

**The Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and
Cattle Trough Association
159th Annual Report
for the Year Ended
31 December 2019**

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The Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association

Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2019

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Vice President A Buxton

Chairman JE Mills
Treasurer A King
Secretary RP Baber

Executive Committee

The members of the Executive Committee at 31 December 2019 and their respective year of appointment were:

JE Mills	(1977)	Mrs L Erith	(2003)
RP Baber	(1982)	Mrs S Fuller	(2004)
A King	(2002)	M Slater	(2012)
MW Elliott	(1995)	P O'Connell	(2013)
Sir M Bear	(2002)		

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Subscriptions and donations should be made payable to "The Drinking Fountain Association" and sent to the Secretary at Oaklands, 5 Queenborough Gardens, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 6NP.

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Trustees Annual Report

The Committee have pleasure in submitting their one hundred and fifty ninth annual report for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Legal Structure

The Association is governed by a constitution, which was last amended in September 2012 and is managed by a Committee.

Principal Office

The principal office of the Association is Oaklands, 5 Queenborough Gardens, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 6NP.

Association's Records

The bulk of the Association's historic records are now held at The London Metropolitan Archives, 40 Northampton Road, London EC1R 0AB. Telephone: 020 7332 3820. The Secretary maintains a computer database of all the Association's drinking fountains, cattle troughs and dog troughs. This is available to members upon request on a compact disk.

Committee Members

The management of the Association is vested in the Committee which shall consist of not less than six nor more than fifteen members of the association who on appointment will assume the responsibilities of Trustee within the meaning of the Charities Act 2006.

Potential Committee Members are interviewed by the Committee and if approved are appointed onto the Committee. New candidates retire at the next Annual General Meeting and offer themselves for re-election by the members. A third of the Committee retires at the Annual General Meeting. All new Trustees are provided with an induction pack which includes the constitution of the Association and guidelines on how to perform their duties as a Trustee. Further training is given by the Treasurer and the Secretary at Committee meetings as and when necessary. The day to day running of the Association is delegated to the office of the Secretary who administers the expenses and payments of grants in conjunction with the Treasurer.

All members of the Committee serving at 31 December 2019 are noted on page two

Administration and Related Parties

Administration costs of £5,500 are in respect of secretarial and administrative services which are provided by a company which RP Baber, a member of the Committee has an interest in.

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Trustees Annual Report (continued)

Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to promote the provision of drinking water for people and animals in the United Kingdom and overseas, and the preservation of the Association's archive materials, artefacts, drinking fountains, cattle troughs and other installations.

Review of Activities and Future Plans

Subscription and donations rose to £5,543(2018: £775). The Committee are pleased to see investment income rise by +5.06 % to £ 41,587(2018: £39,583). The Association investments rose by +16.62 % in capital terms with a year-end value of £ 832,096 (2018: £713,516).

The Association welcomes applications for grants to help fund projects that fall within its objectives. In 2019 the Association's grants totalled £31,516(2018: £22,585). A detailed breakdown on all grants made can be found on page 17. In principle the Association allocates about one-third of its net income to overseas projects. For cost effectiveness these donations are channelled through other appropriate charitable associations. Based on the merits of grant applications the Committee makes a monetary award ranging from £50 to £2,000. A further third is allocated to restoration work. With the final third being allocated to the provision of Novus drinking fountains to schools. Over the years the Association has recognised a need for supplying fountains to schools throughout the United Kingdom. The Association typically gifts a Novus drinking fountain to a school on the condition that the school pays £50 to join the Association.

Find a Fountain

The Find a Fountain website was bought to make the public aware of the waste of using bottled water when there is a plentiful supply of easily accessed water. The public can log on and look at the map to find their nearest clean water source at www.findafountain.org.

School Fountains

The Committee are pleased to have donated a total of 40 drinking fountains during the year (2018: 21) to schools throughout the United Kingdom.

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No of Fountains	Establishment	No of Fountains	Establishment
1	Churchfield Junior School Churchfields South Woodford E18 2RB	2	Woodbridge High St Barnabus Road Woodford Green Essex IG8 9HP
1	St George CofE Coleman Road Camberwell London SE5 7TF	2	Forest Academy Harbourer Road Inford Essex IG6 3TN
1	St William of York Brockley Park Forest Hill London SE23 1PS	1	Downderry Primary Downham Bromley BR1 5QL
1	Prendergast Secondary Adelaide Ave Brockley SE4 1LE	1	Alderbrook Primary Harpenden Road Wanstead E12 5HL
1	St James Hatchem St James New Cross London SE14 6AD	1	Our Lady & Philip Neri 208 Sydenham Road Sydenham London SE26 5SE
1	Chelwood Nursery Chelwood Walk London SE4 2QQ	1	Myatt Garden Primary Rokeby Road London SE4 1DF
1	Brindishe Manor Primary Leahurst Road London SE13 5LS	1	St Bartholomew Primary The Peak Sydenham London SE26 4LJ

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No of Fountains	Establishment	No of Fountains	Establishment
1	Ashmead Primary Ashmead Road St John's London SE8 4DV	1	Brandishe Green School Beacon Road London SE13 6EH
1	Kelvin Grove Primary Lewisham London SE26 6BB	1	St Georges Catholic Secondary Maida Vale London W9 1RB
1	Coppice Manford Way Chigwell Essex IG7 4AL	1	St Clement Danes Drury Lane London WC2B 5SU
1	Westminster Acadamy Sir Naim Dangoor Centre 255 Harrow Road London W2 5EZ	1	Swanlea School 31 Brady Street London E1 5DJ
1	St Mary's Abbott Primary 2 Kensington Church Court Kensington London W8 4SP	1	Dalmain Primary Grove Close Brockley London E23 1AS
1	Mount Sackville Sisters of St Josephs of Cluny Chapelizod Dublin D20 WP68	2	Thaxted Primary Bardfield Road Thaxted Essex CM6 2LW
1	Chadwell Primary High Road Romford Essex RM5 4EU	1	St Barts CofE School Commonfield Wiggington Herts HP23 6EP

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No of Fountains	Establishment	No of Fountains	Establishment
2	John Perryn Primary Long Drive Acton London W3 7PD	1	Alderbrook Primary Harpden Road Wanstead London E12 5HL
2	Torriano Primary Torriano Avenue London NW5 2SJ	2	St John's Walworth Primary School Larcom Street London SE17 1NQ
2	Staples Road Primary Staples Road Loughton Essex IG10 1HR		

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The present totals of fountains, wells, pumps and troughs supplied from the foundation of the Association are as follows:

	Metropolitan Area	Provinces and Abroad	Total
Drinking fountains	3,601	1,240	4,841
Cattle troughs	466	463	929
Dog troughs	3,045	676	3,721
Water wells	-	189	189
Elephant pumps	-	5	5
Dams	-	5	5
Water Tanks	-	11	11
Water Filtration Systems	-	6	6

Grants Provided

Friends of Heaton Moor Park

A grant of £500 was agreed to fund the cost to install a drinking fountain in the park to serve 100 people and to cut down on the use of plastic bottles.

St Mathews Big Local

A grant of £500 was agreed towards the cost of a public water fountain to serve 200 people at the sports centre and to cut down on the use of plastic bottles.

Teso

A grant of £500 was awarded for the development of a well at Jelel, Olio in Uganda to serve 528 people and cattle per day.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission

A total grant of £500 was agreed to support the charity's work in Bangladesh to improve the quality of the drinking water for up to 1,000 people per day.

The Makhad Trust

A grant of £500 was agreed towards the cost of repairing a drinking well in a community in the area of Mount Sinai Egypt. This will help 150-300 people and animals per day.

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Water Harvest

A grant of £500 was agreed to supply a clean supply of drinking water for the poorest people and their animal in Barmer District in NW India.

Horton Kirby and South Darenth Parish Council

A Novus fountain was supplied for the recreation area and which will give drinking water to up to 200 visitors at the site.

Friends of Page Park

A payment of £1,500 was made on the completion of the fountain in Page Park.

Project Peru

A grant of £700 was agreed for a water fountain in the kitchen garden in a refuge in the shanty towns of Lima Peru. This will service 52 children and staff on a daily basis.

The School Club Zambia UK

A grant of £1,000 was agreed to repair the borehole at Siamucaala School in Zambia. This will service 200 people per day,

Pangbourne Toilets Community Trust

A grant of £643 was agreed towards the cost of a fountain at the site which will service 50 people per day.

Friends of South Park

A grant of £2,000 was agreed to supply and install a water fountain in the park which will service 200-300 people per day.

Draycott Millennium Green Trust

A grant of £2,000 was agreed to install an outdoor water and bottle filling station with dog bowl to service 50-100 plus dogs per day.

Village Water

A grant of £1,800 was agreed to provide water harvesting systems to desert families in Rajasthan India. This will service 50 people and at least 140 animals per day.

Restoration work

The increased interest in the provision of available drinking water in public places has resulted in a corresponding increase in requests for information, and advice, on the provision of new fountains and the restoration of old. There has been a general increase in fundraising and in sponsorship for fountains and those interested in restoration have become better informed about the need for consideration of the wider issues such as: approvals from local authorities, water supply companies and the terms of any sponsorship. This has resulted in a greatly increased request for advice but reduced request for grants at the early stages of planned restoration.

A grant of £1,534 was made during the year (2018:nil). There are a number of projects that have been encouraged for future consideration.

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Future Development of the Association

The Association's aim for the future is to provide drinking water for humans and animals and to preserve its archive materials, drinking fountains, cattle troughs and other installations. The Committee considers the need for funding projects based on the amount of income that its capital investments generate and allocate these accordingly. In exceptional circumstances the Committee may use capital to fund its objectives. The Committee endeavours to allocate a third of its income to funding projects overseas

Risks Facing the Charity

The Committee have assessed the major risks to which the Association is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Association and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Association's exposure to major risks.

The Committee considered the risk of the Covid 19 pandemic and concluded that although the capital value of its investments was impacted post the year end it has sufficient resources to continue to meets its objectives.

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Statement of Public Benefit

The Committee confirms that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Association.

Financial Review

The Committee set out the financial statements on page 14 to page 19. The net incoming resources for the year were £47,120 (2018: £ 40, 358), and £37,687 expended (2018: £29,025). Unrealised gain on investments amounted to £118,580 (2018 loss: £109,555). The surplus for the year transferred to the reserves was £128,013(2018 deficit:£98,223).

Investments

The Associations investments are held in The Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund), which is managed by M &G Securities. Charifund made an unrealised gain of £118,580(2018 loss: £109,555). It has a yield of 5.5% (2018: 4.8%) based on the opening value of the investments held by the Association

The Trustees have taken a prudent approach to investing the Association's funds. They wish to maintain as a strong capital base as possible whilst providing sufficient annual income to meet the needs of the Association. This is achieved through investment in the above fund. No social, environmental or ethical considerations are taken into account by the investment managers used by the Association.

Reserves

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain reserves in the Association at a level to enable it to be administered efficiently, to meet its short-term expenditure requirements and to have adequate resources to fund its charitable objectives. In establishing this policy, the Trustees have considered the disposition of its incoming resources which are mainly derived from its investments. The level of reserves is subject to periodic review when considering changes to the charity's activities and requirements.

In the opinion of the Trustees the reserves of the Association, currently amounting to £ 883,369 (2018: £755,356) are needed to generate funds on an ongoing basis. The Trustees confirm that the Association's assets are readily available and in the opinion of the Trustees adequate to fulfil the obligations of the Trust.

Pensions

The Association has no pension commitments.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees 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 trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions (only required if the accounts are included on the website)

J Mills

Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METROPOLITAN DRINKING FOUNTAIN AND CATTLE TROUGH ASSOCIATION

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 set out on pages 14 to 19

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act:
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met: or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John R Fisher

Independent Examiner

Date 19 July 2020

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Statement of Financial Activities Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted 2019 £	2018 £
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income			
Subscriptions and donation received	1	5,543	775
Investment income	1	41,588	39,583
Total incoming resources		47,121	40,358
Resources expended			
Charitable activities	2	36,817	28,085
Governance costs	2	871	940
Total resources expended		37,688	29,025
Net incoming resources		9,433	11,333
Gain/(Loss) on investment assets	4	118,580	(109,556)
Net movement in funds		128,013	(98,223)
Total funds brought forward		755,356	853,579
Total funds carried forward		883,369	755,356

All recognised gains and losses have been dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities.

All income and expenditure relate to continuing operations.
The notes on pages 14 – 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	832,096	713,516
Website	5	-	-
		832,096	713,516
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		53,873	42,440
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2,600	600
		51,273	41,840
Net current assets			
		883,369	755,356
Net assets			
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		883,369	755,356

Approved by the Committee of Trustees on 19
July 2020 and signed on its behalf by

John Mills
Chairman

A King
Treasurer

The notes on pages 14 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2019

1. Statement of accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on the historic cost convention with the exception that investments are valued at market value. The accounts are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE)(effective 1 January 2015) and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Act 2011.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains/losses reflect the effect of changes in market values of investments.

Investment income

Investment income is accrued to the date of the balance sheet. All investment income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Website

The costs of the Find a Fountain website is carried at cost and is written off over three years from the year of acquisition. A full year's depreciation is charged in the year of acquisition.

Donations and interest

Donations and interest are accounted for on a received basis.

Grants

Grants made towards the cost of new structures are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities when approved and recipients are notified.

Governance costs

Governance costs are the costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the charity including both direct and related support costs. Costs are accounted for on a paid basis unless a material creditor is outstanding.

Cash flow statement

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No 1.

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2. Charitable activities

All grants were made to institutions. During the year the following grants were made:

	2019	2018
Project Peru	700	-
Friends of Heaton Moor Park	500	-
St Mathews Big Local	500	-
Friends of Page Park	1,500	-
Teso	500	1,000
Makhad Trust	500	1,000
Dhaka Ahsania Mission	500	2,000
Hereford Wildlife Trust	-	1,255
Friends of Chislehurst and Walden Rec Grounds	-	1,550
Lancing Parish Council	-	2,000
FRANK Water Project	-	2,000
Water Harvest	2,500	2,000
School Club Zambia UK	1,000	-
Village Water	1,800	2,000
Draycott Millennium Trust	2,000	-
Other grants paid to schools and restoration work not exceeding £1,000	19,317	7,780
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Grants Payable	31,317	22,585
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Secretarial and administrative services	5,500	5,500
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Total charitable activities	36,817	28,085
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The secretarial and administrative services are provided by a company which R P Baber, a member of the Committee, has an interest in.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

3. Governance costs

	2019	2018
	£	£
Independent examination of accounts	600	600
Other	271	340
	871	940

No trustees received any payments from the charity during the year £Nil (2018£nil).

4. Gains/(losses) on investment assets

	2019	2018
	£	£
Unrealised gain (losses)	118,580	(109,555)

5. Fixed assets

Investments

	The Equities Investment Fund for Charities (‘Charifund’) £
Market value 1 January 2019	713,516
Net unrealised investment gain	118,580
Market value 31 December 2019	832,096
Historical cost at 31 December 2019	191,739

All investments are in collective investment funds and are UK investments.

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Website

Cost	£
Cost at 1 January 2019	15,000
Cost at 31 December 2019	15,000
Depreciation	
Balance at 1 January 2019	15,000
Charge for the year	-
Balance 31 December 2019	15,000
Net Book Value at 31 December 2018 and 2019	-

6. Contingent liabilities and contractual commitment

At 31 December 2019 there were no grants approved which were dependent on matched funding (2018: nil).