CHARITY NUMBER: 222277

Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions

Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions
Charity Information

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL:	Trustees and Senior Management Team
TRUSTEES:	Mr G Bloom (LM) (Treasurer) (EM) Mr J S Leek (EM) Dr A C White Mrs L Bushell Mr S Newman Mr J Lang Ms L Myers Mr B Shaffer Mr J Bushell Mr P Marks Mr B Johnson Mr S Bushell (LM) - Life member (EM) – Executive member
SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM:	Rabbi Y Jacobs J Wilkes
ADDRESS:	Singers Hill Ellis Street Birmingham B1 1HL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:	222277
AUDITORS:	UHY Hacker Young (Birmingham) LLP Registered Auditors 9-11 Vittoria Street Birmingham B1 3ND
BANKERS:	Handelsbanken 55 Calthorpe Road Edgbaston Birmingham
CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE:	Birmingham Hebrew Congregation Properties Limited Whose Directors are: Mr G Bloom Mr J S Leek Mr L O Bushell

Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Trust Deed, Charities SORP 2019 and The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Birmingham Hebrew Congregation is a registered charity (no. 222277) and is set up under its constitution and rules.

The members of the management council, who are also the Trustees, who served during the year are set out below. The council meet on a regular basis to manage the affairs of the charity and to formulate policy. The senior management team oversees the day to day operations of the charity in liaison with the Treasurer and Executive.

Mr G Bloom
Mr J S Leek
Dr A C White
Mrs L Bushell
Ms S Blumenthal (resigned 1 October 2023)
Mr S Newman
Mr J Lang
Ms L Myers
Mr B Shaffer
Mr J Bushell
Mr P Marks
Mr B Johnson
Mr S Bushell

Pay Policy for Senior Staff

The pay of the senior staff is reviewed annually and in view of the nature of the charity, the Trustees benchmark remuneration against pay levels in other organisations of similar size. The remuneration benchmark is the mid-point of the range paid for similar roles. Where recruitment has proven difficult in the past a market addition has also been paid with the pay maximum no greater than the highest benchmarked salary for a comparable role.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity shall be to promote the Jewish religion for the public benefit by all or any of the following means:

- The provision and maintenance of a synagogue for prayer and to further and encourage the practice of Orthodox Judaism as prescribed by the office of the Chief Rabbi.
- To create and develop social and cultural activities for all ages for its membership and also to the wider Jewish Community of Birmingham and the West Midlands.
- To create programmes of Jewish learning in conjunction with other bodies to further aid and strengthen the practice of Orthodox Judaism.
- To provide and maintain two cemeteries at Witton and Brandwood End for the burying of Jewish deceased.
- To maintain and develop relationships with other non Jewish religious leaders and communities.
- To act as the Foundation body of the King David School.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and Performance

The synagogue has continued to provide a full schedule of well attended daily, Sabbath and Festival prayer services. In addition, it has held a baby blessing service, monthly services for the children and confirmation services for boy and girls marking their coming of age. A special Adult Batmitzvah (confirmation for women) celebration service was held in February for women who had not been fortunate enough to have had a Batmitzvah at aged 12.

The social and cultural activities programme was busy with, amongst other things, Sightseers' Club visits to Bournemouth and Dublin, Film Club evenings showing films of Jewish interest, bi-weekly Coffee, Cake and Chat sessions together with a programme of Sabbath eve, Rosh Hashana eve and Passover Eve dinners.

Programmes of Jewish learning continued with Torah Tots for pre-school children, Hebrew classes and Chai Club for school aged children and a full programme of events for teenagers. The children's learning achievements were celebrated with a prize day. Adult education was delivered with bi-weekly Lunch and Learn sessions for men and Ladies Shiurim (lessons).

The cemeteries at Witton and Brandwood End were maintained to the required standards throughout the year. In December, surplus land for future burials at Brandwood End cemetery was sold to a local Muslim burial society.

The synagogue developed relationships with other non-Jewish religious leaders and communities through its programme of hosting school parties led by qualified guides touring the synagogue. Some 5,000 children and their teachers participate in these tours each year. The synagogue also runs tours for adult groups. The Rabbi sits on the city's Faith Leaders' Group which, until recently, he chaired.

The synagogue continued to support the Kind David Jewish School as the Foundation body, receiving regular reports on activities at the school and contributing to the running of the school through its Foundation Governors.

Future Plans

The Council and Executive continue to review and consider members needs and views providing activities and meeting facilities, where required, to the relevant age profile of our membership and in particular attracting younger families.

We are committed to continually developing virtual services, which now run in parallel to in person services, as it has become apparent that it offers greater appeal across the age range.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year shows an increase in reserves of £695,396 for the year, this is due to the sale of cemetery land which generated a surplus of £757,071. The senior management team are monitoring the overheads to ensure that the budgets are appropriate and that the charity is still able to support the community. The Executive are continuing to look for ways of generating additional income and new members. The congregation continue to contribute to specific appeals as well as supporting the social and religious events.

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

The Trustees' policy is to protect the charity's capital by investing in low risk investments whilst maximising income as far as possible. The portfolio of investments is being reviewed against the above policy.

The Trustees regularly review the free reserves available to meet day to day expenses.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

Trustees Responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare their accounts in accordance with The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019). In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 SORP 2019.

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the auditor is unaware
- the Trustees, having made enquiries of fellow Trustees and the auditor that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

On behalf of the Council

G Bloom – Trustee
22 September 2024

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions as at 31 December 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the period ended 31 December 2023 which comprise group and parent charity statement of financial activities 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 FRS 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's and of the parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 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 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 trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statement 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 parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees 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 contained within the financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether 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.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions as at 31 December 2023

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the financial statements

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

- the information given in the strategic report and the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, 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.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent 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 trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an 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:

Based on our understanding of the group and the sector in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the acts by the group, which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations including fraud, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to inflated revenue and the group's net income for the year.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions as at 31 December 2023

Audit procedures performed included: review of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, review of correspondence with and reports to the regulators, including correspondence with the Charities Commission review of correspondence with legal advisors, enquiries of management and review of internal audit reports in so far as they related to the financial statements, and testing of journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the trustees that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above 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. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the group and charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the parent charity and group's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the parent charity and the parent charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Malcolm Winston

Malcolm Winston, Senior Statutory Auditor
UHY Hacker Young (Birmingham) LLP, Statutory Auditor
9-11 Vittoria Street, Birmingham, B1 3ND
Date: 22 September 2024

Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions
Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming resources:						
Incoming resources from generated funds:-						
Membership fees		100,954	-	-	100,954	110,255
Gift Aid tax receipts		19,106	-	-	19,106	18,237
Legacies		-	-	-	-	78,561
Donations		8,687	2,711	-	11,398	16,114
Car Park Fees		122,844	-	-	122,844	96,371
Investment income		2,841	-	-	2,841	1,506
Rents received		64,876	-	9,960	74,836	82,105
Activities for generating funds	2	74,393	-	2,298	76,691	97,706
Incoming resources from charitable activities:						
Bereavement activities	3	-	-	147,057	147,057	221,322
Total incoming resources		393,701	2,711	159,315	555,727	722,177
Resources expended:						
Cost of generating funds	4	80,234	-	-	80,234	108,784
Charitable activities	4	319,623	12,000	166,755	498,378	481,314
Governance costs	4	52,169	-	7,009	59,178	61,921
Total resources expended	4	452,026	12,000	173,764	637,790	652,019
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(58,325)	(9,289)	(14,449)	(82,063)	70,158
Surplus on disposal of assets	5	757,071	-	-	757,071	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		698,746	(9,289)	(14,449)	675,008	70,158
Transfers between funds		(12,000)	12,000	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		686,746	2,711	(14,449)	675,008	70,158
Gain/(loss) on value of investments	11	4,101	-	-	4,101	(16,171)
Revaluation of investment properties	12	25,000	-	-	25,000	20,000
Net movements in funds before tax		715,847	2,711	(14,449)	704,109	73,987
Taxation	8	(130)	-	-	(130)	(230)
Net movement in funds after tax		715,717	2,711	(14,449)	703,979	73,757
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		1,146,808	376,951	620,204	2,143,963	2,070,206
Total funds carried forward	16	1,862,525	379,662	605,755	2,847,942	2,143,963

All of Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions activities derive from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

The notes form part of these financial statements.

Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions
Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	GROUP 2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	643,049	704,914
Investments	11	43,206	57,660
Investment property	12	1,385,000	1,360,000
		2,071,255	2,122,574
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	57,264	99,221
Cash at bank		971,287	150,759
		1,028,551	249,980
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(186,447)	(164,975)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		842,104	85,005
		2,913,359	2,207,579
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(65,417)	(63,616)
NET ASSETS		2,847,942	2,143,963
RESERVES			
General funds (including fair value reserve of £1,044,253)		1,862,525	1,146,808
Designated funds		379,662	376,951
Restricted funds		605,755	620,204
	16	2,847,942	2,143,963

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22 September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

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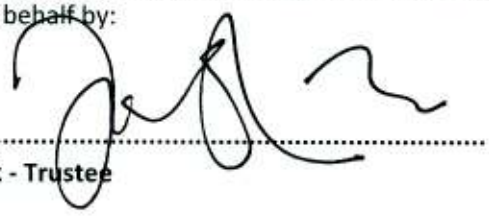
J Leek - Trustee

Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions
Charity Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	CHARITY 2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	387,048	376,504
Investments	11	43,207	57,661
Investment property	12	1,015,000	1,030,000
		1,445,255	1,464,165
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	55,272	79,878
Cash at bank		966,046	140,510
		1,021,318	220,388
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(153,305)	(121,244)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		868,013	99,144
		2,313,268	1,563,309
DEBTORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	395,110	471,408
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(10,998)	(873)
NET ASSETS		2,697,380	2,033,844
RESERVES			
General funds (including fair value reserve of £898,813)		1,711,963	1,036,689
Designated funds		379,662	376,951
Restricted funds		605,755	620,204
	16	2,697,380	2,033,844

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22 September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



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J Leek - Trustee

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General Information

Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions is a group comprising one unincorporated charity; and two incorporated subsidiaries limited by shares and registered with Companies House. Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and Charitable Institutions is registered with the Charities Commission in England and Wales under charity number: 222277. It operates from its registered office of Singers Hill, Ellis Street, Birmingham, B1 1HL. The principal activity is the promotion of the Jewish religion for the public benefit.

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 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Going Concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19 virus has affected the way the charity operates and has had an impact on the charity's income, however, costs have also reduced and the trustees believe that the going concern basis is still appropriate. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Consolidated accounts

The trustees have chosen to prepare consolidated accounts incorporating the activities of BHC Car Parks Limited for the year to 31 December 2023and the transactions with Birmingham Hebrew Congregation Properties Limited for the year to 31 December 2023.

Income

Income includes donations received, fees charged for membership, funeral services and car park rental.
All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

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

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Government grants

Grants received under the various Covid-19 measures are recognised using the performance model. A grant that does not impose specified future performance-related conditions is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable. A grant that imposes future performance-related conditions is recognised in income when the performance-related conditions are met. Any grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

Tangible fixed assets

The trustees consider that the freehold properties are maintained in such a state of repair that their residual value is at least equal to their net book value. As a result, the corresponding depreciation would not be material and is, therefore, not charged in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each of the other assets over their estimated useful life.

Freehold property improvements	- 10 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% and 33% on cost
Motor Vehicles	- 25% reducing balance

Investment Property

Investment properties for which fair value can be measured reliably without undue cost or effort are measured at fair value at each reporting date with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.
For the purposes of clarity, as this surplus or deficit is not realised, the amount is noted (net of any deferred tax provision arising on the surplus or deficit) against the general fund.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'net gains on investment' in the statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Debtors

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

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities and Provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Restricted and Unrestricted Funds

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

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally investments. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund.

Pension Costs

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. The costs of contributions are written off against profits in the year they are paid.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Activities for generating funds				
Functions and activities income	26,170	-	26,170	65,289
School visits	25,275	-	25,275	15,874
Other income	22,948	2,298	25,246	16,543
	74,393	2,298	76,691	97,706

3 BEREAVEMENT ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bereavement charges (15 funerals - 2022: 24 funerals)	131,108	200,070
Additional charges	1,569	2,553
Stone setting charges	12,580	15,999
Reservations fees	1,800	2,700
	147,057	221,322

4 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of generating funds					
Promotion and hospitality	24,045	-	-	24,045	21,643
Functions costs (inc Chai club & Torah Tots)	35,382	-	-	35,382	68,305
Car Park Maintenance	5,163	-	-	5,163	1,975
Visiting officials for services	9,264	-	-	9,264	12,110
Moseley – Costs of Services	6,380	-	-	6,380	4,751
(inc caretaker fees £2,012: 2022 -£1,974)					
	80,234	-	-	80,234	108,784
Charitable activities					
Staff costs	134,564	-	59,272	193,836	198,519
Funeral costs	-	-	18,772	18,772	29,298
Cemetery management fees	-	-	55,020	55,020	50,435
Motor and travelling expenses	13,427	-	1,456	14,883	15,424
Telephone	4,791	-	1,003	5,794	6,029
Postage	1,706	-	-	1,706	1,355
Printing and stationery	3,977	-	-	3,977	5,250
Computer running expenses	9,450	-	-	9,450	8,738
Sundry expenses	11,577	-	-	11,577	13,191
Bad debts	(4,482)	-	-	(4,482)	8,496
Light, heat and water	43,791	-	2,397	46,188	25,451
Cleaning, caretaking and security	14,940	-	182	15,122	11,988
Expenses of residences	57,334	-	17,689	75,023	59,067
Repairs and maintenance					
Synagogue buildings	17,889	-	10,914	28,803	23,356
BJEB/KDRES	-	12,000	-	12,000	12,000
Grants and donations paid	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	1,297	-	50	1,347	1,359
Bank loan interest	5,183	-	-	5,183	3,324
Hire purchase interest	1,363	-	-	1,363	393
Depreciation	9,890	-	-	9,890	7,641
Profit on disposal of assets	(7,074)	-	-	(7,074)	-
	319,623	12,000	166,755	498,378	481,314
Governance costs					
Auditors remuneration	3,000	-	600	3,600	3,600
Accountancy	8,172	-	600	8,772	8,244
Professional fees	20,698	-	-	20,698	21,604
Insurance	20,299	-	5,809	26,108	28,473
	52,169	-	7,009	59,178	61,921
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**452,026**	**12,000**	**173,764**	**637,790**	**652,019**

5 SURPLUS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

In December 2023, the wholly owned subsidiary Birmingham Hebrew Congregation Properties Limited, sold part of the land it owned at Brandwood End Cemetery and this resulted in a surplus of £757,071.

6 STAFF COSTS

a Staff Costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	178,833	182,776
Social security costs	11,788	12,476
Pension contributions	3,215	3,267
Pensions paid	-	-
	193,836	198,519

b Staff Numbers

The average monthly number of employees during the period/year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Employees	7	7

c Higher Paid Staff

The number of employees whose employee benefits exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023	2022
	£	£
£60,001 -£70,000	1	1

d Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the charity was £97,516 (2022: £98,525).

7 OPERATING DEFICIT

The operating (deficit)/surplus is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	4,204	5,268
Depreciation – assets on hire purchase	5,686	2,373
Surplus on disposal of land	757,071	-
Operating lease rentals	466	562
Auditors' remuneration	3,600	3,600

8 TAXATION

The taxation charge arose on the ordinary activities of BHC Car Parks Limited.

9 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming resources:				
Incoming resources from generated funds:-				
Membership fees	110,255	-	-	110,255
Gift Aid tax receipts	18,237	-	-	18,237
Legacies	78,561	-	-	78,561
Government grants	-	-	-	-
Donations	12,991	3,123	-	16,114
Car Park Fees	96,371	-	-	96,371
Investment income	1,506	-	-	1,506
Rents received	72,565	-	9,540	82,105
Activities for generating funds	97,706	-	-	97,706
Incoming resources from charitable activities:				
Bereavement activities	-	-	221,322	221,322
Total incoming resources	488,192	3,123	230,862	722,177
Resources expended:				
Cost of generating funds	107,957	-	827	108,784
Charitable activities	289,806	12,000	179,508	481,314
Governance costs	33,759	-	28,162	61,921
Total resources expended	431,522	12,000	208,497	652,019
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers between funds	56,670	(8,877)	22,365	70,158
Transfers between funds	(11,740)	11,740	-	-
Net movements in funds	44,930	2,863	22,365	70,158
Unrealised (loss)/gain on investments	(16,171)	-	-	(16,171)
Revaluation of investment properties	20,000	-	-	20,000
Net movements in funds before tax	48,759	2,863	22,365	73,987
Taxation	(230)	-	-	(230)
Net movement in funds after tax	48,529	2,863	22,365	73,757
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	1,098,279	374,088	597,839	2,070,206
Total funds carried forward	1,146,808	376,951	620,204	2,143,963

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land & Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Fixture & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
GROUP				
Cost				
Balance at 1 January 2023	686,621	13,350	68,170	768,141
Additions	63,129	27,295	-	90,424
Disposals	(135,429)	(13,350)	-	(148,779)
Balance at 31 December 2023	614,321	27,295	68,170	709,786
Depreciation				
Balance at 1 January 2023	2,387	6,232	54,608	63,227
Charge for the year	-	5,834	4,056	9,890
Eliminated on disposals	-	(6,380)	-	(6,380)
Balance at 31 December 2023	2,387	5,686	58,664	66,737
Net Book Value at 31 December 2023	611,934	21,609	9,506	643,049
Net Book Value at 31 December 2022	684,234	7,118	13,562	704,914
CHARITY				
Cost				
Balance at 1 January 2023	355,935	13,350	63,868	433,153
Additions	135,429	27,295	-	162,724
Disposals	(135,429)	(13,350)	-	(148,779)
Balance at 31 December 2023	355,935	27,295	63,868	447,098
Depreciation				
Balance at 1 January 2023	-	6,232	50,417	56,649
Charge for the year	-	5,834	3,947	9,781
Eliminated on disposals	-	(6,380)	-	(6,380)
Balance at 31 December 2023	-	5,686	54,364	60,050
Net Book Value at 31 December 2023	355,935	21,609	9,504	387,048
Net Book Value at 31 December 2022	355,935	7,118	13,451	376,504

The deeds for the charity's land and buildings were transferred into the name of Birmingham Hebrew Congregation Properties Limited on January 2011. This was done by order of The Charity Commission of England and Wales when Birmingham Hebrew Congregation Properties Limited was appointed custodian trustee replacing Barclays Bank Trust Company Ltd.

11 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Market value as at 1 January 2023	57,660	73,831	57,661	73,832
Disposals	(18,554)		(18,554)	
Net gain on revaluation	4,100	(16,171)	4,100	(16,171)
Market Value 31 December 2023	43,206	57,660	43,207	57,661

The main investments comprise listed and unitised investments and are valued at market values, also included in the Charity investments are shares of its subsidiary undertakings.

Subsidiary Undertakings

	Type	Proportion held	Nature of business
BHC Car Parks Limited	£1 Ordinary	100%	Rental
Birmingham Hebrew Congregation Properties Limited	Limited by guarantee	100% Control	Investment

The aggregate of the share capital and reserves as at 31 December 2023 and of the profit and loss account for the year ending on that date for the subsidiary undertakings were as follows:

	Aggregate of share capital and reserves	Profit
	£	£
BHC Car Parks Limited	150,559	121,442
Birmingham Hebrew Congregation Properties Limited	2	757,072

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	GROUP	CHARITY
	£	£
Fair Value		
Net book value before revaluations	340,747	116,187
Revaluations	1,044,253	898,813
At 31 December 2023	1,385,000	1,015,000
Net Book Value at 31 December 2023	1,385,000	1,015,000

Fair value at 31 December 2023 is analysed by:

	£	£
Net book value before revaluations	340,747	116,187
Valuation at March 2021	904,253	808,813
Valuation at December 2021	95,000	85,000
Valuation at December 2022	20,000	20,000
Valuation at December 2023	25,000	(15,000)
	1,385,000	1,015,000

The investment properties were valued by Just Move Estate Agents and Lettings at 31 December 2023. The estate agents have based their opinion on the revalued fair value of the investment properties, by reference to their knowledge of the condition of the property and their judgement of the prevailing market prices for similar properties in the locality of the properties.

13 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Trade Debtors and Membership dues	24,984	47,679	22,992	28,336
Sundry debtors and prepayments	12,205	13,375	12,205	13,375
Income tax re gift aid	8,625	7,817	8,625	7,817
Cemetery debtors	11,450	30,350	11,450	30,350
	57,264	99,221	55,272	79,878
Amounts falling due after more than one year:				
Amounts due from group companies	-	-	395,110	471,408
	57,264	99,221	450,382	551,286

14 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank loan	11,661	11,072	-	-
Hire purchase creditor	3,007	3,350	3,007	3,350
Trade creditors	18,576	12,373	14,587	8,385
Other taxation and social security	9,945	7,948	7,709	4,668
Other creditors and accruals	74,728	72,247	59,472	46,856
Cemetery creditors and accruals	68,530	57,985	68,530	57,985
	186,447	164,975	153,305	121,244

Deferred Income	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income at 1 January 2023	63,940	76,476
Resources deferred in the year	14,071	10,964
Amounts released from previous years	(12,940)	(23,500)
Deferred income at 31 December 2023	65,071	63,940

At the balance sheet date the group was holding funds received in advance for funerals £61,500 (22: £51,000) and car park fees £3,571 (2022: £12,940).

15 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank loan	54,419	62,743	-	-
Hire purchase creditor	10,998	873	10,998	873
	65,417	63,616	10,998	873

The bank loan is secured by legal charges over property in Commercial Street, Birmingham. The loan is repayable over 17 years commencing September 2014. Interest is calculated on a floating rate basis.

16 FUNDS

GROUP	At 1 January 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Gains	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	1,146,808	1,150,772	(452,156)	29,101	(12,000)	1,862,525
Designated Funds	376,951	2,711	(12,000)	-	12,000	379,662
Restricted Funds	620,204	159,315	(173,764)	-	-	605,755
Total Funds	**2,143,963**	**1,312,798**	**(637,920)**	**29,101**	**-**	**2,847,942**

CHARITY	At 1 January 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Gains	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	1,036,689	1,108,800	(410,627)	(10,899)	(12,000)	1,711,963
Designated Funds						
Restoration Fund	7,593	-	-	-	-	7,593
Buildings Reserve	158,129	-	-	-	-	158,129
Singers Hill Charity Box	13,113	2,711	-	-		15,824
New Building	187,270	-	-	-	-	187,270
Jewish Youth Institute	10,846	-	-	-	-	10,846
Birmingham Jewish Education Fund	-	-	(12,000)	-	12,000	-
	376,951	2,711	(12,000)	-	12,000	379,662
Restricted Funds						
Cemetery Funds						
Family Trust	32,028	-	-	-	-	32,028
Cemetery General	398,510	159,315	(173,764)	-	-	384,061
Mikveh Fund	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Future Developments	26,938	-	-	-	-	26,938
Repairs Reserve	50,283	-	-	-	-	50,283
Tahara and Chevra Kadisha	12,445	-	-	-	-	12,445
	620,204	159,315	(173,764)	-	-	605,755
Total Funds	**2,033,844**	**1,270,826**	**(596,391)**	**(10,899)**	**-**	**2,697,380**

16 FUNDS (continued)

Restoration Fund: Monies donated towards the restoration work needed on the Synagogue building.

Buildings Reserve: Monies set aside for any major works to the charity properties.

Singers Hill Charity Box: Monies donated at services by members and distributed to needy causes at the direction of the Rabbi.

New Buildings: Sale of Park Road spent on the Moseley Synagogue which is included in fixed assets..

The Jewish Youth Institute Fund has arisen from the proceeds of an insurance claim from the former youth centre and is used for assistance for Jewish Youth.

Birmingham Jewish Education Fund was established to provide educational assistance.

Family Trust: Donations and appeals made in the 1940's and 50's towards upkeep of shul.

Cemetery General: Maintenance of the grounds and buildings of the various cemeteries. Surplus to be made available for use in the synagogue.

Mikveh Fund: Legacy monies received towards building a new Mikveh.

Future Developments: To provide possible new cemetery location in the future.

Repairs Reserve: For any major work at the cemeteries.

Tahara & Chevra Kadisha: Reserve towards the cost of providing washing facilities for deceased persons.

Fair Value Reserve: Non distributable reserves on the revaluations of investment property in general funds

17 ANALYSIS OF GROUP NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	1,849,128	183,778	38,349	2,071,255
Net Current Assets	78,814	195,884	567,406	842,104
Long Term Liabilities	(65,417)	-	-	(65,417)
Net Assets as at 31 December 2023	**1,862,525**	**379,662**	**605,755**	**2,847,942**

18 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following related party transactions took place in the period of account:

- *All Electric Garages Group plc* - motor repairs and staff recharges. The transactions in the year to 31 December 2023 amounted to £30,583 (2022: £37,860). £3,989 was outstanding at 31 December 2023 (2022: £3,989). J S Leek is chairman of the group.

All transactions were conducted at arm's length, in accordance with Birmingham Hebrew Congregation's normal procurement procedures and with Charities SORP 2019.

19 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATNG LEASES

At 31 December 2023 the total of the Charity's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2023	2022
	£	£
- Within one year	1,465	-
- Within two to 5 years	837	-
	2,302	-