St Monica Trust

ST MONICA TRUST

Report of the Trustee and consolidated financial statements

Registered charity number 202151

Year ended 31 December 2025

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The Council presents its annual report and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. This report consolidates the results of St Monica Trust and its subsidiaries St Monica Trading Limited and Somerdale Pavilion Trust.

The financial statements comply with the memorandum and articles of association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustee and Advisers

The Trust was founded by Henry and Monica Wills in 1925. The Trust is constituted by a Charity Commission Scheme sealed on 30 June 2005. The subsidiary St Monica Trading Limited was incorporated on 17 November 2017 and the subsidiary Somerdale Pavilion Trust was incorporated on 17 December 2018.

Registered Address of the Trust	St Monica Trust Cote Lane Bristol. BS9 3UN
Charity Registration Number	202151

Trustee

St Monica Trustee Company Limited (a company limited by guarantee registered number 9357207) is the sole Trustee of St Monica Trust by virtue of the Charity Commission Scheme dated 1 January 2015. The directors of St Monica Trustee Company Limited, the Corporate Trustee, have ultimate responsibility for the administration of the charity and are regarded for internal governance purposes as being a trustee. The Directors are referred collectively in this report as the Council of St Monica Trust, the members of which served throughout the year and since the year-end and are set out below:

The Council

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Members of the Council serve for three years, being eligible for re-election for up to three periods. The Scheme provides for the appointment by the Council of six members of Council, six nominations by the Society of Merchant Venturers of Bristol (SMV) and three members nominated respectively by the Bishops of Bristol, Gloucester and Bath & Wells. Sir David Wills Bt was elected Patron of the Trust upon retiring as a Trustee on 30 June 2006, and Lady Wills was elected Patron of the Trust on her retirement as a Trustee on 21 June 2023.

Chief Executive

The Trust appointed Mr D Williams as Chief Executive in April 2015. Mr Williams joined the Trust from the Accord Group, where he was Executive Director for Health Care and Support. Previously, Mr Williams worked as Head of Strategy and Service Development for Housing 21 and has also held senior positions with a number of other leading charities.

Management of the Endowment

The Endowment of St Monica Trust includes the investment fund of the Trust from which income and gains are derived and utilised for charitable purposes. This investment fund is managed on the Trust's behalf by the Society of Merchant Venturers of Bristol ("SMV") in its capacity as Endowment Trustee of the Trust. The Society was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1552 by King Edward VI with amendments by subsequent monarchs in 1566, 1639, 1643, 1665, and 1988.

The Society of Merchant Venturers, as Endowment Trustee of St Monica Trust, implement the investment strategy and asset allocation as recommended by the Endowment Trustee Investment Strategy Group having regard to the financial requirements of the Trust. In turn, the Finance and Investment sub-Committee and the Estates and Property sub-Committee have particular management and advisory responsibilities for the endowment and report directly to the Investment Strategy Group. The overall investment strategy and objectives are subject to the approval of the Council.

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2 Structure, Governance and Management of the Group

History

The Trust was founded by Henry and Monica Wills in 1925.

The group is structured as three entities – the parent charity St Monica Trust and its wholly owned subsidiaries St Monica Trading Limited (incorporated on 17 November 2017) and Somerdale Pavilion Trust (incorporated on 17 December 2018). The parent conducts the charitable operations of St Monica Trust. St Monica Trading Limited was established to conduct the commercial operations undertaken at St Monica Trust's retirement village at Keynsham. The current activities being undertaken by the company include the sale of food in the B Block Café and Somer Dining Restaurant and secondly, the provision of leisure services. These services are available to residents and members of the general public. Somerdale Pavilion Trust was established to conduct the charitable activities of that Trust in providing and maintaining a pavilion, playing fields and other facilities for the use of the inhabitants of Keynsham and the surrounding areas.

Governing instrument and objects

The Trust is constituted by a Charity Commission Scheme sealed on 30 June 2005 (as amended by scheme dated 26 February 2010, by resolution dated 17 December 2014, by scheme dated 19 December 2014, by resolution dated 26 June 2019, by resolution dated 16 November 2020 and by resolution dated 21 June 2023).

The objects of the Trust, defined in clause 4 of the Scheme, which should be referred to for exact details are as follows:

"The objects of the charity are, for the public benefit, the relief of those individuals (and if appropriate their spouses) who are in need by reason of age, disability or ill-health by the provision of:

(a) accommodation and associated facilities; and/or
(b) other services or assistance".

Organisational structure

The current trustee committee structures are set out below. The committee structure was reviewed during the course of 2023 following the implementation of our 10-year strategy, and a revised structure was adopted from 1 January 2024. Membership of the existing committees at the year-end was as follows:

The Finance and Development Committee

The purpose of the Committee is to exercise oversight of the business health of the Trust including the establishing of annual budgets and liaising with the Endowment Trustee in relation to financial planning. It is also responsible for overseeing the financial aspects of the Trust's development programme.

Mr J R Ancell - Chair
Mr H L M Bothamley – President, Ex officio
Mr R Crews

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The Finance and Development Committee continued

Mr K P Despard
Mrs K Finn

The Nursing and Care Committee

The main function of this Committee is to exercise oversight and advise the Council on all matters relating to the quality of care of the Trust's residents and all operations of the Trust subject to CQC regulation, as well as to oversee the operational and financial performance and efficiency of the nursing homes, including but not limited to occupancy and staffing.

Dr M D McCaldin - Chair
Mr H L M Bothamley – President, Ex Officio
Mr K P Despard
Mrs K Finn
Mthr N V Stanley
Mr J W Rimmer
Mr J Shapiro

Charitable Foundation Committee

The purpose of this Committee is to assume delegated responsibility on behalf of the Council of the St Monica Trust in overseeing the operation, management and development of the Trust's Charitable Foundation which includes but is not limited to charitable grant programmes and innovation, to achieve maximum impact and outcomes for older people in the Trust's area of operation.

Mr J W Rimmer - Chair
Mr H L M Bothamley – President, Ex Officio
Lady Wills - Patron
Ms A Duff
Mr J Shapiro
Mrs C Duckworth DL - co-opted
Mr R N F Drewett
Dr F C Forrest
Mthr N V Stanley

The Property and Resident Services Committee

The purpose of this Committee is to oversee the operational and financial performance of the Trust's residential property and care villages, as well as some of its investment property, and oversee the implementation of any developments undertaken by the Trust. It is also responsible for overseeing compliance with statutory health and safety requirements.

Ms A Duff - Chair
Mr H L M Bothamley – President, Ex Officio
Mr J R Ancell
Mr K P Despard
Mr R N F Drewett

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The People Committee

The purpose of the Committee is to provide trustee oversight of delivery of the Trust's People Strategy and workforce plans**.**

Mrs A Duff – Chair
Mr H L M Bothamley – President, Ex Officio
Dr M McCaldin
Dr F C Forest
Dr J Shapiro
Mthr N V Stanley

The Audit Committee

The purpose of this Committee is to assume delegated responsibility on behalf of the Council of the St Monica Trust for ensuring that there is a framework for accountability; for examining and reviewing relevant systems and methods of control, both financial and otherwise including risk analysis and risk management; and for ensuring the Trust is complying with all relevant aspects of the law, regulations and good practice.

Mr H L M Bothamley - Chair
Mr J R Ancell
Mr R Crews
Mrs K Finn

The Trustee Nominations Committee

The Committee is responsible for nomination to Council of new Trustees.

Mr H L M Bothamley – Chair
Mrs E O'Driscoll

The Remuneration Committee

The Committee is responsible for oversight of reward strategy, executive pay and supporting the appraisal of the Chief Executive's performance.

Mrs D England (Chair)
Mr H L M Bothamley (President, ex officio)
Mr J R Ancell
Dr F C Forrest

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Trustee induction and training

The Corporate Trustee is appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme of St Monica Trust. The Directors of the Company are regarded for internal governance purposes as being Trustee of the Charity. On appointment each Trustee signs a Code of Conduct and attends induction meetings with other Trustees and Executives. Trustees are given a Scheme of Governance, which includes the Trustee Code of Conduct, the Charity Commission Scheme, a copy of the Risk Register, a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet CC3 and procedures on issues such as delegation of authority, recruitment, equal opportunities, investment, reserves and conflict of interest and other guidance. This information contains role descriptions of Trustees and senior executives. New Trustees meet with the President and Chief Executive and are invited to an induction tour of each of the Trust's locations. According to their skills and aptitude, they take responsibility for at least one area of activity by appointment to a sub-committee of the Council. Training needs are assessed and met.

Senior Staff Pay policy

The Trust recognises the importance of transparency and accountability in all aspects of our work, and we are committed to open information. This includes transparency about our Executive Team's salaries and how they are set.

The Trustee considers the Council and sub-committees and the Chief Executive as comprising the key management personnel of the Charity in charge of directing and controlling the Charity. All Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of Trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 28 to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register with the Trust, in accordance with the Trust's policy, and withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

The pay of the Charity's Chief Executive is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. The remuneration is bench-marked with charities of a similar size and activity to ensure that the remuneration set is fair and not out of line with that generally paid for similar roles.

Risk assessment

In the light of the Corporate Governance guidance contained within the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", the Council have examined the major risks faced by the Trust and (with the assistance of the Society of Merchant Venturers of Bristol) the endowment. They have developed systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate the impact that they may have on the Trust in the future. Each Committee of the Council reviews aspects of the risks pertinent to that Committee. The Audit Committee is responsible for the overall review and update of the Risk Register at least once a year.

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Financial risk management

The following statements summarise the Trust's policy in managing identified forms of financial risk:

- Price risk – the Trust negotiates contracts and fee rates to finance aspects of the Trust's activities and incorporates this information into its business plan. Salary costs are communicated to staff during the formal annual review of salaries. Prices of services and materials purchased are subject to contracts with suppliers, based on current market prices. The Trust is also able to respond to purchase price inflation by adjusting in most cases our fee income accordingly.
- Credit risk – credit risk on accounts owed to the Trust by its customers is low, as the majority of debtors are Local Authorities.
- Liquidity risk – the Trust currently has borrowing facilities of £40.3m expiring in June 2027 (2024: £20.4m), £27.7m was drawn down as at 31 December 2025 (2024: £19.4m), of which £27.6m is long-term (2024: £19.3m).
- Interest rate cash flow risk – the Trust is able to place surplus funds in a short-term deposit account with its bankers. The Trust carries the risk of interest rate fluctuations on its £40m RCF. The magnitude of the size of the loan is considered insignificant.
- Investment market risk – the Trust invests in a diversified portfolio of investments and properties in order to spread the risk.
- A Risk Management Framework policy is in place that includes financial loss from error, fraud or crime. This is supplemented with a risk register with regular reviews and reporting, supported with a program of internal audit.

Going concern

The Trust's activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in this Report of the Trustee. The balance sheet on page 31 sets out the financial position of the Trust and its cash flows can be seen in the cash flow statement on page 32.

The Trust meets its day-to-day working capital requirements through a combination of cash generated by the sale of leasehold properties, investment income from the endowment and Revolving Credit Facilities. The latter also funds any capital development expenditure.

The Trustees have reviewed financial forecasts for a period of 12 months and beyond from the date of signature of these financial statements. Key uncertainties are:

- The performance of the leasehold sales cycle.
- Occupancy within the Trust's care homes and retirement living properties.
- Cost inflation.
- Performance of its investments.

Having considered these uncertainties and other factors including the value of its endowment assets, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future not withstanding its net current liability position. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Related parties and connected charities

Details of related parties and connected charities and transactions with them are disclosed in note 28 to the financial statements.

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Reserves

The accounting policies on pages 33 to 42 describe the various funds of the Trust. Note 22 to the Financial Statements shows the assets and liabilities attributable to the various funds by type and summarises the year's movement on each fund.

At 31 December 2025, the value of unrestricted reserves was £20.4m (2024: £27.6m) and within the value of the endowment fund reserves of £330.5m (2024: £312.8m) is the unapplied total return fund of £242.3m (2024: £227.6m), having adopted a Total Return policy from 1 Jan 2023.

Grant-making policy – Residents' subsidies and support in the community

Applications for subsidies against full fees for residents and grants to support the community are monitored by Council Committees.

3. Objectives, Activities, Achievements and Performance

(a) Overview

2025 was the third year of our 10-year Strategy as we continued with the objective of 'getting the basics right', embedding further improvements across our sites and services. This phase of the Strategy runs until the end of the year before our focus shifts in 2026 to 'moving forward' – identifying opportunities for improved performance, growth, innovation and identifying new ways to provide care and support to older people.

(b) The focus of our work

2025 was our centenary year, marking the opening of our Cote Lane site in 1925. We celebrated with

- A service of thanksgiving at Bristol Cathedral on 18 June
- Five simultaneous garden parties across our sites on 19 June all linked together via large screens to create a shared experience
- The burying of time capsules on all our sites
- A Winter Wonderland at Cote Lane in December to finish the year

In addition, a coffee table book charting the history of the Trust is being written and will be available in 2026.

Millstream, the final building at The Chocolate Quarter was completed in December 2025 with the first residents moving in in January 2026. Millstream comprises 44 retirement apartments, 18 of which are affordable (and let through the local authority). This completes The Chocolate Quarter development.

We made changes to our Executive Team in 2025. Elliot Murray was appointed Director of Estates and Capital Development. Roger Hayward was appointed Director of Retirement Villages but decided to leave the Trust in late 2025. Paul Tisdale became interim Director of Retirement Villages alongside his normal role as Director of Innovation. In addition, Julie Haydon, Director of People left the Trust in September 2025, and we welcomed Alison Manning who joined us as her replacement.

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Artificial intelligence is becoming very important. In response we created an A.I. Taskforce to look at how we can leverage this technology to improve efficiency across the Trust and reduce costs.

We created a Workday team to ensure we get the most out of this application, with the aim of automating Trust processes to release staff capacity. The team was placed in the IT Directorate but with strong links back to Finance and HR.

2025 saw the completion of our project to update the warden call services across our villages. In all villages (except The Chocolate Quarter), residents received a touch-screen tablet in their apartment that they can use to check in each day, summon help if needed, and receive communications from the Trust. As part of this project, we improved Wi-Fi across the Trust (including outside spaces) enabling residents to quickly summon help via a pendant if they need it.

Awareness of our Charitable Foundation grew in 2025. The Impact Alliance grew and moved to an implementation phase, with the first funding distributed in late 2025 within identified communities in our region, with the aim of identifying projects that will contribute to making loneliness a stranger.

(c) The strategies we use to deliver our objectives

The objectives of St Monica Trust focus the work of the Charity on older people and adults with a physical disability or long-term illness. The purpose of the Charity is to create **'communities where older people flourish'** and the strategies we use to meet such objectives include:

- Providing **retirement housing/sheltered housing accommodation** all of which is disability-friendly and capable of supporting individuals in wheelchairs.

- **'Extra Care' Housing** in partnership with Bristol City Council and Bath and North East Somerset Council. Service users enjoy the comfort of living within their own home as an alternative to entry into a care home and are thus afforded greater choice and independence and the stimulation of a lively environment in which to live.

- **Domiciliary Care** – many people prefer to 'stay put' as their care needs increase. A 24-hour Domiciliary Care service is available within the Trust's own retirement housing settings that enables individuals to maintain their independence within their own home.

- High quality **nursing and residential care** are key elements of the support provided by the Trust. In addition to long-term care, short-term places are available to give a carer a much-needed break, or for those recovering following an operation or period of hospitalisation, and as a 'safe haven' for those older people facing an emergency or breakdown in their normal care arrangements. Many elements of our short-term care are operated in partnership with the NHS and local authorities.

  In recent years, caring for people living with **Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia** has become a central feature of the services offered by the Trust. This highly specialist care is provided in safe and positive environments where activities and therapies are a regular part of daily life.

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- Our **Charitable Foundation** works with older people to provide support and to improve the quality of life for people who live in our care homes and retirement villages and also to older people in their own communities. Through our **Charitable Giving, Care Academy and Centre of Innovation,** we support individuals and communities to flourish through connection, contribution and choice. Our Charitable Giving team delivers these intentions by awarding grants to individuals with gifts of financial support, as well as grants to local organisations and working in partnership with others to maximise impact.

Recruitment and retention of staff

The St Monica Trust aims to recruit and retain a high calibre workforce in order to deliver the high quality of care that we have built our reputation upon.

Recruiting the 'right' people that share the Trust's values is equally as important as recruiting people with the right skills. We offer a competitive pay and benefits package and are continually reviewing ways of improving this. Our aspiration is to become a Real Living Wage employer and to increase the basic pay of all our staff. This will aid the continual challenge of recruitment felt by all in the social care sector.

We ensure employees are supported in the workplace using an annual and quarterly performance management process that cascades organisational objectives and focuses on personal development at regular intervals during a 12-month period. This has been facilitated by our new Workday Human Resource system.

The Trust prides itself on its training and development provision for employees, employing an in-house team of skilled trainers that deliver tailored training both internally to St Monica Trust staff and externally to other care providers. We are also an accredited assessment centre for health and social care qualifications. All colleagues must complete a comprehensive mandatory training programme upon appointment and undertake regular updates to stay up to date. Tailored training is provided upon request to teams to target specific areas of need.

We welcomed another significant cohort of health and social care apprentices to the Trust. Apprenticeships are also made available to current staff, and we have had a wide range of qualifications gained across the Trust. Our apprentices represent a wide range of roles, backgrounds, and stages in their careers - from those starting out in their professional journey to highly experienced team members who are building on their expertise and progressing to advanced and degree-level qualifications. During the year we expanded our apprenticeship programme and as December 2025 we had 85 staff benefitting from our apprenticeship programme.

(d) Public benefit and maximising access to our services

The Trustee of St Monica Trust has referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing and planning the work of the Charity. The concern of the Trustees has been to ensure that the Trust, in servicing the needs of older people, has due regard to the particular needs of those individuals within the beneficiary group who require assistance.

Whilst all persons who receive support from our Charitable Giving team are individuals who can be regarded as in financial need, people who access our other services come from a range of socio-

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economic backgrounds. The legal and regulatory framework in relation to payment by the state for care remains firmly rooted in a system of means testing. For example, any individuals who have money or assets in excess of £23,250 will find themselves responsible for meeting the cost of living in a care home.

When approximately 75% of the population over 65 years own their own property, quite clearly the welfare state assumes financial responsibility for only a percentage of people who need care.

Thus, along with other voluntary organisations, the Trust engages with people in need of a service, some of whom can afford the fee and others who are unable to meet such costs. The traditions and the philosophy of the Trust, and indeed the guidance of the Charities Act 2011, ensure that the Trust makes provision for individuals who are unable to pay the fees for relevant services and thus are able to benefit and not be excluded from the Trust's services.

In 2025, the Trust helped 23,113 (2024: 5,078) people, of whom 21,917 or 94.8% (2024: 3,879 or 76.4%) were afforded financial support by the Trust.

Of the total above, the Trust helped 1,618 individuals in 2025 (2024: 1,628) in its residential care services (care homes and retirement villages), of which 422 or 26.1% (2024: 429 or 26.4%), were afforded financial support by the Trust.

To uphold our founders' commitments, today we deliver the aims of supporting older people in the wider community through awarding grants to individuals with gifts of financial support, as well as grants to local organisations.

Through its grants to individuals, the Trust also helped 366 older people (2024: 529) in financial need through its Individual Giving scheme. Additionally, 16,829 (2024: 2,921) people benefitted from the Trust's financial support through its Organisational Giving Fund for local, community-based organisations, with a further 4,300 people benefitting from the All Together Now programme.

Charitable Foundation: Charitable Giving 2025 update:

Overview

Our ten-year strategy places equal importance on our role as a provider of retirement villages and care homes, and our charitable activity. In line with this strategy, we are utilising more of our endowment resources for social impact to advance our charitable purpose.

In 2025, we focused on our strategic aim to grow our grant-giving and strengthen the impact of our funding. We allocated our charitable giving across three core streams:

(a) Individual Giving Fund

Purpose: Immediate financial support to older people in crisis

- Reflects our founders' original vision to support those without means
- Since our inception, SMT has provided grants to individuals facing financial hardship
- Upholds our moral responsibility to provide relief to those suffering urgent financial distress

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(b) Organisational Giving Fund

Purpose: Grants to local organisations aligned with our mission

- Tackles barriers to ageing well through targeted thematic funding
- Builds long-term, sustainable relationships via a relational approach to funding
- Offers multi-year grants to strengthen organisational resilience

(c) Charitable Programme

Purpose: Strategic, collaborative initiatives for greater impact via the **Impact Alliance**

- Work more strategically in partnership to drive systemic, long-term change
- Embraces ‘engaged philanthropy’, more than just financial support
- Leverages additional resources into the area and influences wider systems
- Builds strong, resilient communities for all, to the benefit of older people

Across these three streams, a total of £1,676,543 was awarded (previous year £684,684). This increase was due to our 2024 £500,000 contribution to the Impact Alliance being paid in 2025 in addition to our 2025 contribution of £500,000.

Activity across each of the three core streams is as follows:

(a) Individual Giving Fund

In 2025, £231,533 was awarded, supporting 366 unique individuals experiencing financial hardship, made up of short-term grants of £141,467 and gifts awarded of £90,065. While overall application numbers were lower than in previous years, demand remained high, particularly among individuals awaiting benefit decisions and those struggling with household bills and debt. Average award values increased slightly, reflecting continued cost-of-living pressures.

The Fund continued to act as a vital and responsive safety net for older people experiencing acute financial need. Feedback consistently demonstrated significant impact, particularly in improved financial security, well-being, and daily living.

Operational performance improved further during the year, with average response times reduced to two days, enabling timely intervention at points of crisis.

Application volumes were influenced by an eligibility change introduced in April 2025, which increased the minimum age from 50 to 55. This brought the Fund into alignment with sector norms and SMT’s Organisational Giving criteria, while also supporting demand management.

- Applications received: 609 (14% fewer than 2024)
- Successful applications: 396 (65% success rate; 81% in 2024)
- Total awarded: £231,533
- Average gift award: £450 (2024: £422)
- Average applications per month: 51 (2024: 59)
- Average response time: 2 days (2024: 6 days)
- Unique individuals supported: 366

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Short-term grants awarded

A total of £141,467 was awarded through 333 new short-term grants. As anticipated, the majority supported individuals awaiting benefit decisions or experiencing issues with benefit claims (47%), followed by support with household bills and debt (36%). This reflects the Fund's continued role in preventing financial crises from escalating.

Gifts awarded

The re-introduction of gifts in January 2025 was positively received by referral agencies and individuals. A total of £90,066 was awarded through 200 gifts, most commonly to support essential household items such as domestic appliances and furniture.

In response to lower-than-anticipated winter demand, the team took a targeted approach in late 2025. Gifts equivalent to three months of a short-term grant (£432) were provided to individuals who remained in need, but for whom grant extensions had been paused earlier in the year. This ensured timely winter support for those most at risk.

Impact of grants

In 2025, 362 pieces of feedback were received, the majority of which related to improved financial security, well-being, and daily living. Feedback consistently highlighted not only the practical value of financial support but also the importance of being treated with dignity and compassion during difficult circumstances.

In addition, in 2025, SMT relaunched the Individual Giving Funders Network, which now comprises thirteen funders. The network provides a structured forum for collaboration, shared learning, and the development of more sustainable responses to individual hardship. This represents a strategic investment in improving the effectiveness and efficiency of individual grant-giving across the region.

(b) Organisational Giving Fund

In 2025, £445,018 was awarded through 24 grants to 17 organisations, reaching 16,829 older people across the West of England. This compares with £415,746 awarded through 18 grants to 14 organisations in 2024, reaching 2,921 older people.

Funding supported a wide range of activity aligned with our strategic priorities, including digital inclusion, reducing isolation, volunteering and employment, community development, and advice and support services. Multi-year funding continues to provide stability, support organisational resilience, and deliver value for money, while collaboration and match funding have extended impact beyond SMT's direct investment. Organisational Giving funds were applied across the following thematic funds:

- **Core Funding**

Seven organisations were awarded a total of £137,666: Alive Activities, Age UK Bristol, Age UK South Gloucestershire, Bristol After Stroke, Swan Advice Network, WE Care Home Improvements, and West of England Rural Network. Impact will be measured through strengthened organisational capacity, strategic effectiveness, and financial stability.

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- **Improving Connections Continuation Fund**

In 2025, Year 1 funding of £54,504 was awarded to Remind UK, Talk Club, and Alive Activities as part of a three-year commitment, with funding decreasing by 25% in each subsequent year. We also produced an Impact Report in 2025 on the initial Improving Connections Fund, which showed strong evidence of improved well-being and reduced isolation among participants, informing the decision to provide continuation finding to these organisations.

- **Community Development Fund**

In 2025, Year 2 funding of £73,327 was awarded to Southmead Development Trust and Knowle West Health Park as part of a three-year funding arrangement. Funding to each of these organisations supports a part-time Community Development Worker for Older People. In 2025, both organisations expanded community-led activities and connections for older people, delivering 85+ interventions in South Bristol reaching 389 people, while in Southmead a wide range of groups, events and outreach supported hundreds more, improving social connections, well-being, volunteering and community participation, and enabling several groups to become increasingly self-sustaining.

- **Digital Inclusion Fund**

The third and final year of funding of £92,566 from the Digital Inclusion Fund was awarded in 2025 to North Somerset Training, Sight Support West of England and North Bristol Advice Centre. In 2025, this funding supported outreach, training and one-to-one support for older people, delivering over 100 sessions across multiple community locations and reaching hundreds of participants. Programmes improved digital confidence, online safety and community connection, enabling previously excluded individuals to access services, reduce isolation, and build independence, with many going on to engage in wider community activities.

- **General Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to enable us to respond to local need outside our thematic funds. In 2025, we awarded £12,000 to Tobacco Factory Theatres, and £2,467 to Keynsham Snap and Stroll to support creative and inclusive activities for older people. Funding helped to build participants' confidence, reduce social isolation and foster connections. For example, Tobacco Factory Theatres 'Tea and Tales' brought together participants to co-create performances, with Keynsham Snap & Stroll strengthened a small local group and enabled them to provide regular activities and engagement.

Partnerships and networks

Active participation in collaborative funder networks continues to add strategic value to the Trust's grant-giving. Through the Bristol Older Peoples Funders Alliance (BOPFA), the Trust is supporting joint responses to shared priorities, including unpaid carers and housing conditions. Participation in the Bristol Funders Network is strengthening shared learning, reducing duplication, and improving co-ordination across the funding sector in Bristol. The network creates a space for local funders and philanthropists to better understand needs, gaps, and funding opportunities as part of a strategic approach.

As part of working with partners, we support numerous collaborative funding initiatives including:

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- **Alive Activities: BME Elders Health and Well-being Project**

In 2025, SMT continued to support Alive's BME Elders Health & Well-being Project with a grant of £25,000, alongside The Grateful Society and The Anchor Society, as part of the Bristol Older Peoples Funders Alliance who made additional funder contributions of £14,350.

The project has been funded since April 2023 and focuses on addressing health inequalities and social isolation among older Black and Ethnic Minority communities in Bristol, particularly those living in deprived areas. It is a community-led initiative, with elders managing groups and shaping services based on member feedback.

Over the past six months, the project has had a significant impact. It has improved mental and physical health, reduced loneliness, and strengthened community connections. Members report feeling more engaged and less isolated. Leadership development has also been a key achievement, with younger members stepping into leadership roles to ensure sustainability.

- **Age UK Bristol: Complex Advice**

SMT granted £5,000, with additional contributions totalling £24,126 from The Anchor Society and the Society of Merchant Venturers (Cote Charity). Funding supported specialist advice for older people with complex needs, delivering over 590 interventions and securing £250,000+ in additional income. Support included intensive casework, advocacy and crisis intervention, helping vulnerable clients resolve financial, housing and benefits issues and maintain independence.

- **Age UK South Gloucestershire: Improving Homes & Well-being Service**

We continued to support this project in 2025 with £14,000. The service also receives £60,000 from South Gloucestershire Council's Prevention Programme to cover the project costs. SMT's contribution funded small remedial and/or emergency works, helping older people keep their homes safe and in good condition so they can live independently for longer.

- **Joint Heating Project**

Since 2021, SMT and The Anchor Society have jointly funded the Heating Project to help older people stay warm and well. Each partner makes an annual contribution, creating a safety net for vulnerable people when no other funding is available. Grants cover essential repairs or replacement of heating systems, including gas boilers and electric storage heaters.

This match-funding approach offers excellent value for money and helps attract additional resources, increasing overall impact. In 2025, SMT contributed £24,000 and The Anchor Society over £50,000.

Demand doubled in 2025 compared with the previous year, reflecting growing need amongst older homeowners who are asset-rich but cash-poor and unable to access statutory schemes. Since 2021, the project has supported 77 households. A total of £142,766 in joint funding has leveraged over £183,000 of impact through contributions from other trusts and foundations, smaller amounts leveraged by referrers, and, in some cases, the beneficiary was able to contribute a small amount, enabling works that would otherwise have been unaffordable.

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Without this partnership, neither funder could achieve the same level of impact or meet rising demand. The project provides value for money and delivers clear improvements in health, safety, and well-being.

- **Southmead Development Trust: Neighbours Connect project**

SMT granted £4,489 to Southmead Development Trust for the Neighbours Connect project, with additional funder contributions totalling £31,000 from The Anchor Society and The Grateful Society. In 2025, funding provided tailored support to isolated older people, improving their well-being.

(c) Charitable Programme funding – West of England Impact Alliance

The West of England Impact Alliance (the Impact Alliance) is a collaborative charitable programme of which St Monica Trust is a founding member and a core strategic partner. The Impact Alliance provides SMT with a structured vehicle to deliver its long-term strategic aims: investing upstream, working collaboratively, taking informed risks, and supporting communities to build solutions that are sustainable beyond SMT funding. This work complements Individual and Organisational Giving by addressing root causes of loneliness and disconnection and contributing to system-wide change aligned with SMT's 10-year vision.

SMT has ringfenced its charitable programme funding to support the Impact Alliance approach, which supports SMT's following strategic aims:

- Convene sector partners to collectively address issues affecting older people across our region.
- Focus on a specific locality within our area to deliver sustained impact for our target beneficiaries. Identify an appropriate geography to invest in significantly over time.
- Use our grant making power to generate greater and longer lasting impact.

The work underway with the Impact Alliance falls into four broad areas:

- Pilot communities
- Scaling best practice
- Understanding impact
- Operations, finance and strategy
- All Together Now Project

Pilot communities: Enabling Organisations (Enablers)

During 2025, SMT awarded a total of £50,000 to five of the six Enablers to support the completion of Phase 1 (Research Discovery) across the Impact Alliance's pilot communities, testing a community-led, place-based approach aligned with SMT's strategic focus on strengthening local connection and reducing loneliness: The pilot communities and their Enablers are:

- Charfield (Enabler: CVS South Gloucestershire)
- Mendip Villages (Enabler: the three Parish Councils of Churchill, Banwell, and Winscombe & Sandford)
- Somer Valley (Enabler: 3SG)

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- Stockwood (Enabler: Bristol Charities)
- Global Majority Older People (Enabler: Black South West Network)
- Disabled young people (Enabler: WECIL) (NB funded by another funder)

Five of the above six Enablers are funded by SMT and their key findings were presented in December. This led to the release of Phase 2 (Change Makers) funding of £50,000 awarded to each Enabler to support practical, on-the-ground action by Change Makers. The total funding pots of £50,000 are being transferred in £10,000 tranches but all payments are against the 2025 budget. As such, £250,000 has been awarded in funding for Change Makers with £50,000 paid in 2025 and £200,000 to be paid in 2026.

Scaling best practice

Alongside place-based pilots, the Impact Alliance is investing in scaling proven models. Funding in 2025 was awarded to:

- Redcatch Community Garden (£38,105) to support up to ten emerging community initiatives to replicate its sustainable, community-led approach.
- Age UK Bristol (£85,885) to scale the 'Friends Ageing Better' (FAB) Disco model across the region to reduce loneliness and strengthen connection.

These programmes are designed to amplify what already works well and extend its impact across the West of England region.

Understanding impact

In 2025, SMT funded a three-year, part-time Research Fellow post hosted by the University of Bristol (£50,000 awarded in 2025). An appointment to this role was made in December and the post-holder will be working with communities to co-produce a common evaluation framework. This will strengthen our ability to evidence impact, learn in real time, and share learning across partners and beyond the region in line with SMT's ambition to contribute to wider sector learning.

Operations, governance and strategy

SMT and the Shaw Foundation provided funding to Age UK Bristol to act as the host organisation for a dedicated staff post for the Impact Alliance. In September, the post was filled (SMT's contribution: £26,002).

An Impact Alliance Governance and Accountability Framework was developed in partnership with SMT's lawyers in 2025 and ratified by Council. This is supported by an updated Terms of Reference and the establishment of a Steering Group. Data-sharing arrangements are in development to support accountability.

Additional Leverage Funding

A priority in SMT's charitable funding programme strategy (via the Impact Alliance) is to leverage additional funding from other organisations and, in 2025, SMT contributions of £500,000 to the above initiatives leveraged a total of £430,000 through match funding and collaborative investment from the

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Shaw Foundation, Arts Council England, Sovereign Network Group, Bristol Charities and South Gloucestershire Council.

Pilot communities: All Together Now project

The Impact Alliance's flagship All Together Now programme secured significant external investment in 2025. SMT's £500,000 commitment leveraged a total of £1.12m, including £250,000 from Arts Council England, £100,000 from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority (WECA), £100,000 from The Grateful Society, £146,000 from Bristol Beacon, and £25,000 from Sirona Care & Health. Delivery is now underway through Bristol Beacon, with appropriate governance structures in place and SMT representation on oversight boards. The project is expected to reach 4,300 people across the six pilot communities.

Charitable Giving Summary

In 2025, at least 21,495 individuals in the wider community outside our retirement villages and care homes directly benefited from SMT's charitable funding, with many more benefiting indirectly through the work of funded organisations and Impact Alliance programmes.

Charitable Foundation Costs	**Totals**
(a) Individual Giving	**£231,533** (2024: £268,938)
(b) Organisational Giving	**£445,018** (2024: £415,746)
(c) Charitable Programme	**£999,992** (2024: £nil)
Total net giving (a-c)	**£1,676,543** (2024: £684,684)
Charity Giving Team	**£277,260** (2024: £230,330)
Total Cost	**£1,953,803** (2024: £915,014)

The objectives and achievements of the Endowment Trustee

The Trustees resolved with effect from 1 January 2023 to adopt a Total Return approach to the permanent endowment, bringing flexibility and agility to the investment and utilisation of endowment funds.

The former permanently endowed funds were effectively split into two – the Investment Fund and the Unapplied Total Return Fund ("UTR").

The Investment Fund represents the permanent endowment which was originally given to establish the charity valued at a specific date determined by the Trustees and this is inflated over time in line with CPI.

The Unapplied Total Return Fund ("UTR") represents the balance of the fund, and all future capital gain and income growth is attributed to this fund. It should be noted that the assets and management of the endowment continue to be managed as one pool by the Endowment Trustee. The Trustees also approved an Investment Policy and Distribution Policy at the time of adoption.

The objectives for the year:

- Agricultural property investments: To attain an average annual real (inflation adjusted) total return of at least 4% over the long term (measured over rolling 10-year periods).

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- Financial investments: To attain an average annual real (inflation adjusted) total return of at least 4% over the long term (measured over rolling 10-year periods) and to outperform a composite benchmark measured over 3-year rolling periods.

  The composite benchmark for allocation of financial investments is as follows:

%	Benchmark
10%	FTSE All Share Index
42%	MSCI World Index (Net)
8%	MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net)
10%	MSCI World Index (Net) - Lagged
10%	HFRI FOF Diversified Index (Dynamic)
10%	Credit Benchmark
4%	Bloomberg Global Inflation Linked Bond Index - UK
4%	FTSE World Government Bond Index (Hedged) - £
2%	Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rate (SONIA)

- Distribution: To provide the Trust with £11.2 million for 2025 (2024: £9.8m).

Achievements for the year have been as follows:

Summary: The market value of St Monica Trust's investments managed by the Endowment Trustee was £328.8 million at 31 December 2025 which was an increase of 4.3% compared to the market value of £310.5 million December 2024. The increase was driven by higher Hope values attributed to property assets and market value increases in financial assets.

Asset Allocation: The broad asset allocation at 31 December 2025 was:

Agricultural property	58%
Commercial property	4%
Financial investments	38%
Cash on deposit	0%

This accords with the target asset allocation contained in the Investment Policy as set out below;

	Target allocation
Property	55% - 65%
Financial investments	35% - 45%
Minimum cash holding at any one time	0 – 5%

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Agricultural Property Investments:

For the 10 years to 31 December 2025 the portfolio achieved its objective of attaining an average annual real (inflation adjusted) total return of at least 4%. Actual average annual performance was 9.0% per annum for the 10 years. In 2025 CPI + 4% was 7.2%.

Financial Investments:

After a global sell-off in April 2025, equity markets recovered sharply, keeping valuations at historically high levels. Market cap indexes remained highly concentrated in large tech names, as concerns about tariff impacts were more than offset by enthusiasm for Artificial Intelligence.

During 2025 the financial investment portfolio advised by Cambridge Associates has transitioned to the total return approach with less reliance on UK centric and income orientated funds. By using the advisory management of Cambridge Associates, the Endowment Trustee has been able to interview and select the best managers from a wide section of the investment market and so diversify the risk.

During 2025 the following transactions took place:

- A full redemption from KBI
- A new investment in GMO
- A new investment in Hollyport
- A partial redemption from Newton
- A new investment in Wellington Durable
- A new investment in Arrowstreet 130/30

For the 3 years to 31 December 2025 the portfolio returned annualised total return of 7.6% against the benchmark of 9.1%.

For the 10 years to 31 December 2025 the portfolio achieved an annualised performance of 7.1% per annum, compared to the benchmark of 7.7% and the target of 7.4% (based on CPI+4%).

During 2024 two further investment advisers were onboarded following a beauty parade held in 2023: LGT Wealth Management and Rathbones Investment Management, both mangers have discretionary mandates. Both managers have an investment objective to deliver CPI+4%.

For the year ended 31 December 2025 the portfolio advised by LGT returned annualised total return of 6.4% against the benchmark of 8.8% and a CPI+4% target of 7.2%.

For the year ended 31 December 2025 the portfolio advised by Rathbones returned annualised total return of 6.1% against the benchmark of 8.8% and a CPI+4% target of 7.2%.

Distribution:

The Endowment Investments provided the Trust with £11.44m (2024: £9.44m) of cash in 2025 against a target of £11.2m, a surplus of £0.2m. Distributions are measured on a three-year rolling basis and for the three years to 31 December 2025 the Endowment Investments provided the Trust with £28.3m which was in line with the target requested of £28.3m.

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In addition, cash of £5.0m was transferred in 2024 in relation to the S282 Expendable Endowment, taking the total cash transfer in respect of the Expendable Endowment to £18.5m at 31 December 2025. In Q1 2026 a further £1.5m of cash relating to the S282 was transferred, taking the total delivered to the £20m approved distribution.

4. Financial review

The Trust's financial position at the end of 2025 was strong, with net assets and total funds of £351.4m (2024: £340.9m). The increase was primarily due to realised and unrealised gains within the Endowment portfolio of £19.1m.

At 31 December 2025, our total unrestricted funds total £262.7m (2024: £255.2m) made up of the unrestricted reserves £16.8m (2024: £21.4m), expendable endowment funds £3.6m (2024: £5.7m) and the unapplied total return fund (held within the Endowment Fund) of £242.3m (2024: £227.6m).

The Trust is reliant on the distribution from the Endowment, which in 2025 was £11.44 million compared with the target for the year of £11.2 million (2024: £9.44 million compared with the target for the year of £9.8 million).

The Endowment Trustee considers the portfolio is well diversified to respond to the needs of the Trust.

Subsidiary company results

These statements include the trading activity for St Monica Trading Limited. The principal activity of the company is to undertake the commercial operations at the Trust's retirement village at Keynsham. The current activities include catering and leisure facilities offered to residents and members of the general public. The trading result for the year was a profit of £19k which will be used to support the Trust's charitable objectives.

These statements include the trading activity for Somerdale Pavilion Trust. The principal activity of the charitable company is to provide and maintain a pavilion, playing fields and other facilities for the use of the inhabitants of Keynsham and the surrounding areas. The trading result for the year was a profit of £123k which was generated from total income of £1,377k and charitable expenditure of £1,254k. After exceptional costs in respect of the roof refurbishment at the Pavilion of £465k the operating deficit was £342k.

5. Plans for future periods

The Trust will deliver the following objectives in 2026:

We intend to move our head office from Cote Lane to The Chocolate Quarter late in 2026 or early 2027, bringing colleagues to the new office on a hybrid working basis. This will break silo working and encourage cooperation, synergy and innovation.

In 2026, we will create a strategy for our training academy alongside an implementation plan. We will start building partnerships and design a commercial model that will explore giving access to our training to third parties.

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In 2026 we will define our Health and Well-being Hub proposition, exploring a business case for opening a Health Hub at Somerdale Pavilion in 2027 and at Westbury Fields in 2029.

In 2026 we will start building our Hub Café / Reception at Cote Lane, with opening scheduled for February 2027. This important project will create a new central point for residents and visitors to access our services and provide a comfortable area for residents, their loved-ones and Trust colleagues to meet, relax and enjoy a coffee and other refreshments.

We will submit planning permission for the DEFRA land at Westbury Fields in 2026. We will appoint contractors and commence building in 2027 with completion in 2029.

We will refurbish the Russets care home in 2026.

We will develop a mid-market integrated community housing and care model for agreement by Trustees in 2026, alongside an agreed delivery model to allow the Trust to approach the market in 2027.

In 2026 we will be upgrading a range of organisational technology including care systems, telephony and nurse call. We will also make the transition to SharePoint.

In 2026 we hope to open a supermarket in Block C at The Chocolate Quarter and agree terms for a tenant for half of floor 3. We will continue to market the remaining office space with the intention of Block C being fully let by the end of 2028.

Village service optimisation proposals will be drawn up in 2026, with the village structures and processes to be updated in 2027 to give a better resident experience and increased accountability for village managers, in line with the Trust's commitment to community integration and place shaping.

We will continue to fund the Impact Alliance on a rolling basis in 2026-8. As operational subsidies decrease over the period, we will increase the amount of money available to the Foundation for charitable giving and new funding priorities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

The Trustees who held office at the date of approval of this Report of the Trustee confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditors are unaware; and each Trustee has taken all the steps that he/ she ought to have taken as a Trustee to make himself/ herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditors are aware of that information.

By order of the Board

Mr Michael Bothamley
President of the Council

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities in respect of the Trustee's annual report and the financial statements

Under charity law, the trustee is responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustee and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustee is required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.*

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustee:

- selects suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- makes judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- states whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- states whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assesses the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- uses the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The trustee is required to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustee to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision.

They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditor's report to the Trustee of St Monica Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Monica Trust (the 'Charity') and its subsidiaries (together, the 'Group') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Charity Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated Cash Flow Statement, Consolidated and Charity Balance Sheet, and notes to the financial statements, including 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 Group and Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2025, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustee's annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustee is responsible for the other information contained within the 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.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustee's report; or
- the Group or Charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the Group or Charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Trustee

As explained more fully in the Trustee's responsibilities statement, the Trustee is responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustee is responsible for assessing the group and charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustee either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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

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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.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the sector, control environment and the Group and Charity's performance;
- results of our enquiries of management and the Trustee Board, including the committees charged with governance over the charity's finance and control, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to: identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance; detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations;

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud, which included incorrect recognition of revenue, management override of controls using manual journal entries. We identified the greatest potential for fraud as incorrect recognition of revenue and management override using manual journal entries.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Group and Charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Charities Act 2011 and tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Group and Charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess the recognition of income;
- enquiring of the Trustee and management and those charged with governance concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing procedures to confirm material compliance with the requirements of its regulators;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing internal control reports; and

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- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; and assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from an error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the FRC's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for.This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Trustee 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 Group and Charity and the Group or Charity's Trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joe Scaife

Joseph Scaife FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of
Bishop Fleming Audit Limited
Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors
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Date: 2 July 2026

Bishop Fleming Audit Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

Consolidated statement of financial activities (including an income & expenditure account) for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated funds	Other restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income								
Income from charitable activities								
Residential care and support		45,455	-	56	-	-	45,511	42,996
Accommodation income		563		-	-	-	563	460
Generated funds								
Investment income	4	1,337	-	11	-	7,755	9,103	10,200
Total income		**47,355**		**67**	**-**	**7,755**	**55,177**	**53,656**
Expenditure								
Costs of raising funds								
Investment management charges	6a	(52)	-	-	-	(934)	(986)	(978)
Property operational costs	6b	(734)	-	-	-	(666)	(1,400)	(1,498)
Major repairs	6c	(33)	-	-	-	(318)	(351)	(494)
Total costs of generating funds	6	(819)	-	-	-	(1,918)	(2,737)	(2,970)
Charitable activities								
Costs in furtherance of the Trust's objects								
Residential care and support	7	(58,842)	-	(38)	-	(223)	(59,103)	(57,412)
Accommodation costs		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community support		(1,954)	-	-	-	-	(1,954)	(915)
Governance	8	(111)	-	-	-	-	(111)	(113)
Total charitable expenditure		(60,907)	-	(38)	-	(223)	(61,168)	(58,440)
Total expenditure		**(61,726)**	**-**	**(38)**	**-**	**(2,141)**	**(63,905)**	**(61,410)**
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		(14,371)	-	29	-	5,614	(8,728)	(7,754)
Realised and unrealised gains on investments	14	-	-	(16)	-	19,162	19,146	(2,979)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year before transfers		(14,371)	-	13	-	24,776	10,418	(10,733)
Transfers between funds	9	9,713	(467)	(62)	(2,095)	(7,089)	-	-
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit pension	29	57	-	-	-	-	57	367
Net movement in funds		(4,601)	(467)	(49)	(2,095)	17,687	10,475	(10,366)
Total funds brought forward		21,410	467	480	5,728	312,815	340,900	351,266
Total funds carried forward	22	**16,809**	**-**	**431**	**3,633**	**330,502**	**351,375**	**340,900**

Incoming resources and resulting net movement in funds in each year arise from continuing operations. The group has no recognised gains or losses for the current or previous year other than those shown above.

Charity statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated funds	Other restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income								
Income from charitable activities								
Residential care and support		43,447	-	56	-	-	43,503	41,122
Accommodation income		563	-	-	-	-	563	460
Generated funds								
Investment income	4	1,337	-	11	-	7,755	9,103	10,200
Total income		**45,347**	**-**	**67**	**-**	**7,755**	**53,169**	**51,782**
Expenditure								
Costs of raising funds								
Investment management charges	6a	(52)	-	-	-	(934)	(986)	(978)
Property operational costs	6b	(734)	-	-	-	(666)	(1,400)	(1,498)
Major repairs	6c	(33)	-	-	-	(318)	(351)	(494)
Total costs of generating funds	6	(819)	-	-	-	(1,918)	(2,737)	(2,970)
Charitable activities								
Costs in furtherance of the Trust's objects								
Residential care and support	7	(56,512)	-	(38)	-	(223)	(56,773)	(55,693)
Accommodation costs		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community support		(1,954)	-	-	-	-	(1,954)	(915)
Governance	8	(97)	-	-	-	-	(97)	(101)
Total charitable expenditure		(58,563)	-	(38)	-	(223)	(58,824)	(56,709)
Total expenditure		**(59,382)**	**-**	**(38)**	**-**	**(2,141)**	**(61,561)**	**(59,679)**
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		(14,035)	-	29	-	5,614	(8,392)	(7,897)
Realised and unrealised gains on investments	14	-	-	(16)	-	19,162	19,146	(2,979)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year before transfers		(14,035)	-	13	-	24,776	10,754	(10,876)
Transfers between funds	9	9,713	(467)	(62)	(2,095)	(7,089)	-	-
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit pension	29	57	-	-	-	-	57	367
Net movement in funds		(4,265)	(467)	(49)	(2,095)	17,687	10,811	(10,509)
Total funds brought forward		20,761	467	480	5,728	312,815	340,251	350,760
Total funds carried forward	22	**16,496**	**-**	**431**	**3,633**	**330,502**	**351,062**	**340,251**

Incoming resources and resulting net movement in funds in each year arise from continuing operations. The group has no recognised gains or losses for the current or previous year other than those shown above.

Consolidated and charity balance sheets at 31 December 2025

	Note	Group		Charity	
		2025	2024	**2025**	2024
		£'000	£'000	**£'000**	£'000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	173,369	163,681	**173,255**	163,656
Investments	14	337,087	323,838	**337,087**	323,838
		510,456	487,519	**510,342**	487,494
Current assets					
Stocks	15	71	55	**65**	48
Debtors	16	11,707	10,446	**11,805**	9,852
Cash at bank and in hand		5,502	5,893	**5,089**	5,684
		17,280	16,394	**16,959**	15,584
Creditors: due within one year	17	(27,904)	(26,472)	**(27,782)**	(26,286)
Net current liabilities		(10,624)	(10,078)	**(10,823)**	(10,702)
Total assets less current liabilities		499,832	477,441	**499,519**	476,792
Creditors: due after more than one year	18	(143,409)	(131,463)	**(143,409)**	(131,463)
Net assets excluding pension liability		356,423	345,978	**356,110**	345,329
Pension liability	29	(5,078)	(5,078)	**(5,048)**	(5,078)
Net assets		351,345	340,900	**351,062**	340,251
Endowment fund net of pension liability		330,502	312,815	**330,502**	312,815
Other restricted funds	19	431	480	**431**	480
Total restricted funds		330,933	313,295	**330,933**	313,295
Designated fund	20	-	467	**-**	467
Expendable endowment fund	21	3,633	5,728	**3,633**	5,728
Unrestricted fund		16,809	21,410	**16,496**	20,761
Total unrestricted funds		20,442	27,605	**20,129**	26,956
Total funds	22	351,375	340,900	**351,062**	340,251

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 17 June 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr Michael Bothamley
President of the Council

Consolidated cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net (expenditure)/income		**10,475**	(10,366)
Dividends and Interest receivable		**(2,420)**	(3,132)
Depreciation of tangible assets		**4,061**	3,617
Losses on disposal of assets		**144**	16
Losses/(gains) on investment assets		**(19,146)**	2,979
Actuarial gains on pension scheme less contributions paid		**(30)**	(368)
Change in trade and other debtors		**(1,261)**	245
Change in stocks		**(16)**	2
Change in trade and other creditors		**4,999**	7,257
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities		**(3,194)**	250
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		**270**	92
Dividend income received		**2,150**	3,040
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(13,893)**	(14,905)
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets		**-**	-
Purchase of investments		**(52,125)**	(40,028)
Increase in fixed asset investment cash deposits		**(241)**	1,697
Proceeds from sale of investments		**58,263**	46,207
Net cash from investing activities		**(5,576)**	(3,897)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of bank loans		**-**	-
Loan drawdowns		**8,379**	5,887
Net cash used in financing activities	26	**8,379**	5,887
Movements in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting year		**(391)**	2,240
Cash at bank and in hand at beginning of year		**5,893**	3,653
Cash at bank and in hand at end of year	26	**5,502**	5,893

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), which have been applied consistently.

St Monica Trust 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 note.

Notwithstanding the Trust's net current liabilities of £10.6m at the end of 2025, the Trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis which they consider is appropriate for the following reasons.

The Trustees have reviewed cash flow forecasts for a period of 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements which indicate that, taking account of reasonably possible downsides on the operations and its financial resources, the group and charity will have sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period.

As noted in the Report of the Trustee, this has included looking at plausible downside scenarios. In the event that a combination of any of these scenarios occurred affecting the operations of the Trust, £111.0 million of endowment assets as at the balance sheet date can be liquidated in less than one month as permitted under Total Return accounting and use of the Unapplied Total Return. This amount would support the charity's normal operations for more than two years.

Consequently, the Trustees are confident that the group and charity will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

Basis of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of St Monica Trust ("the charity") and St Monica Trading Limited and Somerdale Pavilion Trust ("the subsidiaries"). These financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiaries on a line-by-line basis.

The trading results of the subsidiaries are disclosed in notes 2 and 3 to these financial statements.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In applying the charity's accounting policies, the Trustee is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The Trustees consider that besides the points listed below, there are no other critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty requiring disclosure.

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Investment properties

The valuation of investment properties is a critical accounting judgement in respect of the application of the Trust's accounting policies. The method by which the Trustees have assessed the fair value of the investment properties at year end is described in detail in note 14. The valuations are based on company data, including current rental rates, occupancy, terms and conditions of leases and upon market related assumptions such as yield and discount rates. An element of 'hope value' is also included in the valuation of properties in line with accounting standards.

Leasehold Apartment Sales

The established method of accounting for leasehold apartment sales at the Trusts' established sites at Cote Lane, Westbury Fields, Monica Wills House and Sandford Station is that receipts are held as a liability until conclusion of the lease as detailed in the Lifetime Lease Accounting Policy Note. At The Chocolate Quarter, a lease was offered which provides the leaseholder with a choice between equity participation and fixed return. The accounting treatment of an equity participation lease is that the initial sale results in recognition of income and costs in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Trust has followed the general principle for income recognition in the Charities SORP and FRS 102.

Defined benefit pension scheme

The Trust has an obligation to pay pension benefits to certain employees and past employees. The cost of these benefits and the present value of the obligation depends on a number of factors, including life expectancy, salary increases, and the discount rate on corporate bonds. The principal assumptions made by the Trust can be found in note 29. Management estimates these factors in determining the net pension obligations in the balance sheet. The assumptions reflect historical experience and current trends.

Donations and legacies

Dividends and interest on capital and income fund investments are included as income in the financial statements on an accrual's basis.

Voluntary income

This is credited to the appropriate fund in the year in which it is receivable.

Government grants

These are credited to the appropriate fund in the year in which they are receivable.

Residential care and support

Fees from residents and other service-user income is credited to the unrestricted fund on an accrual's basis.

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Accommodation Income

The Trust offers leases to tenants on a fixed repayment basis (i.e. the tenant will receive the price they paid on exit) on all its sites. In addition, at The Chocolate Quarter, it also offers an equity participation basis (i.e. the exit amount is driven by the market). Where the lessee opts for a fixed repayment, the proceeds are recognised as a liability in accordance with the lifetime leases accounting policy described on page 36. However, where the lessee opts for the equity participation arrangement, the Trust is under no obligation to repurchase the apartment until the property has been sold on to a new tenant.

Therefore, the proceeds from the initial sale of a property under an equity participation lease are recognised as income in the statement of comprehensive income, with a corresponding cost of sale recognised in accommodation costs.

Under both the fixed repayment and equity participation arrangements at The Chocolate Quarter, the Trust becomes entitled to a surrender fee, payable at the end of the lease, which is accrued annually over the life of the lease. This is recognised within accommodation income in the statement of financial activities (SoFA) as it is earned.

Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs are allocated or apportioned to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the statement of financial activities.

(a) Costs of generating funds relate to those costs incurred in the management of the fixed asset investments.
(b) Costs in furtherance of the Trust's objects relate to those costs incurred in running and supporting the objects of the Trust.

Support costs

Support costs are apportioned to categories of expenditure, and only governance costs are separately disclosed.

Grants payable

Grants are awarded by our Charitable Foundation and a detailed analysis and explanation of grants awarded has been provided in the Report of the Trustee.

Irrecoverable VAT

Any irrecoverable VAT is charged to the statement of financial activities or capitalised as part of the cost of the related asset, where appropriate.

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

Recognition of liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

Tangible fixed assets

All expenditure on the acquisition, enhancement, production or installation of fixed assets for use by the Trust and all receipts of such assets by way of gift are capitalised and included in the balance sheet at cost. The freehold land and property are included in fixed assets at cost. Assets with a value below £1,000 are not capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets include apartments which may be disposed of within 12 months through an equity participation lease (see accommodation income accounting policy above).

Capitalisation of finance costs

All finance costs in respect of the bank loan obtained for the Keynsham, Westbury-on-Trym, Bedminster and Sandford developments up to the point when these developments commenced normal operations are capitalised within tangible fixed assets and are being amortised over the life of the asset to which they relate.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided with the intention of writing off the costs of tangible fixed assets (to residual values) over their useful lives. The provision is calculated using the straight-line method at the following rates:

Assets in the course of construction	Nil
Freehold buildings	2%
Special building assets	14%
Furniture and equipment	12.5% to 33.3%
Motor vehicles	25%

Impairment reviews

Impairment reviews are carried out annually which includes consideration of current selling price of properties against the carrying value of each asset.

Lifetime leases

The Trust provides a lifetime leasehold purchase scheme for up to 395 properties across five of its sites in which the lease operates for the duration of the purchaser's occupation of the property and then reverts to the Trust on their departure. The cash received under this scheme is returned to the lease holder or their estate when the lease is determined. The Trust, therefore, always has a liability to repay the full value of the lease proceeds, which is reflected in the balance sheet as amounts due to lifetime leasehold tenants. When a lease is determined, the Trust will sell the lease on to another

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purchaser under the same lifetime lease arrangement, thus restoring the funding and the liability to repay the value of the lease when, in turn, it is determined. From 1 April 2025 leases at established sites were entered into on the basis of a fixed repayment lease as operated at our Keynsham site.

In addition, the Trust has a further 136 leasehold properties at its site in Keynsham. The lessee has an option at this site to have a fixed repayment lease with the liability recognised as described in the above policy. However, where the lessee opts for an Equity Participation arrangement the accounting policy is as described in the Accommodation Income note on page 35.

Investments

Both current and fixed asset investments are stated at mid-market value at the balance sheet date. This is not in accordance with FRS 102 which recommends bid value but is consistent with the entity's performance management process. Using bid values would lead to a reduction in the valuation of these listed investments of an amount which is considered by the Trustee to be immaterial.

All recognised gains and losses on investments are shown separately in the statement of financial activities. The investments in the subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost.

Investment properties

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value on an existing use basis. The valuation is determined on the basis of professional advice and includes an element of hope value in line with accounting standards. In accordance with FRS 102, investment properties are revalued annually, and the aggregate surplus or deficit is included as an unrealised gain or loss within the endowment fund. No depreciation or amortisation is provided in respect of freehold investment properties.

Stocks

Stocks consist of catering supplies and have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Leased assets

Rentals in respect of operating leases are charged directly to the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Pension costs

The employees of the Trust are eligible to join a group personal pension plan with Aviva or with the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST). The Trust's pension contributions for current employees are charged to the statement of financial activities in the year in which the obligation to make contributions arises.

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The Trust pays certain discretionary pensions, which are not funded under a closed defined benefit scheme. The pension liability in respect of this obligation is recognised in the balance sheet based on annual actuarial valuations. Actuarial gains or losses are included in the statement of financial activities.

Further details in respect of unfunded pension liabilities are contained in note 29.

Basic financial instruments

(a) Trade and other debtors / creditors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example, if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of instrument for a similar debt instrument.

(b) Interest-bearing borrowings classified as basic financial instruments

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

(c) Fixed asset investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the charity's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose only of the cash flow statement.

Endowment fund

Following a resolution to adopt a Total Return approach to the endowment fund with effect from 1 January 2023, the former permanently endowed funds were effectively split into two funds; the Investment Fund and the Unapplied Total Return Fund (“UTR”).

Investment Fund

This fund represents the original gift to establish the charity, valued at a specific date determined by the Trustee and this will be inflated over time in line with CPI.

The Unapplied Total Return Fund (“UTR”)

This fund represents the balance of the fund, and all future capital gain and income growth is attributed to this fund.

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Expendable endowment fund

On 16 November 2020, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, Section 282, the Charity Commission approved a resolution made by the Trustees to redesignate £20 million of what was at the time the permanent endowment for use by the Trust in furtherance of its objectives and as if it were income. The result was that £20 million was transferred from the permanent endowment funds into an unrestricted expendable endowment fund.

As expenditure is incurred, balances will be transferred from the expendable endowment fund into the unrestricted fund.

Restricted funds

These are other funds for which the donor has specifically restricted the purpose for which they can be used. The amounts in the funds represent the monies remaining for future expenditure. There are two restricted funds which are held by the Trust and explained in more detail below:

(a) Residents' Amenity fund

These are funds donated by residents of the Trust and invested by the Trust, which have the restricted purposes of providing income for the resident groups at our Cote Lane and Westbury Fields sites villages.

(b) Residents' Legacy fund

These are funds still to be spent donated by beneficiaries of the Trust, which have a restricted purposes for which they can be applied.

Unrestricted fund

Operating income together with income arising from permanent endowment and unrestricted fund investments is credited to the unrestricted fund. The Charity Commission Scheme permits the fund to be applied towards contributions to the management expenses, the expenses related to running the operational activities, establishing a reserve fund and paying annuities and gifts. Any balance remaining may be accumulated for endowment purposes, but in practice is currently retained as unrestricted funds as explained in the reserves policy in The Report of the Trustee.

Designated fund

A designated fund exists to hold a proportion of the community fee and exit fees for the Equity Participation and Fixed Repayment leasehold options as detailed in the Accommodation Income accounting policy. These funds are set aside for future maintenance costs.

Subsidiaries

Details of subsidiary undertakings owned by the charity are disclosed in notes 2 and 3.

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

Financial activities of the charity

The financial activities shown in the consolidated statement includes those of the charity's wholly owned subsidiaries, St Monica Trading Limited and Somerdale Pavilion Trust.

2 Trading subsidiary's results (St Monica Trading Limited)

	2025 Total £'000	2024 Total £'000
Turnover	**631**	580
Cost of sales	**(251)**	(237)
Gross profit	**380**	343
Administration and other costs	**(361)**	(331)
Trading profit	**19**	12
Other income	**-**	-
Net income	**19**	12
Management charge from St Monica Trust	**-**	-
Tax on profit	**-**	-
Retained profit for the year	**19**	12
Retained profit brought forward	**12**	20
Gift aid distribution	**(12)**	(20)
Retained profit carried forward	**19**	12

Gift aid distributions totalling £19,180 (2024: £12,288) will be made post year end in relation to the current year.

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

The assets and liabilities of the subsidiary were:

	2025 Total £'000	2024 Total £'000
Fixed assets	**-**	-
Current assets	**19**	12
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**-**	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	**-**	-
Net assets	**19**	12
Profit and loss reserve	**19**	12
Equity shareholders' funds	**19**	12

Statement of changes in equity	Share Capital	Profit and loss reserves	Total
	£	£	£
Balance at 31 December 2023	1	19,970	19,971
Year ended 31 December 2024			
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	12,288	12,288
Distributions to parent charity under gift aid	-	(19,970)	(19,970)
Balance at 31 December 2024	**1**	**12,288**	**12,289**
Year ended 31 December 2025			
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	19,180	19,180
Distributions to parent charity under gift aid	-	(12,288)	(12,288)
Balance at 31 December 2025	**1**	**19,180**	**19,181**

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

3 Charitable subsidiary's results (Somerdale Pavilion Trust)

	2025 Total £'000	2024 Total £'000
Income		
Grant income	**67**	-
Charitable activities	**521**	490
Other trading activities	**789**	804
	1,377	1,294
Expenditure		
Charitable activities	**(1,533)**	(964)
Other	**(186)**	(179)
	(1,719)	(1,143)
Net income	**(342)**	151
Net movement in funds	**(342)**	151
Total funds brought forward	**637**	486
Total funds carried forward	**295**	637

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

The assets and liabilities of the subsidiary were:

	2025 Total £'000	2024 Total £'000
Fixed assets	**114**	25
Current assets	**641**	731
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**(460)**	(119)
Net assets	**295**	637
Total restricted funds	**-**	-
Total unrestricted funds	**295**	637
Total funds	**295**	637

4 Investment income

Group and charity	**2025 £'000**	2024 £'000
(a) Endowment fund		
Commercial investment properties	**1,144**	879
Agricultural investment properties	**4,389**	4,812
Listed and other investments	**2,140**	3,029
Interest on cash deposits	**82**	47
	7,755	8,767
(b) Unrestricted fund		
Commercial investment properties	**1,337**	1,422
(c) Restricted funds		
Distributions from CCLA Investment Management Limited	**11**	11
	9,103	10,200

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

5 Analysis of total resources expended

Group

	Staff costs £'000	Depreciation £'000	Other costs £'000	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Costs of generating funds (note 6)	-	-	2,737	2,737	2,970
Charitable expenditure					
Residential care and support (note 7)	38,173	4,061	16,869	59,103	57,412
Accommodation costs	-	-	-	-	-
Community support	265	-	1,689	1,954	915
Governance costs (note 8)	-	-	111	111	113
	38,438	4,061	18,669	61,168	58,440
	38,438	**4,061**	**21,406**	**63,905**	61,410

All support costs have been allocated to one charitable activity (Residential care and support).

Charity

	Staff costs £'000	Depreciation £'000	Other costs £'000	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Costs of generating funds (note 6)	-	-	2,737	2,737	2,970
Charitable expenditure					
Residential care and support (note 7)	37,191	4,040	15,542	56,773	55,693
Accommodation costs	-	-	-	-	-
Community support	265	-	1,689	1,954	915
Governance costs (note 8)	-	-	97	97	101
	37,456	4,040	17,328	58,824	56,709
	37,456	**4,040**	**20,065**	**61,561**	**59,679**

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

6 Costs of generating funds

Group and charity

	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
(a) Investment management charges		
Society of Merchant Venturers of Bristol	**275**	271
Investment manager fees	**275**	254
Agricultural estate management	**380**	396
Commercial properties management	**56**	57
	986	978
(b) Property operational costs		
Agricultural estates	**644**	779
Commercial properties	**756**	719
	1,400	1,498
(c) Major repairs & other costs		
Agricultural estates	**351**	494
Total costs of generating funds	**2,737**	2,970

7 Residential care and support

Group

	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Staff costs	**38,173**	37,824
Residential services	**1,057**	916
Site services	**2,928**	3,034
Provisions and catering	**2,227**	2,021
Insurance	**816**	708
Property and equipment (including depreciation)	**8,724**	8,325
Miscellaneous	**1,242**	1,031
Management and administration	**3,936**	3,553
	59,103	57,412

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

Charity

	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Staff costs	**37,191**	36,990
Residential services	**1,057**	916
Site services	**2,731**	2,877
Provisions and catering	**1,790**	1,605
Insurance	**816**	708
Property and equipment (including depreciation)	**8,096**	8,130
Miscellaneous	**1,230**	1,004
Management and administration	**3,862**	3,463
	56,773	55,693

8 Governance costs

	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Group		
Auditor's remuneration (including irrecoverable VAT)		
- for audit	**62**	59
- other professional services	**4**	3
Professional services	**45**	51
Trustee expenses	**-**	-
	111	113
Charity		
Auditor's remuneration (including irrecoverable VAT)		
- for audit	**50**	48
- other professional services	**2**	2
Professional services	**45**	51
Trustee expenses	**-**	-
	97	101

Other than as set out in note 28, Related Party Transactions, neither the Council, nor persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Trust during the current or previous year. Reimbursement of expenses amounted to £Nil during the year (2024: £138).

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

9 Transfers

Group and charity	Unrestricted fund £'000	Designated fund £'000	Other restricted funds £'000	Expendable Endowment funds £'000	Endowment funds £'000
Service charge transfer (A)	467	(467)	-	-	-
Expendable endowment (B)	2,095	-	-	(2,095)	-
Restricted legacy transfer (C)	62	-	(62)	-	-
UTR endowment transfer (D)	7,089	-	-	-	(7,089)
Total transfers	9,713	(467)	(62)	(2,095)	(7,089)

(A) During the year, £467,000 was transferred out of the designated fund to the unrestricted fund. This fund previously represented a proportion of service charges received from residents for maintenance costs at the Westbury-on-Trym, Cote Lane, Sandford and Bedminster sites. The Trust has now moved to a fixed Refund model, and the established sites now align with the accounting treatment at our TCQ site that operates on the same contract basis.

(B) During the year, £2,095,000 (2024: £4,558,000) has been transferred from the S282 expendable endowment fund into the unrestricted funds. See note 21 for further details.

(C) During the year £62,000 (2024: 44,000) has been transferred from a restricted fund in respect of improvement works at Westfield House at our Cote Lane retirement village in respect of a resident legacy bequest.

(D) During the year, £7,089,000 (2024: £8,614,000) has been transferred from the Unapplied Total Return fund (UTR) to the unrestricted fund. See note 22 for further details.

10 Staff numbers and costs

The average headcount in the year for the group was 1,375 (2024: 1,392). The full time equivalent average number of persons employed by the group during the year, including directors, analysed by category, was as follows:

	2025	2024
Residential care and support	**818**	798
Community support	**4**	4
Management of the Trust	**34**	29
	856	831

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The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	**32,070**	30,597
Social security costs	**3,453**	2,540
Pensions	**1,307**	1,246
Agency staff costs	**1,608**	3,634
	38,438	38,017

During the current and previous year, the Trustees were not paid any remuneration or reimbursed for expenses, and no Trustees made donations to the charity.

Key management remuneration in total for the year was £793,988 (6 people) compared to 2024 £989,431 (5 people).

The number of employees whose emoluments, excluding pension contributions, were in excess of £60,000 per annum fell within the following bands:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
£60,001 to £70,000	**17**	7
£70,001 to £80,000	**8**	7
£80,001 to £90,000	**3**	4
£90,001 to £100,000	**2**	3
£100,001 to £110,000	**-**	2
£110,001 to £120,000	**2**	1
£120,001 to £130,000	**2**	1
£130,001 to £140,000	**-**	1
£140,001 to £150,000	**-**	-
£150,001 to £160,000	**1**	1
£160,001 to £170,000	**-**	-
£170,001 to £180,000	**-**	-
£180,001 to £190,000	**-**	-
£190,001 to £200,000	**-**	-
£200,001 to £210,000	**-**	-
£210,001 to £220,000	**-**	-
£220,001 to £230,000	**1**	1
£230,001 to £240,000	**-**	-
£240,001 to £250,000	**-**	1

These members of staff have pension benefits accruing under the group personal pension plan.

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11 Net movement on funds is stated after charging

	2025	2024
	£'000	£'000
Auditors' remuneration – Charity (inclusive of VAT)	**50**	48
Auditors' remuneration – Subsidiaries (inclusive of VAT)	**12**	11
Auditors' remuneration – for other professional services	**4**	3
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	**4,061**	3,617
Inventories recognised as an expense	**2,227**	2,021

12 Taxation

The charity is not liable to taxation on the net income from its primary activity. Stated below are the tax details of the subsidiary St Monica Trading Limited:

	2025	2024
	£'000	£'000
Current tax		
UK corporation tax on results of the year	**-**	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	**-**	-

Factors affecting the tax charge for the current period

The tax assessed for the period differs from the standard small rate of corporation tax in the UK (19%), *(2024: 19%)*. The differences are explained below:

	2025	2024
	£'000	£'000
Current tax reconciliation		
Profit before tax (of trading subsidiary only)	**19**	12
Current tax at 19%	**4**	2
Effects of:		
Gift Aid payments	**(4)**	(2)
Total current tax charge (see above)	**-**	-

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets in the course of construction £'000	Freehold land and buildings £'000	Furniture and equipment £'000	Motor vehicles £'000	Total £'000
Group					
Cost					
At beginning of year	11,087	168,607	23,707	660	204,061
Asset reclassification					
Transfers	(16,122)	16,095	27	-	-
Additions	8,921	4,098	779	95	13,893
Disposals in the year	-	(308)	(1,087)	(136)	(1,531)
At end of year	3,886	188,492	23,426	619	216,423
Depreciation					
At beginning of year	-	19,404	20,526	450	40,380
Charge for year	-	2,415	1,553	93	4,061
Depreciation on disposals	-	(164)	(1,087)	(136)	(1,387)
At end of year	-	21,655	20,992	407	43,054
Net book value					
At 31 December 2025	**3,886**	**166,837**	**2,434**	**212**	**173,369**
At 31 December 2024	11,087	149,203	3,181	210	163,681

The above schedule includes finance costs of £3,896,000 (2024: £3,896,000) relating to loan interest and charges incurred for financing the Chocolate Quarter, Monica Wills House, the sheltered flats and the Garden House Annexe at Cote Lane, and the Sandford developments.

Land costing £27,025,000 (2024: £27,025,000) is not depreciated.

The Trustee's review of the fixed assets has concluded that their value is not impaired.

The asset reclassification relates to assets categorised as assets under construction in the prior year re-analysed.

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	Assets in the course of construction £'000	Freehold land and buildings £'000	Furniture and equipment £'000	Motor vehicles £'000	Total £'000
Charity					
Cost					
At beginning of year	11,087	168,576	23,695	660	204,018
Asset reclassification				-	-
Transfers	(16,122)	16,095	27	-	-
Additions	8,921	3,988	779	95	13,783
Disposals in the year	-	(308)	(1,087)	(136)	(1,531)
At end of year	3,886	188,351	23,414	619	216,270
Depreciation					
At beginning of year	-	19,394	20,518	450	40,362
Charge for year	-	2,405	1,542	93	4,040
Depreciation on disposals	-	(164)	(1,087)	(136)	(1,387)
At end of year	-	21,635	20,973	407	43,015
Net book value					
At 31 December 2025	**3,886**	**166,716**	**2,441**	**212**	**173,255**
At 31 December 2024	11,087	149,182	3,177	210	163,656

The above schedule includes finance costs of £3,896,000 (2024: £3,896,000) relating to loan interest and charges incurred for financing the Chocolate Quarter, Monica Wills House, the sheltered flats and the Garden House Annexe at Cote Lane, and the Sandford developments.

Land costing £27,025,000 (2024: £27,025,000) is not depreciated.

The Trustee's review of the fixed assets has concluded that their value is not impaired.

The asset reclassification relates to assets categorised as assets under construction in the prior year re-analysed.

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14 Fixed asset investments

Group and Charity

	Investment Properties £'000	Financial securities £'000	Cash on deposit £'000	Other investments* £'000	Total £'000
Cost					
At beginning of year	62,654	92,273	745	224	155,896
Additions	165	51,960	241	-	52,366
Disposals	(659)	(44,255)	-	-	(44,914)
At end of year	**62,160**	**99,978**	**986**	**224**	**163,348**
Revaluation – unrealised gains					
At beginning of year	141,848	25,939	-	155	167,942
Disposals	(548)	(10,393)	-	-	(10,941)
Net gains arising on revaluation	7,762	8,992	-	(16)	16,738
At end of year	**149,062**	**24,538**	**-**	**139**	**173,739**
Net book value					
At 31 December 2025	**211,222**	**124,516**	**986**	**363**	**337,087**
At 31 December 2024	204,502	118,212	745	379	323,838

There were total realised and unrealised gains during the year of £19,146,000 (2024: losses of £2,979,000).

The charity owns 100% of the issued share capital of St Monica Trading Limited (company registration number: 11070522), a company incorporated in England and Wales. The total share capital is £1 – too small to show in the rounded figures above. The principal activities of this company are conducting the commercial operations undertaken at St Monica Trust's retirement village at Keynsham.

* Other investments consist of income unit investments with CCLA Investment Management Limited.

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Investments with a market value of greater than 5% of total quoted securities at 31 December 2025 and 2024:

Investment	**Portfolio 2025**	Portfolio 2024
Artemis Equity Income Fund	**5.7%**	6.5%
Brummer Multi-Strategy 2 XL Fund	**6.9%**	8.1%
Lindsell Train	**-**	7.8%
Newton Global Higher Income Fund	**-**	10.4%
JO Hambro Global Select Equity Fund	**9.1%**	10.2%
KBI Institutional Developed Equity Fund	**-**	13.1%
Lindsell Train	**8.1%**	-
Arrowstreet	**8.1%**	-
Blackrock	**6.2%**	-
Kiltearn Global Equity Fund	**9.6%**	10.7%

The total cumulative surplus/(deficit) on revaluing investment properties is as follows:

	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Commercial property (note (a) & (c))	**(8,846)**	(8,846)
Agricultural property (note (b))	**157,908**	150,694
	149,062	141,848

(a) The commercial property within the endowment fund was valued as at 31 December 2024 by CBRE Limited in accordance with the latest version of the RICS Valuation – Global Standards (incorporating the International Valuation Standards) and the UK national supplement (the 'Red Book') current as the Valuation Date.

(b) The agricultural property has been valued at 31 December 2025 by Savills (UK) Limited in accordance with the RICS Valuation – Global Standards (incorporating the IVSC International Valuation Standards) effective from 31 January 2020 with a special assumption to disregard development hope value and not accrue any value for a potential change of use of any part of the portfolio unless a planning permission has been obtained. Development hope value has then been assessed separately and included in the asset valuation at 31 December 2024.

(c) Block C at The Chocolate Quarter was valued at 31 December 2024 by Alder King LLP in accordance with the RICS Valuation – Global Standards (Red Book) effective 31 January 2020 – incorporating the International Valuation Standards, UK VPGA 1 of the Red Book UK national supplement and FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard' applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

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15 Stocks

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	**2025**	2024
	£'000	£'000	**£'00**	£'000
Sundry stocks	**71**	55	**65**	48

Stock relates to catering purchases in the SoFA of £2,040,767. (2024: £2,020,943)

16 Debtors

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	**2025**	2024
	£'000	£'000	**£'000**	£'000
Trade debtors	**672**	863	**570**	797
Prepayments and accrued income	**10,096**	8,420	**9,975**	8,352
Other debtors	**939**	1,163	**921**	703
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**-**	-	**339**	-
	11,707	10,446	**11,805**	9,852

Prepayments include of £5,180,620 of professional fees associated with our Endowment development sites and with the most significant amount of these costs relating to the Basingstoke site of £3,547,850 (2024: £4,096,791). Debtors include £3,067,535 of accrued surrender fees (2024: £2,995,111).

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	**2025**	2024
	£'000	£'000	**£'000**	£'000
Trade creditors	**2,344**	2,898	**2,265**	2,816
Bank loan	**129**	121	**129**	121
Amounts due to lifetime leasehold tenants	**17,801**	17,258	**17,801**	17,258
Other creditors	**3,912**	3,101	**3,915**	2,623
Tax and Social Security	**963**	918	**963**	918
Accruals and deferred income	**2,755**	2,176	**2,709**	2,112
Amounts owed to group undertakings	**-**	-	**-**	438
	27,904	26,472	**27,782**	26,286

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Accruals and deferred income include expenditure accruals of £1,662,191 (2024: £1,458,930) and deferred income of £1,092,353 (2024: £717,149) comprising care home fees of £324,536 (2024: £90,955), commercial rents £329,071 (2024: £327,534), Endowment income £405,784 (£2024: 295,255) and subsidiary income of £32,962 (2024: £3,405).

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	**2025**	2024
	£'000	£'000	**£'000**	£'000
Deferred income brought forward	**717**	222	**656**	322
Recognised in the year	**1,092**	717	**1,059**	656
Released to the SoFA in the year	**(717)**	(222)	**(656)**	(322)
Deferred income carried forward	**1,092**	717	**1,059**	656

18 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group		Charity	
	2025	2024	**2025**	2024
	£'000	£'000	**£'000**	£'000
Bank loan	**27,644**	19,273	**27,644**	19,273
Amounts due to lifetime leasehold tenants	**115,765**	112,190	**115,765**	112,190
	143,409	131,463	**143,409**	131,463
Age analysis of bank loan				
Due within one year	**129**	121	**129**	121
Between two and five	**27,644**	19,273	**27,644**	19,273
After five years	**-**	-	**-**	-
	27,773	19,394	**27,773**	19,394

The Trust's bank loans have been arranged with no security having been provided by the Trust to the lender.

Bank loans consist of:

a) A 5-year Revolving Credit Facility (RCF) with NatWest bank of £20,000,000 that was put into place on 21 June 2022 and was extended on 12 June 2025 to £40,000,000 with an expiry date of 16 June 2027. The interest rate is 1.25% above SONIA. The amount drawn down at the year-end was £27,500,000.
b) John Wills Annex loan of £272,436 with NatWest Bank which is due for repayment by January 2028. The interest rate is 0.65% above bank base rates.

The amounts due to lifetime leasehold tenants relates to amounts paid by the residents for their leases, which is repayable when the properties are vacated.

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19 Other restricted funds – Group and charity

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Gains on investments	At 31 December 2025
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Residents' Amenity Funds	418	11	(11)	(16)	402
Restricted Legacies	62	56	(89)	-	29
	480	**67**	**(100)**	**(16)**	**431**

20 Designated fund – Group and charity

Until 2025 a designated fund existed for future maintenance costs on the Westbury-on-Trym, Cote Lane, Sandford and Bedminster sites under a variable service charge lease. In 2025 we introduced a new lease for new residents on these sites in line with The Chocolate Quarter lease which is based on surrender fees and a fixed service charge. As the financial risk of maintenance on all our sites now rests with SMT, we no longer maintain designated funds for maintenance and the income from surrender fees and service charges are all now treated as unrestricted funds. Other restricted/ designated funds represent unused legacies gifted to the Trust from former residents.

	Total
	£'000
At 1 January 2025	467
Transfer to the unrestricted fund in respect of sinking fund balances following the option of a fixed Refund Contract model. See note 9.	(467)
At 31 December 2025	**-**

21 Expendable endowment fund – Group and charity

In 2020, the Charity Commission approved a resolution made by the Trustees to redesignate £20 million of what was then the permanent endowment for use by the Trust in furtherance of its objectives and as if it were income. The result was that £20 million was transferred from the permanent endowment funds into an unrestricted expendable endowment fund. As expenditure is incurred, balances are transferred from the expendable endowment fund into the unrestricted fund.

	Total
	£'000
At 1 January 2025	5,728
Transfer to the unrestricted fund	(2,095)
At 31 December 2025	**3,633**

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22 Analysis of funds

Consolidated

Movement in funds	Unrestricted fund £'000	Designated fund £'000	Restricted fund £'000	Expendable endowment fund £'000	Endowment fund £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2025	21,410	467	480	5,728	312,815	340,900
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	(14,371)	-	29	-	5,614	(8,728)
Transfers between funds	9,713	(467)	(62)	(2,095)	(7,089)	-
Gains/(loss) on investment assets	-	-	(16)	-	19,162	19,146
Actuarial gain on pension liability	57	-	-	-	-	57
At 31 December 2025	**16,809**	**-**	**431**	**3,633**	**330,502**	**351,375**

Representation of fund balances	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Tangible fixed assets	173,369	-	-	-	-	173,369
Investments	12,970	-	364	1,500	322,253	337,087
Cash and bank balances	5,502	-	-	-	-	5,502
Other current assets and liabilities	(22,559)	-	67	2,133	4,233	(16,126)
Interdivision transfers	(4,016)	-	-	-	4,016	-
Long term creditors	(143,409)	-	-	-	-	(143,409)
Pension liability	(5,048)	-	-	-	-	(5,048)
At 31 December 2025	**16,809**	**-**	**431**	**3,633**	**330,502**	**351,375**
Realised and unrealised investment asset gains included above	**-**	**-**	**(16)**	**-**	**19,162**	**19,146**

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Analysis of funds

Charity

Movement in funds	Unrestricted fund £'000	Designated fund £'000	Restricted fund £'000	Expendable endowment fund £'000	Endowment fund £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2025	20,761	467	480	5,728	312,815	340,251
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	(14,035)	-	29	-	5,614	(8,392)
Transfers between funds	9,713	(467)	(62)	(2,095)	(7,089)	-
Gains on investment assets	-	-	(16)	-	19,162	19146
Actuarial gain on pension liability	57	-	-	-	-	57
At 31 December 2025	**16,496**	**-**	**431**	**3,633**	**330,502**	**351,062**

Representation of fund balances	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Tangible fixed assets	173,255	-	-	-	-	173,255
Investments	12,970	-	364	1,500	322,253	337,087
Cash and bank balances	5,089	-	-	-	-	5,089
Other current assets and liabilities	(22,345)	-	67	2,133	4,233	(15,912)
Interdivision transfers	(4,016)	-	-	-	4,016	-
Long term creditors	(143,409)	-	-	-	-	(143,409)
Pension liability	(5,048)	-	-	-	-	(5,048)
At 31 December 2025	**16,496**	**-**	**431**	**3,633**	**330,502**	**351,062**
Realised and unrealised investment asset gains included above	**-**	**-**	**(16)**	**-**	**19,162**	**19,146**

Endowment Fund

On 1 January 2023, the Group and Charity adopted a total return approach to the permanent endowment fund. The investment power of Total Return permits the Charity to invest these funds in order to maximise Total Return and gives it the power to apply an appropriate portion of the Unapplied TR to income funds each year. The UTR remains part of the endowment until this power is exercised.

The value of the original endowment was determined at 31 December 2004 (the "initial endowment date") as this was the deemed inception date for these funds in their current form and detailed financial records were available for this date. The initial UTR values for these endowment funds were calculated at 1 January 2023 as the value of the endowment funds at that date, less the value of the

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original endowment. No subsequent introduction of any investments into these funds since the initial endowment date has occurred.

Trustees elected to allocate a proportion of the UTR back to the original endowment at 31 December 2025, in accordance with Total Return regulations.

The values for the Trust for Investment (TFI), Unapplied Total Return (UTR) and Total Endowment at 31 December 2025 is shown in the table below:

	Trust for Investment	Unapplied Total Return	Total Endowment
At the beginning of the reporting period:	**£'000**	**£'000**	**£'000**
Initial measurement	85,283	-	85,283
Unapplied Total Return	-	227,532	227,532
Total	**85,283**	**227,532**	**312,815**
Movements in the reporting period:	**£'000**	**£'000**	**£'000**
Allocation to the Trust for Investment	2,900	(2,900)	-
Investment return: dividends and investment income	-	7,755	7,755
Investment return: realised and unrealised gains/losses	-	19,162	19,162
Less: Investment management costs	-	(2,141)	(2,141)
Net current other asset/liability movements	-	-	-
Allocation to income funds: property assets & pension on adoption	-	-	-
Total	**2,900**	**21,876**	**24,776**
Unapplied Total Return allocated to income in reporting period	-	(7,089)	(7,089)
Net movements in reporting period	**2,900**	**14,787**	**17,687**
At the end of period of the reporting period:			
Initial measurement	88,183	-	88,183
Unapplied Total Return	-	242,319	242,319
Total	**88,183**	**242,319**	**330,502**

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23 Capital commitments

	2025	2024
	£'000	£'000
Capital expenditure that has been contracted for but has not been provided for in the financial statements	**2,439**	6,060

24 Operating leases as a lessee

The future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases expected to be paid by the Charity and Group will fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	Group and Charity plant and machinery	Group and Charity plant and machinery
	£'000	£'000
Within one year	**17**	13
Between one and five years	**28**	26
After five years	**-**	-
	45	39

The total charge to the statement of financial activities in the year in respect of operating lease rentals for the hire of plant and machinery was £17,070 (2024: £13,484).

25 Operating leases as a lessor

The future minimum lease payments due to be received under non-cancellable commercial operating leases by the Charity and Group are as follows:

	2025	2024
	Group and Charity leasehold property	Group and Charity leasehold property
	£'000	£'000
Within one year	**1,011**	1,011
Between one and five years	**1,993**	2,847
After five years	**1,360**	1,530
	4,364	5,388

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26 Reconciliation of movement in net cash

	At 1 January 2025 £'000	Cash flow £'000	At 31 December 2025 £'000
Investments	745	241	**986**
Cash at bank and in hand	5,893	(391)	**5,502**
Bank loan	(19,394)	(8,379)	**(27,773)**
	(12,756)	(8,529)	**(21,285)**

27 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2025 £'000	Cash flow £'000	At 31 December 2025 £'000
Cash and cash equivalents			
Cash	5,893	(391)	**5,502**
Overdrafts	-	-	**-**
Cash equivalents	-	-	**-**
	5,893	(391)	**5,502**
Borrowings			
Debt due within one year	(121)	(8)	**(129)**
Debt due after one year	(19,273)	(8,371)	**(27,644)**
	(19,394)	(8,379)	**(27,773)**
Total	(13,501)	(8,770)	**(22,271)**

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28 Related party transactions

A number of the Trust's Council members are also members of the Society of Merchant Venturers. The Trust paid a fee including reallocation of salaries and overhead costs totalling £275,208 (2024: £270,608) to the Society of Merchant Venturers of Bristol to cover the services it provides in its role as Endowment Trustee (note 6(a)).

A professional indemnity insurance premium of £3,060 (2024: £4,026) was paid by the Trust on the behalf of the Trustees.

The charity owns 100% of the issued share capital of St Monica Trading Limited (company registration number: 11070522), a company incorporated in England and Wales. During the year, St Monica Trust provided to St Monica Trading Limited staff time, catering supplies and other operating costs totalling £611,836 (2024: £567,878) and collected £631,017 (2024: £580,082) of income. The amount owing to St Monica Trading Limited at the year-end was £19,180. (2024: £12,203). A Gift Aid payment was made to St Monica Trust by St Monica Trading Limited of £12,288 in respect of the trading results for 2024 (2024: £19,970 in respect of the trading results for 2023).

St Monica Trustee Company is the sole member of Somerdale Pavilion Trust (company registration number: 11730938), a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales and registered as a charity (registered charity number: 1182426). During the year, St Monica Trust provided staff time and operating expenses and rent to Somerdale Pavilion Trust totalling £46,542 (2024: £45,116) and provided services to St Monica Trust in the form of parking and academy rent totalling £225,154 (2024: £205,650). The amount owed to St Monica Trust at the year-end was £319,887 (2024: £425,155).

A grant of £500k was paid to Bristol Music Trust (Bristol Beacon), which shares a common Trustee with St Monica Trust, as part of the Impact Alliance. The Impact Alliance of which St Monica Trust is a partner is a collaboration that brings together purpose-led organisations to deliver a visionary charitable programme which makes a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of people in the West of England. The vision of the Impact Alliance is to create a West of England where loneliness is a stranger, and where all individuals feel connected, valued, and supported. By embracing these principles and working together, the Impact Alliance is poised to make a lasting difference in the lives of people across the region.

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

29 Pension schemes

Unfunded pension liability

The Trust has granted unfunded defined benefit pensions to some current and former employees of the Trust. A triennial full valuation of the pensions was carried out as at 31 December 2023 by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, a qualified independent actuary who are a fellow of the Institute of Actuaries. Pension payments made for the year ended 31 December 2025 in respect of the defined benefit pensions were £241,000 (2024: £240,000).

The principal assumptions made by the Trust were:	**2025**	2024	2023	2022
	%	%	%	%
Rate of increase in pensionable salaries	**2.9**	3.2	3.1	3.1
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	**2.8**	3.0	3.0	3.0
Inflation rate	**2.9**	3.2	3.1	3.1
Discount rate	**5.4**	5.4	4.5	4.8
Pensioner and non-pensioner mortality SAPS all MC	**1% pa**	1% pa	1% pa	1% pa
The amounts recognised in the balance sheet are as follows:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Present value of scheme liabilities	**(5,048)**	(5,078)	(5,446)	(6,221)
Deficit in the scheme	**(5,048)**	(5,078)	(5,446)	(6,221)

Analysis of amount charged to net outgoing resources in respect of defined benefit pensions	**2025**	2024
	£'000	£'000
Interest on pension liability	**(268)**	(239)
Total operating charge	**(268)**	(239)

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Movement in liability during the year	**2025** **£'000**	2024 £'000
Liability at the start of the year	**(5,078)**	(5,446)
Movement:		
Employer contributions (including pension payments)	**241**	240
Net Interest cost in the SoFA	**(268)**	(239)
Actuarial gain	**57**	367
Liability at the end of the year covered by a specific provision in the financial statements	**(5,048)**	(5,078)

Analysis of amount recognised in the statement of financial activities	**£'000**	£'000
Actuarial gain recognised in the statement of financial activities	**57**	367

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Amounts for the current and previous four periods are as follows

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Scheme assets	**-**	-	-	-	-
Scheme liabilities	**(5,048)**	(5,078)	(5,446)	(6,221)	(8,528)
Deficit in plan	**(5,048)**	(5,078)	(5,446)	(6,221)	(8,528)
Actuarial gains/(losses) on liabilities	**57**	367	814	2,178	183
Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the period ending 31 December	**57**	367	814	2,178	183

Other pension scheme

The Trust also contributes to two group personal pension plans. The contributions made by the Trust to these pension schemes are charged to the statement of financial activities when they fall due and were £1,029,000 (2024: £999,000).

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30 Comparative group statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated fund	Other restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total Funds 2024
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income						
Income from charitable activities						
Residential care and support	42,996	-	-	-	-	42,996
Accommodation income	-	460	-	-	-	460
Generated funds						
Investment income	1,422	-	11	-	8,767	10,200
Total income	**44,418**	**460**	**11**	**-**	**8,767**	**53,656**
Expenditure						
Costs of raising funds						
Investment management charges	(50)	-	-	-	(928)	(978)
Property operational costs	(719)	-	-	-	(779)	(1,498)
Commercial trading operations	(38)	-	-	-	(456)	(494)
Total costs of generating funds	(807)	-	-	-	(2,163)	(2,970)
Charitable activities						
Costs in furtherance of the Trust's objects						
Residential care and support	(57,221)	-	(11)	-	(180)	(57,412)
Accommodation costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community support	(915)	-	-	-	-	(915)
Governance	(113)	-	-	-	-	(113)
Total charitable expenditure	(58,249)	-	(11)	-	(180)	(58,440)
Total expenditure	**(59,056)**	**-**	**(11)**	**-**	**(2,343)**	**(61,410)**
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	(14,638)	460	-	-	6,424	(7,754)
Realised and unrealised gains on investments	(9,925)	-	27	-	6,919	(2,979)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year before transfers	(24,563)	460	27	-	13,343	(10,733)
Transfers between funds	17,162	(3,946)	(44)	(4,558)	(8,614)	-
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit pension	367	-	-	-	-	367
Net movement in funds	(7,034)	(3,486)	(17)	(4,558)	4,729	(10,366)
Total funds brought forward	28,444	3,953	497	10,286	308,086	351,266
Total funds carried forward	**21,410**	**467**	**480**	**5,728**	**312,815**	**340,900**