Society of Merchant Venturers - Accountability Grid

	Regulatory Framework / Charity Number	Inspections	Government Oversight	Local Oversight	Financial Monitoring	Internal Audit	External Audit	Governance Notes
EDUCATION								
The Society of Merchant Venturers Youth Endowment Fund	Charity no: 1127105			SMV as Trustee	Charity Commission		Bishop Fleming	SMV TCL is the Trustee
Collegiate School	Charity no. 1079552 / Limited company no. 2792699	ISI report			Charity Commission		Saffery Champney	Up to 10 Governors nominated by SMV and up to a further 8 can be co-opted
CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE								
The Almshouse	202152		Regulator of Social Housing	Bristol City Council	Charity Commission National Regulator of Social Housing	Care Home Manager	Bishop Fleming	SMV TCL (Companies House reference: 10532481) is the Trustee
The Cote Charity	257237	Bristol City Council Katherine & Griffiths House CQC report	Care Quality Commission (CQC)	Bristol City Council	Charity Commission	Care Home Manager SMV Treasurer Care for Older People Sub-Committee	CQC and Bishop Fleming	SMV TCL is the Trustee
The St Monica Trust	202151	St Monica Trust CQC report			Charity Commission		Bishop Fleming	6 of 15 trustees are SMV nominations
The St Monica Endowment	202151 (the endowment is part of the charity)			St Monica Trustees	Charity Commission		Bishop Fleming	SMV is the trustee of the St Monica Trust Endowment Fund under the terms of the 2005 Charity Commission Scheme but at the discretion of the St Monica Council
CHARITY								
The Merchant Venturers Charity	264302			QCF with grantees	Charity Commission		Bishop Fleming	SMV TCL is the Trustee
The Edmonds and Coles Scholarships	311751				Charity Commission			SMV Treasurer 1 SMV member 4 others
The Charles Dixon Pension Fund	202153				Charity Commission			SMV TCL is the Trustee
The Susie Hopes Scholarship Fund	1024906				Charity Commission			SMV TCL is the Trustee
The Roger Newport Foundation	1080765				Charity Commission		Bishop Fleming	SMV TCL is the Trustee

McWatters History Travel					Charity Commission via Merchant Venturers (MV) Charity		Bishop Fleming via MV Charity	Restricted fund within MV Charity therefore SMV TCL is the Trustee
Durdham Down Charitable Trust Ltd	1092733 4480670				Charity Commission			SMV Treasurer 4 others
Montpelier Collegiate Trust	311737				Charity Commission		Bishop Fleming – independent examination	SMV TCL is the Trustee
W H Blandy Trust	202154				Charity Commission			SMV TCL is the Trustee
Montpelier High School Bursary Fund	2049186				Charity Commission			SMV TCL is the Trustee. .
The SMV Scholarship Fund					Charity Commission via MV Charity		Bishop Fleming via MV Charity	Restricted fund within MV Charity therefore SMV TCL is the Trustee
Harry Crook Foundation	231470				Charity Commission via MV Charity		Bishop Fleming via MV Charity	Restricted fund within MV Charity therefore SMV TCL is the Trustee
The EMC and AM McWatters Charity	259092				Charity Commission via MV Charity		Bishop Fleming via MV Charity	Restricted fund within MV Charity therefore SMV TCL is the Trustee
Youth Fund					Charity Commission via MV Charity		Bishop Fleming via MV Charity	Restricted fund within MV Charity therefore SMV TCL is the Trustee
Denis Burn Bequest					Charity Commission via MV Charity		Bishop Fleming via MV Charity	Restricted fund within MV Charity therefore SMV TCL Is the Trustee
The Emile Wertheimer Trust Fund	206675				Charity Commission via MV Charity		Bishop Fleming via MV Charity	Restricted fund within MV Charity therefore SMV TCL is the Trustee
The Brown Fund					Charity Commission via MV Charity		Bishop Fleming via MV Charity	Restricted fund within MV Charity therefore SMV TCL is the Trustee
THE DOWNS COMMITTEE								
The Downs Committee	Downs Act 1861			Bristol City Council (BCC) via Downs Committee			Bishop Fleming	Chaired by the Lord Mayor & 6 councilors. Master of SMV & 6 SMV members. Two on each side must change every year.
Clifton Down Charitable Trust Ltd	1013795 2732245				Charity Commission		Bishop Fleming – independent examination	Treasurer + 7 SMV members
THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANT VENTURERS (SMV)								
SMV	Edward VI Charter 18 December 1552 Elizabeth I Charter 7 July 1566			Membership of SMV through Quarterly Hall meetings and elected Hall Commoner			Bishop Fleming	Standing Committee comprising of 15 elected representatives from within the membership. 3 new people each year and 3 people leave. Chaired by the Master, with Treasurer, Clerk and Finance Director in attendance.

	Charles I Charter 7th January 1639 Charles I Charter 1643 Charles II Charter 1665 Elizabeth II Charter 9 November 1988							An all-member meeting takes place four times each year.
SMV TCL	Private Limited Company 10532481					Charity Commission Scheme		15 members elected from the membership

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