

# **The Insurance Charities**

## **Report & Financial Statements**

**Year ended: 31 March 2007**

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**Company Registration Number 74461**

**Charity No: 206860**

# **The Insurance Charities**

## **Report & Financial Statements**

**Year Ended: 31 March 2007**

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## **THE INSURANCE CHARITIES**

### **Directors' Report**

for the year ended 31 March 2007

The Board of Directors of The Insurance Charities ("the Charity") present their annual report for the year ended 31 March 2007 under the Companies Act 1985, the Charities Act 1993 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002), together with the audited financial statements for that year. The accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985, the Charity's governing document and the relevant Statement of Recommended Practice (the Charities SORP 2005).

#### **Reference and Administrative Details**

The Insurance Charities is a registered charity (no 206860) and a company (no 74461) limited by membership guarantees up to a maximum of £10 each. Its registered office is as shown on page 8.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on 21 July 1902. The latest revision of the Memorandum and Articles of Association was approved on 23 September 2004.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall governance of the Charity. Directors are either elected by members or appointed by the Directors mid-term. Those appointed mid-term by the Directors must stand down at the following Annual General Meeting and may submit themselves for election by the members. The total number of Directors may not exceed 24. Elected Directors may remain in office for three years and can then offer themselves for re-election by the members.

Effective partnership between Directors and staff continues to contribute significantly to the Charity's success. To ensure that Directors' roles and responsibilities are carried out effectively, each serves on one of the Charity's committees, requiring them to have an understanding of and responsibility for specific aspects of the Charity's work. Directors are required to hold at least five meetings a year including four quarterly Board meetings, where Directors review strategy and operational and investment performance and set operating plans and budgets, and the Annual General Meeting. New Directors receive an information pack about the Charity, including a copy of its governing document and all that is needed in addition to work for effective and informed decision-making. Since 1 December 2005 Director training sessions, on at least an annual basis, have formed part of the regular Board meetings.

The Board reviews its composition, at least on an annual basis, to highlight any needs in terms of skills, knowledge and corporate and geographical representation. New Directors are then recruited, ensuring that such needs are most closely met.

The Board delegates the exercise of certain powers in conjunction with the management and administration of the Charity as set out below. This is controlled by regular reporting back to the Board, so that all decisions made under delegated powers are ratified by the Board in due course. The Charity paid £1,582 for Directors & Officers Liability insurance during the period.

#### **Grants Committee**

The Grants Committee is responsible for the allocation of charitable funds to eligible individuals and meets quarterly. The Committee advises the Board on any changes needed to grant making policy and on noticeable trends in charitable payments.

#### **Finance and Investment Committee**

The Finance and Investment Committee is responsible for overseeing the management of the Charity's financial and investment activities and meets quarterly. The Committee is also responsible for the periodic review of the Charity's financial and investment strategies and the investment process. The Committee advises the Board on recommended changes to these strategies and the adequacy of the Charity's reserves.

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#### **Marketing and Fundraising Committee**

The Marketing and Fundraising Committee is responsible for the promotion of the Charity to its supporters and beneficiaries and for securing financial support. The Committee advises the Board on recommended changes to Marketing and Fundraising strategy.

#### **Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary**

The Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary (CEO) is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Charity's affairs and for implementing policies agreed by the Board. The CEO is assisted by a team of dedicated individuals.

#### **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities and Corporate Governance**

The Directors are responsible for their annual report and for the preparation of financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and application of the resources of the Charity during the year, and of the state of affairs as at the end of the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to

- ensure that suitable accounting policies are established and applied consistently,
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent, and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Charity will continue in operation.

The Directors have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems and controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for their proper application, as required by charity law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurance that

- the Charity is operating efficiently and effectively,
- all assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition and are properly applied,
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the Charity, or for publication, is reliable,
- the Charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

Internal controls over all forms of commitment and expenditure continue to be refined to improve efficiency. Processes are in place to ensure that performance is monitored and that appropriate management information is prepared and reviewed regularly by both the executive management and the Board. A programme of monitoring is in place, derived from a comprehensive risk management review.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include

- regular consideration by the Directors of financial results,
- delegation of day-to-day management authority and segregation of duties, and
- identification and management of risks.

In accordance with company law, as the Charity's Directors, we certify that

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditors are unaware, and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditors are aware of that information.

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### **Directors' Report**

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#### **Risk Management**

The Directors have an active risk management process to assess business risks and implement risk management strategies. This involves identifying the types of risks the Charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, and identifying means of mitigating the risks. As part of this process, the Directors review the adequacy of the Charity's current internal controls. To strengthen such controls one of the Directors is specifically charged with monitoring responsibilities. Such responsibilities are discharged by regular and irregular visits to the Charity's office to undertake checks on receipts and payments and their internal recording. The monitoring Director then reports back, at least on a bi-annual basis and more frequently if required, to the Board.

#### **Objects, Objectives and Principal Activities of the Charity**

The Charity's objects are to provide financial assistance towards the education and training and relief of need, hardship, sickness, disability, old age or distress of persons who are now or have been engaged in any aspect of the Insurance Industry and of children, spouses, partners, former spouses or partners and other relatives or dependants of such persons. The principal activities to achieve these objects are the provision of charitable payments and money advice and nomination of applications for sheltered housing. The objectives of the activities for the year and the Charity's achievements against them are discussed under the heading of Achievements and Performance.

Our vision is to achieve the situation where all past and present insurance employees and their dependent relatives can readily access the financial support available to them from the Charity in times of need.

Our mission to realise this vision is to

- provide appropriate financial assistance and money advice to eligible applicants to improve their lives,
- work in partnership with individuals and corporate bodies to create and maintain effective communication channels with those eligible for help,
- work in partnership with individuals, appropriate organisations and corporate bodies to generate and sustain adequate income streams.

Our strategic aim is to achieve all this through an ongoing programme of grant making and advice to individuals and various publicity and fundraising campaigns.

The Charity's current grant making policy is to assist individuals whose service to the UK or Irish insurance industry covers at least five years where those years are a significant part of the individual's working life. Help is also provided to those who are financially dependent upon such people.

We rely heavily on a team of volunteers in order to operate effectively and efficiently. Each local and associated institute of the Chartered Insurance Institute nominates one or more of its members to act as our local representative(s) visiting current and prospective beneficiaries as well as fundraising locally. In addition, a number of insurance employers provide services through their own Human Resources and Welfare departments. The expenses of such volunteers are often financed by the local institutes and insurance employers themselves. The amount of time and resources donated in this way varies from institute to institute and from company to company. The total amount is significant and substantially reduces the Charity's operating costs. The Charity is, therefore, very grateful to those who provide such tangible support.

#### **What we do**

As a grant making organisation, we provide financial assistance and advice to individuals to ease financial pressure and improve quality of life.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The key objectives for the year ended 31 March 2007 and the impact of our achievements are summarised as follows.

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### Directors' Report

for the year ended 31 March 2007

#### Provision of financial assistance and money advice

We aimed to increase the number of people in receipt of financial assistance and those to whom we gave money advice. During the year we provided financial assistance to 335 cases out of 537 active cases. Some of these cases were reviewed on more than one occasion during the year and additional financial support awarded. 89 cases received help for the first time. The total amount of financial assistance increased by 16% although the total number of cases in which assistance was provided reduced. The reduction in the number of cases could well be a direct result of past increases to the levels of state benefits paid to certain individuals. 99 people received support solely by way of advice, a slight reduction on the previous year's total.

#### Creation and maintenance of effective communication channels

During the year we gave special attention to this area following the creation of a Marketing and Fundraising Committee two years ago. We held a forum for our local representatives towards the end of the year to provide an opportunity for information gathering as well as training. Feedback from the session will be considered over the first half of next year with a view to making appropriate improvements to practice before the year end. We have continued our efforts to improve communication channels by encouraging links to our website and circulating regular newsletters to insurance employers, insurance institutes and interested individuals. The Charity's website has been regularly updated and we have received encouraging responses from those accessing it. We have monitored those using the site and believe it to be a useful tool in reaching out to those in need of support as well as existing and potential donors.

#### Generation and sustenance of adequate income streams

Our investment advisers report on a monthly basis and the Finance and Investment Committee monitors performance against previously agreed investment objectives.

Donations from local and associated institutes of The Chartered Insurance Institute fell by 23% during the year. The amount raised on Insurance Charities Day showed an increase of 400%, much of which was initiated by local institutes but which included a generous donation of £15,000 from Towergate. We therefore conclude that our initiative to increase donations from local institutes continues to bear fruit.

Corporate donations were down by 13% on the previous year's figure. Other donations were up by 136%, mainly due to the receipt of the proceeds of the Crusader Benevolent Fund, upon its winding up.

#### Financial Review and Results for the year

The Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA), set out on page 10, is designed to reflect all incoming resources receivable in the year irrespective of when income is spent. Total incoming resources rose by £53,000 to £1,217,000 and expenditure on charitable activities fell by £20,000 to £1,032,000. Total resources expended of £1,162,000 (2006 £1,242,000) resulted in a net inflow for the year of £55,000 (2006 outflow £78,000). The result for the year takes into account a one-off payment of £26,500 into the Chartered Insurance Pension Scheme 1993, a multi-employer defined benefit scheme, in respect of an augmentation granted to two employees.

After taking into account realised and unrealised gains on investments, total fund balances increased by £1,074,000 (2006 £2,856,000) to £25,987,000 (2006 £24,913,000).

#### Financially

- grants payable totalled £965,000 (2006 £830,000)
- governance costs totalled £48,000 (2006 £65,000)
- charitable loan advances totalled £487,000, including amounts committed (2006 £294,000)
- charitable loan repayments totalled £281,000 (2006 £393,000)
- investment income totalled £822,000 (2006 £793,000)

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### Directors' Report

for the year ended 31 March 2007

#### Financial Review and Results for the year continued

- legacy income totalled £1,000 (2006 £14,000)
- fundraising by local and associated institutes of the Chartered Insurance Institute totalled £108,000 (2006 £140,000)
- donations from insurance employers totalled £107,000 (2006 £123,000)

#### General Reserve

The General Reserve for use by the Charity are those funds which are readily realisable, less funds whose uses are restricted or designated for particular purposes. The calculation thus excludes fixed assets that will continue to be used in the day-to-day running of the Charity. The Directors keep in review the value of the reserves required to be held in investments and cash not restricted to any particular purpose. The Board considers the Charity's exposure to the risk of significant loss of income and to the risk of unforeseen expenditure, which cannot be mitigated by executive action. The degree of risk ascribed to each such event is assessed. With income, the major risk is that of a decline in voluntary income, particularly due to any economic downturn or other factors leading to reductions in donations and legacies.

Budgetary and financial control continues to be exercised in order to reduce the risk of over-expenditure and to mitigate the effect of a significant reduction in income in any one financial year. The Directors consider that the level of reserves is adequate, given the current economic climate and stock market activity.

#### Investment policy and Performance

The present investment policy is subject to the risks normally associated with a balanced approach to portfolio management – subject to taking an ethical stance that excludes any investment in loan providers who charge unacceptably high rates of interest and exert unreasonable pressure on borrowers for repayment. The performance of the funds is measured against the FTSE All Share Index and other relevant indices. United Kingdom equities comprise 78% of investments. The equity return for the year ended 31 March 2007 was 6.9% compared to the FTSE All Share Index of 7.7%. The fixed interest return for the year was down 3.2% compared to the FTSE Government All Stock Index of 4.5%. Our slight underperformance in the year stemmed largely from a conservative attitude to risk. Thus we did not participate fully in the significant gains made in mining shares.

#### Employees

The Charity aims to remain an organisation that employees enjoy working for and where they feel supported and motivated. Employees are kept fully informed about its strategy and objectives as well as day-to-day news and events. The Charity supports equal opportunity. A policy of recruitment and promotion on the basis of aptitude and ability without discrimination is followed.

The Charity is committed to the training, career development and promotion of all employees, within the constraints of a small company. Training is provided to meet ongoing needs, with the aim of developing individuals for both their current and any future role within the Charity.

#### Connected Charities

The Charity administered income from the Paul Golmick Fund (PGF), thus facilitating support for an increased number of children of insurance people in need. The Trustees for the PGF are two from The Insurance Charities, two from the PGF and one independent trustee.

#### Acknowledgements

The Charity's directors and officers are indebted to the many companies, individuals and local and associated institutes of The Chartered Insurance Institute who have again given generous financial support. In addition, they wish to record their sincere thanks to the voluntary representatives who give of their time to visit beneficiaries and promote the work of the Charity throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland. Without their hard work and dedication the Charity would be unable to bring prompt and efficient financial relief to those in need.

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### Directors' Report

for the year ended 31 March 2007

#### Future plans

The Charity has a robust planning mechanism including training sessions for Directors. We continue to strengthen the Charity's grant making and money advice provision services and to consider other ways in which insurance people can more readily access support in times of need. Our future plans are summarised below.

#### - Provision of financial assistance and money advice

Towards the end of March 2005, we embarked on an analysis of expenditure of current beneficiaries who have at least one family member with special needs. We had hoped to have finished our analysis during the year ended March 2007 but there still remains work to be done if we are to reach accurate conclusions. We will, therefore, over the coming year finalise our conclusions and agree how best to use the results to make any appropriate fundamental change to the financial support we provide to this beneficiary class. For the coming year, we aim to increase overall the numbers of people receiving support and advice and total payments made, as we believe that there are still many more people in need of our support who are currently unaware of our existence or their eligibility to apply to us.

#### - Creation and maintenance of effective communication channels

Using the feedback from our local representatives' forum we will be looking to strengthen communication channels between the charity and its representatives across the UK and Republic of Ireland. We will also be looking to improve methods of working where this is in the best interest of applicants and visitors. We will continue to promote amongst larger employers use of our communication strategy blueprint.

#### - Generation and sustenance of adequate income streams

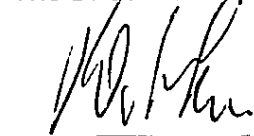
For the coming year, we aim to secure regular donations from an increased number of major insurance employers and build on the improved relationships with local and associated insurance institutes.

#### Auditors

The directors, having been notified of the cessation of the partnership known as Baker Tilly, resolved that Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP be appointed as successor auditor with effect from 1 April 2007, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1989, s26(5). Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP has indicated its willingness to continue in office.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 1985 relating to smaller entities.

The Directors' Report was approved by the Directors on 13 June 2007 and signed on their behalf by



R A Parkin  
President



## **THE INSURANCE CHARITIES**

### **Directors (the Board)**

The following were Directors during the year and served throughout the year except as stated

#### **President**

Mr R A Parkin

#### **Deputy President**

Mr K Davidson (appointed 06 09 06)

#### **Honorary Treasurer & Chairman of the Finance and Investment Committee**

Professor D E Bland

#### **Chairman of the Grants Committee**

Mr J McInerney

#### **Chairman of the Marketing and Fundraising Committee**

Mr D H Worsfold

#### **Other Directors:**

Mr A G Alderman

Mr R D G Bradshaw

Mr R Carr

Mr B V Day (resigned 06 09 06)

Mrs M Faulkner (resigned 06 09 06)

Mrs J Graham

Mr R Iles

Mr K S H Lugton

Mr A J Miller

Ms A Y O'Sullivan

Mr A E Prior

Dr A W Scott (resigned 06 09 06)

Mr F H Smith

Mr N Starling (appointed 13 12 06)

Mrs K J Watson

#### **Vice-Presidents**

The following were Vice-Presidents during the year and served throughout the year -

Mr M K Bewes

Mr L Hulme

Mr P G Knight

Mr B Kellett

Mr P McGovern

## THE INSURANCE CHARITIES

### Officers

Chief Executive Officer  
and Company Secretary

Mrs Annali-Joy Thornicroft

### Advisers

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74461

Registered Charity Number

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## **Independent Auditor's Report to the members of The Insurance Charities**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 10 to 19

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The responsibilities of the directors (who are also the trustees of The Insurance Charities for the purposes of charity law) for preparing the 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 Directors' 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 and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and whether the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the charitable company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

### **Basis of audit opinion**

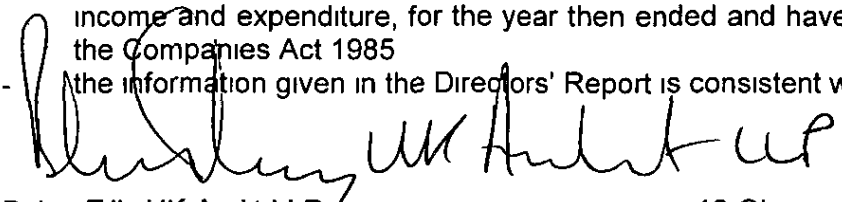
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the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

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that 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, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities, of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2007 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

  
Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors  
13 June 2007

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## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2007

	Notes	2007 £000	2006 £000
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Voluntary income	2	365	338
Investment income	3	822	793
Interest charged on secured loans	11	30	33
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>1,217</b>	<b>1,164</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>			
Costs of generating funds			
Costs of generating voluntary income	4	54	87
Investment management costs	5	28	38
Charitable activities	6	1,032	1,052
Governance costs	7	48	65
<b>Total resources expended</b>	8	<b>1,162</b>	<b>1,242</b>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>(78)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>			
Gains on investment assets	10	1,019	2,934
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>1,074</b>	<b>2,856</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		24,913	22,057
Total funds carried forward		<b>25,987</b>	<b>24,913</b>

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the statement of financial activities

## Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2007

	Notes	2007 £000	2006 £000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	9	4	9
Investments			
Investments	10	22,692	21,919
Loans to beneficiaries	11	3,674	3,438
		<u>26,370</u>	<u>25,366</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	12	200	150
Cash at bank and in hand		795	623
		<u>995</u>	<u>773</u>
<b>Less Creditors</b>			
Amounts due within one year	13	(1,378)	(1,226)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>(383)</u>	<u>(453)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>25,987</u>	<u>24,913</u>
		2007	2006
		£000	£000
The funds of the charity			
Endowment funds	14	-	21
Unrestricted income funds	15	25,987	24,892
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>25,987</u>	<u>24,913</u>

The financial statements on pages 10 to 19 were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 13 June 2007 and signed on its behalf by

  
R A Parkin  
President

  
Professor D E Bland  
Honorary Treasurer

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

Year ended 31 March 2007

### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments to market value and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002). The financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005 and with the Companies Act 1985.

The precise format of the Companies Act 1985 has not been followed as no separate income and expenditure account has been included because it does not provide any additional information to the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10.

All activities of the Charity are classified as continuing.

#### **Status of Company**

The Company is incorporated pursuant to section 19(1) of the Companies Act 1985 and is limited by guarantee and does not therefore have a share capital. The maximum liability of each member is £10.

#### **Incoming Resources**

Donations, subscriptions, interest and dividends on listed investments and interest due on deposits are all accounted for on the accruals basis, at the earlier of notification or receipt.

Income from legacies is recognised when it is received.

Compound interest, if charged, on loans secured by mortgages on private property owned by beneficiaries or made against promissory notes is accrued from the date of the advance, unless exceptionally deferred, and credited annually to the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### **Resources expended**

Costs are allocated specifically between Direct Charitable Expenditure, Fundraising and Governance where appropriate, and proportionate to use, based on staff time, where resources are shared. The proportions used are Direct Charitable Expenditure 75%, Fundraising 15% and Governance 10%.

#### **Grants payable**

Grants payable are accrued when approved by the Grants Committee.

#### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include audit, legal advice to trustees and costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. Governance costs also include a fair proportion of costs not attributable to a specific activity.

#### **The Paul Golmick Fund**

The Paul Golmick Fund is a charity whose objects fall within those of The Insurance Charities.

It is of mutual benefit to both charities for The Insurance Charities to administer the grants of The Paul Golmick Fund. The Insurance Charities can direct some of its applicants to The Paul Golmick Fund leaving more funds available for other applicants. Also administration costs can be shared.

Grants payable are shown before and after contributions from The Paul Golmick Fund. The contribution of The Paul Golmick Fund to expenses is also shown separately.

#### **Foreign Currencies**

Statement of Financial Activities transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates ruling on the date of such transactions. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates ruling on the balance sheet date.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2007

## 1 Accounting policies continued

### Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All equipment costing more than £500 has been capitalised and written off on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life of three years. All equipment costing £500 or less is written off in the year of acquisition.

### Investments

Investments are stated at market value, if listed, or at directors' valuation, if unlisted. The market value is based on the closing middle market price. All movements in value are shown in note 10.

### Pension Costs

The Charity participates in a multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme and a stakeholder pension scheme.

The defined benefit pension scheme is administered by trustees and is separate from the Charity. An independent qualified actuary completes a valuation triennially and, in accordance with his recommendations, annual contributions are paid to the scheme so as to secure the benefits set out in the rules and the periodic augmentation of current pensions. The present position in relation to this scheme is described in note 16.

The stakeholder pension scheme costs are charged on the accruals basis.

### Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy of the Charity has been set after careful consideration of -

- (a) The Charity's ongoing commitments to existing beneficiaries and expected future trends in applications for assistance,
- (b) The sources and reliability of income.

The long-term strategy of the Charity is to maintain reserves represented by assets deployed to provide an investment return that will enable the Charity to meet its obligations to existing and new beneficiaries on an ongoing basis.

In principle, reserves are managed by investing for real growth in capital and income, subject to an over-riding requirement of prudence. Whilst, in general, the expectation is that income will be fully disbursed, windfall additions to the General Reserve help the Charity to respond to sudden upward movements in beneficiary payments.

## 2 Voluntary income

	2007 £000	2006 £000
Insurance Charities Day	55	11
Fundraising by local and associated institutes	108	140
Membership subscriptions	16	17
Insurance employers' donations - see Schedule 1	107	123
Legacies - see Schedule 2	1	14
Other donations and income - see Schedule 3	78	33
	<u>365</u>	<u>338</u>

## 3 Investment income

	2007 £000	2006 £000
Listed investments		
Equity	554	484
Fixed interest	176	171
Deposit and bank interest	57	64
Other fixed interest	35	74
	<u>822</u>	<u>793</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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<b>4</b>	<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
		<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
	Staff costs	33	33
	Pension deficit accrual	-	20
	Other costs	21	34
		<u>54</u>	<u>87</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>Investment management costs</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
		<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
	Stockbrokers fees and commission	28	38
<b>6</b>	<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
		<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
	<b>Grantmaking</b>		
	Total grants payable	965	830
	The Paul Golmick Fund (PGF) contribution to grants	(148)	(81)
	Net grants payable to individuals	<u>817</u>	<u>749</u>
	Staff costs	165	161
	Pension deficit accrual	-	102
	Other costs	78	55
	The Paul Golmick Fund contribution to expenses	(28)	(15)
		<u>1,032</u>	<u>1,052</u>
	Net grants payable in support of 335 (2006 371) 'hardship' cases		
<b>7</b>	<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
		<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
	Staff costs	22	21
	Pension deficit accrual	-	14
	Other costs	26	30
		<u>48</u>	<u>65</u>



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### 8 Total Resources Expended

	2007 £000	2006 £000
Stockbrokers fees and commission	28	38
Net grants payable to individuals	817	749
Staff costs	220	351
Other costs	97	104
	<u>1,162</u>	<u>1,242</u>

Staff costs	2007 £000	2006 £000
Staff remuneration	159	172
Social Security costs	16	15
Staff pension costs	45	28
Pension deficit contribution	-	136
	<u>220</u>	<u>351</u>

No employee received gross emoluments of £60,000 or more

The average number of full-time employees during the financial year was four (2006 - five)

Other costs:	2007 £000	2006 £000
Audit fee	12	10
Bad debt provision write back	-	(2)
Charity Day costs	6	4
Committee subsistence and expenses	3	3
Computer costs	13	16
Contractor - archiving	1	3
Custodian fees	2	2
Depreciation	10	9
Foreign exchange	3	-
Fundraising and publicity materials	-	16
Insurance	6	6
Legal fees	15	12
Miscellaneous costs	11	5
Printing, stationery, postage and telephone	11	9
Recruitment costs	9	6
Rent and rates	7	7
Report & Financial Statements - print costs	4	3
Strategic Planning day	-	6
Professional Fees	12	-
Website upgrade	-	4
	<u>125</u>	<u>119</u>
The Paul Golmick Fund contribution to expenses	<u>(28)</u>	<u>(15)</u>
	<u>97</u>	<u>104</u>

None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year

Travel and subsistence expenses reimbursed to trustees amounted to £3,045 (2006 - £3,410)

Audit fees comprise	2007 £000	2006 £000
Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP		
Audit Services		
- Statutory Audit	12	-
Baker Tilly		
Audit Services		
- Statutory Audit	-	10
Other services		
- Other services	5	6
	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>

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### 9 Tangible fixed assets

#### Information Technology - Software and equipment

	£000
<b>Cost</b>	
Opening balance - 1 April 2006	67
Additions	5
Disposals	-
Closing balance - 31 March 2007	<u>72</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
Opening balance - 1 April 2006	58
Charge for the year	10
Disposals	-
Closing balance - 31 March 2007	<u>68</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
As at 31 March 2007	<u>4</u>
As at 31 March 2006	<u>9</u>

### 10 Investments

	£000
Market value at 1 April 2006	21,919
Acquisitions at cost	3,041
Disposals - Gross sale proceeds	(2,250)
Net movement in cash	(1,037)
Net gains	1,019
<b>Market value at 31 March 2007</b>	<u>22,692</u>
<b>Historical cost at 31 March 2007</b>	<u>17,311</u>

	Market value 2007 £000	Historical cost 2007 £000	Market value 2006 £000	Historical cost 2006 £000
UK listed - Equity	17,630	12,524	16,047	11,516
UK listed - Fixed interest	3,140	2,871	3,319	2,949
Property	406	400	-	-
Cash deposits	341	341	1,378	1,378
UK Loan stock (unlisted)	1,175	1,175	1,175	1,175
	<u>22,692</u>	<u>17,311</u>	<u>21,919</u>	<u>17,018</u>

Unlisted loans of £2,424,871 were made in previous years to three housing associations. These loans carry nomination rights for sheltered housing accommodation in furtherance of the aims of the Charity.

One loan for £1,250,000 was repaid in the previous year leaving £1,174,871 of unlisted loans to two housing associations. The loans are on commercial terms and are included in the Financial Statements at cost.

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## 11 Loans to beneficiaries

	Secured loans £000	Unsecured loans £000	Total 2007 £000	Total 2006 £000
Loans before provisions				
Balance at 1 April	3,408	83	3,491	3,558
Advances	487	-	487	294
Write offs	-	-	-	(1)
Interest	30	-	30	33
Repaid	(275)	(6)	(281)	(393)
Balance at 31 March	3,650	77	3,727	3,491
Less Provision for doubtful loans				
Balance at 1 April	17	36	53	55
Movement	-	-	-	(2)
Balance at 31 March	17	36	53	53
Loans after provisions at 31 March	3,633	41	3,674	3,438

	Interest rate	Secured loans £000	Unsecured loans £000	Total 2007 £000	Total 2006 £000
Capital	0%	2,530	72	2,602	2,432
Capital	3%	728	3	731	666
Accumulated interest	3%	392	2	394	393
		3,650	77	3,727	3,491

	Secured loans £000	Unsecured loans £000	Total 2007 £000	Total 2006 £000
Sterling based loans	3,560	72	3,632	3,363
Euro based loans	90	5	95	128
	3,650	77	3,727	3,491

Loans to beneficiaries are mainly secured by first mortgage charges with a few secured by second or subsequent charges and the remainder by promissory notes. They are repayable at death or on disposal of the property.

## 12 Debtors

	2007 £000	2006 £000
Amounts due within one year		
Other debtors	109	25
Accrued income	91	125
	200	150

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## 13 Creditors Amounts falling due within one year

	2007 £000	2006 £000
Beneficiary year end commitments	689	444
Other creditors	653	606
Taxation and Social Security	3	-
Pension Contributions	1	-
Accruals	30	172
Deferred income	2	4
	<u>1,378</u>	<u>1,226</u>

Other creditors comprise amounts due to the creditors of Fremont Insurance Company (UK) Limited and The Charter Reinsurance Company Limited

Following the liquidation of the companies above, the remaining creditors and matching cash assets were transferred to the Charity. The funds, less any amounts paid to claimants that come forward in the period, will become the property of the Charity after five years from receipt, being February 2009 and December 2010 respectively

## 14 Endowment funds

	Balance 1 April 2006 £000	Investment Income £000	Expenditure / Transfer £000	Balance 31 March 2007 £000
<u>Capital</u>				
The Jones and McRobert Fund	11	-	(11)	-
John Henry Keene Philanthropic Fund	10	-	(10)	-
<u>Accumulated Income</u>				
The Jones and McRobert Fund	-	-	-	-
John Henry Keene Philanthropic Fund	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>21</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21)</u>	<u>-</u>

On 14 December 2005, the objects of The Jones & McRobert Fund and the John Henry Keene Philanthropic Fund were amended under section 74 of the Charities Act 1993

The purposes of both Endowment Funds are now "To assist past and present employees of the insurance industry and their dependent relatives". The changes enabled the Charity to transfer and spend the accumulated income of the funds

As the purposes of the funds are now aligned and the investment income is now less than £1,000 the balances have been transferred to the General Reserve

	2007 £000	2006 £000
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments	<u>-</u>	<u>21</u>

## 15 Unrestricted income funds

	Balance 1 April 2006 £000	Net incoming resources £000	Investment gains £000	Transfers £000	Balance 31 March 2007 £000
General Reserve					
Total unrestricted funds	<u>24,892</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>1,019</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>25,987</u>

For the reserves policy see page 13

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### 16 Pension scheme - FRS 17

#### Defined benefit scheme

The Charity participates in the Chartered Insurance Institute Pension Scheme 1993, a multi-employer defined benefit scheme in the UK. The assets of the scheme are held in a separate trustee-administered fund. It is not possible to identify each institution's share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the Scheme and hence contributions to the Scheme are accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The scheme was closed to future service accrual on 30 June 2006.

A full actuarial valuation of the Chartered Insurance Institute Pension Scheme 1993 was carried out at 30 June 2005 and updated to 31 December 2006 by a qualified independent actuary for the main employer's Financial Statements. The main assumptions were:

	At year end 31 12 2006	At year end 31 12 2005	At year end 31 12 2004	At year end 31 12 2003
Rate of increase in salaries	n/a	2.75%	5.25%	5.25%
Rate of increase to pensions in payment	3.00%	2.75%	2.75%	2.75%
Discount rate	5.00%	4.80%	5.30%	5.40%
Inflation assumption	3.00%	2.75%	2.75%	2.75%

At 31 December 2006, the market value of the assets of the Scheme was £26,615,000 and the value of past service liabilities was £27,233,000 leaving a shortfall of assets of £618,000. The assets therefore were sufficient to cover 98% of the benefits that had accrued to members.

Employer's contributions of £6,976 were payable in respect of employees of The Insurance Charities for the period ended 30 June 2007. An additional payment of £26,500 was made into the scheme to purchase future service for two employees.

#### Stakeholder pension scheme

New employees joining the Charity, as well as existing employees not accounted for above, can join the defined contributions scheme with Legal and General Assurance Association. The scheme provides benefits directly determined by the value of the contributions paid in respect of each member.

Employer's contributions during the year amounted to £11,323.

## THE INSURANCE CHARITIES

### Schedule 1 – Insurance Employers' Donations

Year ended 31 March

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
	£	£	£	£	£
Abbey National Charitable Trust Limited	600	600	600	600	6,000
AIG Europe (UK) Limited	750	750	750	750	750
Allianz Cornhill plc	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
AON Limited	13,000	31,154	3,000	16,477	13,367
Association of British Insurers	-	-	-	-	641
Aviva	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
AXA UK plc	20,000	20,000	20,000	-	20,000
Benfield Group plc	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,750	1,500
Britannic Assurance plc	-	1,282	1,282	1,282	1,283
Co-operative Insurance Society Limited	5,000	-	-	10,000	-
Direct Line Insurance plc	-	500	-	-	-
Ecclesiastical Insurance plc	2,500	3,000	2,000	3,000	1,000
Fortis Insurance Limited	600	5,000	5,000	-	-
Friends' Provident Life Office	1,000	1,000	-	2,000	4,000
Griffiths & Armour	500	500	-	500	-
HHG Services Limited	-	-	1,500	3,000	5,500
Institute of Insurance Brokers	500	500	641	641	1,282
Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc	500	500	-	1,000	-
Legal & General Group plc	5,500	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society Limited	-	-	-	-	1,000
Marsh Charities Fund & Marsh Corporate	2,500	2,500	-	5,000	-
MGM Charities Trust	-	-	-	-	1,000
Miller Insurance Group Limited	500	500	500	-	500
Prudential Corporation plc	1,500	3,000	-	1,500	3,000
Resolution Life	500	-	-	-	-
Riverstone Management Limited	-	-	-	-	750
RJ Hurst & Partners	500	500	500	500	500
Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group	10,000	10,000	10,000	20,000	-
Royal London Mutual Insurance Society Limited	2,000	-	1,000	2,000	2,000
Scottish Equitable plc	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Standard Life	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,000
UNUM plc	250	500	500	500	500
Wesleyan Charitable Trust	2,500	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Willis Group plc	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Zurich Financial Services	-	-	-	1,500	1,000
Other donations under £ 500 threshold	2,730	3,989	3,488	5,191	4,155
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,630</b>	<b>122,975</b>	<b>88,961</b>	<b>113,391</b>	<b>102,728</b>

## THE INSURANCE CHARITIES

<b>Schedule 2 – Legacies</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Year ended 31 March	£	£	£	£	£
L Starks	500	-	-	-	-
O Lawson-Brown	-	11,106	-	-	-
D Walker	226	2,727	-	-	-
C Baxter	-	-	18,142	-	-
M Palmer	-	-	2,094	-	-
F S Grylls	-	-	-	3,399	-
H Ingram	-	-	36,215	325,000	-
D Morgans	-	-	-	4,448	-
T Jenkins	-	-	-	15,000	-
O Rutherford	-	-	-	590	2,400
N Fuller	-	-	-	-	2,745
Other legacies under £500 threshold	-	-	42	-	495
<b>Total</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>13,833</b>	<b>56,493</b>	<b>348,437</b>	<b>5,640</b>

<b>Schedule 3 – Amounts included within Other donations and income</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Year ended 31 March	£	£	£	£	£
BIBA Anglia Region	-	-	1,211	-	-
BIBA Annual Dinner	-	710	-	-	-
BIBA East Midlands Dinner	-	722	-	-	-
Charles Ledsam Retirement Auction	5,805	-	-	-	-
Holyrood Publications Limited	-	-	1,724	-	-
Chartered Insurance Institute's Platinum Card	6,305	14,333	14,163	15,987	3,372
Chartered Insurance Institute's Conference Dinner	4,694	4,436	3,642	-	1,939
Chartered Insurance Institute's Christmas Raffle	423	500	-	-	-
Crusader Benevolent Fund - Balance of Funds	36,383	-	-	-	-
Fire Loss Association - Balance of Funds	3,158	-	-	-	-
Friends Provident Line Managers Association	-	2,757	-	-	-
Impact Plus Skydive	1,478	-	-	-	-
John Henry Keene Philanthropic Fund	-	-	-	-	26,215
Midland Life & Pensions Society - Balance of Funds	2,249	-	-	-	-
Post Magazine - Football competition	1,000	750	7,085	9,349	9,417
K Sills	-	-	-	-	5,000
Towergate Partnership	6,000	-	-	-	-
Norwich Union - 1976 Emergency Fund	-	-	-	-	4,824
P Whitmore	-	500	-	-	-
Mrs W Cooper	600	-	-	-	-
	<b>68,095</b>	<b>24,708</b>	<b>27,825</b>	<b>25,336</b>	<b>50,767</b>
Other donations under £500 threshold	8,136	6,674	15,202	16,785	17
Other income	2,000	2,000	11,354	7,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,231</b>	<b>33,382</b>	<b>54,381</b>	<b>49,121</b>	<b>50,784</b>

## THE INSURANCE CHARITIES

### FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year ended 31 March

	2007 £000	2006 £000	2005 £000	2004 £000	2003 £000
<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>					
Fundraising by local and associated institutes	108	140	121	132	120
Donations from insurance employers	107	123	89	113	103
Legacies and other income	150	75	137	419	89
Investment income and interest income	852	826	809	774	759
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>1,071</b>
Investment management costs	28	38	39	52	24
Charitable activities					
Grants	817	749	629	638	912
Other grant making activities	215	303	193	174	231
Costs of generating voluntary income	54	87	49	52	73
Governance costs	48	65	43	134	87
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>1,327</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>(78)</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>(256)</b>
<b>Other recognised Gains and Losses</b>					
Gains/(Losses) on investments	1,019	2,934	1,549	2,049	(3,746)
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>2,856</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>2,437</b>	<b>(4,002)</b>

### BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March

	2007 £000	2006 £000	2005 £000	2004 £000	2003 £000
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	4	9	15	-	37
Investments	22,692	21,919	18,460	16,953	14,412
Loans to beneficiaries	3,674	3,438	3,503	3,564	3,754
	<b>26,370</b>	<b>25,366</b>	<b>21,978</b>	<b>20,517</b>	<b>18,203</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	200	150	201	242	259
Cash at bank and in hand	795	623	573	345	361
	<b>995</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>620</b>
<b>Creditors</b>					
Amounts due within one year	(1,378)	(1,226)	(695)	(799)	(917)
Amounts due after more than one year	-	-	-	-	(38)
	<b>(1,378)</b>	<b>(1,226)</b>	<b>(695)</b>	<b>(799)</b>	<b>(955)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>25,987</b>	<b>24,913</b>	<b>22,057</b>	<b>20,305</b>	<b>17,868</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Endowment funds	-	21	60	58	57
Unrestricted income funds	25,987	24,892	21,997	20,247	17,811
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>25,987</b>	<b>24,913</b>	<b>22,057</b>	<b>20,305</b>	<b>17,868</b>

Some of the 2005 figures have been restated with the adoption of SORP 2005. The 2005 figures restated are -

- Other grant making activities
- Costs of generating voluntary income
- Governance costs

due to reallocation of costs between the three expenditure headings

The figures for 2004 and earlier years have not been restated