Registered number: 28537R

ART SHARE (SOCIAL HELP ASSOCIATION FOR REINVESTING IN ENTERPRISE) LIMITED

BOARD REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

SOCIETY INFORMATION

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Christopher Charles Davis (Deputy Chair)

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BOARDS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Board present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Principal activity

The principal activities of the Society are to provide loans for viable small businesses and social enterprises throughout the West Midlands when the banks are unable to help or have done all they can, with the following aims:

- support local jobs for local people;
- promote much needed services in local communities;
- promote equal opportunity for access for finance for enterprise;
- encourage the take-up of loan finance in the third sector, and
- promote a culture of social investment.

Lending activities

During the year loans of £1,483,779 (2022: £2,844,593) were delivered. The loan portfolio at the year end, inclusive of interest receivable and provisions for doubtful or irrecoverable debts, amounted to £5,579,865 (2022: £6,465,155). The reduction in loan delivery during the year was primarily due to delays in the receipt of Recovery Loan Scheme 3 (RLS3) accreditation.

The final result for ART has been impacted by a movement in bad debt provision of £157,734 (2022: £120,297 decrease). Had it not been for this movement in provision which reflects the current economic situation the result would have been an operating profit of £133,696 (2022: £120,297).

Members of the board

The Board who served during the year were:

Jonathan Peter Addis
Malcolm James Brookes
Kirsty Lee Davies-Chinook
Christopher Charles Davis (Deputy Chair)
Rebekah Eden
Susan Margaret Farmer
Darren Hodson
Thomas Horton
Dr Nicholas John Venning (Chair)
Dr Steven William Walker (Chief Executive)

Company Status

The company is a registered community benefit society.

Shares

The society issued £105,000 (2022: £76,000) of member capital at par value, redeemed £1,250 (2022: £500) of member capital at par value, and cancelled £10,000 (2022: £Nil) of member capital at part value in the year.

BOARDS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Board's responsibilities statement

The Board are responsible for preparing the Board Report and the consolidated financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Co-operative & Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires the Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Board have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the Board must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and the Group and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Board are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Group's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business.

The Board are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Society's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and the Group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative & Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Post balance sheet events

On 27 April 2023, the Society became sole member of MRRT Ltd (company number 05112041), a company limited by guarantee, for consideration of £1. The registered office address of the company is Faraday Wharf, Holt Street, Innovation Birmingham Campus, Birmingham, B7 4BB.

Auditor

Following a rebranding exercise on 15 May 2023 the trading name of the Society's independent auditor changed from MHA MacIntyre Hudson to MHA.

In accordance with the rules of the company the audit will go out to tender for the year ending 2024.

This report was approved by the board on 3° $\sqrt{3^{\circ}}$ $\sqrt{3^{\circ}}$ and signed by order of the board.

Yasar Irfat Secretary

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ART SHARE (SOCIAL HELP ASSOCIATION FOR REINVESTING IN ENTERPRISE) LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ART Share (Social Help Association for Reinvesting in Enterprise) Limited (the 'parent Society') and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Group Statement of comprehensive income, the Group and Society Balance sheets, the Group and Society Statement of changes in equity and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent Society's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the Group's loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Board use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the parent Society's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Board with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ART SHARE (SOCIAL HELP ASSOCIATION FOR REINVESTING IN ENTERPRISE) LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Board are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Group and the parent Society and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Boards' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent Society, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent Society financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Board remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Board were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Group strategic report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ART SHARE (SOCIAL HELP ASSOCIATION FOR REINVESTING IN ENTERPRISE) LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of the Board

As explained more fully in the Boards' responsibilities statement set out on page 2, the Board are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent Society or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Group financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Review of minutes of Board meetings;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias; and
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ART SHARE (SOCIAL HELP ASSOCIATION FOR REINVESTING IN ENTERPRISE) LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Society's members, in accordance with Section 87 of The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Society'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 Society and the Society's members, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Christopher Barlow BFP FCA FCCA (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of MHA (Statutory auditor)

Birmingham, United Kingdom Date:

MHA is the trading name of MacIntyre Hudson LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC312313).

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 (as restated)
Turnover		999,433	848,756
Gross profit		999,433	848,756
Administrative expenses		(1,023,471)	(518,304)
Operating (loss)/profit		(24,038)	330,452
Interest receivable and similar income	6	26,498	2,678
Interest payable and similar expenses	7	(198,207)	(120,319)
(Loss)/profit before taxation		(195,747)	212,811
Tax on (loss)/profit		20,744	(20,744)
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(175,003)	192,067
(Loss)/profit for the year attributable to:			
Members of the parent Society		(175,003)	192,067

There was no other comprehensive income for 2023 (2022: £NIL).

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note		2023 £		2022 (as restated) £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets Current assets	8		2,727		4,503
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9	4,632,389		3,868,053	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	9	1,146,885		2,739,466	
Cash at bank and in hand	10	4,374,521		6,053,543	
		10,153,795		12,661,062	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,421,636)		(2,226,281)	
Net current assets			8,732,159		10,434,781
Total assets less current liabilities			8,734,886		10,439,284
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year Provisions for liabilities	12		(6,434,930)		(8,145,457)
Other provisions	13		(87,382)		-
Net assets			2,212,574		2,293,827
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital			1,283,250		1,189,500
Profit and loss account			929,324		1,104,327
			2,212,574		2,293,827

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

Date:

Christopher Charles Davis Deputy Chair

Date:

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Dr Steven William Walker Board member and Chief Executive

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The notes on pages 14 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note		2023 £		2022 (as restated) £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		2,727		4,503
Current assets					
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9	4,632,389		3,868,053	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	9	1,146,885		2,739,466	
Cash at bank and in hand	10	4,352,706		6,031,728	
		10,131,980		12,639,247	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(4 C24 DEC)		(0.400.004)	
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Net current assets			8,500,024		10,202,646
Total assets less current liabilities			8,502,751		10,207,149
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(6,434,930)		(8,145,457)
Provisions for liabilities			(=, == :,===)		(0,110,107)
Other provisions			(87,382)		-
Net assets excluding pension asset			1,980,439		2,061,692
Net assets			1,980,439		2,061,692
Capital and reserves		•			
Called up share capital			1,283,250		1,189,500
Profit and loss account brought forward		872,192		680,125	
Loss/(profit) for the year		(175,003)		192,067	
Profit and loss account carried forward			697,189		872,192
		•	1,980,439		2,061,692

SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

The Society's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

Christopher Charles Davis Deputy Chair

Date:

Dr Steven William Walker Board Member and Chief Executive

Date:

30. 6.2023

The notes on pages 14 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Equity attributable to members of parent Society £	Total equity £
At 1 April 2021	1,114,000	912,260	2,026,260	2,026,260
Comprehensive income for the year Profit for the year (as restated)	-	192,067	192,067	192,067
Total comprehensive income for the year	**	192,067	192,067	192,067
Shares issued during the year	76,000	-	76,000	76,000
Shares redeemed during the year	(500)	-	(500)	(500)
At 1 April 2022 (as restated)	1,189,500	1,104,327	2,293,827	2,293,827
Comprehensive income for the year				
Loss for the year	-	(175,003)	(175,003)	(175,003)
Total comprehensive income for the year	pa	(175,003)	(175,003)	(175,003)
Shares issued during the year	105,000	-	105,000	105,000
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,250)	-	(1,250)	(1,250)
Shares cancelled during the year	(10,000)	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
At 31 March 2023	1,283,250	929,324	2,212,574	2,212,574

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

SOCIETY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total equity £
At 1 April 2021	1,114,000	680,125	1,794,125
Comprehensive income for the year			
Profit for the year (as restated)	-	192,067	192,067
Total comprehensive income for the year	=	192,067	192,067
Shares issued during the year	76,000	-	76,000
Shares redeemed during the year	(500)	-	(500)
At 1 April 2022 (as restated)	1,189,500	872,192	2,061,692
Comprehensive income for the year			
Loss for the year	-	(175,003)	(175,003)
Total comprehensive income for the year		(175,003)	(175,003)
Shares issued during the year	105,000	***	105,000
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,250)	_	(1,250)
Shares cancelled during the year	(10,000)	-	(10,000)
At 31 March 2023	1,283,250	697,189	1,980,439

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. General information

ART SHARE (Social Help Association For Reinvesting In Enterprise) Limited ("the Society") is a Community Benefit Society (Society No: 28537R) incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Faraday Wharf, Holt Street, Innovation Birmingham Campus, Birmingham, B7 4BB.

The Society is a Public Benefit Entity ("PBE") as defined by FRS 102.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires Group management to exercise judgment in applying the Group's accounting policies (see note 3).

The accounts have been prepared in GBP and are rounded to the nearest pound.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements present the results of the Society and its own subsidiaries ("the Group") as if they form a single entity. Intercompany transactions and balances between group companies are therefore eliminated in full.

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the results of business combinations using the purchase method. In the Balance sheet, the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities are initially recognised at their fair values at the acquisition date. The results of acquired operations are included in the Consolidated statement of comprehensive income from the date on which control is obtained. They are deconsolidated from the date control ceases.

In accordance with the transitional exemption available in FRS 102, the Group has chosen not to retrospectively apply the standard to business combinations that occurred before the date of transition to FRS 102, being 01 April 2015.

The Society has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 98 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 not to present its own Statement of comprehensive income.

The loss for the year dealt with in the accounts of the Society was £175,003 (2022: profit of £192,067).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Board have considered relevant information, including the annual budget, forecast future cash flows and the impact of subsequent events in making their assessment.

The Board have performed a robust analysis of forecast future cash flows taking into account the potential impact on the business of loan defaults and have provided for such debts according to their best estimate of recoverability of these debts. This analysis also considers the effectiveness of available measures to assist in mitigating the impact.

Based on these assessments and having regard to the resources available to the entity, the Board have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Board report and financial statements.

2.4 Turnover

Turnover is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the turnover can be reliably measured. Turnover is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the Group in respect of lending services during the year, being arrangement fees and consultancy, utilisation of capital grants, and loan interest receivable.

Loan interest and arrangement fees are recognised and accrued over the life of the loan to which they relate. Capital grants are recognised as set out in note 2.9.

2.5 Finance costs

Finance costs are charged to profit or loss over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount.

2.6 Bank interest income

Bank interest income is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

2.7 Operating leases: the Group as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.8 Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the year in which they are incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Grants

Grants received from Governmental agencies for revenue purposes are accounted for using the accruals model, recognising income on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises the related cost for which the grant is intended to compensate.

Capital grants relating to assets (including the loans advanced by the Society) received from Governmental agencies are recognised as deferred income until such time as there is either no longer an obligation to use to fund assets or until the criteria is met for the grant to be applied as revenue.

2.10 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

The Group operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Group pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Group has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Group in independently administered funds.

2.11 Taxation

Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Society and the Group operate and generate income.

2.12 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Accounting policies (continued)

2.12 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings

25% per annum

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

2.13 Debtors

Short-term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2.14 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2.15 Financial instruments

The Group only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

2.16 Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.17 Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Group a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to profit or loss in the year that the Group becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the balance sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Balance sheet.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3. Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The Society considers the following to be key areas of judgement or sources of estimation uncertainty that impact on the financial statements:

Provision for doubtful and irrecoverable debts

The Board reviews the Society's loan portfolio regularly, including at year-end, for indications that the loan book is impaired due to the existence of doubtful or irrecoverable debts. The Board specifically consider the recoverability of loans in arrears, and determine whether a provision or write off is required on the basis of factors including aging of amounts in arrears, the circumstances of the borrower, and any security held against that debt. The Board have based their assessment of doubtful or irrecoverable debts upon their ongoing knowledge of macroeconomic factors such as the post-pandemic recovery and cost of living crisis.

4. Auditor's remuneration

During the year, the Group obtained the following services from the Society's auditor:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees payable (exclusive of VAT) to the Group's auditor for the audit of the consolidated and parent Group's financial statements	16,000	7,700

Non-audit services provided (exclusive of VAT) by the Society's auditor included accounts preparation services amounting to £2,000 (2022: £1,050) and corporation tax compliance services amounting to £1,500 (2022: £1,000).

5. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 6 (2022 - 6). This includes one (2022-one) director who is also an employee.

During the year a total of £23,400 (2022: £13,800) was paid to the non executive directors who are not considered to be employees. This is included in staff salaries in the Consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

6. Interest receivable

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	26,498	2,678
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7.	Interest payable and similar expenses		
		2023 £	2022 £
	Bank interest payable	198,207	120,319
8.	Tangible fixed assets		
	Group and Society		
			Fixtures and fittings
	Cost		
	At 1 April 2022		29,575
	At 31 March 2023		29,575
	Depreciation		
	At 1 April 2022		25,072
	Charge for the year on owned assets		1,776
	At 31 March 2023		26,848
	Net book value		
	At 31 March 2023		2,727
	At 31 March 2022		4,503

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Prepayments and accrued income

9. Debtors Group Group Society Society 2022 (as 2022 (as 2023 restated) 2023 restated) £ £ Due after more than one year Trade debtors 4,632,389 3,868,053 4,632,389 3,868,053 4,632,389 3,868,053 4,632,389 3,868,053 Group Group Society Society 2022 (as 2022 (as 2023 restated) 2023 restated) £ £ Due within one year Trade debtors 1,034,858 2,597,102 1,034,858 2,597,102 Other debtors 94,654 125,685 94,654 125,685

The Society's borrower loan portfolio totalled £6,258,452 (2022: £6,982,743) at the balance sheet date, against which there was included additional net interest receivable of £46,917 (2022: £44,112) and a provision for doubtful or irrecoverable debts of £725,504 (2022: £561,700).

17,373

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Bad debts written off in the year in respect of the loan portfolio totalled £162,523 (2022: £237,058), whilst expenses associated with the increase in provision in the year in respect of the loan portfolio totalled £157,734 (2022: income associated with the decrease in provision in the year in respect of the loan portfolio totalled £210,155). These amounts have been recognised within administrative expenses in the Consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

Capital grants utilised in the year totalled income of £47,780 (2022: expense of £5,830), being grant amounts released from within accruals and deferred income to offset the impact of write offs or provisions relating to loans made from the Society's Regional Growth Fund loan facilities. This amount has been recognised within turnover in the Consolidated statement of comprehensive income. The net impact of bad debt write offs and provisions on the Consolidated statement of comprehensive income in the year was therefore a cost of £407,639 (2022: cost of £26,903).

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10. Cash and cash equivalents

	Group	Group	Society	Society
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	4,374,521	6,053,543	4,352,706	6,031,728

A covenant is in place between the Society and Unity Trust Bank. As part of that covenant the bank retains control over specific bank accounts which collect capital loan repayments from borrowers. As at 31 March 2023 the balance on these bank accounts totalled £2,461,475 (2022: £4,561,120).

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

Group	Group 2022 (as	Society	Society 2022 (as
2023	restated)	2023	restated)
Ł	Ĺ	£.	£
1,094,064	1,898,288	1,094,064	1,898,288
-	-	210,320	210,320
-	20,744	-	20,744
9,896	8,874	9,896	8,874
-	33,670	-	33,670
317,676	264,705	317,676	264,705
1,421,636	2,226,281	1,631,956	2,436,601
	2023 £ 1,094,064 - 9,896 - 317,676	2022 (as restated) £ 1,094,064 1,898,288 20,744 9,896 8,874 - 33,670 317,676 264,705	2022 (as 2023 restated) £ £ £ 1,094,064 1,898,288 1,094,064 210,320 - 20,744 - 9,896 8,874 9,896 - 33,670 - 317,676 264,705 317,676

The bank loans are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Society.

Included within accruals and deferred income within one year are government grants of £90,000 (2022: £75,000) for underwriting future bad debts in accordance with the funding agreements.

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12. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Society 2023 £	Society 2022 £
Bank loans	4,096,205	5,567,297	4,096,205	5,567,297
Other loans	302,403	450,000	302,403	450,000
Accruals and deferred income	2,036,322	2,128,160	2,036,322	2,128,160
	6,434,930	8,145,457	6,434,930	8,145,457

The bank loans are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Society.

Included within accruals and deferred income after one year are government grants of £1,945,386 (2022: £2,008,166) for underwriting future bad debts in accordance with the funding agreements.

13. Provisions

Group and Society

	Claim provision £
Charged to profit or loss	87,382
At 31 March 2023	87,382

The provision relates to a potential clawback of funds by British Business Bank (BBB) for guarantee monies paid out to ART Share Limited in 2020 that related to a third party fraud. It is expected that any amounts payable will be realised in the next 12 months.

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14. Prior year adjustment

Recognition of corporation tax payable

Following a review of the Society's tax status after the date of signing the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, it was identified that a tax charge of £20,744 should have been recognised in the Consolidated statement of comprehensive income for that year, with a corresponding tax provision recognised in the creditors. A prior year adjustment has been processed to recognise this tax charge. The net impact has been to reduce the profit after tax and the net asset position in the year to 31 March 2022 by £20,744.

Given that the Society made taxable losses in the financial year ended 31 March 2023, a corporation tax credit equivalent to the above corporation tax charge has been recognised in the Consolidated statement of comprehensive income in the current financial year.

Recognition of loan interest income

The Society has historically recognised gross interest receivable and the associated provision for doubtful or irrecoverable interest receivable as a net amount within loan interest income in the Consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

During the current financial year, it was determined that the correct treatment is to disclose the gross interest receivable within loan interest income and the movement in the provision for doubtful or irrecoverable interest receivable within bad debt expense.

Based on the movement in the provision between 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2022, a prior year adjustment has been processed to reduce loan interest income by £15,886 and reduce the bad debt expense by the same amount for the year ended 31 March 2022. There has been no impact on profit after tax or net assets.

Classification of bad debt provision

Historically all provisions for doubtful or irrecoverable loans have been classified against trade debtors due in less than one year, following review it was determined that a proportion should be classified against trade debtors due after more than one year. An amount of bad debt provision has been reclassified amounting to £338,369 in 2022, increasing trade debtors due less than one year and reducing trade debtors due more than one year by the same amount.

15. Pension commitments

The Group operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Group to the fund and amounted to £25,581 (2022: £27,030). Contributions totalling £Nil (2022: £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

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16. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 March 2023 the Group and the Society had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	Group	Group	Society	Society
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Not later than 1 year	24,075	24,075	24,075	24,075
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	26,767	50,842	26,767	50,842
	50,842	74,917	50,842	74,917

17. Subsidiary undertakings

The Society is the sole member of Aston Reinvestment Guarantee Company Limited and ART Development Services Limited, which are both companies limited by guarantee. The registered office of each subsidiary is Faraday Wharf, Holt Street, Innovation Birmingham Campus, Birmingham, B7 4BB. In each case the Society is committed to pay up to £10 upon a winding up of the company.

18. Post balance sheet events

On 27 April 2023, the Society became sole member of MRRT Ltd (company number 05112041), a company limited by guarantee, for consideration of £1. The registered office address of the company is Faraday Wharf, Holt Street, Innovation Birmingham Campus, Birmingham, B7 4BB .