

THE VEC ACORN TRUST

ACCOUNTS

For the year to 5th April 2025

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Information 5th April 2025

ESTABLISHED	Deed 22nd March 1991
TRUSTEES	Edward Nicholas Heesom John Richard Heesom Venetia Liberty Margaux Whale Wendy Heesom
ADDRESS	Salmans Manor Penshurst Tonbridge Kent TN11 8DX
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1002997
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc 39 High Street Lymington Hants.
SOLICITORS	Moore Barlow 48 High Street Lymington Hants. SO41 9ZQ
INVESTMENT ADVISORS	Meridiem Investment Management Limited Riverside House 2a Southwark Bridge Road London SE1 9HA
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	PKF Francis Clark Towngate House 2 - 8 Parkstone Road Poole Dorset BH15 2PW

The VEC Acorn Trust**TRUSTEES' REPORT****For the year ended 5th April 2025**

1. The Trustees have power to invest Trust funds in the purchase of or at interest upon the security of such shares, stocks, funds, securities, land, buildings, chattels or other investments or property of any nature and in any part of the world and whether involving liabilities or producing income or not as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit to the intent that the Trustees shall have the same powers in all respects as if they were absolute owners beneficially entitled.
2. The Trustees hold the Trust funds to apply the income and all or such part or parts of the capital for or towards such charitable purposes and to make donations to such suitable institution or institutions at such times and in such manner as the Trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.
The Trustees have continued their policy of rebuilding the reserves of the Trust.
3. The Trustees have resolved to implement a policy of making distributions on a care and maintenance basis to causes in the New Forest and Kent, with a broader remit to support the achievement of excellence in education, music and the Arts. Heritage projects in the community are also being supported.
4. There are no restrictions in the way in which the Trust can operate.
5. At the year end the Trust had no commitments of support to be met.
6. Additional Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. The existing Trustees undertake to induct and train new Trustees.
7. The Trustees have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities, as required by Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011.
The Trustees believe that the charity's objectives, as set out above, fall within the definitions of charitable purposes in the Act and that the activities as set out above contribute to meeting those objectives.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 5th April 2025

8. It is estimated that the current value of the Trust fund is £2,576,350.

Signed:

E. N. Heesom

Signed:

J. R. Heesom

Signed

V. L. M. Whale

Signed:

W. Heesom

Date: 21 January 2026

The VEC Acorn Trust**CAPITAL CASH ACCOUNT****For the year ended 5 April 2025****RECEIPTS**

£

Balance of capital in hand at 6th April 2024	280,883.22
Proceeds of investment sales	70,322.49

351,205.71

PAYMENTS

£

Purchase of investments	0.00
Accountancy fees	1,470.00
Portfolio management fees	16,161.52
Amount towards grants as shown in Schedule on page 6	0.00
Balance of cash in hand 5th April 2025	333,574.19

351,205.71

The VEC Acorn Trust**INCOME ACCOUNT****For the year ended 5th April 2025****RECEIPTS**

£

Total dividends and interest payments on Stocks and Shares managed by Veritas Asset Management (UK) Limited	34,203.39
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Balance in deficit 5th April 2025	320,701.19
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	<u>354,904.58</u>
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PAYMENTS

£

Balance of income account in deficit 6th April 2024	254,569.58
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Amount towards grants made as shown in Schedule on page 6	100,335.00
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	<u>354,904.58</u>
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The VEC Acorn Trust**TRUST ASSETS****As at 5th April 2025**

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>STOCK</u>	<u>BOOK VALUE</u>
<u>Veritas Asset Management (UK) Limited</u>		
2,367	Veritas Global Focus FD GBP	175,911
1,000	Findlay Park American Fund	168,793
27,268	Fundsmith Equity Fund	165,066
51,087	Mellon Investments Funds ICVC - BNY Mellon Global Higher Income Fund	119,703
37,513	Trojan Global Equity Fund - Ireland	191,918
125,336	Trojan Global Income Fund	171,096
67,720	Trojan Investment Funds - Trojan Fund	226,760
6,638	Protea Fund - Veritas High Equity (INC)	1,167,698
117,180	TB Evenlode Global Income	176,532
		<u>2,563,477</u>
	Cash at bank	12,873
		<u>2,576,350</u>

The VEC Acorn Trust**SCHEDULE OF GRANTS****For the year ended 5th April 2025**

	£
High Weald Churches - Restoration of Bells	10,000.00
Glyndebourne	20,000.00
UK Friends of Capetown Opera	1,000.00
New Milton Youth Trust	1,000.00
Berwick St John PCC	3,500.00
MCC Foundation - Bournemouth Boys	7,000.00
Friends of High Wealds Churches	5,000.00
Rwentoba Mission (was Hope Foundation)	500.00
Tait Memorial Trust	1,000.00
Friends of St Thomas, Lymington	5,000.00
UK Friends of Mustique Charitable Trust	500.00
West Green Opera	5,000.00
Royal Opera House	2,650.00
UK Sailing Academy	500.00
Gabriel Dysell Hofinger (Bursary Scholarship)	7,815.00
Penshurst CE Primary School	2,000.00
Dan Maskell Tennis Trust	1,000.00
Darwin College, Cambridge	1,000.00
Christchurch Cathedral - New Zealand	5,020.00
York International Shakespeare Festival	500.00
Trinity Hall Boat Club	2,500.00
Pavlo Shkuropatskyi (Bursary Scholarship)	6,000.00
Longborough Festival Opera	9,850.00
Christ Church, Oxford	2,000.00
	<u>100,335.00</u>

The VEC Acorn Trust**CASH RECONCILIATION****For the year ended 5th April 2025****CURRENT ASSETS**

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Lloyds Bank Lymington - current account	3,011.73
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Veritas Asset Management (UK) Limited - deposit account	9,861.27
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	<u>12,873.00</u>
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Capital Cash Balance	333,574.19
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Income Cash Balance	(320,701.19)
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	<u>12,873.00</u>
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The VEC Acorn Trust**SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS****For the year ended 5th April 2025**

CAPITAL ACCOUNT	£	£
INCOME		-
Less: EXPENDITURE		
Grants	-	
Portfolio management fees	16,162	
Accountancy fees	<u>1,470</u>	
		(17,632)
DEFICIT for the Year		<u><u>(17,632)</u></u>
INCOME ACCOUNT		
INCOME		
Dividends and Interest - Veritas Asset Management (UK) Limited		34,203
Grants		(100,335)
DEFICIT for the Year		<u><u>(66,132)</u></u>
DEFICIT on disposal of investments		<u><u>(14,029)</u></u>
TOTAL DEFICIT for the Year		<u><u>(97,793)</u></u>

The VEC Acorn Trust**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****As at 5th April 2025**

FIXED ASSETS	£	£
INVESTMENTS at market value		2,563,477
CURRENT ASSETS		
BANK ACCOUNTS		
Lloyds Bank Account - current	3,012	
FUNDS HELD BY INVESTMENT MANAGERS		
Veritas Asset Management (UK) Limited	9,861	
	<hr/>	12,873
TOTAL ASSETS		<hr/> <hr/>
		2,576,350

The VEC Acorn Trust**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VEC ACORN TRUST****For the year ended 5th April 2025**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2025, which are set out on pages 3 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Aaron Lawes ACA (a partner of)
PKF Francis Clark
Chartered Accountants
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Poole
Dorset BH15 2PW

Date 23 January 2026