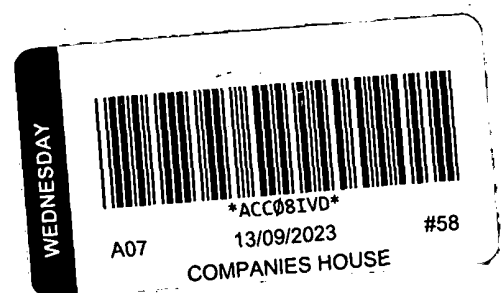


Company Registration Number: 05284271
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Committee Members Terence Mowschenson KC, Chairman
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Raymond Cox KC, Treasurer
Sara Hargreaves, Honorary Secretary
The Rt. Hon. The Lord Saville of Newdigate, Member
Helen Valley, Member
Jeffrey Israel, Member
Alexander Learmonth KC, Member
Graeme Halkerston, Member
Angus McCullough KC, Member
Jonathan Tod, Member
Master Roger Eastman, Member
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Shabeena Azhar-Mole, Member
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Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC Law Courts, Temple Bar Southampton Customer Service Centre Brunswick Gate 23 Brunswick Place SO15 2AQ
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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
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The BBA rose to a major challenge posed by COVID-19 over the last two years and 8 months. In April 2020, in order to deal with the increased need amongst members of the Bar, some of whom found themselves completely out of work and ineligible for assistance from the government, the BBA together with the four Inns of Court launched the COVID-19 Appeal. By the end of 2022, the appeal had raised over £1.5 million, including £600,000 donated by the Inns. The BBA took responsibility for distributing the funds and dealing with those who applied. Speed was essential. Starting in May 2020, applicants applied online for grants. We held weekly committee meetings to deal with them, in accordance with guidance we developed. Grants were made each week. Grants were generally of a set amount per month and made for up to 3 months at a time. Many applicants had their grants renewed on a regular basis. We continued to make the support available until the fund closed in December 2022 by which time we had supported 190 applicants and 121 of their dependants. The BBA would like to thank the Four Inns, sets of chambers, Bar professional societies, the Circuits, and individual donors for their support without which this level of assistance would not have been possible.

In 2022 it was agreed that The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust, a charitable Trust previously administered by Gray's Inn, would transfer their funds of £314,858 to the BBA. The fund is to be used to help members of the Bar of England and Wales and their dependants who either live in Greater London or who have lived in Greater London. Gainsford Trust will have no further input into the scheme leaving the responsibility to the BBA. During 2022, £16,000 was paid to needy and deserving applicants from the fund.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Members of the Committee who attended weekly meetings to review applications and make sure that all the applications were swiftly dealt with.

During the past year we had increased requests for assistance unconnected to COVID-19. We received 36 new applications, an increase of 27 on the previous year and of these we were able to help 21. As well as these new cases, there were 18 renewals, two more than last year.

Our income from donations is generally in a modest decline and we are trying to address this issue. Administrative expenditure is well controlled but continued fluctuations in the investment market continue to affect the value of our reserves and income.

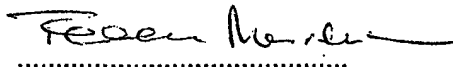
We maintain our strict policy of securing all loans wherever possible and review these annually in case a beneficiary's circumstances have changed. We are anxious to help as many beneficiaries as possible, but our resources are limited and where equity exists, we believe securing our loans is in our beneficiaries' best interests, as the policy assists in ensuring that we have funds for beneficiaries in the future.

None of this could be achieved without the continued loyal and indispensable support of many volunteers; in particular those who serve on our Board and the Circuit Representatives who visit applicants and beneficiaries who are unable to travel to London. Also invaluable are the supporters who make regular donations or who undertake various fundraising activities for us – running marathons, playing golf and the like – to whom we are equally grateful. We have a very small team of paid staff whose friendly and helpful contact on the phone or through e-mail is much appreciated by those who are touch with us and I would like to express the thanks of the Committee to the BBA's Chief Executive Nicky Young, and our deputy Chief Executive Annette Bennett, who rose to the challenge of the COVID-19 Appeal and the 2022 strike and did a huge amount of additional work. I would also add my own thanks to those on the Committee who attended our monthly meeting (in addition to the weekly COVID meetings) to deal with applications unconnected to COVID-19 which we dealt with from our general funds.

The need to maintain our donated income is important and one way is to encourage everyone to include us in their Will once family needs have been secured. Your gift will mean someone less fortunate than you can be assisted at a time of need.

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Terence Mowschenson KC
Chairman

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein and comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015).

Constitution

The Barristers' Benevolent Association was founded on 10 January 1873. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales on 11th November 2004, number 5284271. The company gained charitable status on 15 November 2004, registration number 1106768. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, Members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Objects

The objects of the Association are to provide financial and other assistance and support to needy and deserving members of the Bar who are or have been in practice in England and Wales and also their spouses and dependants. Assistance is given without geographical restriction or any need to pay fees.

Policy

To achieve these objectives, the Committee has followed the following policies:

- a) To encourage members of the Bar and the judiciary to contribute by way of donations, gift aid; and
- b) To create and maintain an adequate capital base generating investment income to augment the gifted income of the Association.

Management

The Charity is governed by a Committee whose Members are the Trustees for the purposes of Charity law and the Directors for the purpose of company law. Those who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

The Committee meets monthly, reviews applications for assistance and decides what assistance if any should be offered. Urgent applications are considered by individual trustees and so far as necessary considered for ratification by the committee. The BBA staff administer applications and the provision of assistance decided by the Committee or trustees and may decide how to provide assistance within the parameters sets by the Committee or trustees. Insurance against third party liability is provided for directors of the BBA up to £1m.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

All Members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity. Traditional business and skills are well represented on the Management Committee. In an effort to maintain a broad mix of skills, new Committee Members are recruited after informal discussions with the Chairman and/or other officers and they are invited to visit the offices where they are briefed by the staff on their work and systems. They are provided with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the rules and current back issues of the Annual Review as well as the Charity Commission leaflet on Charity responsibilities. During the year they receive full background papers for all potential and actual beneficiaries, the monthly accounts and the annual summaries of loans. The Chief Executive reports personally to the Members on matters concerning individuals allocated to them as case manager and in any other case where they have asked to be kept in touch.

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Trustee Induction and Training

Most Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity being Members of the Bar. Prospective trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of Board meetings as part of their training to familiarise themselves with the Charity and the context within which it operates. These are jointly led by the Chair of the Committee, Company Secretary, Chief and Deputy Chief Executive of the Charity and covers:

- The obligations of Management Committee Members.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the Charity including the Memorandum and Articles.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Any Future plans and objectives.
- Links to the Charity Commission's website with publications to the Trustees role and responsibilities.

How our activities deliver public benefit

The Charity seeks to reach every practising Barrister every year to ensure they are aware of the potential assistance available and to seek their financial support. This is primarily achieved through emailing a copy of the Annual Review to the Bar Council for distribution via email to all Members of the Bar and Judiciary. We also attend relevant conferences and seek publicity in professional magazines. Our website includes information for both donors and potential beneficiaries and has a downloadable application form. We also have a small team of volunteer Circuit Representatives who are able to make visits if needed.

Help is tailored to each individual case. Wherever possible we seek to enable the beneficiary to solve their problem and continue in or return to a position where he or she can earn a living but where this is impossible, or not to be recommended, we can offer secured or unsecured loans or make grants. Sometimes help is needed urgently to tide people through an emergency, other times the need is longer-term. Assistance is given without geographical restriction or any need to pay fees and with due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

COVID-19

The BBA launched a joint Appeal together with the Four Inns in April 2020 to support the demand for assistance by Members of the Bar whose practices were adversely affected by COVID-19.

During 2022 we have continued to receive COVID applications for grants from the fund.

The total of grants made to applicants in the year ended December 2022 was £120,662 (2021 - £492,681). The total donations received during the year was £50,000 (2021 - £429,476). There have been a total of 190 beneficiaries and 121 dependants since the start of the appeal. Applications were typically renewed every 3 months.

With the support of the Four Inns, donors, sets of chambers, professional associations, and circuits we were able to meet the demand to support those needy and deserving Members of the Bar who were affected by the pandemic. The Covid fund closed on 31st December 2022.

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Other work

The BBA general fund costs of £555,310 includes grant giving activities of £207,841 and support costs totalling £313,741 regular beneficiaries including dependants were awarded monthly and quarterly grants to meet short falls in living, medical and food costs.

In 2022 there were 36 new cases unconnected to Covid. An increase on the 2021 figure of 27, partly due to additional applications caused by the criminal bar strikes. Of these we were able to help 21 financially and advice. No sub-committee meetings were held. The refusals were based on applications which fell outside our remit. Where we decline support because we consider the application was made too soon, we encourage the applicant to reapply should their situation worsen. In addition to the new cases, there were also 18 renewals, 2 more than in 2021 and 24 reports, 1 more than in 2021.

The most common reason for declining financial help at any time (although leaving the door open for subsequent applications) is possession of adequate personal resources which we consider should be used first, since one of our criteria for granting assistance is that the applicant should be "needy". In very rare cases someone may be considered needy but not 'deserving'.

Initial enquiries - by phone, email, letter or personally - are handled immediately and the aim is to have our application form completed and processed in time for the next available Committee meeting, although this does not rule out more immediate help if this is urgently required.

Every case is reviewed annually on the anniversary of its initial presentation to the Committee and renewals of support have to be accompanied by another completed application form. Outstanding loans are reviewed annually at the beginning of the year.

Secured Loans

A thorough review of all outstanding unsecured loans has been carried out. Where the debt is many years old and despite attempts to contact the debtor there has been no significant repayment, the debt has been written off in our accounts. This does not mean that attempts to secure repayment have been abandoned and every effort will continue to be made to recover these debts.

Plan for the future

The Association will continue to seek out opportunities to publicise the work of the Charity and to seek financial support from those in a position to help.

The Directors will continue to monitor response times for receiving and processing applications, the prompt and accurate payment of all benefits, and the proper acknowledgement of contributions.

Financial review

The Association made a surplus for the year of £284,132 (2021 – deficit of £306,048) before net losses on revaluation of the investments of £1,148,077.

Total incoming resources increased from £669,024 in 2021 to £986,246 in 2022.

Total resources expended decreased from £975,072 in 2021 to £702,114 in 2022.

As at the year ended 31 December 2022, the Association had unrestricted reserves of £12,273,868 (2021 - 13,426,452) and restricted reserves of £288,639 (2021 - £NIL).

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Investment Powers, Policy and Performance

The Members of the Committee have, as Trustees, the statutory general power of investment conferred by the Trustee Act 2000, which permits them to make any kind of investment which they could make if they were absolutely entitled to the Association's assets. In exercise of their powers under the Act, the Members of the Committee have delegated their asset management functions to the Association's investment managers Investec Wealth & Investment based on an agreement for discretionary portfolio management. The instruction to the investment managers is that they seek a balanced return from income and from capital growth of the portfolio, with no more than a moderate level of risk. The investment strategy is reviewed during the year with the investment managers.

The value of the investments as at 31st December 2022 was £8,137,333 (2021 - £8,787,936). The portfolio received an inflow of £600,000 during the year in which £300,00 was received as restricted funding and so the net decrease in the value of the portfolio was £650,603 (2021 - £781,023).

2022 was a very difficult year for equity and bond markets alike. Sharply higher inflation, initiated by supply-side disruption sparked by COVID-19 and exacerbated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, led to a dramatic change in central bank policy globally, whereby interest rate expectations rose significantly. This negatively impacted the bond market most obviously, as prices dropped to accommodate higher yields, and equities were also negatively impacted as fears grew that profitability would be reduced by higher interest rates and lower economic output. The UK Government Gilt Index returned -23.8% and the US equity market (S&P 500) returned -19.4% in local currency. This was reduced to -7% in sterling as the dollar was very strong generally. The UK equity market performed comparatively well due to the different composition of its index whereby it has a high weighting in oil (which was the only major sector to witness a gain globally in 2022) and a negligible weighting in technology which, amongst other growth sectors, suffered a sharp de-rating in the face of higher bond yields. Although the low weighting in bonds in the portfolio and focus on very short-dated issues helped to avoid the majority of falls witnessed in the bond market the emphasis on long-term growth, which has served the portfolio well for many years, and low weighting in oil, meant that performance came in below the benchmark. The portfolio return was -10.7% and the benchmark return -7.6%. The Trustees agree that the current diversified strategy remains a suitable one for the BBA to achieve its long term objectives.

The benchmark is comprised of the following indices: 32% FTSE All Share (UK equities), 35% FTSE World ex-UK (overseas equities), 20% FTA Government All Stocks (bonds), 3% IPD Monthly (property), 5% Bank of England Base Rate +2% (alternative assets), 5% Bank of England Base Rate -0.5% (cash).

Grant Making Policy

The Association invites applications for assistance from needy and deserving Members of the Bar who are or have been in practice in England or Wales, their husbands or wives, widows or widowers, children, and dependants. Assistance may be provided to beneficiaries by way of grant or loan, or a combination of the two.

Before any grant or loan is considered by the Committee, applicants are required to complete a detailed form setting out their individual circumstances. Where possible, the Association will always seek to facilitate the return to work of the practitioners who have been in substantial full-time practice prior to the events occasioning their application.

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Restricted Fund

In 2022, after consultation with the BBA committee and Withers solicitors, it was agreed that The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust, a charitable Trust previously administered by Gray's Inn, would transfer their funds of £314,858 to the BBA. Following the transfer Legal fees were met by the BBA from this amount. The fund is to be used to help members of the Bar of England and Wales and their dependants who either live in Greater London or who have lived in Greater London. Gainsford Trust will have no further input into the scheme leaving the responsibility to the BBA. During 2022, £16,000 was paid to needy and deserving applicants from the fund.

Reserves Policy

The assets of the Association are applicable for its purposes at the discretion of the Committee without any distinction between capital and income. The Association has total funds of £12,562,507 (2021 - £13,426,452) of which £3,625,467 (2021 - £3,802,935) is comprised in designated funds, £208,698 (2021 - £217,498) as tangible fixed assets and £7,848,694 (2021 - £8,787,936) of unrestricted and £288,639 of restricted fund (2021 - £NIL) is held in investments to continue to generate income for the Association, leaving £620,898 (2021 - £618,083) of general free reserves. Whilst under Charity Commission guidance the Charity's investments represent free reserves, the Committee considers that these are held to generate funds to support its beneficiaries in the future. Consistent with its policy to create and maintain an adequate capital base, the Committee intends to maintain the current level of total reserves limit at £7,500,000 although currently at the year-end there are reserves of £8,648,401 to allow for the current uncertainties within the market that could be impacted by an increase in demand from beneficiaries.

Risk Management

The Members of the Committee are satisfied that the major and operational risks which the BBA faces have been identified and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

The BBA considers that the major risks are loss of or unauthorised access to data, and bad publicity leading to damage to the reputation of the BBA.

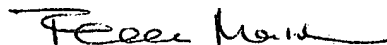
The trustees have considered the following major risk that could impact the smooth running of the business.

- **Destruction or damage to premises** – regular backups are made of the computer system in the cloud and physical backups taken out of office. Staff ability to work from home.
- **Loss of staff due to retirement/resignation/illness** - Staff under review, jobs reviewed on the market, detail job description available and finance manual available, employ temporary staff if necessary.
- **Computer malfunctioning and breakdown** - regular backups take place, majority of software is cloud based for access remotely anywhere.
- **Investment losses through market changes** – regular reviews and updates with investment managers.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Approved by order of the Members of the Board of Committee Members and signed on their behalf by:



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Terence Mowschenson KC
Chairman

Date: 12 July 2023

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**STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Committee Members (who are also the Directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Committee Members' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Committee Members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Committee Members 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 Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Committee Members are required to:

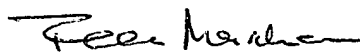
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Committee Members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the 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.

In so far as the Committee Members are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditor is unaware; and
- the Committee Members have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by order of the Members of the Committee Board and signed on its behalf by:



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Terence Mowschenson KC
Chairman

Date:

12 July 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

Opinion

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

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Committee Members' Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Committee Members are responsible for the other information contained within the Committee Members' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Committee Members' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Committee Members' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Committee Members' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Committee Members' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Committee Members were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Committee Members' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of Committee Members

As explained more fully in the Statement of Committee Members' Responsibilities, the Committee Members (who are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Committee Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

In preparing the financial statements, the Committee Members are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee Members either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee Members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee Members use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (ie. gives a true and fair view).

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BARRISTERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity'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 Charity's Members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and its Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Sudhir Singh FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

MHA

Statutory Auditor

London, United Kingdom

Date: 10 September 2023

MHA is the trading name of MacIntyre Hudson LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC312313).

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	404,032	314,909	718,941	463,418
Investment income	5	256,712	3,393	260,105	197,691
Other income	6	7,200	-	7,200	7,915
Total income		667,944	318,302	986,246	669,024
Expenditure on:					
Investment management costs		39,755	727	40,482	40,131
Charitable activities	7	636,217	25,415	661,632	934,941
Total expenditure		675,972	26,142	702,114	975,072
Net (expenditure)/ income before net gains on investments		(8,028)	292,160	284,132	(306,048)
Net (losses)/gains on investments	12	(1,144,556)	(3,521)	(1,148,077)	814,634
Net movement in funds		(1,152,584)	288,639	(863,945)	508,586
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		13,426,452	-	13,426,452	12,917,866
Net movement in funds		(1,152,584)	288,639	(863,945)	508,586
Total funds carried forward		12,273,868	288,639	12,562,507	13,426,452

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

In the previous year all income and expenditure was allocated to / from unrestricted funds.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 19 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 05284271

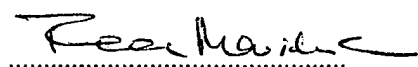
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		208,698		217,498
Investments	12		8,137,333		8,787,936
			<u>8,346,031</u>		<u>9,005,434</u>
Current assets					
Programme related investments - Concessionary loans	13	3,555,467		3,640,473	
Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	108,016		66,283	
Cash at bank and in hand	19	582,882		734,086	
			<u>4,246,365</u>	<u>4,440,842</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(29,889)		(19,824)	
Net current assets			<u>4,216,476</u>		<u>4,421,018</u>
Total net assets			<u><u>12,562,507</u></u>		<u><u>13,426,452</u></u>
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	16		288,639		-
Unrestricted funds	16		12,273,868		13,426,452
Total funds			<u><u>12,562,507</u></u>		<u><u>13,426,452</u></u>

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Committee Members and signed on their behalf by:



Terence Mowschenson KC
Chairman

Date: 12 July 2023

The notes on pages 19 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	18	86,165	(213,861)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Income from investments	5	260,105	197,691
Proceeds from sale of investments	12	2,839,458	1,174,707
Purchase of investments	12	(3,336,932)	(1,141,096)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(237,369)	231,302
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(151,204)	17,441
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		734,086	716,645
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	19	582,882	734,086

The notes on pages 19 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission (Charity Registered Number 1106768) and Registrar of Companies (Company Registration Number 05284271).

The Members of the company are the Committee Members named on page 1. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per Member of the Charity.

The address of the registered office is given in the Charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the Charity's operations and principal activities are listed in the Committee Members' Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Barristers' Benevolent Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The Committee Members have assessed the use of going concern and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Committee Members have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of these Financial Statements. The Committee Members have concluded that there is a more than adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and has no immediate concerns and expects the charity to therefore to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statement.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

For donations to be recognised the Charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfillment of those conditions is within the control of the Charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the Balance Sheet date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.6 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Leasehold property	- 2% straight line on cost of building
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% straight line
Computer equipment	- 20% straight line

2.8 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value using the closing quoted market price. All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year. As investments are revalued to fair value continually, no realised gains or losses arise.

The fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the Balance Sheet date.

Social investments include programme related investments which are those held to further our charitable purposes. Programme related investments include concessionary loans to third parties.

2.9 Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans include those receivable to third parties which are interest free or below market interest rates and are made to advance charitable purposes. Where the loan is repayable on demand within one year, the loan is measured at cost, less impairment. Where the loan is repayable more than one year, the loan is initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment.

2.10 Debtors

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.12 Financial instruments

The Charity does not have a material holding in complex financial instruments. The Charity only holds basic Financial Instruments. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Charity are as follows:

Debtors – trade and other debtors (including accrued income) are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors will be classified as financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in Note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as in the cash settlement has already taken place and there is simply an obligation to deliver charitable services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

Investments – are measured at fair value with the exception of the social investments which are stated at cost or amortised cost detailed in Notes 2.8 and 2.9.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2.14 Pensions

The Charity is committed to providing pensions to former members of staff at an agreed rate on retirement of the employee. The cost of providing these pensions is included in the Statement of Financial Activities as it is incurred.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Committee Members in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Committee Members for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2.16 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

- Basis of valuation of financial instruments;
- Allocation of support costs;
- The useful economic life of tangible fixed assets and the depreciation rates applied;
- Impairment of programme related investments / concessionary loans.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations - general	228,228	314,909	543,137
Legacies	43,501	-	43,501
Donations received from specific institutions	132,303	-	132,303
Total 2022	404,032	314,909	718,941

An analysis of donations received from specific institutions is shown in Note 4.

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations - general	229,476	229,476
Legacies	10,000	10,000
Donations received from specific institutions	223,942	223,942
Total 2021	463,418	463,418

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4. Donations received from specific institutions

	2022	2021
	£	£
Honourable Society of Inner Temple	10,000	60,000
Honourable Society of Middle Temple (Covid Appeal £25,000)	45,000	45,000
Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (Covid Appeal £25,000)	57,000	57,000
Honourable Society of Gray's Inn	-	50,392
One Crown Office Row	250	250
Charter Chambers	768	-
Landmark Chambers	250	250
Wilberforce Chambers	-	250
Quadrant Chambers	-	500
Matrix Chambers	250	250
Falcon Chambers	-	3,000
23 Essex Street Chambers	2,500	-
Anonymous	1,000	-
Bar Golf Society	1,250	965
1GC Management Limited	250	250
Chancery Bar Association	5,000	-
Personal Injuries Bar Association	200	-
Bar Council	6,277	-
Bar Mutual Fund	-	104
Paypal Giving Fund	158	-
The Band Trust	2,000	2,000
Alastair and Rachel Norris Charitable Trust	-	1,250
Agencia Consulting Ltd	-	1,500
Gray's Inn Benchers Partners Association	-	981
Lincoln's Inn Benchers Partners Association	150	-
	132,303	223,942

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5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Dividends and interest on investments	187,085	3,393	190,478
Interest on loans	68,896	-	68,896
Bank interest receivable	731	-	731
Total 2022	256,712	3,393	260,105

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Dividends and interest on investments	166,821	166,821
Interest on loans	30,822	30,822
Bank interest receivable	48	48
Total 2021	197,691	197,691

6. Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Rental income	7,200	7,200

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Rental income	7,915	7,915

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7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Grant funding of activities 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grant giving	3,200	344,691	313,741	661,632

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Grant funding of activities 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grant giving	1,900	669,846	263,195	934,941

In both the current and previous year, all grant funding of activities were to individuals.

Grants were made to 190 individual beneficiaries, often in respect of living costs such as food, medical, rent and council tax. Grants varied in length between the short and long term and were often distributed monthly or quarterly.

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7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	113,749	112,467
Depreciation	8,800	8,800
Rent and rates	34,102	34,102
Office cleaning, electricity, insurance, maintenance and water	6,222	5,280
Printing, postage, stationery and appeals	941	2,003
Telephone	2,289	2,632
Advertising	6,890	6,390
Computer consultants	24,079	22,276
Bank charges	1,158	1,241
Subscriptions	2,043	1,786
Sundry expenses	624	673
Concessionary loans impairment	58,859	37,807
Governance costs	53,985	27,738
	313,741	263,195

8. Governance costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Legal and professional fees	31,500	16,052
Auditor's remuneration - Audit of the financial statements	17,400	8,200
Auditor's remuneration - Other services	3,000	2,225
Auditor's remuneration - Under accrual of prior year fees	2,085	1,261
	53,985	27,738

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9. Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	83,013	81,445
Social security costs	5,342	5,707
Pension costs	25,394	25,315
	113,749	112,467

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Administration	2	2

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10. Committee Members' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Committee Members, who are considered to be the Key Management Personnel of the Charity, received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2022, no Committee Member expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Properties £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2022	304,950	33,838	13,505	352,293
At 31 December 2022	304,950	33,838	13,505	352,293
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	94,388	33,838	6,569	134,795
Charge for the year	6,099	-	2,701	8,800
At 31 December 2022	100,487	33,838	9,270	143,595
Net book value				
At 31 December 2022	204,463	-	4,235	208,698
At 31 December 2021	210,562	-	6,936	217,498

All fixed assets are held for use by the Charity.

The Association has an interest in two properties (one freehold and one leasehold flat) where ownership has been transferred to the Association by beneficiaries of the Charity.

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12. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Valuation	
At 1 January 2022	8,787,936
Additions at cost	3,336,932
Disposals at carrying value	(2,839,458)
Revaluations	(1,148,077)
At 31 December 2022	<u>8,137,333</u>

13. Programme related investments - Concessionary loans

	2022 £	2021 £
Loans to beneficiaries	<u>3,555,467</u>	<u>3,640,473</u>
	2022 £	2021 £
Loans at 1 January	3,640,473	3,854,095
Loans granted in the year	297,110	60,294
Loans repaid in the year	(323,258)	(236,109)
Loan impairment charges	(58,858)	(37,807)
Loans at 31 December	<u>3,555,467</u>	<u>3,640,473</u>

The above balances include an element of loans repayable in more than one year, this is agreed on an annual basis and is therefore not quantifiable at this time.

Where possible, loans are secured on the beneficiary's property. Interest is charged on secured loans at a rate of 1% plus base rate. No interest is charged on unsecured loans.

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14. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	38	1,688
Prepayments and accrued income	52,029	24,752
Dividends and interest receivable	55,949	39,843
	108,016	66,283

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,326	2,934
Other creditors	6,163	6,465
Accruals	20,400	10,425
	29,889	19,824

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16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Designated funds						
Funds designated for loans	3,640,473	-	-	(15,006)	-	3,625,467
COVID fund	162,462	50,000	(120,662)	(91,800)	-	-
	<u>3,802,935</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>(120,662)</u>	<u>(106,806)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,625,467</u>
General funds						
General funds	9,623,517	617,944	(555,310)	106,806	(1,144,556)	8,648,401
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>13,426,452</u>	<u>667,944</u>	<u>(675,972)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,144,556)</u>	<u>12,273,868</u>
Restricted funds						
The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust	-	318,302	(26,142)	-	(3,521)	288,639
Total of funds	<u>13,426,452</u>	<u>986,246</u>	<u>(702,114)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,148,077)</u>	<u>12,562,507</u>

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

General funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Committee Board.

Designated funds are set aside by the Committee Members out of the unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes.

The fund designated for concessionary loans was set up to recognise the funds committed to loans to beneficiaries. The transfer between the funds represents the net movement during the year between loans granted in the year less amounts repaid and impaired during the year on the loans to beneficiaries.

The COVID fund relates to funds set aside by the Committee Members in connection with appeals made for members of the Bar and their dependants who have contracted the coronavirus and are unable to support themselves and their families as well as those members, particularly but not exclusively, who do publicly funded work, who find themselves in difficulty. As the Covid Fund had finished at the year end the remaining balance was transferred back into unrestricted funds.

The Inns of Court Gainsford Trust, a charitable Trust previously administered by Grays Inn, transferred their funds to the BBA. The fund is to be used to help members of the Bar of England and Wales and their dependants who either live in Greater London or who have lived in Greater London.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Designated funds						
Funds designated for loans	3,854,095	-	-	(213,622)	-	3,640,473
COVID fund	445,758	159,385	(492,681)	50,000	-	162,462
	<u>4,299,853</u>	<u>159,385</u>	<u>(492,681)</u>	<u>(163,622)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,802,935</u>
General funds						
General funds	8,618,013	509,639	(482,391)	163,622	814,634	9,623,517
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>12,917,866</u>	<u>669,024</u>	<u>(975,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>814,634</u>	<u>13,426,452</u>

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	208,698	-	208,698
Fixed asset investments	7,848,694	288,639	8,137,333
Current assets	4,246,365	-	4,246,365
Creditors due within one year	(29,889)	-	(29,889)
Total	12,273,868	288,639	12,562,507

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	217,498	217,498
Fixed asset investments	8,787,936	8,787,936
Current assets	4,440,842	4,440,842
Creditors due within one year	(19,824)	(19,824)
Total	13,426,452	13,426,452

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18. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

		2022 £	2021 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)		(863,945)	508,586
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges	11	8,800	8,800
Net loss/(gains) on investments	12	1,148,077	(814,634)
Income from investments	5	(260,105)	(197,691)
Decrease in programme related investments	13	85,006	213,622
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	14	(41,733)	65,927
Increase in creditors	15	10,065	1,529
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		86,165	(213,861)

19. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	582,882	734,086
Total cash and cash equivalents	582,882	734,086

20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	734,086	(151,204)	582,882

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21. Pension commitments

The Charity is committed to paying pensions to former staff, totalling £1,775 (2021 - £1,775) per month. To quantify the value of this commitment as at 31 December 2021 the Trustees instructed a firm of consulting actuaries to formally estimate this liability in the prior year for the purpose of its statutory financial statements. This valuation was prepared under Technical Actuarial Standard 100: Principles for Technical Actuarial Work, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Based on this the Trustees consider that this liability is not material to the financial position of the charity and hence no provision has been made in the financial statements for this liability.

The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £21,295 (2021 - £21,295). There were no contributions payable to the fund at the Balance Sheet date (2021 - £NIL).

22. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2022 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than 1 year	18,104	36,208
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	18,104
	<u>18,104</u>	<u>54,312</u>

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities:

	2022 £	2021 £
Operating lease rentals	<u>36,208</u>	<u>36,208</u>

23. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year other than Committee Members making unrestricted donations of £10,825 (2021 - £5,765) to the Charity.

If a Committee Member knows an applicant, then they are not involved in the decision making process in regards to agreeing loans or grant applications.