commitments without delay or shortfall in the realisation of the assets of its funds. Having assessed the Charity's financial position and plans for the foreseeable future, the trustees are satisfied that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP, Statutory Auditor, will be proposed at the annual general meeting of the Charity for the ensuing year

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

TONY RAMOS

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Chair of Trustees

25 October 2012

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of the Bankers Benevolent Fund operating as Bank Workers Charity

We have audited the financial statements of the Bankers Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31 March 2012 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes numbered 1 to 11

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report of the Trustees to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2012 and
 of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for
 the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or
- · 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

Sally Kirby

Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of

Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP

Statutory Auditor

London

7 November

25 October 2012

Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) year ended 31 March 2012

	Notes	2012	2011
INCOMING RESOURCES Incoming resources from generated funds		£	£
Voluntary income Investment income	1	419,637 1,050,229	469,675 1,020,005
Total incoming resources		1,469,866	1,489,680
RESOURCES EXPENDED Costs of generating funds Cost of generating voluntary income Investment management costs		59,438 52,487	35,285 52,721
Total cost of generating funds	4	111,925	88,006
Charitable activities Support for Child Education Support for Retirees and Families		439,149 1,888,293	566,403 1,840,874
Total cost of charitable activities	3	2,327,442	2,407,277
Governance costs Governance costs	4	77,643	74,596
Total resources expended		2,517,010	2,569,879
Net (outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses		(1,047,144)	(1,080,199)
Realised investment (losses) / gains		(1,334,639)	121,388
Net (outgoing) resources, being net (expenditure)		(2,381,783)	(958,811)
Net unrealised gains on investment assets	7	1,706,677	2,069,135
Net movement in funds		(675,106)	1,110,324
Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward 1 April 2011		45,003,184	43,892,860
Total funds carried forward 31 March 2012		44,328,078	45,003,184

All funds are unrestricted income funds. The results shown above are derived from continuing activities. There are no recognised gains or losses other than are stated above.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 20-26 form part of these financial statements

The Bankers Benevolent Fund Registered Company No. 0019366

Balance Sheet 31 March 2012

	Notes	2012 £	2011 £
Investments	7	44,494,725	45,125,521
Current Assets Debtors Cash at bank	8	171,823 134,100	205,677 205,021
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	9	305,923 (472,570)	410,698 (533,035)
Net Current (Liabilities)	·	(166,647)	(122,337)
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		44,328,078	45,003,184
Funds Unrestricted income funds		44,328,078	45,003,184

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees in General Committee and signed on their behalf on 25 October 2012 by

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TONY RAMOS, Chair of Trustees

The accounting policies and notes on pages 20-26 form part of these financial statements

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2012

		Notes	2012 £	2011 £
Net cash (outflow) from activities		1	(1,073,755)	(1,026,829)
Capital expenditure and financial in	vestment inflow	2	1,002,834	831,464
(Decrease) in cash		3	(70,921)	(195,365)
NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STA		eash		
inflow/(outflow) from operating activ			2012 £	2011 £
Net (outgoing) resources for the ye Decrease in debtors (Decrease) / Increase in creditors	ear		(1,047,144) 33,854 (60,465)	(1,080,199) 32,084 21,286
Net cash (outflow) from operating	activities		(1,073,755)	(1,026,829)
2 Capital expenditure and financial	ınvestment		2012 £	2011 £
Purchase of investments & cash investments from sale of investments investment management charges	ested in portfol	7	(14,346,241) 15,296,156 52,919	(8,988,294) 9,768,493 51,265
Capital expenditure and financial inflow	investment		1,002,834	831,464
3 (Decrease) in cash	Balance 31 March 2012 £	Balance 31 March 2011 £	Change in year 2012 £	Change in year 2011
Cash at Bank	134,100	205,021	(70,921)	(195,365)

Accounting Policies year ended 31 March 2012

Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (modified by the revaluation of investments) and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law. They comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (revised 2005) ('the SORP') and with the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements continue to be prepared on a going concern basis for the reasons summarised on page 14 of the Report of the Trustees.

Investments

Investments are included in the balance sheet at market value. Gains and losses on the disposal of investments are accounted for in the period the disposal takes place as the difference between the net sale proceeds and the opening market value, or cost if purchased during the year.

Transactions involving the receipt or payment of foreign currency have been translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling on the date of such payments. The value of overseas investments has been translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling on the balance sheet date.

Listed investments are valued at the balance sheet date at closing prices. Investment gains/losses are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities. Investments bequeathed to the Charity are taken into the portfolio at their market value at the date of transfer.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Expenditure on tangible fixed assets is capitalised if the cost of individual assets exceeds £1,000. The cost of other items is written off as incurred. At the balance sheet date all items were fully depreciated.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over 3 years, their expected useful life. Assets which are no longer used by the Charity are treated as disposals in the year when they ceased to be used

Pension Costs

The company operates a non-contributory pension arrangement providing a defined contribution of 10% of salary into either the employee's choice of a stakeholder or private pension arrangement. Contributions are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities as due

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty

Individual subscriptions and other donations are included in incoming resources when these are received, with the corresponding income tax recoverable under Gift Aid Corporate Donations are included in incoming resources when these are receivable. Life subscriptions are accounted for in full as soon as they are receivable.

Pecuniary legacies, residuary legacies and legacies subject to a life interest are all recognised when the Charity is advised by the personal representatives of an estate that payment will be made or property is transferred and the amount involved can be quantified

Investment income consists of interest and dividend income. Interest income is accounted for on a receivable basis. Dividend income is accounted for on receipt

Accounting Policies year ended 31 March 2012

Resources expended

Costs of generating funds comprise those costs directly attributable to managing the investment portfolio and raising investment income and fundraising publicity

All outgoing resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis inclusive of any irrecoverable VAT. These include support costs which are apportioned pro-rata to the direct costs of charitable activities. Grants payable, which are included in direct charitable activities, are recognised as a liability when the Charity is under an actual or constructive obligation to make a transfer to a third party. Such grants payable in future periods, where constructive obligations exist at the balance sheet date, are treated as liabilities at the balance sheet date.

Governance costs comprise costs for running of the Charity itself as an organisation and of statutory compliance

Basis of cost allocation between support costs for activities and governance

Staff costs
Premises and utilities
Services and other operating expenses
Professional fees
Depreciation

Estimate of how staff spend time Pro rata to staff cost allocation Actual and estimated usage Actual cost Pro rata to staff cost allocation

Provision for liabilities and charges

Provision is made on a prudent basis where an obligation arises as a result of a commitment arising from a past event and it is probable that the Fund will make a transfer of benefits to satisfy such obligation after the end of the financial year. Provision is made on the trustees' best estimate of the benefits to be transferred

Loan Grants

Where payments for property alterations are made as repayable interest free loans but the date on which repayment is due to be made, under the terms of the loan, is unknown at the balance sheet date the loan is treated as a grant in the year of payment, whether made either in full or as instalments. These payments are charged to the statement of financial activities in the year they are made and no debtor is carried forward.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities. The Charity is not registered for VAT and is unable to recover VAT incurred.

Status of the funds

All the funds of the Bank Workers Chanty are held as unrestricted funds. The trustees have complete discretion for the use of these funds in pursuance of the Chanty's objects.

1 Voluntary income

	2012	2011
	£	£
Individual subscriptions and donations (Note 2)	90,949	96,425
Corporate donations (Note 2)	197,000	202,000
Other donations	•	32,077
Legacies	131,688	139,173
	419,637	469,675

2 Individual and Corporate Subscriptions and Donations

Members and other donors, together with their total contributions were, as follows

Bank	Individual Subscribers and Donations £	Corporate Donations £	2012 Total Donations £	2011 Total Donations £
Subscriptions from				
Members and Donors	90,949	-	90,949	96,425
Barclays	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
Citibank	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
HSBC	-	40,000	40,000	40,000
Lloyds Banking Group	-	60,000	60,000	60,000
National Australia Banking				
Group	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Royal Bank of Scotland	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
Santander	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Standard Chartered				5,000
Total 31 March 2012	90,949	197,000	287,949	298,425

The analysis by bank is based upon bank groups as at the balance sheet date

3. Charitable expenditure

Cash Grants	2012 £	2011 £
Child Education	287,072	186,076
Families	109,801	102,942
Retirees	811,826	902,365
	1,208,699	1,191,383
Service delivery / Client Support		
Service Provision and Casework		
Partners Programme	262,151	306,946
Helpline	45,640	•
Partners Programme write-backs	(109,270)	
	198,521	306,946
Operating Costs - Client Support		
Staff costs	296,225	195,876
Employment costs	25,671	44,314
Premises and utilities	20,970	23,127
Service development costs	20,733	133,793
ICT costs	55,271	56,313
Operating costs	11,826	53,868
	430,696	507,291
Operating Costs - General		
Staff costs	242,366	220,882
Pensions	24,112	25,367
Employment costs	19,437	11,079
Premises & utilities	25,164	26,080
Marketing	82,126	23,370
ICT costs	22,706	14,078
Business overheads	73,615	80,801
	489,526	401,657
Total	£ 2,327,442	2,407,277
		

4 Support costs

				2012	2011
	Cost of Gen Funds	Charitable Activities	Governance Costs	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs	49,029	538,591	25,826	613,446	416,758
Other Staff Costs	-	69,220	-	69,220	80,760
Premises & utilities	7,870	46,134	3,170	57,174	49,207
Investment Mgt Fees	52,487	-	•	52,487	52,721
Fundraising Costs	2,539	-	-	2,539	2,323
Professional Fees	-	26,581	11,187	37,768	79,457
Audit Fees					
External Audit	-	-	17,700	17,700	12,600
Internal Audit	-	16,301	-	16,301	13,398
Operating Costs	-	63,292	19,760	83,052	97,270
ICT Costs	-	77,977	-	77,977	70,391
Marketing Costs	-	82,126	-	82,126	34,361
Total	111,925	920,222	77,643	1,109,790	909,246

5. Trustees' remuneration

No member of the General Committee received any remuneration in the year (2011 -none) Six (2011 - Six) members of the General Committee were reimbursed £3,386 (2011 - £1,988) for their travelling and other out of pocket expenses where they were not claimable from another source

6. Staff costs

	2012	2011	
	£	£	
Salaries	511,842	409,712	
Social security costs	60,602	38,771	
Pension contributions (Note 10)	41,002	29,852	
Total	613,446	478,335	
The average weekly number of employees during the year was	11	7 6	

One employee received annual emoluments (excluding pension contributions) in the band £110,001 to £120,000 (2011 in the band £90,001 to £100,000 – one) Pension contributions made on behalf of this employee were £9,068 (2011 - £8,355)

7. Investments

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	2012 £	2011 £
Market value at 1 April 2011	45,125,521	43,766,462
Cash transfers and dividends reinvested	(979,705)	(791,421)
Acquisitions at cost	14,346,241	8,988,295
Disposals at 1 April 2011 value or cost if purchased during the year	(15,651,090)	(8,855,685)
Investment management fees paid	(52,919)	(51,265)
Gains on revaluation	1,706,677	2,069,135
Valuation at 31 March	44,494,725	45,125,521
Historical cost at 31 March	39,502,158	40,411,112

The valuation at 31 March 2012 comprised:

	2012		2011	
	Cost	Market value	Cost	Market value
	£	£	£	£
UK Equities	10,652,091	11,988,628	12,898,938	14,021,315
Overseas Equities	9,828,214	11,969,731	9,704,351	12,335,974
Hedge Funds	4,177,202	4,419,321	4,181,555	4,513,114
Fixed Income	9,584,092	10,782,861	9,489,845	10,072,885
Charity Property Fund	3,999,967	4,073,582	3,999,967	4,045,777
Cash	1,260,592	1,260,602	136,456	136,456
Total investments	39,502,158_	44,494,725	40,411,112	45,125,521

Market value of material investments over 5% of the portfolio

UK Equities - Threadneedle Investment UK equity £2,292,700, JO Hambro CAP Management UK £2,625,468 and IShares Plc FTSE 100 Fund £4,215,020

North American - IShares S&P 500 SHS £2,546,200 and L&G US Index Fund £2,370,060

8. Debtors

	2012 £	2011 £
Accrued income Other debtors	164,467 	147,000 58,677
	171,823	205,677

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2012 £	2011 £
Tax and Social Security	16,595	14,695
Grants Payable	262,865	261,813
Other Creditors	56,746	77,685
Accruals	136,364	178,842
	472,570	533,035

10 Pension scheme

Employees receive an employer contribution to a stakeholder scheme or any other private pension arrangement of their choice

11 Loan Grants

At 31 March 2012 loan grants totalling £155,000 (2011 £126,785) have been made which are repayable only on the death of the beneficiary, or beneficiares (who are husband and wife) or if they move from the property concerned No repayments were received in the year

Schedule of Legacies Year ended 31 March 2012

	£
J E Davies	12,799
M G Dykes	30,550
D B Flanagan Testamentary Trust	840
M M Gell	69,627
D M Huskisson	500
S H Potter	16,152
M M Tamlyn	1,000
Miscellaneous	220
Total	131,688

This schedule does not form part of the statutory financial statements

Further Information

Further details about the work of the Charity, both as a provider of charitable help to those in need and as an appropriate recipient of charitable giving by those connected with banking, can be obtained from the Charity at -

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