A City Livery Company (incorporated by Royal Charter)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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COURT AND HONORARY COURT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

OFFICERS MASTER

Mr Peter Harrison

SENIOR WARDEN

Dr RJN Cripps

JUNIOR WARDEN

Mrs E Oderstone

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER

Mrs C Marsh

COURT OF ASSISTANTS

C W David A Dowdell W F Fortescue Prof T James

Deputy S J Joshi MBE CC

M J Hewitt Prof M S Kennedy D J Lewis Dr E T Libbey

Prof A Macdonald OBE

C E Marsh I C L Poole G T Sawyer B Scarsella AM A V Shastri I T Smyth A Turner L A Thompson

HONORARY COURT

C Andrews-Jones A Bainbridge J P Bainbridge D Barrow MBE

J A Bellew N A Brown (resigned 7th July 2023)

P A Cuttill OBE N Chamberlain CBE T R Cloke N A Draffin S A Goldsmith

J A Harrison J V G Hill M P Husband J E Ingham D C Port W S Pretswell J E Sharp

R N Warburton (resigned 31st December 2023) C E Wilkinson CBE TD DL

V M F Williams D L Woods

OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

OFFICERS

CLERK Mr Alex Maclean Bather

PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

ACCOUNTANTS Kreston Reeves LLF

Kreston Reeves LLP Springfield House Springfield Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 2RG

BANKERS Lloyds Plc

Lloyds Plc 70-71 Cheapside London EC2V 6EN

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS AND STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COURT OF ASSISTANTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Principal Activities and Officers Report

The Worshipful Company of Fuellers is a City Livery Company incorporated by Royal Charter.

The Officers report that Membership numbers as at 30 September were as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Liverymen	106	115
Freemen	111	112
Junior Freemen (previously known as Yeomen)	13	14
Honorary Liverymen	6	9
Honorary Freemen	10	7
Total	246	257

The Officers and Court of Assistants strive to keep the cost of membership as low as possible and seek to break even over the course of the financial year. This year there was a profit of £3,389. A Comprehensive review of the Company's activities can be found on the Company's website at www.Fuellers.co.uk.

Statement of Responsibilities of the Court of Assistants

The Court of Assistants is required to prepare the accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, the Court of Assistants is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue.

The Court of Assistants is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Court of Assistants on and signed on behalf of the Court of Assistants by:

D C Port Honorary Treasurer Date

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Notes		2023		2022
Income Quarterage Fines Other donations Functions Sponsorship income Interest on deposits Sale of stock Donations received	8 8	£	£ 70,455 771 764 44,812 - 1,625 751 5,000	£	£ 67,466 637 764 53,750 20,000 81 1,079
			124,178		
Less: expenses Functions Clerk's salary Beadle services Costs of "The Fueller" Stationery Meetings Accounting fees Office rent Administrative expenses Regalia Insurances Company website and IT expenses Cost of sales of stock Almoners service costs Donations	2	55,788 38,613 1,600 1,595 921 1,818 2,125 5,000 5,715 204 4,023 (73) 527 1,410 1,214	_	78,455 35,483 1,260 347 1,148 1,658 1,825 2,500 6,964 1,252 3,565 2,852 1,850 1,147 4,264	
			(120,480)		(144,570)
(Deficit)/Surplus before taxation			3,698		(<i>793</i>)
Taxation	3		(309)		(16)
(Deficit)/Surplus after taxation			3,389		(809)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Notes		2023		2022
		£	£	£	£
Current assets Stock Debtors Cash at bank	4	7,222 9,503 117,285 134,010		7,063 10,696 118,542 136,301	
Creditors: amounts due within one year	r 5	(12,221)		(17,901)	
Net current assets			121,789		<i>118,400</i>
Total assets less current liabilities			121,789 ———		118,400 ———
Financed by:					
Capital fund	6		80,000		80,000
Income and expenditure account	7		41,789		<i>38,400</i>
			121,789		118,400

The accounts set out on pages 4 to 7 were approved at a meeting of the Court of Assistants held on and signed on behalf of the Court of Assistants by:

Peter Harrison - Master

13/3/24

Date

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Date

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

1. Principal accounting policies

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Ordinances.

Stock

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Income

Income is accounted for on an accruals basis, net of VAT. Donations are recognised when they are received.

Quarterage and fines

Quarterage and fines are accounted for on a receivable basis, net of VAT. Any amounts unpaid at the year end are provided against in full unless they have been received by the date of the approval of the accounts.

2.	Administrative expenses	2023	2022
		2023 £	2022 £
	Public relations Telephone Postage and Clerk's expenses Bank and payment charges Sundry expenses	1,336 100 1,320 1,274 1,685	978 95 897 2,526 2,468
		5,715	6,964
3.	Taxation	2023 £	
	The tax charge on interest receivable for the period was as follows:	_	2
	UK taxation on interest for the period	309	16
4.	Debtors	2023 £	2022 £
	Trade debtors Prepaid insurance and deposits Miscellaneous receivables	9,297 206	119 10,333 244
		9,503	<i>10,696</i>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

5.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2023 £	2022 £
	Corporation tax Other taxes and social security Accruals and prepaid income	309 460 11,452	16 852 17,033
		12,221	17,901
6.	Capital fund	2023 £	2022 £
	Balance at 1 October	80,000	80,000
	Balance at 30 September	80,000	80,000
7.	Income and expenditure account	2023 £	2022 £
	Balance at 1 October Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	38,400 3,389	<i>39,209</i> (<i>809)</i>
	Balance at 30 September	41,789	38,400
8.	Functions	2023 £	2022 £
	Income from functions in year Sponsorship for functions in year Expenditure on functions in year	44,812 (51,631)	53,750 20,000 (71,500)
	Entertainment of guests at company functions Profit/(Deficit) for the year	(4,157) (10,976)	(6,955) ———————————————————————————————————

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE LIVERY

ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FUELLERS

In accordance with our instructions, we have compiled the financial statements of the company from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made solely to the Master, Warden, and Court of Assistants of the company, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants that we have done so, and state those matters which we have agreed to state to them in this 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 Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants of the company, as a body, for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute relating to members undertaking the compilation of financial statements.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Kreston Reeves LLP

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Date: 19 March 2024