

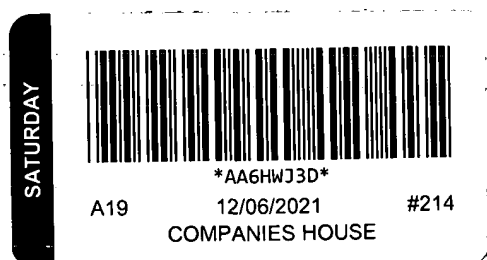
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The Guild of Freemen of the City of London

Unaudited

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020



The Guild of Freemen of the City of London

Company Information

The Court of Assistants, excluding the Past Masters Emeritus and Guild Assistants below, are directors of the company.

The Court

Ann-Marie Jefferys

Directors

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Councillor Lisa Rutter
Adrian Waddingham, Esq., CBE

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Terry Nemko, Esq., JP
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Sheriff Christopher Hayward, Esq., CC
Dorothy Saul-Pooley
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Non Directors

Honorary Centenary Master HRH The Princess Royal

Past Masters Emeritus

Sir Clive Martin, OBE TD DL
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David Irving, Esq.
Richard Agutter, Esq., JP

Guild Assistants

Peter Lewis-Crown, Esq., OBE (retired 22/01/20)
Professor Joseph Herzberg

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Directors' Report

For the year ended 31 December 2020

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Directors

The Directors who served during the year are disclosed in the company information.

Principal activity

The object of the Guild is to bring together Freemen of the City of London for the purpose of charity, benevolence, education and social activities.

Directors' responsibilities statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the Directors 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 Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

The Guild maintains Directors' liability insurance. The Directors of the Company benefit from a qualifying third party indemnity provision.

Covid-19

At the time of signing the accounts the directors are aware of the potential economic and social effects of the COVID-19 outbreak. The full impact of the pandemic on the UK economy is yet to be seen, but the company will continue to seek to mitigate the risk by following the UK Government's guidelines and adapting/developing its own internal strategy.

The Guild of Freemen of the City of London

**Directors' Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

Small companies note

In preparing this report, the Directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on **21ST APRIL 2021**, and signed on its behalf.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann-Marie Jefferys', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ann-Marie Jefferys
Master

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Chartered Accountants' Report to the Board of Directors on the preparation of the Unaudited Statutory Financial Statements of The Guild of Freemen of the City of London for the Period Ended 31 December 2020

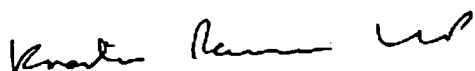
In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of The Guild of Freemen of the City of London for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes from the Company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <https://www.icaew.com/regulation>.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of The Guild of Freemen of the City of London, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 30 August 2017. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of The Guild of Freemen of the City of London and state these matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of The Guild of Freemen of the City of London, as a body, in this report in accordance with Audit & Assurance Faculty technical release AAF 2/10 as detailed at www.icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Guild of Freemen of the City of London and its Board of Directors, as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that The Guild of Freemen of the City of London has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and loss of The Guild of Freemen of the City of London. You consider that The Guild of Freemen of the City of London is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or review of the financial statements of The Guild of Freemen of the City of London. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.



Kreston Reeves LLP

London

Date: 24th May 2021

The Guild of Freemen of the City of London

**Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

		12 months ended 31 December 2020 £	17 months ended 31 December 2019 £
	Note		
Turnover	3	170,097	269,303
Gross profit		170,097	269,303
Administrative expenses		(184,879)	(286,774)
Government grant receivable		10,000	-
Operating loss		(4,782)	(17,471)
Income from fixed assets investments		7,349	56,565
Profit/(loss) on disposal of fixed asset investments		(11,860)	(13,721)
Interest receivable and similar income		105	436
(Loss)/profit before tax		(9,188)	25,809
Tax on (loss)/profit	5	(2,676)	(2,226)
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(11,864)	23,583

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

The Guild of Freemen of the City of London
Registered number: 00109150

Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Fixed Asset Investments	6	478,877	517,459
Current assets			
Stocks	8	16,125	20,845
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	9	22,279	22,795
Cash at bank and in hand	10	45,626	43,057
		<u>84,030</u>	<u>86,697</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(44,673)	(54,335)
Net current assets		<u>39,357</u>	<u>32,362</u>
Net assets		<u><u>518,234</u></u>	<u><u>549,821</u></u>
Capital and reserves			
Revaluation reserve	13	56,474	66,895
Other reserves - Life Fund	13	163,727	183,450
Profit and loss account	13	298,033	299,476
		<u><u>518,234</u></u>	<u><u>549,821</u></u>

The Directors consider that the Company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 21 April 2021



Ann-Marie Jefferys
Master

The Guild of Freemen of the City of London

**Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

	Revaluation reserve £	Other reserves - Life Fund £	Profit and loss account £	Total equity £
At 1 August 2018	128,962	182,062	213,826	524,850
Comprehensive income for the period				
Profit for the 17 month period	-	-	23,583	23,583
Subscriptions from new Life Members	-	20,568	-	20,568
Release to the profit and loss account	-	(19,180)	-	(19,180)
Transfer to/from profit and loss account	(62,067)	-	62,067	-
At 1 January 2020	66,895	183,450	299,476	549,821
Comprehensive income for the year				
Loss for the year	-	-	(11,864)	(11,864)
Subscriptions from new Life Members	-	8,207	-	8,207
Release to the profit and loss account	-	(27,930)	-	(27,930)
Transfer to/from profit and loss account	(10,421)	-	10,421	-
At 31 December 2020	56,474	163,727	298,033	518,234

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. General information

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. The address of its registered office is 4 Dowgate Hill, London, EC4R 2SH. The company trades from Rooms 78/79 65 London Wall, London EC2M 5TU.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Turnover

Turnover represents subscription income recognised on the basis of entitlement, surplus on the sale of merchandise during the year and the invoice value of services provided net of VAT.

2.3 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. COVID has had an unprecedented impact on the wider economy. As a consequence, whilst the directors have made assessments about the ongoing effects of COVID, so far as is reasonably possible, it is difficult to evaluate with any certainty the potential outcomes on the company's activities. During the year, the Guild reduced its expenditures and suspended most of its activities. These actions, together with grants received from the UK Government, enabled the Guild to weather the period with only a 4.1% fall in the value of its Net Assets. Taking into consideration the UK Government's response, and the company's planning, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures & fittings	- 25% straight line
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The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Valuation of investments

Investments in listed company shares are remeasured to market value at each balance sheet date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in profit or loss for the period.

2.6 Operating leases: the Company as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to be incurred to completion and disposal.

2.8 Government grants

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the same period as the related expenditure.

2.9 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of two employees. Contributions payable are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year they are payable.

2.10 Taxation

Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

3. Turnover

An analysis of turnover by class of business is as follows:

	12 months ended 31 December 2020 £	17 months ended 31 December 2019 £
Subscriptions	132,003	187,589
Life subscriptions	27,930	19,180
Surplus on merchandise	(2,147)	3,229
Joining fees	7,333	24,167
Advertising income	295	1,058
Entertainment fund surplus	4,683	34,080
	<u>170,097</u>	<u>269,303</u>

4. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was 2 (2019 - 2).

5. Taxation

	12 months ended 31 December 2020 £	17 months ended 31 December 2019 £
Corporation tax		
Current tax on profits for the year	2,676	3,307
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	-	(1,081)
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	<u>2,676</u>	<u>2,226</u>

Factors affecting tax charge for the year/period

There were no factors that affected the tax charge for the year/period which has been calculated on taxable profits.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

6. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Capital cash £	Total £
Valuation			
At 1 January 2020	491,833	25,626	517,459
Additions	62,630	-	62,630
Disposals	(89,673)	-	(89,673)
Revaluations	(2,721)	-	(2,721)
Cash movement	-	(8,818)	(8,818)
At 31 December 2020	<u>462,069</u>	<u>16,808</u>	<u>478,877</u>

The historical cost of the listed investments, excluding cash, at 31 December 2020 was £349,663 (2019: £352,637).

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fittings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2020	7,828
Disposals	(1,982)
At 31 December 2020	<u>5,846</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2020	7,828
Disposals	(1,982)
At 31 December 2020	<u>5,846</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>-</u>

Silver and other valuables owned by the Guild, with an insured value of £414,736 (2019: £414,736), are not included as assets in these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

8. Stocks

	2020 £	2019 £
Goods for resale	16,125	20,845
	<u>16,125</u>	<u>20,845</u>

9. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	198	198
Other debtors	848	2,212
Prepayments and accrued income	21,233	20,385
	<u>22,279</u>	<u>22,795</u>

10. Cash and cash equivalents

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash at bank and in hand	45,626	43,057

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	6,967	-
Corporation tax	2,676	3,307
Other taxation and social security	3,382	7,927
Other creditors	1,560	2,891
Accruals and deferred income	30,088	40,210
	<u>44,673</u>	<u>54,335</u>

12. Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

13. Reserves

Revaluation reserve

This reserve records the movement in fair value of fixed asset investments.

Other reserves

This represents the Life subscription fund which accounts for subscription income taken directly to this reserve. Amounts are released annually to the profit and loss account so as to spread income over the anticipated membership period the individuals are contributing.

Profit & loss account

The profit and loss account includes all current and prior period retained profits and losses.

14. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £6,347 (2019: £6,822). Contributions totalling £341 (2019: £558) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

15. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2020 the Company had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	15,293	15,320
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	61,172	61,172
Later than 5 years	20,391	35,684
	96,856	112,176

16. Related party transactions

The Guild provides administrative support to The Guild of Freemen of the City of London's Charity at no cost to the Charity.