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ARCHITECTS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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COMPANY INFORMATION

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

James Ackland OBE	
Ian Arnott	(Appointed 16 June 2010)
Stephen Arthurell	(Resigned 16 June 2010)
John Assael	
Kenneth Bingham	(South Western Region)
Chris Cowen	
Selina Dix Hamilton	(Resigned 16 June 2010)
Lelia Dunlea-Jones	
Janet Dunsmore	(Appointed 16 June 2010)
William Evans	(East Midlands Region)
Chris Everitt	
Chris Goodall	
George Hall	(Resigned 16 June 2010)
Terry Hopegood	
John Lane	(RIAS)
Roger Latham	
Brian Lingard	
Ronnie McDaniel	(Royal Society of Ulster Architects)
Peter McKinley	
Cyril Morris	(North West Region)
Colin Morse	
Andrew Plumridge	(Southern Region)
Geoffrey Purves	(Northern Region)
David Ramsay	(Died 21 December 2010)
Russ Randall	(Resigned 13 October 2010)
David Rock	
Ian Sanders	
Stella Saunders	(Wales Region)
Freni Shroff	
Malcolm Sinclair	(South East Region)
Marjorie Smith	(Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists)
Malcolm Stuart	(Resigned 16 June 2010)
Chris Warburton	
Hugh Woodeson	

In accordance with Article 38, one third of members retire from the council each year and being eligible may offer themselves for re-election.

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COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

The Council is the governing body of the Society but most of the day to day work is delegated to committees which undertake the administration and decision making which is essential to the continuation of the work of the Society. All committee members are volunteers who give a considerable amount of time and expertise for the benefit of those members of the profession who have fallen on hard times. Enquiries from those willing to serve on committee are always welcome.

Case Committee:	Kenneth Bingham* (Chairman) Terry Hopegood* Colin Morse* David Ramsay* (Died 21 December 2010) Russ Randall* (Resigned 13 October 2010) Freni Shroff* Marjorie Smith*
Executive Committee:	Chris Goodall* Kenneth Bingham* Chris Cowen* (Resigned 5 May 2010) Lelia Dunlea-Jones* John Lane* Ronnie McDaniel* Geoffrey Purves* David Ramsay* (Died 21 December 2010) Freni Shroff*
Finance and Property Advisory Committee:	Geoffrey Purves* (Chairman) Chris Goodall* Brian Lingard* Simon Still Hugh Woodeson (from 16 December 2010)
External Affairs Committee	Ronnie McDaniel* (Chairman) Stephen Arthurell* (Resigned 16 June 2010) Kenneth Bingham* Chris Goodall* (from 17 June 2009) Stewart Henderson* (resigned 18 February 2009) Geoffrey Purves* Russ Randall* (Resigned 13 October 2010)
Claverton Court Management Committee:	Lelia Dunlea-Jones (Chairman)* Chris Goodall* Roger Latham* Chris Warburton*

*Indicates Member of Council and Trustee of the Charity

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REGIONAL CONTACTS AND BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives in the Regions and Branches are part of a countrywide network of members of the profession who are prepared to act as advisers to their colleagues locally and to promote understanding and spread information within their area about the Society and its activities and needs. They also organise events and help raise funds for the Society. Regional Contacts are trustees of the Society and members of the Council. They co-ordinate activities within their region. One of the most important roles the branch representatives can play is to try to ensure that any architect, technologist or assistant or their dependants in the area, whether they are members of the RIBA, or CIAT or the Landscape Institute or not, know that the ABS is there to help wherever it can in times of need.

36 Branches and Chapters have nominated an ABS branch representative to act in this way so far. If you notice that your branch is not included in the following list then no member has been nominated to date.

Please persuade your local branch to do so as soon as possible, or better still volunteer yourself!

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REPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

The members of the Council are pleased to submit their report and the financial statements of the Architects Benevolent Society for the year ended 30 September 2010.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

The Society is a Registered Charity and a Company limited by guarantee governed by Articles and a Memorandum of Association. It is not liable for Corporation Tax on its charitable operations.

Membership of the Society is by invitation from Council and is drawn from those who have assisted in the charitable work or have expressed a willingness to do so. It is not restricted to membership of the architectural profession. All Members of the Society are entitled to attend, to speak and to vote at General Meetings.

Governance

The Council is composed of Members of the Society and is the governing body. Members of the Council are Trustees of the charity and Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law. They are elected at the Annual General Meeting, normally held in June each year, and one third retire from office annually, but are eligible for re-election. The Society encourages the appointment of trustees from disciplines other than architecture where their expertise will be appropriate for furthering the charitable work. Prospective trustees are interviewed by a small panel of existing trustees prior to their appointment being recommended. A formal induction procedure is in place which includes training and familiarization for the first year of trusteeship. This procedure is regularly reviewed and the Council is developing procedures for the ongoing training of all trustees in the future.

The composition of the Council for the year ended 30 September 2010 is set out on page 3. The Secretary of the Society is directly responsible to the Council in the execution of his duties.

Management

Most of the day to day work of the Society is carried out by formally appointed Committees which report directly and regularly to the full Council. At the heart of the Society is the Case Committee which advises Council on the whole of the Society's charitable work and considers on an individual and confidential basis what help should be given in each case. Two Welfare Officers, who are permanent members of the Society's staff, meet all new applicants for assistance in their own homes and make regular annual visits to all existing beneficiaries. They are able to make informed and appropriate recommendations for consideration by the Case Committee.

The other main committee of Council is the Executive Committee which, with assistance from the Finance and Property Advisory Committee deals with financial and administrative matters. Income is generated from investments, from property and by fundraising undertaken both by volunteers and by the Society's own staff. The Articles of Association place no specific restriction on the powers of the Trustees generally with regard to investments held in the Long Term Funds, which represent the majority of the Society's investments and capital holdings. But the Society also operates the Sawyer Benevolent Fund the terms of which are more restrictive. The Sawyer Bequest was a legacy in 1930 in favour of twenty old retired architects in poor circumstances, and specified the type of investment that may be held. The Trustees are not authorised to reduce the capital value, only to utilise the income from the invested fund as set out in the bequest, and the fund has been invested in accordance with the Trustee Investment Act 1961.

The Society owns and administers sheltered accommodation in Chester and there is a local committee of management comprised of trustees of the Society which reports to the Executive Committee and to the Council.

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Publicity, marketing, events and fundraising matters are dealt with by the External Affairs Committee which also reports to the Executive Committee and to the Council

In February 2009 the Council agreed a revised governance structure for the Society and a new committee – the Finance and Property Advisory Committee - was established. It met for the first time in December 2009 and reports to the Executive Committee and the Council. As its name suggests, it deals with all matters relating to the Society's investments in both the stock market and property. It liaises directly with the investment managers.

Relationships

The Society's work is promoted and assisted by region and branch representatives throughout the country who give voluntarily of their time. Their work is important in helping to make local members of the profession aware of the help that the Society can offer.

The Society has informal but close links with the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, the Royal Society of Ulster Architects, the Royal Society of Architects in Wales, the Architects Registration Board, the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects, the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists, the Landscape Institute and others. It is also a subscribing member of Crossways Trust, the Professional Classes Aid Council, the Charity Officers Association and the Occupational Benevolent Funds Alliance.

Risk Management

In 2002 the Council undertook an assessment of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems were established to monitor and mitigate those risks. During 2009-10 a complete re-examination of all the Society's activities and the associated risks was begun and this work is now almost complete.

Objects and Activities

Objects

The main objects set out at the first meeting of the Society on 27 November 1850 remain the same today. In accordance with its Articles and Memorandum of Association the ABS continues to fulfil its role in providing relief to *'persons engaged or formerly engaged in the practice of architecture, and the wives, widows, children and other dependants of such persons being in necessitous circumstances'*

Council includes in the definition of 'persons engagedin architecture' any person in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man who works or has worked as an architect (including landscape architect but excluding naval architect) or in employment as an architectural technologist or assistant.

Public benefit

The Architects Benevolent Society is a registered charity whose charitable purpose defined within the Charities Act 2006 is for the relief and prevention of poverty. The Society provides public benefit through financial help and other assistance to past and present members of the architectural profession and their dependants. This help is extended to all those who work or have worked in the design process within architecture in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. It is not restricted to qualified architects or to members of any particular professional body or group. In reviewing the aims and objectives of the Society and in planning future activities the trustees have referred to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The trustees consider that current activities deliver public benefit.

Aims for public benefit

The Society is the only occupational benevolent fund for the architectural profession in the UK and its aim is to offer real help wherever it can to those who are eligible and in need, to improve the quality of life to those

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who are experiencing difficulty through advanced age, infirmity, poverty or illness, to afford opportunities for a fresh start in life for those who have met with adversity and generally give comfort and hope to those who are in trouble of various kinds.

Objectives for the year

The main objective for the Society in 2009-10 was to plan for a prolonged period of economic downturn, particularly in the construction industry. The number of architects without work continued at a high level affecting both voluntary income (almost wholly derived from the architectural profession) and charitable spending to assist those who suddenly found themselves without the funds to support themselves or their families. In addition to a significant fall in donations, income from investments as well as the value of the capital itself had also fallen – although there was some improvement as the year progressed. There was also concern about income from commercial letting of the Society's head office property as many of the tenancies would come to an end in 2011 and 2012 and London office rents were considerably lower than the rents currently being charged.

Against this background, the trustees undertook a detailed study of the ways in which the Society's income might be increased and expenditure reduced. Whilst some improvement in revenue might be possible by changes to investment strategy and by concentrating fundraising efforts on legacies, the more certain way to balance the books was by spending reductions. It was agreed from the outset that the level of poverty and hardship within the architectural profession meant that any reduction in charitable spending should only be considered as a last resort. Economies in other areas were therefore sought and the impending retirements and the ending of two fixed term contracts provided the opportunity to rethink the staff structure. The result is that staff at the head office will be reduced from 8 to 5½ over the next two years, the first part of the reduction down to 6½ having been achieved just after the year end.

An ongoing objective for the Society has always been to make contact with those potential beneficiaries who may not currently be aware of the work of the ABS, especially those people such as widows of architects who may have lost touch with the profession but are nevertheless in need and are eligible for help. The number of individual cases in receipt of financial assistance was 301 (unchanged from 301 in the previous year). Money given away in the form of grants, gifts and loans fell by just under 5% a figure which needs to be seen in the context of a rise of over 19% in the previous year when the number of architects unemployed was at its peak. Charitable expenditure overall decreased by just under 6%.

Strategies

As with many occupational benevolent funds the strategy for both income generation and for increasing the number of people helped, is centred on raising awareness of the charity so that the majority of people in the architectural profession know of the Society's existence. This work continued to be done through regular newsletters in both printed and electronic forms, by personal visits to firms of architects and to regional and branch meetings, by holding events and by promotion of the website and the new video of beneficiaries' stories.

Voluntary work

All of the work carried out by the formal committees and working groups appointed by Council is done voluntarily. Many of the tasks, particularly publicity and event organisation, involve a great deal of work in addition to attending meetings. The Society is particularly grateful to those people who are not trustees but who give up their evenings and weekends to assist in this way. Efforts are being made to encourage younger members of the profession to become involved, either directly or by taking part in a sporting or other sponsored activity to raise money. Our volunteer representatives in the regions and branches all over the country continue to raise funds, often substantial sums, and to identify those people who might need the Society's help.

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Achievements and performance

The Case Committee and its work with beneficiaries

The Case Committee, chaired by Ken Bingham, advises Council on the whole of the Society's charitable work for those in necessitous circumstances. The Committee assesses the circumstances of each new applicant and reviews each case at least once every twelve months and more frequently when necessary. This year the Society awarded grants, gifts and loans of almost £562,000 from both restricted and unrestricted funds, slightly less than the £590,000 given during 2008-9.

Grants are made to those who need help on a regular basis and gifts are provided for specific essential items that a person would otherwise be unable to afford. Interest free loans are sometimes made instead of gifts where a beneficiary may be able to repay the Society at some time in the future.

The committee works in close cooperation with the two full time Welfare Officers who visit all beneficiaries in person on a regular basis and thus have first hand knowledge of the circumstances of each case. Assessments and recommendations are prepared by the welfare team for consideration by the committee.

The Welfare Officers keep up to date with the latest information on state benefits and with the work of their colleagues in other professional benevolent funds. As well as CPD and training, they attend meetings of the Charity Officers Association and the Occupational Benevolent Fund Alliance from time to time and exchange information on changes in legislation, best practice and skills development. They also sit on the Publicity Working Group which has a number of initiatives to promote the Society to potential beneficiaries as well as to those who may make a donation to the funds.

The Society is able to provide financial assistance very rapidly in cases of pressing need and can do so within 24 hours when necessary. In this regard the welfare team works closely with the Chairman of the Case Committee who is authorised to agree urgent applications for financial help between committee meetings.

In all 462 separate cases were helped during 2009-2010. Of these 301 received financial assistance (301 in 2008-2009) and the remainder pastoral care and advice. New applications were received from 60 people (66 in 2008-2009) and of these 55 were given financial help during the year. Taking into account children, spouses and other dependants of beneficiaries, the Society has helped 652 individuals this year.

Sadly 20 of our beneficiaries have died during the year but 30 others are no longer in need of assistance and are able to manage on their own. In some of these cases the Welfare Officers will keep in touch to ensure that all is well and that further care is forthcoming should the need arise.

Here is an example of the help which the Society has been able to give:

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Greta was born with cerebral palsy and has to cope with mobility difficulties and all the other challenges associated with the condition. She wants to run and play outdoors, just like her older sister Beatrice does, but she can't. The ABS was able to provide a specially adapted cycle which is easily convertible for indoor use as a pram without the use of any complicated additional pieces.

Her parents said, "Beatrice was very keen for us all to cycle along the 'Prom', our walkway along the coast in Portobello, as a family, but we knew that this was going to be very difficult for Greta to learn at this age as she needs lots of help with moving. Then we saw this Dutch bike, and thought it was the perfect solution. The seat has enough support for Greta and keeps her up nice and high, and the saddle can be lowered so that Beatrice and other friends can cycle it too, which is really good fun for Greta. We have taken the bike on holiday all around Europe; it has changed the way we get around as a family, we no longer need to push Greta, and Beatrice no longer needs to wait for us being slow. But the best thing is that because it is such an unusual bike we get lots of comments and compliments as we ride along the prom, and Greta feels like the centre of attention, which she loves!" Thanks to the financial support of our donors Greta is now able to get out and about more easily and join in family activities which enrich her life and the lives of those around her. Your support does make a real difference.

Executive Committee

Under the Chairmanship of the Hon Secretary Chris Goodall, the Executive Committee is responsible for advising Council on the whole range of the Society's activities and it has delegated power to act on behalf of Council at any time when that should be necessary, its decisions being submitted to the following Council meeting. About a quarter of all trustees are members of this committee which acts as a sounding board for those matters to be presented to the trustees as a whole and receives reports and minutes from all other committees and working parties except for those of the Case Committee which are sent direct to Council. It does, however, receive financial summary information from the Case Committee.

The Committee approves all arrangements for the custody and best use of the Society's monies, investments, property and other assets and plans for both short and long term financial needs. This year the detail of this aspect of the work was undertaken by the newly established Finance and Property Advisory Committee which liaises directly with the investment managers. But a major task undertaken during the year was the detailed examination of the source and level of the Society's income and the development of plans to boost income and reduce expenditure (mainly the latter) in order to ensure the long term financial health of the ABS during a prolonged period of recession.

As usual the Society's auditors attended the January meeting at which the Annual Report and Financial Statements were examined and approved for submission to Council. The Society's Reserves policy was also approved at that meeting. Budgets for the coming year were approved in September and Management Accounts were submitted to every meeting.

The equalisation of the values of the C Hoare and Co and the Schroder and Co investment portfolios was completed by the beginning of the year. A recommendation from the Finance and Property Advisory Committee that the management contract for the Schroder portfolio be re-let by competitive tendering was approved.

The Portland Place property continued to produce a good rental income mainly because almost all the commercial tenancies began at times when rents were at much higher values than in 2009-10. Refurbishment of the fourth floor for use by the Society was completed at the start of the year and those parts of the third floor thus vacated were redecorated ready for commercial letting. The entrance hall, stairs and other common parts (not touched since the mid 1980s) were also redecorated and re-carpeted and a new lighting scheme installed. This work was practically complete by the year end

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The routine of general administration, management and staff matters continued throughout the year.

Finance and Property Advisory Committee

This newly established committee met for the first time in December 2009. Chaired by the Hon Treasurer Geoffrey Purves, it is a small committee comprised of members with financial, investment and legal expertise. It reports directly to the Executive Committee and liaises with the Society's investment managers. At each meeting full portfolio reports are received and representatives from the managers attend meetings during the year to advise the committee in detail and to review investment policy matters in line with the approved Investment Policy Statement.

One of the first tasks undertaken was a review by competitive tender of the management of the Schroder part of the portfolio and this resulted in Schroder and Co being replaced by Rensburg Sheppard. The transfer of securities took place during the summer and, bar some problematical private equity holdings was practically complete by the year end.

The Committee also looked in some detail at the future of fundraising in the current economic climate and concluded that the continuing fall in donations from the architectural profession was likely to continue for some years until the construction industry recovered. It was thought worthwhile to put more effort into legacy fundraising during the next few years and a detailed scheme for doing this was worked up for implementation by the External Affairs Committee.

Investment property matters were also examined, especially the situation at 9 Weymouth Mews which will be given more detailed consideration in the coming year, possibly with expert help from a property specialist.

External Affairs Committee

This committee, chaired by Ronnie McDaniel, embraces all activities related to marketing and fundraising. Its purpose is to promote the Society and its activities to the architectural profession and it advises on all publicity, events and fundraising matters.

For most of the year, much of the detailed work involved was carried out by separate working groups meeting as necessary to deal with specific areas of activity.

Fundraising

Whilst the increased awareness of the Society within the profession in recent years is evident, the impact of the economic downturn on both individual and corporate donors has led to a significant drop in fundraising income particularly from architectural practices. Overall donation income was £142,400 compared with £169,000 in the previous year and £214,000 before the recession began. Despite renewed efforts both to retain existing donors and recruit new ones, the state of the architectural profession is such that a further reduction is anticipated in the year to come.

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Publicity

Under the chairmanship of Russ Randall, the Publicity Working Group dealt with all matters relating to the promotion of the Society and its activities. The experiment aimed at raising more money with targeted mailings was not a success and the ABS Newsletter previously reduced to two issues per annum was reinstated to three or four issues each year as resources allowed. A decision was taken to save money by not producing a printed version of the Annual Report; typewritten and on-line versions were made available. The Annual Review was also stopped for financial reasons with the bulk of the material appearing instead in an enlarged edition of the Newsletter.

Publicity material continued to concentrate on the people we help and the sort of assistance we give. A sequel to the ABS DVD *Changing Lives* was produced entitled *With Your Help...* and featuring the stories of four people telling their stories on screen about how the Society had helped them.

Events

Under the chairmanship of Stephen Arthurell, the Events Working Group continued its programme of regular activity though this aspect of the Society's work was also affected by the economic recession. The Fun Run was once again sponsored by Populous and despite the recession both the number of runners and the income produced were better than in the previous year.

Following a successful pilot in 2008-9, a series of winter talks by well known architects including Make, Wilkinson Eyre, Alison Brooks, dRMM, Eric Parry and Allies and Morrison took place between November and March. These talks attracted many young architects who had previously not heard of the ABS.

During the year both Stephen Arthurell and Russ Randall resigned from trusteeship of the Society and the External Affairs Committee began to consider alternative ways in which the marketing, events and fundraising work might be carried forward. It is intended to recruit a trustee with experience and expertise in the publicity and marketing world.

Claverton Court Management Committee

Claverton Court is a modern block of sheltered flats in the City of Chester which is owned and operated by the Society. The Management Committee, chaired by Lelia Dunlea-Jones, works closely with the Manager, Christine Phillips, and meets quarterly to look after the fabric of the building and ensure the well-being of the residents.

All the flats were fully occupied at the start of the year but a number of people moved away and there were four vacant apartments at the year end. These are proving difficult to let either to beneficiaries or commercially.

It now being ten year's since Claverton Court was renovated and enlarged, a number of improvements were carried out to the fire alarm system and to the lift.

Appointments and retirements

Stephen Arthurell, Selina Dix Hamilton, George Hall, Russ Randall and Malcolm Stuart retired from the Council during the year and we thank them for their contribution to the work of the Society and wish them well for the future

A warm welcome is extended to Janet Dunsmore and Ian Arnott who were appointed as trustees in June 2010.

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Financial Review

Incoming resources Money from donations, gifts and from fundraising events during the year totalled £148,062 compared with £173,326 for 2008-2009. This reduction results from the world economic situation which has badly affected construction in general and architects in particular.

Legacy income was particularly poor, being £23,713 in the current year compared with £96,839 in 2008-9. This form of income is difficult to predict or rely on and the Society takes a cautious approach in budgeting for it.

Income from both sheltered housing and commercial property totalled £459,103, slightly better than the figure of £445,157 in the previous year. This is mainly due almost all of the property being let for the whole of the year,

Investment income was down from £295,261 in the previous year to £222,663 reflecting the state of the stock market and the economy in general.

Resources expended

Costs of generating funds Fund-raising, events and merchandising costs this year totalled £166,126 compared with £174,110 in 2008-2009 the drop being attributable to deliberate efforts to reduce spending during the year as it became increasingly apparent that income was falling significantly. Nonetheless the net result for income generation is that costs have exceeded income by £18,064 a state of affairs which the trustees have already addressed by making changes to the staff structure and reducing the amount of paid staff resources devoted to this aspect of the Society's work.

The cost of running the commercial properties fell by just under £50,000 from £207,723 in 2008-2009 to £157,868 in the current year.

Interest on borrowings rose slightly from £117,852 in 2008-2009 to £123,125 in the current year as a result of a full year of interest payable on additional borrowings made in 2008-9.

Charitable Expenditure The Society's overall charitable expenditure in 2009-2010 totalled £973,631 down by £58,696 on the £1,032,327 expended last year. Of this, the decrease in poverty relief was £29,619. The main reason for this was a fall back from the exceptionally high figure for grants and gifts in 2008-9 when the recession first took hold and more than 10% of the profession was out of work. The amount spent on provision of accommodation had fallen by £29,077 largely due to the fall in the price of electricity and gas and an exceptionally light year for maintenance and repairs at Claverton Court

Designated fund

On the recommendation of its professional advisers, the Society designates from its unrestricted fund all funds that are held in assets of a permanent nature, either tangible assets or investments, to create the Long Term Fund. This is because these assets are required to produce the income the Society needs in order to continue with its work. In June 2008, the Trustees established a designated fund within the Long Term Fund for the construction of the fourth floor extension at 43 Portland Place. The initial value of this designated fund was agreed at £500,000, £94,357 was expended on preparatory work. The project was abandoned in October 2008 and the Council resolved to remove the designation at the meeting held on 10 February 2010.

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Deficit

The Society's net expenditure for the year was £674,527 up by £29,557 on the previous year when the deficit was £644,970. In the light of the continuing poor economic outlook, especially for the architectural profession, the trustees have put in place measures to substantially reduce and possibly eliminate this deficit within the next five years. These are described elsewhere in this report.

Investments

The level of the main (unrestricted) investment portfolio at 1 October 2009 was £11,890,095 and at 30 September 2010 stood at £12,075,865. The level of the Sawyer Bequest (restricted) endowment fund investments at 1 October 2009 was £471,759 and at 30 September 2010 stood at £511,991. Both figures reflecting the slightly improved market conditions compared with the previous year.

Market Value of Land and Buildings

The Society's original freehold properties were revalued in 1986 shortly after the completion of the original buildings at Claverton Court, Chester and the revaluations were incorporated into the accounts. The properties in Surrey (Frenchlands Hatch, Frenchlands House and Woodlands Cottage) were sold at the end of 2007. The long lease on 43 Portland Place was purchased in July 2003. Further residential properties in Guildford, East Horsley, Cobham, Tenby and Acle, Norfolk and 9 Weymouth Mews at the rear of 43 Portland Place were acquired during 2007-8 and all are shown in the accounts at cost with depreciation as necessary.

In the opinion of the members of Council, the total market value of the properties at 30 September 2010 was in excess of the total book value of the properties shown in the accounts. The more substantial properties at Claverton Court and 43 Portland Place remained well in excess of their values stated in the accounts.

Legacies

In the past legacies have often provided a considerable contribution to the income of the Society and frequently exceeded the total amount received from all individual and practice donations. This year legacy income has been particularly low but the Society is most grateful to those who have been generous in helping to finance the charitable work in this way and commends the ABS as a worthy recipient to those who are contemplating bequests when drawing up their wills.

Legacies received during 2009-2010 are :

Mr R Cohen	£3,028
Mr S B Downs	£4,185
Mr J Penn	£16,500
Total	£23,713

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Reserves Policy

It is the view of Council that the calls on the Society's funds will continue to increase over the years ahead, and particularly so with an ageing population and the current severe downturn in the world economic situation. The new Reserves Policy adopted on 10 February 2009 therefore includes a commitment to increase the level of investment capital in the medium and long term to ensure that the Society will be in a position to continue its important work in the future.

Reasons for reserves

The Society supports approximately 650 needy people each year. The annual expenditure at present stands at £1.53 million per annum, excluding irregular major capital works.

This expenditure is met from four main sources:

Donations and legacies. These vary but not more than £200,000 per annum can be counted on with certainty.

Income from investments. This also varies but is unlikely to exceed £300,000 at present.

Income from commercial property. Approximately £350,000 pa.

Sales of investments. Necessary to make up the shortfall to meet annual expenditure and inadvisable when the capital value of investments is falling rather than increasing.

Without a significant capital reserve in investments the Society would lose a major source of its annual income and be at risk of failing to fulfill its duty to support the Society's beneficiaries as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Performance against policy

The Society wishes to maintain a balance of free reserves in the Current Fund at £400,000 a level sufficient for the Society to continue to operate and fulfill its obligations for a period of three months. At 30 September 2010 the balance was £0.98 millions a figure which the Trustees believe to be higher than necessary.

Range of reserves required

Up to 1997 the annual increase in market value of the Society's investments more than compensated for the sales of investments and the reserve therefore gradually increased. Due to the adverse market conditions from 1998 however this did not occur and the reserves were significantly depleted. Another period of economic difficulty has been experienced from 2008 onwards and significant falls in the value of reserves have yet to be recovered.

Although there had been a diminution in direct financial help given to beneficiaries in recent years, this trend was reversed in 2005 and spending has continued to increase since then. It is anticipated that calls on the Society will be greater in the medium to long term particularly with the current recession, the lack of work within the architectural profession, the demographic changes which mean that a significantly greater proportion of the population will be of retirement age and the government's policy to cut back on a number of state benefits. The Trustees are of the opinion that the Society's outgoings will continue to rise at a significant rate for the foreseeable future.

In order to meet the above requirements the Society believes that reserves, currently at just under £19 millions, should rise to between £25 millions and £30 millions by 2015.

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Proposed action to achieve target reserves

Council continues to support an active fundraising programme with the specific object of increasing the level of ordinary annual donations and legacies to reduce the shortfall against annual expenditure. However, given that almost the whole of the voluntary income is derived from the architectural profession and architects are suffering very badly from the current recession, the likelihood is that fundraising income will further diminish rather than increase. The Trustees therefore believe that very little headway will be made during 2010-2011 towards achieving the reserves target and at present it is difficult to see when there will be any improvement.

Monitoring and review procedures

Monitoring of the financial performance of the investments is carried out by the Finance and Property Advisory Committee which reports to the Executive Committee each time it meets. Formal reports are submitted by the investment managers every three months and their representatives attend in person two or three times each year to expand on these written reports. The committee minutes and recommendations are put forward for approval and ratification at the following meeting of the Society's Council.

A review of forward financial planning is carried out annually by the Executive Committee at its January meeting when the preliminary accounts for the previous year are available for examination and at the May meeting when the accounts have been approved. Any changes recommended are minuted and submitted to the following meetings of Council for formal approval of the Trustees.

Annual General Meeting

Twenty six members of the Society attended the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Society at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London on 16 June 2010.

The Chairman of the Society, Ken Bingham reported on the work of the ABS in the year to 30 September 2009, the 159th since its foundation in November 1850, and outlined plans for the year to come. The meeting adopted the Annual Report and Accounts for 2008-2009 and after the election of the Members of Council for the coming year confirmed the appointment of Messrs Saffery Champness as Auditors for the Society and authorised Council to agree their remuneration.

Responsibilities of Members of Council

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

Company law requires the members to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of the surplus or deficit of the Society for that period. In preparing those financial statements the members are required to

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

The members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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So far as each of the Members of Council is aware:

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

Activities in the Regions and Branches

The Society is most grateful to all those who work in raising awareness and in fundraising activities and sponsorship in the Regions and Branches and in the architectural institutions throughout the UK. The ABS receives a significant income from a variety of sources such as raffles, dinners, collections and similar events, organised either by groups or individuals. The Society is very grateful for the contribution this makes to the funds and to improving awareness of the ABS and its work.

Particular thanks are due to the following for their help over the last year

Architects Law Forum
Bradshaw Gass Trust
Broad Oak Trust
C Hoare and Co
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists
Edinburgh Architectural Association
Glasgow Institute of Architects
Lincolnshire Society of Architects
Manchester Society of Architects
North Wales Society of Architects
North West London Society of Architects
RIBA Bristol and Bath Branch
RIBA Colchester Branch
RIBA Council Dinner Club
RIBA East
RIBA North
RIBA North West
RIBA Plymouth Branch
RIBA Richmond, Kingston and Merton Branch
RIBA South
RIBA South Essex Chapter
RIBA South West
RIBA Wiltshire Branch
Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland
Royal Society of Ulster Architects
South West Charitable Giving
Twigg Trust
Wimborne Civic Society
Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects

Future plans

The Society, in common with many other charities, faces a further year of financial stringency. Plans are now in place and implementation underway for substantial reductions in spending and for some modest increases in income, particularly from stock market investments. The reduction in staff numbers will allow further space to be released for commercial letting at the headquarters in Portland Place, the rental income from which now accounts for more than one third of the Society's annual income.

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The year ahead will be one of change not least because both of our Welfare Officers will be retiring. Peta Whiston joined the staff of the Society on 2 January 1986 and Naomi Lopez on 1 May 1989. Between them they have travelled some 720,000 miles and made just under 17,000 home visits to our beneficiaries many of whom regard Peta and Naomi as personal friends. We wish them every happiness in their retirement. Two new Welfare Officers have been recruited and will be joining the staff early in 2011.

Acknowledgements

The Society wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to the following:

The RIBA and in particular the staff at Portland Place and in the regions, the RIAS, the RSAW, the RSUA, the Architects Registration Board, CIAT, the Landscape Institute and other Regional and Branch Councils and many other architectural organisations throughout the UK for help in various ways.

Our professional advisers for their continuing guidance and support throughout 2009-2010.

The Secretary of the Society, Keith Robinson, the Welfare Officers and the staff at 43 Portland Place and at Claverton Court Chester, who have looked after the day to day business of the Society as well as the administration of the individual care which the Society gives to its beneficiaries.

All those members of the profession and others who continue to do so much in support of the charity, both financially and by giving generously of their time.

By order of the Board

Keith Robinson
Secretary

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the financial statements on pages 27 to 39. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and auditors

The Trustees' (who are also the directors of Architects Benevolent Society for the purposes of company law) responsibilities for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. We also report to you whether, in our opinion, the information given in the Trustees' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charity has not kept adequate accounting records, if the charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made.

We read the Trustees' Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs as at 30 September 2010 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; and
- the information given in the Trustees' report is consistent with the financial statements.

Lorenzo Mosca (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of

Saffery Champness
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
2011

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds Current Fund £	Unrestricted Funds Long Term Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2010 £	Total 2009 £
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE							
Incoming resources from generated funds							
<i>Voluntary income</i>							
	1						
Donations and gifts		142,395	-	-	-	142,395	169,341
Legacies		23,713	-	-	-	23,713	96,839
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>							
Fundraising income		5,667	-	-	-	5,667	3,985
Commercial rent receivable		354,955	-	-	-	354,955	317,937
<i>Investment income</i>	3	213,796	-	-	8,867	222,663	295,261
Incoming resources from charitable activities							
Income from residents of sheltered housing		104,148	-	-	-	104,148	127,220
Total incoming resources		844,674	-	-	8,867	853,541	1,010,583
Resources expended							
Cost of generating funds:							
<i>Cost of generating voluntary</i>							
Income		164,744	-	-	-	164,744	172,660
Cost of events and merchandise		1,382	-	-	-	1,382	1,450
Investment management fee		73,754	-	1,921	-	75,675	59,714
<i>Costs of running commercial</i>							
Properties		49,117	108,751	-	-	157,868	207,723
Interest on borrowings		123,125	-	-	-	123,125	117,852
		412,122	108,751	1,921	-	522,794	559,399
Charitable activities:							
Relief of poverty	4	689,844	-	-	8,867	698,711	728,330
Provision of accommodation		218,236	56,684	-	-	274,920	303,997
Loss on sale of investment property		-	-	-	-	-	35,000
Governance	5	31,643	-	-	-	31,643	28,827
Total resources expended	6	1,351,845	165,435	1,921	8,867	1,528,068	1,655,553
Net outgoing resources before Transfer		(507,171)	(165,435)	(1,921)	-	(674,527)	(644,970)
Transfer between funds		941,021	(941,021)	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before revaluation and investment asset disposal		433,850	(1,106,456)	(1,921)	-	(674,527)	(644,970)
(Loss)/gain on sale of investments		-	(5,116)	-	-	(5,116)	237,717
Gain on revaluation of investments		-	779,160	42,153	-	821,313	93,904
Loss on revaluation of Property held for sale		(161,000)	-	-	-	(161,000)	-
Net movements in funds		272,850	(332,412)	40,232	-	(19,330)	(313,349)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 October 2009		699,019	17,817,659	471,759	-	18,988,437	19,301,786
Fund balances carried forward at 30 September 2010	16	971,869	17,485,247	511,991	-	18,969,107	18,988,437

All results during the year related to continuing operations.

The above statement of financial activities includes the Society's statement of total recognised gains and losses, a separate income and expenditure account is presented on page 28.

The notes on pages 30 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

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SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

	2010	2009
	£	£
Gross income	853,541	1,010,593
Net gain from disposal of investment property	-	-
Total income	<u>853,541</u>	<u>1,010,593</u>
Total expenditure	1,522,952	1,890,882
Net expenditure	<u>(669,411)</u>	<u>(880,289)</u>

Total income comprises £844,674 for unrestricted funds and £8,867 restricted funds. A detailed analysis of income and expenditure by source is provided in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Expenditure before asset disposals comprises £1,514,085 for unrestricted funds and £8,867 for restricted funds.

This income and expenditure account excludes all movement on the Charity's permanent endowment fund so as to comply with the requirements of Companies Act 2006.

The summary Income and Expenditure Account is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities on page 27 which together with the notes to the financial statements on pages 30 to 39 provide full information on the movements during the year on all the funds of the Society.

The notes on pages 30 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

	Notes	2010		2009	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		8,384,910		8,924,023
Investments	10		12,587,856		12,361,854
Programme related investments	11		88,009		51,220
			<u>21,060,775</u>		<u>21,337,097</u>
Current assets					
Investment property held for sale		770,202		488,365	
Debtors	12	172,577		74,196	
Cash at bank and in hand		33,443		283,675	
		<u>976,222</u>		<u>846,236</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,067,890)		(3,194,896)	
Net current liabilities			<u>(2,091,668)</u>		<u>(2,348,660)</u>
Net assets			<u>18,969,107</u>		<u>18,988,437</u>
Funds					
Permanent Endowment Fund	14		511,991		471,759
Unrestricted Funds:					
Current Fund	15		971,869		699,019
Long Term Fund					
- Investment and Property Fund	15		17,485,247		17,412,016
- Designated Fund	15		-		405,643
			<u>18,969,107</u>		<u>18,988,437</u>

The notes on pages 30 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Council on 2011
and signed on its behalf by

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Geoffrey Purves
Member of the Council

Company No. 1084747 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments and land and buildings, which have been included at revalued amounts. They are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with the “Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities” issued in March 2005.

1.2 Incoming resources

Incoming resources are recognised on a receivable basis subject to the following specific points:-

- Legacies are regarded as receivable once their income is reasonably certain and measurable.
- Gifts other than cash are recognised at market value on the date that they are received.
- Income on the endowment fund is regarded as restricted income due to the original terms of the fund.

All the incoming resources are included in the financial statements gross i.e. before taking account of any associated expenditure.

1.3 Allocation of costs

Premises costs relating to the running of head office are allocated between the various expenditure headings on the SOFA on the basis space occupied by staff at head office. Other costs are allocated on the basis of staff time spent on various activities.

1.4 Costs of generating funds

Expenses are included as costs of generating funds if they can be directly related to a source of the Society’s income or are for publicity intended to raise the profile of the charity.

1.5 Grants payable

Grants payable include single amounts given to needy members of the profession for specific reasons and to improve their quality of life. They also include regular grants given to beneficiaries to help them cope with day to day living expenses. All cases are regularly examined by the Case Committee both to ensure that the beneficiary is still eligible for any awards and to ensure that any new awards fall within the charity’s objectives.

1.6 Charitable activities

The Society has identified two charitable activities through which it achieves its charitable objectives.

1.6.1 *Relief of poverty*

The Society relieves poverty through the making of grants, gifts and interest free loans to those the trustees judge to be in need. The assessment of individuals is carried out by the welfare officers whose costs are included as a direct charitable expense.

1.6.2 *Provision of accommodation*

The Society operates sheltered housing and all direct costs of running the unit plus the welfare officers’ time in supporting the unit are included as a direct charitable expense.

1.7 Governance costs

Governance costs include all costs of maintaining the charity as a legal entity including audit fees, costs of trustees meetings and costs of complying with statutory requirements.

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1.8 **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold and long leasehold buildings are written off in accordance with their useful lives. No depreciation is charged on land.

Claverton Court, Chester (Freehold)	- over 60 years
Echohurst (Freehold)	- over 60 years
43 Portland Place, London (Long Leasehold)	- over 60 years
Bluhm Bungalow, Ainsdale (Long Leasehold)	- over 30 years
Linden Place (Long Leasehold)	- over 60 years
Cobham Grange (Long Leasehold)	- over 60 years
8 Serpentine Gardens (Long Leasehold)	- over 60 years
Flat 18 The Limes (Long Leasehold)	- over 60 years
9 Weymouth Mews (Long leasehold)	- over 60 years
Motor vehicles	- 25% per annum straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 5% - 25% per annum straight line

Items purchased are capitalised where their cost is above £500 and they are expected to have an ongoing use in the charity's operations. Purchases costing less than this are shown as part of expenditure in the Statement of the Financial Activities in the year of purchase.

1.9 **Investments**

Fixed asset investments are valued at the current market value at the balance sheet date. Any unrealised gains or losses are credited/charged to the Statement of Financial Activities. Realised gains or losses on disposal of investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

1.10 **Programme related investments**

The Society makes loans to its beneficiaries that are interest free. These loans can be secured or unsecured.

To reflect the Society's expectation of receiving the money to redistribute in a reasonable timeframe 75% of any new loan will be provided against.

1.11 **Investment property held for sale**

Property held with the intention of sale is included in the accounts at the lower of cost and net realisable value

1.12 **Pension costs**

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme, which is a Group Personal Plan. Contributions to the Scheme are charged to the SOFA in the financial year in which they become payable.

1.13 **Restricted funds**

Restricted funds are those received which are earmarked for a specific purpose by the donors. Expenditure which meets the criteria specified is allocated directly to the fund.

1.14 **Unrestricted funds**

Funds received or generated for the objects of the Charity without a further specified purpose are treated as unrestricted funds. Some of these resources are designated by the Members of the Council for particular purposes as they deem appropriate.

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1.13 Unrestricted funds (continued)

The Society's unrestricted funds comprise a Current Fund, and a Long Term Fund. The Long Term Fund, which represents the long-term operational requirements of the Society, currently consists of the investment and property fund together with the Designated Fund which represents funds designated for the works to be carried out on the property owned by the Society, 43 Portland Place.

2 Company status

The Architects Benevolent Society is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is restricted to a maximum of £1 in the event of a winding up.

3	Investment income	2010 £	2009 £
	Fixed asset investments	211,563	273,521
	Gross interest receivable	11,100	21,740
		<u>222,663</u>	<u>295,261</u>
4	Relief of poverty	2010 £	2009 £
	Grants	431,681	446,748
	Gifts	31,648	30,961
	Other direct costs including welfare officers	131,960	122,067
	Indirect costs	103,422	128,554
		<u>698,711</u>	<u>728,330</u>

The Society made grants and gifts in the year to 301 (2009: 301) individual cases. All of these were made for the welfare of those who have worked in the profession of architecture and their families who were in need.

2 (2009: 2) grants are classified as institutional grants and details are given below:

	2010 £	2009 £	
Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (2009: 2)	380	2,455	
The Officers Association	500	-	
	<u>880</u>	<u>2,455</u>	
5	Governance costs	2010 £	2009 £
	Trustees' indemnity insurance	892	811
	Trustees and committee meetings	11,291	11,686
	Audit fee	10,000	10,000
	Professional fees	3,000	-
	Other costs	6,460	6,330
		<u>31,643</u>	<u>28,827</u>

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6 Analysis of total resources expended

	Staff costs £	Depreciation and disposals £	Grants and gifts £	Other £	Total direct costs £	Head office cost staff £	Head office cost other £	Head office depreciation £	Total costs £
Costs of generating voluntary income	67,075	-	-	22,895	89,970	37,236	36,339	1,199	164,744
Costs of events and merchandise	-	-	-	1,382	1,382	-	-	-	1,382
Investment management fees	-	-	-	75,675	75,675	-	-	-	75,675
Cost of running commercial properties	-	109,171	-	27,192	136,363	16,166	4,818	521	157,868
Interest on borrowings	-	-	-	123,125	123,125	-	-	-	123,125
Relief of need	116,378	4,841	463,329	10,741	595,289	49,406	52,425	1,591	698,711
Provision of accommodation	53,376	59,904	-	61,125	174,405	75,562	22,519	2,434	274,920
Governance	-	-	-	25,347	25,347	3,270	2,921	105	31,643
	<u>236,829</u>	<u>173,916</u>	<u>463,329</u>	<u>347,482</u>	<u>1,221,556</u>	<u>181,640</u>	<u>119,022</u>	<u>5,850</u>	<u>1,528,068</u>

7 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year

The net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year are stated after charging:

	2010 £	2009 £
Depreciation and amounts written off tangible fixed assets	342,478	181,873
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(3,392)	30,629
Loss on reallocation of investment property from tangible fixed assets to current assets	-	-
Amounts paid to auditors - audit	13,000	10,000
- other services	11,808	10,093
Hire of equipment	3,310	3,288

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8	Staff costs	2010	2009
		£	£
	The average monthly number of persons employed by the Society during the year was:	Number	Number
	Office management and welfare	15	15
	Staff costs (for the above persons)		
	Wages and salaries		
	- own employees	323,706	324,928
	- temporary staff	9,509	8,429
		<hr/> 333,215	<hr/> 333,357
	Social security costs	35,666	36,883
	Other pension costs	31,794	31,353
		<hr/> 67,460	<hr/> 68,236
	Health and other staff benefits	17,956	19,933
		<hr/> 418,631	<hr/> 421,526

One employee was paid over £60,000 in the year (2009: None). The employee earned between £60,000 and £70,000.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings Freehold £	Land and buildings Leasehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 October 2009	2,861,333	6,963,550	219,700	33,768	10,078,351
Additions	198	68,558	4,249	17,038	90,043
Transfer to current assets	(290,960)	(176,841)	-	-	(467,801)
Disposal	-	-	-	(16,116)	(16,116)
At 30 September 2010	2,570,571	6,855,267	223,949	34,690	9,684,477
Depreciation					
At 1 October 2009	500,647	478,486	162,644	12,551	1,154,328
Charge for year	47,077	118,359	9,145	6,897	181,478
Transfer to current assets	(15,562)	(9,598)	-	-	(25,160)
Disposal	-	-	-	(11,079)	(11,079)
At 30 September 2010	532,162	587,247	171,789	8,369	1,299,567
NBV at 30 September 2010	2,038,409	6,268,020	52,160	26,321	8,384,910
NBV at 30 September 2009	2,360,686	6,485,064	57,056	21,217	8,924,023
The net book value at 30 September 2010 represents fixed assets used for:					
Generating funds	-	5,887,862	34,764	-	5,922,626
Charitable activities	2,038,409	380,158	17,390	26,321	2,462,278
Governance	-	-	6	-	6
	2,038,409	6,268,020	52,160	26,321	8,384,910

Upon adoption of Financial Reporting Standard 15, the company has taken advantage of the transitional arrangements with regard to freehold and long leasehold property previously revalued.

Leasehold property acquired prior to 30 September 1986 was revalued to £60,000 and revaluations have not been subsequently updated. Later property additions have been included at cost

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10 Fixed asset investments

	Quoted investment equities and unit trusts £	Cash £	Total £
Market value			
At 1 October 2009	11,791,908	569,946	12,361,854
Additions	4,818,637	-	4,818,637
Disposals	(5,599,826)	-	(5,599,826)
Net unrealised investment gains	821,312	-	821,312
Net movement in the year	-	185,879	185,879
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At 30 September 2010	11,832,031	755,825	12,587,856
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**2010
£**

Historical cost of quoted investments

10,167,811

Investments in individual entities held at 30 September 2010
which are considered material in the context of the
market value of the portfolio:

**Market value
£**

Schroder Charity Equity Fund A Inc Units

895,082

Schroder UK Alpha Plus Fund Inc Units

831,662

All investment assets are held in the United Kingdom.

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11	Programme related investments	2010	2009
		£	£
	The charity makes interest free loans to its beneficiaries		
	Loans to beneficiaries		
	At 1 October 2009	903,074	928,296
	Loans made in year	98,314	112,538
	Loans written off in year	(532)	(18,965)
	Loans repaid in the year	(36,683)	(118,795)
	At 30 September 2010	<u>964,173</u>	<u>903,074</u>
	Provision against loans		
	At 1 October 2009	851,854	870,819
	Provisions against loans written off	(532)	(18,965)
	Increase in provision in the year	24,842	-
	At 30 September 2010	<u>876,164</u>	<u>851,854</u>
	Net balance	<u>88,009</u>	<u>51,220</u>

Total of these loans that were secured at 30 September 2010 was £291,448 (2009: £275,028).

12	Debtors	2010	2009
		£	£
	Income tax recoverable	8,738	9,592
	Other debtors	121,884	17,738
	Prepayments and accrued income	41,955	46,866
		<u>172,577</u>	<u>74,196</u>

13	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2010	2009
		£	£
	Bank loan	2,897,048	2,897,048
	Other tax and social security	17,840	14,770
	Other creditors	8,151	150,352
	Accruals and deferred income	104,884	98,193
	Service charge account	39,967	34,533
		<u>3,067,890</u>	<u>3,194,896</u>

The bank loan with C Hoare & Co is repayable upon demand. Interest is payable at a rate of 1.25% above bank base rate, calculated on a daily basis.

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14 Permanent endowment fund

Sawyer Benevolent Fund

The Sawyer Benevolent Fund is a registered subsidiary charity of the Architects Benevolent Society and is the only permanent endowment that the charity administers. At 30 September 2010 the value of the fund amounted to £511,991 (2009: £471,759).

Under the terms of the trust the annual income of the fund, which is recorded as a restricted fund in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 27 of the accounts is to be applied for the relief of such twenty old retired Architects in poor circumstances as the trustees shall from time to time select.

15 Unrestricted funds

	Long Term Fund			
	Current fund £	Investment and property fund £	Designated fund £	Total £
At 1 October 2009	699,019	17,412,016	405,643	18,516,678
Net movement in funds	(668,171)	608,609	-	(59,562)
Fund transfers	941,021	(535,378)	(405,643)	-
At 30 September 2010	<u>971,869</u>	<u>17,485,247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,457,116</u>

The Current Fund represents short terms funds for the day to day operation of the Society.

The Investment and Property Fund is part of the Long Term Fund of the Society and represents assets held for the ongoing operational requirements of the Charity. It is equal to the carrying value of the investments and freehold and leasehold properties net of bank finance.

The Designated Fund was released during the year. Funds were previously designated for the planned works at one of the properties owned by the Society, 43 Portland Place, which will no longer go ahead.

Transfers between the funds have been made to ensure that they give an accurate reflection of the assets they represent at the balance sheet date and represents capital realised in the year.

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16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Endowment fund £	Current fund £	Long term fund £	Total fund £
Fund balances at 30 September 2010 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	78,480	8,306,430	8,384,910
Investments	511,991	-	12,075,865	12,587,856
Programme related investments	-	88,009	-	88,009
Current assets	-	976,222	-	976,222
Current liabilities	-	(170,842)	(2,897,048)	(3,067,890)
Total net assets	511,991	971,869	17,485,247	18,969,107
Unrealised gains/(losses) included above:				
On tangible fixed assets - revaluation reserve	-	-	60,000	60,000
On investment assets	724	-	1,745,954	1,746,678
Total unrealised (losses)/gains at 30 September 2010	724	-	1,805,954	1,806,678
		Tangible fixed assets £	Investment assets £	Total £
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains				
Unrealised gains at 1 October 2009		60,000	930,481	990,481
Realised on disposal in the year		-	(5,116)	(5,116)
Net gains arising on revaluation in the year		-	821,313	821,313
Unrealised gains at 30 September 2010		60,000	1,746,678	1,806,678

17 Trustees expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration for their services, however travel and out of pocket expenses incurred in their work were reimbursed. The total amount of expenses reimbursed to Trustees, non-Trustee committee members and branch representatives was £7,107 (2009: £11,690).