

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity number: 214244

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Reference and administrative details

Charity number	214244	
Registered and principal office	5 Oak Court Pilgrims Walk Prologis Park COVENTRY CV6 4QH	
Trustees	J. Hogan D. Cawdery R.M.S. Allanson D.C. Brinkley J.H. Colligan P. Devine J. Harkin D. Murphy K.M. Rafferty	(Chairman) (Vice Chairman)
Clerk to the managing trustees	P. Roberts	
Members of the investment sub-committee	R.M.S. Allanson D. Cawdery K. Rafferty T. Ryan	Trustee, retired investment manager Trustee Trustee Retired stockbroker
Independent auditors	Cocke, Vellacott & Hill Unit 15 City Business Centre Lower Road LONDON SE16 2XU	
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc P.O. Box 101 3rd Floor, 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP	
Investment adviser	BRI Wealth Management plc BRI House Elm Court Meriden Business Park COVENTRY CV5 9RL	
Solicitors	Shakespeare Martineau LLP Solicitors Two Colton Square Leicester LE1 1QH	Stone King LLP Boundary House 91 Charterhouse Street London EC1M 6H

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Trustees' report for the ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Scheme approved and established by the Charity Commissioners on 29 May 1991 as amended by s280 resolution dated 28 July 2016 and scheme dated 9 February 2021 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).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing instruments

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (the Fund) is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 214244 and is governed by the Scheme approved and established by the Charity Commissioners on 29th May 1991 as amended aforesaid.

Trustee recruitment

Trustees are appointed by the Central Council of The Catenian Association from a list of Catenian applicants.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are appointed by the Central Council, bearing in mind their experience with other charities and their general professional background. Each receives a copy of the Scheme document, copies of the minutes of the last two meetings and a copy of an application form, followed by explanations of the procedures at subsequent meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Organisation Structure

The trustees meet at least four times in a year and have a mechanism for urgent consideration outside scheduled meetings and are assisted with investment policies by the Investment sub-committee. The Investment sub-committee is formed under the authority of the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund and its membership comprises of Trustees of that Fund together with a number of non-trustees with specialist knowledge and experience.

The function of the sub-committee is the management of the investment portfolio, undertaking sales and purchases as deemed necessary, with the overreaching intent of safeguarding investments, while seeking balanced capital growth and income. The sub-committee meets at least four times per year and has a mechanism for urgent consideration outside scheduled meetings.

The Fund's investments and bank accounts are administered by Catena Trustees Limited, a company limited by guarantee and without a share capital. See note 12 for more details and related party transactions.

The trustees who served during the year are:

J. Hogan	(Chairman)	P. Devine
R.M.S. Allanson		J. Harkin
D.C. Brinkley		D. Murphy
D. Cawdery	(Vice chairman)	K.M. Rafferty
J.H. Colligan		

Risk review

The trustees have conducted their own risk review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

The trustees have identified a risk of harm following the upholding of a complaint against a senior officer of the Appointing Council. This was reported to the Charity Commission as a Serious Incident with a series of proposed actions to reduce the risk in future. It is anticipated that this matter will be resolved in the near future. However, until the matter is fully resolved with the Appointing Council the risk remains.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund provides monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association and their dependants including dependants of deceased and former members of the Catenian Association who are in need.

As part of the fulfilment of its charitable objectives, the charity makes some long-term loans to members of the Catenian Association or their dependants on a secured basis. Such loans are made according to the merits of individual applicants. See note 8 (b) for more details.

Strategies

The availability of monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association of the charity is advertised throughout the Catenian Association, on the internet, through provinces and circles, by leaflet and on the charity's website <https://catenianbenevolence.org>.

Activities

During the year, the charity has continued to provide monetary assistance to members of the Catenian Association and their dependants who are in financial difficulties and who have applied to the charity for assistance.

Public Benefit

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The paragraphs in this report show the aims and objectives of this charity and activities of the year.

Income is received by personal donation from members of the Catenian Association together with investment income from investments held. Applications for grants and loans are made by members of the Association or their dependants or dependants of deceased members or former members after due local process. Meetings of the trustees are held at least four times a year to consider the cases and payment is made to or on behalf of the claimant, by grant or loan. In special emergency cases a representative committee is employed.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund has made grants to twenty-one (21) individual beneficiaries (2024 - twenty (20)) totalling £288,199 during the year (2024- £214,482). In addition to the grants, the charity has provided monetary assistance to twenty (20) (2024- eighteen (18)) members in difficulty or need in the form of unsecured loans amounting to £889,975 (2024- £980,785).

During the year, no new first charge loans were made (2024- none), no existing first charge loan values were increased (2024- none), no unsecured loans were converted to first charge loans (2024- four (4) totalling £135,132) and two (2) repaid their first charge loans in full amounting to £61,746 (2024- three (3) repaid £82,845), three (3) secured loans were partly paid- repayment of £6,000 (2024- two (2) partly paid £5,400). At the year end there were twenty-eight (28) first charge loans (2024- thirty (30)) shown in the accounts amounting to £1,190,788 (2024- £1,258,535) and these are shown in note 8 (b) to the accounts, as programme related investments.

The trustees consider the investment performance achieved against the investment growth objectives to be satisfactory amidst stock market volatility due to the ongoing Ukrainian war, other international volatility and the cost of living and inflationary crisis all of which have had an effect on investment markets into 2025.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

The assets of the Fund are £8,823,766 (2024- £9,123,780). This amount is made up as follows;

- The Investment Fund of £7,303,204 (2024- £7,877,861), cash of £409,692 (2024- £169,869) and current debtors (Gift Aid relief) of £27,521 (2024- £12,506) less accrued commitments of £107,439 (2024- £194,990). These items total £7,632,978 (2024- £7,865,246) and under Charity Commission Guidance are called Reserves, namely funds available to the Trustees for use in the furtherance of the Objects of the Charity.
- Loans to beneficiaries that are secured by a 1st Charge (mortgage) of £1,190,788 (2024- £1,258,534). Under Charity Commission Guidance, these loans are considered Social Investments, namely funds that have been used already in the furtherance of the Objects of the Charity that may in due course come back to the Charity. The timing of the return of these assets is not under the control of the Trustees and they are not therefore considered as part of the Reserves.

Unsecured loans made to beneficiaries are not considered to be assets. They are charitable loans and are made to people in financial need who do not have access to funds including normal affordable sources of credit. They are therefore high risk and may be redesignated as grants. Many will be repaid in due course but how many and when they will be are so uncertain that their value cannot be realistically estimated. Such loans are treated as expenditure when they are made and as income if and when they are repaid.

Financial review

Results for the year

Details of the income and expenditure for the year are shown in the statement of financial activities on page 9. Donations and legacies of £57,346 (2024- £65,678) and investment income totalling £284,537 (2024- £303,586) were received during the year. Investment brokers' fees came to £21,987 (2024- £16,670).

Grants and non-secured loans given to individuals during the year amounted to £1,178,174 (2024- £1,195,267). Recoveries of grants and non-secured loans amounted to £572,473 (2024- £90,324). Other charitable support and governance costs came to £147,001 (2024- £97,656).

Net expenditure amounted to £131,191 (2024- net expenditure of £304,655) in the year under review after taking into account realised gains on investments of £301,615 (2024- gains £545,350). Net movement in funds transferred to/(from) the accumulated fund totalled £300,014 (2023- transferred to- £396,988) after including unrealised losses on investments of £168,823 (2024- unrealised losses of £92,333).

Investments policy and performance

Investments are held with a view to providing a balanced capital growth and income. Investment income amounted to £284,537 (2024- £303,586). All investments held by the charity have been acquired in accordance with the powers available to the trustees. Movements in fixed asset investments are shown in note 8 (a) to the financial statements. The market value of shares held decreased by 7% to £7,303,204 (2024- £7,877,861) as a result of additions of £nil (2024- £nil), net withdrawals of cash of £384,426 (2024- additions of cash- £22,194), disposals of £21,408 (2024- £218,178) and losses on revaluation of £168,823 (2024- losses of £92,333).

Reserves and grant and loan making policies

The reserves policy has been developed to give the Fund sufficient resources to meet variations in the level of longer term requirements and is currently agreed to be £8 million to cover the following:

1. To give long term and unsecured loans;
2. To give grants to Members in difficulty or need;
3. To assimilate losses on loans not repaid;
4. To meet the needs of an ageing Membership, elderly widows and dependants of deceased members or former members;
5. To alleviate the difficulties being experienced by members in overseas countries which are politically and/or financially unstable;

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Reserves and grant and loan making policies (continued)

6. To provide domestic assistance to members who have suffered from failed business ventures or redundancies;
7. To provide assistance to those members who are victims of pension failures;
8. To provide help for those members who have been unable to secure a reasonable occupational pension;
9. To withstand the perceived volatility of the Stock Market;
10. To take advantage of any strategic development opportunities.

Available reserves in the General Fund currently stand at £8,823,766 (31 March 2024- £9,123,780). The trustees are of the opinion that the charity is able to meet the needs of applicants. Grants and loans are awarded according to the merits of each individual application.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The charity will continue to provide assistance to members and their dependants in a similar manner in the ensuing year.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the "Charities SORP (FRS 102)". They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS

The auditors have signified their willingness to continue and a resolution proposing the re-appointment of Cocke, Vellacott & Hill as auditors of the charity, will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the trustees on 22 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


J. Hogan (Trustee)

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund set out on pages 9 to 17 for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom General Accepted Accounting Practice and they are 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)" and the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025, and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the 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 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 directors' 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 company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors 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 annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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.

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (continued)

Matters on which the auditor is 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 trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

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:

We have obtained an understanding of the charity's policies and procedures through discussions with senior management and trustees

We also drew on our existing understanding of the work that the charity does and the sector that it operates in.

We understand that the charity complies with its responsibilities through close involvement of senior management and trustees in the day to day running of the business and regular liaison between them. Were there any litigation or claims they would come to the attention of the senior management directly.

The charity also holds regular bimonthly board meetings at which all such matters are discussed if applicable. We have reviewed the minutes of all board meetings, and no irregularities were identified. Management accounts figures are circulated to all trustees and senior management.

In the context of the audit, we considered those laws and regulations which determine the form and content of the financial statements, which are central to the charity's ability to conduct business and where failure to comply could result in material penalties.

We have considered the disclosure requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as part of our finalisation processes.

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of
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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

We discussed the possibility of fraud with senior management and trustees whether they had any knowledge of any actual, alleged or suspected fraud. We designed our audit tests to consider controls and tested a sample of financial transactions. We considered the timing of recognition of income.

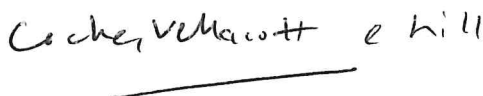
In common with all audits under ISA's (UK) we also performed specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. We assessed the charity's control environment is adequate for the size and operating model of such a charity.

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

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Cocke, Vellacott & Hill
Statutory Auditor

Unit 15 City Business Centre
Lower Road
LONDON SE16 2XU

Date: 22 July 2025

Cocke, Vellacott & Hill is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

		2025 Total £	2024 Total £
	Notes		
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	57,346	65,678
Investment income	4	284,537	303,586
Total income		341,883	369,264
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	(21,987)	(16,670)
Charitable activities	6	(752,702)	(1,202,599)
Total expenditure		(774,689)	(1,219,269)
Net gains/(losses) on disposal of investments at book cost		301,615	545,350
Net income/(expenditure)	2	(131,191)	(304,655)
Other recognised gains and losses			
Unrealised gains/ (losses) on investments	8	(168,823)	(92,333)
Net movement in funds		(300,014)	(396,988)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	11	9,123,780	9,520,768
Total funds carried forward	11	8,823,766	9,123,780

All of the operations undertaken by the charity during the current and preceding year are continuing operations and there were no other recognised gains and losses other than the above.

The net expenditure for the year including realised gains (losses) on the disposal of investments is £131,191 (2024- net expenditure £304,655).

Based on the historic cost equivalent net expenditure is £131,191 (2024- net expenditure of £304,655).

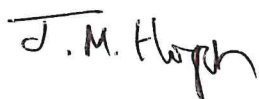
The notes on pages 11 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Investments					
Investments	8 (a)		7,303,204		7,877,861
Programme related investments	8 (b)		1,190,788		1,258,534
Total fixed assets			<u>8,493,992</u>		<u>9,136,395</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	9	27,521		12,506	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>409,692</u>		<u>169,869</u>	
Total current assets			<u>437,213</u>	<u>182,375</u>	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(107,439)		(194,990)	
Net current assets/ (liabilities)			<u>329,774</u>		<u>(12,615)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>8,823,766</u>		<u>9,123,780</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted income funds:					
General reserves	11		4,566,172		4,629,617
Revaluation reserve	11		3,066,806		3,235,629
Long term loans reserve	11		1,190,788		1,258,534
Total charity funds			<u>8,823,766</u>		<u>9,123,780</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 22 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



J. Hogan
Trustee



D. Cawdery
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments. They are also prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the recommendations of the Charity Commission in "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)" and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income recognition

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of raising funds comprise of investment management costs and those costs incurred in attracting donations and legacies.

Grants and loans, which are unlikely to be recoverable, are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they are made. Any such grants and loans repaid to the company, having been made in earlier years, are credited to the income and expenditure account. Due to the inherent uncertainties around both timing and amounts that will be received, the charity considers it appropriate to indicate that such a contingent asset exists but that it is unable to quantify the value of this asset.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These include costs related to audit, trustee expenses and legal fees.

Expenditure, which involves more than one cost category, is apportioned on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis to the cost categories involved.

Taxation

Provision for taxation is not necessary, as the Fund is a registered charity and has no trading activities. No deferred tax provision is required

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Notes to financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies- (continued)

Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of financial instrument and 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 and disposals throughout the year.

Programme related investments

These include loans to beneficiaries in accordance with the objectives of the charity. The loans secured by a first charge on a recipient's assets are expected to be recovered in due course. In the event that the loan or part of the loan becomes non-repayable it will be written off in the statement of financial activities.

Funds

- (i) Investment revaluation reserve- represents unrealised gains on the listed securities as a result of their market values being higher than their cost.
- (ii) General fund- represents the net surplus made by the company during its operations.
- (ii) Long term loans reserve- represents an amount equivalent to the secured loans recoverable to ensure that adequate funds are earmarked to meet any potential non-recoveries.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to the statement of financial activities.

2. Net income/(expenditure)

	2025	2024
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors' remuneration from audit work	4,060	4,060
Auditors' remuneration from non-audit work	800	800
Loss on foreign currencies	1,021	-
	<u>5,881</u>	<u>4,860</u>

3. Donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations from circles and provinces	312	3,041
Donations from members	46,658	51,243
Tax recoverable under members' gift aid	9,876	10,394
Legacies	500	1,000
	<u>57,346</u>	<u>65,678</u>

4. Investment income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income from UK listed investments	284,537	303,586
	<u>284,537</u>	<u>303,586</u>

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Notes to financial statements (continued)
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5. Expenditure on raising funds

2025	2024
Total	Total
£	£
21,987	16,670

6. Analysis of charitable activities (a) Grants and loans

2025	2024
Total	Total
£	£
288,199	214,482
889,975	980,785

Grants and non-secured loans payable to individuals:

Grants made

Non-secured loans made

1,178,174	1,195,267
(572,473)	(90,324)

Less: recovered during the year

Total net grants and loans

605,701	1,104,943
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Recipients of grants only (all to individuals)

Number	Number
21	20

(b) Analysis of support costs

Staff costs (see note 7)

Telephone

Office expenses

Computer costs

Bank charges and general expenses

£	£
34,083	24,572
300	263
10,000	10,000
1,650	1,750
4,968	4,370
51,001	40,955

(c) Analysis of governance costs

Auditors' remuneration- audit work

Auditors' remuneration- non audit work

Committee expenses

Professional fees- legal fees

2025	2024
£	£
4,060	4,060
800	800
7,111	6,384
84,029	45,457
96,000	56,701

Total charitable activities expenses

752,702	1,202,599
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7.	Trustees and employees	2025	2024
	Staff costs were as follows:	£	£
	Wages and salaries	31,655	23,274
	Social security costs	2,428	1,298
		<u>34,083</u>	<u>24,572</u>

Staff costs represent amounts recharged by The Catenian Association Limited (see note 12) for the position of clerk to the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund. The clerk to the Trustees is the only employee for both 2025 and 2024. No employee earned over £60,000 per annum.

No trustees received any remuneration from the charity in the year (2024 - £nil). Six trustees received reimbursement for travelling expenses totalling £4,719 during the year (2024- eight trustees - £5,495).

8.	(a) Fixed asset investments	Investments portfolio
	Valuation	£
	At 1 April 2024	7,877,861
	Additions	-
	Disposals	(21,408)
	Net movements in cash held by brokers for investment	(384,426)
	Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments	(168,823)
	At 31 March 2025	<u>7,303,204</u>
	Historical cost as at 31 March 2025	<u>4,236,398</u>
	Historical cost as at 31 March 2024	<u>4,642,233</u>

All fixed asset investments are held within the United Kingdom.

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The investments of the charity at 31 March 2025 were as follows:				Cost	Market value
Holdings	Description			£	£
28,880	Aviva plc	Ord. 0.328947368		220,721	160,342
12,000	BHP Billiton plc	Ord. NPV (DI)		66,237	221,820
30,000	BP plc	Ord. USD 0.25		120,740	130,830
52,000	BT Group plc	Ord. 5p		98,896	86,242
3,690	CRH	Ord Eur 0.32		101,911	247,599
14,000	Diageo plc	Ord. 28935185		35,543	282,030
17,150	Experian plc	* Ord. USD 0.10		87,176	611,912
17,200	GSK plc	Ord. 0.3125		38,291	251,464
152,650	GCP Infrastructure Investments Ltd	Ord. 1p		198,715	108,839
28,333	HSBC Holdings plc	Ord. USD 0.50		168,138	247,602
144,142	Lloyds Banking Group plc	Ord. 10p		148,371	103,898
632,654	M & G Charibond Inc	*		811,070	681,685
19,500	M & G plc	Ord. 5p		10,933	38,708
24,569	Natwest Grp PLC (previously RBS)	Ord.107.69p		142,922	111,003
11,000	Persimmon plc	Ord. 10p		156,126	131,065
165,000	Polar Capital Technology Trust plc	* Ord. 25p		16,511	474,375
19,500	Prudential plc	Ord. 5p		65,770	161,127
17,650	RELX plc	* Ord. 14 51/116p		105,135	683,585
6,100	Rio Tinto plc	Ord. (Reg) 10p		56,480	279,777
5,333	Severn Trent plc	Ord. 65 5/19		43,698	134,978
11,000	Shell Plc	Ord. Euro 0.07		251,210	310,750
1,000,000	The Charities Property Fund	*		1,029,602	1,204,600
10,000	Unilever plc	* Ord. 3 1/9p		14,300	461,000
54,545	Vodafone Group plc	Ord. USD 0.20 20/21		109,692	39,763
Investments listed on the UK Stock Exchange				4,098,188	7,164,994
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio				138,210	138,210
Total investments as at 31 March 2025				4,236,398	7,303,204

* These items represent material investments that are over 5% by value of the portfolio.

8. (b) Programme related investments	2025	2024
	£	£
Secured recoverable loans supporting the charitable objectives (see below)	1,190,788	1,258,534
<i>Analysis of movements in secured recoverable loans is as below:</i>	£	£
Loans recoverable brought forward	1,258,534	1,211,647
Transfers (to)/ from non-secured loans	-	135,132
Repayments received during the year	(67,746)	(88,245)
Loans recoverable carried forward	1,190,788	1,258,534

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9. Debtors	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts owed by related companies *	12,031	2,138
Income tax recoverable	9,651	10,368
Other debtors	5,839	-
	<u>27,521</u>	<u>12,506</u>

* The related companies referred to above are The Catenian Association Limited and The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited (see note 12 for more details).

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	24	20,516
Accruals and deferred income	107,415	174,474
	<u>107,439</u>	<u>194,990</u>

11. Unrestricted funds	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Gains & losses £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
General purpose income fund	4,629,617	341,883	(774,689)	301,615	67,746	4,566,172
Investment revaluation reserve	3,235,629	(168,823)	-	-	-	3,066,806
Long term loans reserve	1,258,534	-	-	-	(67,746)	1,190,788
	<u>9,123,780</u>	<u>173,060</u>	<u>(774,689)</u>	<u>301,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,823,766</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

General purpose income fund- represents funds available at the discretion of the trustees to further expand the activities of the charity. The fund arises from donated income and income arising on an annual basis from amounts held by way of capital and unutilised funds less costs of generating funds, charitable expenses and governance costs. It also includes realised gains less losses on investments.

The investment revaluation reserve represents unrealised gains on the listed investments as a result of their market value being higher than their cost.

The board of trustees has approved the setting up of a designated fund called the long-term loans reserve equivalent to the secured loans recoverable (see note 8 b). The purpose of this designation is to ensure that adequate funds are earmarked to meet any potential non-recoveries.

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12. Related party transactions

The charity's investments and bank accounts are administered by Catena Trustees Limited as Custodian Trustee. The Directors of Catena Trustees Limited are appointed by virtue of their appointment as Trustees of the charity.

The Trustees of the charity are appointed and the Directors of The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited are nominated only by the Central Council of the Catenian Association. Therefore, the charities and companies are related companies.

During the year to 31 March 2025 administration expenses were recharged to the charity by The Catenian Association Limited as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Office Expenses	10,000	10,000
Salaries	34,083	24,572
	<u>44,083</u>	<u>34,572</u>

The charity shares the services of the administrative staff and the premises of The Catenian Association Limited. In return for these facilities, £10,000 office expenses was recharged to the company (2024- £10,000). In addition, £34,083 was recharged by The Catenian Association Limited for the salary costs of the position of clerk to the Trustees of The Catenian Association Benevolent and Children's Fund (2024- £24,572).

At the balance sheet date an amount of £11,761 was due from The Catenian Association Limited (2024- £2,138 due from) and £270 was due from The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Limited (2024- £nil was due from).

During the year the aggregate total donations received from trustees of the charity without conditions amounted to £550 (2024- £350).