



The Charity Service Limited

Report of the Trustees and
Audited Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 March 2024

Registered Company Number (England and Wales): 02538910

Registered Charity Number: 1011293

Ashby Berry Coulsons
Chartered Accountants
Scarborough

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**Reference and Administrative Details
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

Trustees	R G Dyson (Chair)	
	P A Chorlton	
	J S Eckersley	(resigned 9th November 2023)
	K A Graham	
	S Griffiths	(resigned 22nd August 2024)
	J Kiely	
	D E Newns	
	M S Ralph	
	K J Webster	
Company secretary	P R Smith	(appointed 12th March 2024)
	E Wotherspoon	(appointed 22nd August 2024)
Address	C D Mills	(resigned 30th April 2024)
	A Sheehan	(appointed 30th April 2024)
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Registered charity number	02538910 (England and Wales)	
	1011293	
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	111 Piccadilly	
	Manchester	
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The Charity Service Limited
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019. This report has been prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report required by company law and has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity Service Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is also a Trust Corporation within the meaning of Section 68(18) of the Trustee Act 1925.

The Board of Trustees has legal responsibility for the effective use of resources in meeting the charity's objects and providing effective leadership and direction. The Trustees meet quarterly and additionally as circumstances require. The Board is committed to maintaining high standards in governance and regularly assesses compliance against the Charity Governance Code for Smaller Charities.

All Trustees give their time freely. No Trustee has received any remuneration in either this or the preceding year. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest may arise. Responsibility for operational matters and the implementation of policy is delegated to the Company Secretary.

Trustees are committed to creating a diverse board. Recruitment of new trustees is done openly. When a trustee vacancy arises, the role is advertised. Trustees encourage applications from all individuals regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, race, religion or belief. The Trustees work with the Company Secretary to select, interview and appoint suitable candidates. The board makes appointments according to relevant skills, competencies and experience, whilst also seeking to broaden trustee diversity. All new trustees receive an induction into the work of the charity.

All Trustees, their families and business partners are related parties by definition. Any details of transactions with related parties are disclosed in the financial statements.

The Trustees would like to thank Chris Mills for his contribution, as Head of Philanthropy Services, to the development of The Charity Service over the last three years and wish him well in his new role. The Trustees would like to welcome Rachel Tomlins, Head of Philanthropy, and Anne Sheehan, Finance and Operations Manager, to The Charity Service.

Corporate trusteeship and funds held as trustee

The Charity Service Limited acts as sole corporate trustee of three separate charitable trusts. Details of these charitable trusts are provided in Note 21. The accounts of these charitable trusts are reported separately.

In its capacity as a corporate trustee, The Charity Service Limited holds investments on behalf of three charitable trusts. The investment assets for each trust are held in a separate portfolio.

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Objectives and activities for the public benefit

As determined by its Memorandum of Association, the principal objects of the charity are 'to benefit any charitable institutions or charitable purposes wheresoever the same shall be established by provision of advice and assistance'.

The charity fulfils its objects in two main ways. Firstly, we provide a service to major donors who wish to manage their long-term charitable giving with a simple and cost-effective fund. We refer to these funds as 'donor advised funds' because we manage them on behalf of donors and make grants according to their wishes (providing that we have carried out all necessary due diligence checks and verified that the grants will be used for charitable purposes).

Secondly, we continue to manage various designated, restricted and charitable trust funds from which we make small grants to charities and community groups within the Greater Manchester area. We refer to these funds as 'internally advised funds' because decisions on whether or not to award a grant are made by a Grant Committee comprised entirely of the charity's trustees. We operate an open grant application process for these funds.

The charity does not raise funds from the general public.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and to the obligations placed upon us by Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and confirm that we have complied with the duty placed on us by this Act.

Achievements and performance

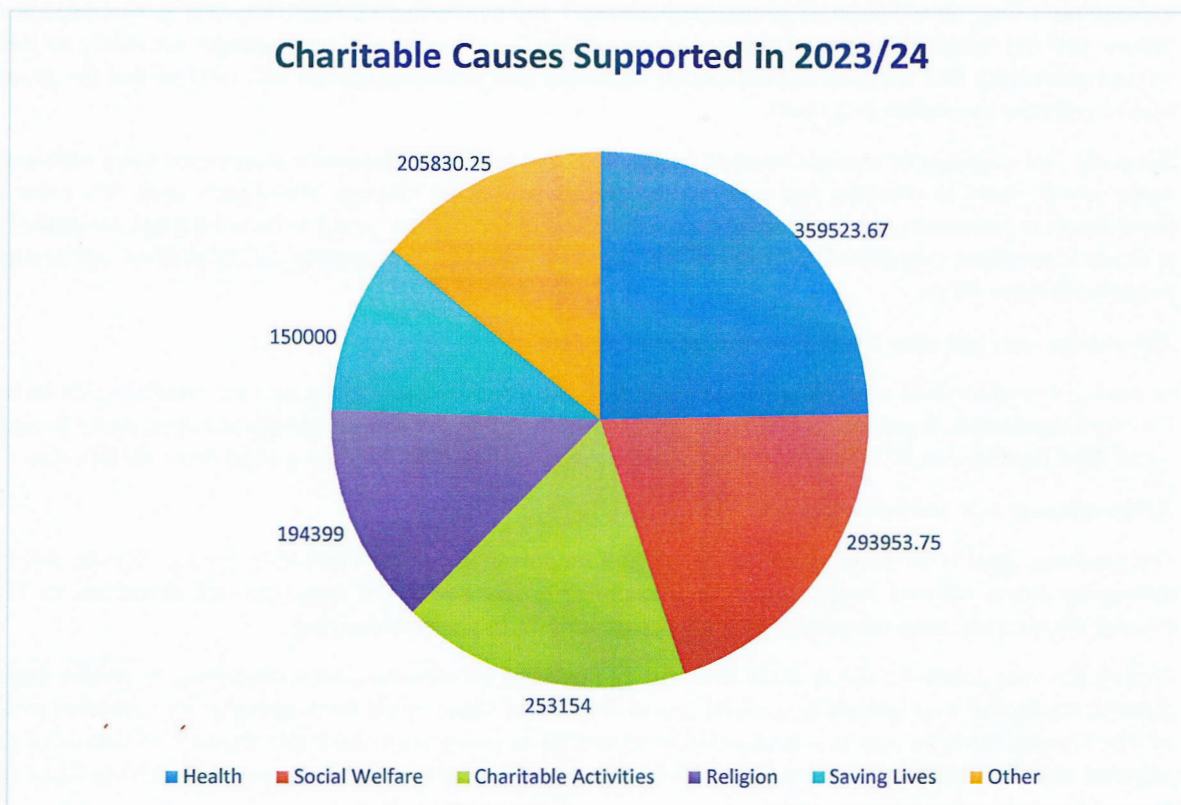
Our strategic goal is to promote philanthropy and empower impactful charitable giving. We do this by managing donor advised funds, which enable philanthropists to make large one-off donations to The Charity Service and then use these funds to support long-term charitable giving.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, the charity managed 16 separate funds, consisting of twelve donor advised funds and four internally advised funds. Twelve of these funds were operated as restricted funds of The Charity Service, one as a designated fund and three as separate charitable trusts. The details of the separate charitable trusts, of which The Charity Service is the sole trustee, are provided in Note 21 to the accounts.

The philanthropy advice service introduced in 2022/23 allows us to draw on our expertise in philanthropic strategy and grant-making to offer enhanced levels support to philanthropists, thereby helping them to achieve greater impact through their charitable giving.

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The Charity Service supports a wide variety of charitable causes through its internally advised and donor advised funds, and the charitable trusts of which it is a corporate trustee. In the year ended 31 March 2024, across all these funds and trusts, the charity made 147 grants (2023: 131) with a total value of £1.5m (2023: £1.4m). The charitable causes supported by these grants are summarised in the pie chart below.



Financial review

The financial outcome for the year and its impact on the charity's funds are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 12. Total net expenditure for the year was £1,695,786 (2023: (£397,655)). Increased donations led to a higher total income of £3,337,312 (2023: £1,385,983), which was achieved on the back of minimal fund fundraising expenditure of £15,681 (2023: £9,966). Grant-making activity increased to £1,473,953 (2023: £1,394,785), philanthropy advice and support increased slightly to £63,412 (2023: £63,502). Total expenditure in the year was £1,553,047 (2023: £1,468,253). Although losses on investments amounted to £88,479 (2023: losses £315,385), investment funds are held for the long-term and are expected to recover their value over a full economic cycle.

As at 31 March 2024, total net assets amounted to £6,370,343 (2023: £4,674,555), comprising unrestricted funds of £174,775 (2023: £231,686) and restricted funds of £6,195,568 (2023: £4,442,869). Of the unrestricted funds, £118,657 (2023: £161,601) have been set aside and designated for grant-making, leaving £56,048 (2023: £70,085) in the unrestricted general fund.

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Investment policy and performance

Under its Memorandum of Association, the charity has the power to invest funds not immediately required for charitable purposes. The charity's investments are managed with the objective of generating the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk. For funds with a long-term investment horizon of more than 5 years, the investment objective is to generate a return of at least inflation (as measured by the Consumer Prices Index) plus 4% per annum after expenses. For funds with a medium-term horizon of between 3 and 5 years, the investment objective is to generate a return in excess of inflation (as measured by the Consumer Prices Index) after expenses. In the absence of any specific legal restriction in respect of spending capital or gains, the charity generally adopts a total return approach to investing, which means returns can be generated from income and capital gains or losses.

The charity pursues an ethical approach to investing to ensure that its investments do not conflict with its charitable aims and ethos, and the values of its donors and beneficiaries. The charity requires its investment manager to utilise negative screening to avoid investments in companies that derive more than 10% of their revenue or operating profit from:

- the manufacture and distribution of weapons and weapon systems;
- the extraction, processing and production of carbon emitting fossil fuels;
- breeding, rearing or trapping of animals for fur and the retailing of fur products;
- animal testing for cosmetic purposes;
- gambling;
- the production, distribution and retailing of pornography;
- the manufacture of tobacco and tobacco-related products; and,
- consumer credit offering excessively high interest rate loans.

The charity also encourages (but does not require) its investment manager to use positive screening to make investments that promote health and wellbeing, education and environmental sustainability.

Investments are placed with Castlefield Investment Partners LLP who specialise in ethical investment. The Trustees monitor investment performance on a quarterly basis by comparing total returns to an independently calculated benchmark comprising the investment portfolios of other charities with similar investment objectives and risk profiles. The Trustees are satisfied that adopting an ethical approach will not be detrimental to long-term financial returns. Indeed, it is the Trustees' belief that socially and environmentally responsible business practices will generate superior financial performance over the long-term.

Reserves policy

Charity reserves are funds that can be freely and readily spent on charitable purposes. They typically comprise unrestricted funds but exclude fixed assets and funds designated for specific purposes.

The charity aims to hold reserves at a level that manages financial risk and short-term volatility and ensures that financial commitments can be met as they fall due. Our reserves policy takes into account our 3-year financial plan and risk register. It also considers the risk of a significant unexpected fall in income, the risk of unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure, access to other sources of finance and the cost of meeting financial obligations if the charity is wound up. On this basis, the trustees assess that the charity requires reserves equivalent to at least 9 months of budgeted unrestricted expenditure, but not more than 12 months.

As at 31 March 2024, the level of reserves held by the charity was £69,337 (2023: £69,858), which represents approximately 11 months (2023: 11 months) of budgeted unrestricted fund expenditure for the next year. Trustees consider this level of reserves to be adequate because it falls within the parameters of the charity's reserves policy.

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Grant-making policy

Grants are managed according to policies agreed by the trustees. One of two approaches is used, depending on whether the funds are donor advised or internally advised funds.

Donor Advised Funds

For donor advised funds, grants are paid to recipients nominated by the donors. In some cases, the charity provides assistance to help donors develop grant making strategy and select charities to support. Due diligence checks are performed on all grant requests to ensure funds are distributed in accordance with eligible charitable purposes.

Internally Advised Funds

For internally advised funds, the charity operates an open grant application process. Grants are paid to recipients selected by a Grants Committee made up of the charity's trustees. These grants are made in accordance with relevant fund restrictions. The funds share a common focus on helping disadvantaged people in the Greater Manchester area. Key priority areas include: preventing homelessness, reducing social isolation and the provision of support for vulnerable families & children.

Grants are available to support activity and project costs, capital costs and/or organisational core costs. This includes unrestricted and multi-year grants up to a maximum of 3 years. The maximum amount of grant for any one year is usually £3,000.

We normally focus our support on organisations that are working within one of our priority areas and:

- are embedded within the local community;
- encourage community participation;
- involve volunteers;
- have been registered or active for a period of at least 3 years;
- have a track record of delivery; and,
- have an annual expenditure of no more than £1m.

The Trustees will not normally fund any of the following:

- Activities that have already taken place.
- Religious activity which is not for wider public benefit.
- Staffing costs primarily associated with fundraising.

Most of our grants are to charities although we will consider applications from Community Interest Companies (CICs) but with greater scrutiny (e.g. we check closely for social purpose objectives, asset lock, governance arrangements, etc).

All grants awarded are made at the absolute discretion of the Trustees.

Risk management

The Trustees continue to review the charity's activities to identify the major risk exposure and to maintain the systems to mitigate these risks. Management controls are also reviewed to ensure they are operating effectively and meeting the needs of the charity. The principal risks identified by Trustees are: a) reliance on key staff and b) a failure to grow earned income over the next five years. The steps taken by the Trustees to mitigate these risks as far as practicable are: a) the documentation of key systems, agreed recruitment processes, job descriptions, regular employee reviews and notice periods for all staff; and, b) the implementation of a marketing strategy to grow the number of donor advised funds under management.

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Plans for the future

The Trustees have agreed the following strategic aims to guide the charity's work in the three year period of 2024-2027 which adopts a growth strategy designed to increase philanthropic funds under management and achieve long-term stability:

- Create a more distinctive organisational identity, which conveys a stronger sense of values and the type of philanthropy we wish to see.
- Invest in its marketing capability to achieve a greater presence in the donor-advised fund marketplace and increase the value of funds under management.
- Build organisational capacity

The year ending 31 March 2025 will be the first year of this strategic planning period. This year will see increased activity to market the charity's philanthropy services and grow the number of donor advised funds under management.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of The Charity Service for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and,
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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Auditors

During the year, the Trustees put out to tender the audit of the charity, receiving proposals from three firms. These were assessed by Trustees and a decision was made to reappoint Ashby Berry Coulsons Limited as auditors.

Ashby Berry Coulsons Limited is deemed to be re-appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. TCS is still a small company although now a larger charity.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 14th November 2024.



A Sheehan

Company Secretary

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Charity Service Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Charity Service Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 Companies Act 2006.

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 charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC'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 trustees' 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 charitable company'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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees 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.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' 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 charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 trustees 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 trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company'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 trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company 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 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.

Our audit procedures include:

- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including reviewing accounting estimates for bias and testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance concerning potential litigation and claims.

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We consider that these procedures, together with evidence acquired from our other audit work, provide an audit approach enabling a reasonable likelihood of detection of irregularities. 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 is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>.

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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.

Tim Jones FCA (Director)
for and on behalf of Ashby Berry Coulsons Limited
Statutory Auditor
2 Belgrave Crescent
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North Yorkshire
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14th November 2024

The Charity Service Limited
Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	-	3,179,901	3,179,901	1,259,870
Charitable activities	3	67,512	-	67,512	63,101
Investments	4	4,298	85,601	89,899	63,012
Total income		71,810	3,265,502	3,337,312	1,385,983
Expenditure					
Raising funds	6	12,774	2,907	15,681	9,966
Charitable activities:					
Grant-making	7	62,808	1,411,145	1,473,953	1,394,785
Philanthropy advice and support	8	54,241	9,171	63,412	63,502
Total expenditure	5	129,823	1,423,224	1,553,047	1,468,253
Operating result for the year before gains/losses on investments		(58,013)	1,842,278	1,784,265	(82,270)
Net gains / (losses) on investments	11	1,101	(89,579)	(88,478)	(315,385)
Net income and net movement of funds		(56,912)	1,752,699	1,695,787	(397,655)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		231,686	4,442,869	4,674,555	5,072,210
Total funds carried forward	19	174,775	6,195,568	6,370,343	4,674,555

The notes on pages 15 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

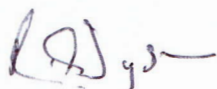
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(Registered number: 02538910)

Balance Sheet
at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	13	748	227
Investments	14	<u>5,048,280</u>	<u>3,632,116</u>
		5,049,028	3,632,343
Current assets			
Debtors	15	17,500	168,105
Investments	16	330,936	33,311
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,063,811</u>	<u>894,484</u>
		1,412,247	1,095,900
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(90,932)</u>	<u>(53,688)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,321,315</u>	<u>1,042,212</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		6,370,343	4,674,555
Net assets	18	<u><u>6,370,343</u></u>	<u><u>4,674,555</u></u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		174,775	231,686
Restricted funds		<u>6,195,568</u>	<u>4,442,869</u>
Total funds	19	<u><u>6,370,343</u></u>	<u><u>4,674,555</u></u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14th November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by



R G Dyson
Chair of the Trustees

The notes on pages 15 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

The Charity Service Limited
Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flow from operating activities			
Cash provided from operations	(i)	385,656	(601,430)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Transfers to investment portfolios		0	0
Transfers from investment portfolios		(318,814)	930,620
Equalisations		12,585	1501
Dividends received		89,899	63,012
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		(216,330)	995,133
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		169,327	393,703
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		894,484	500,781
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	(ii)	<u>1,063,811</u>	<u>894,484</u>

Notes to the cash flow statement

(i) Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

Net income for the reported period (as per the SOFA)	1,695,787	(397,655)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	227	304
New donations introduced as investments	(1,487,108)	(333,775)
Dividends received	(89,899)	(63,012)
Investment income retained in portfolio	(12,585)	(1,501)
Investment fees paid from cash accounts with investment manager	2,907	277
Net (gain) / loss on investments	88,478	315,385
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	150,605	(165,379)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	37,245	43,926
Net cash provided by operating activities	385,656	(601,430)

(ii) Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Cash Flow £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Net cash			
Cash at Bank	894,484	169,327	1,063,811
	<u>894,484</u>	<u>169,327</u>	<u>1,063,811</u>
Liquid resources			
Current asset investments	33,311	297,625	330,936
	<u>33,311</u>	<u>297,625</u>	<u>330,936</u>
Total	927,795	466,952	1,394,747

The Charity Service Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

General information

The Charity Service Limited is a charitable private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. In addition, it is a Trust Corporation within the meaning of Section 68(18) of the Trustee Act 1925. Every member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to benefit any charitable institutions or charitable purposes by provision of advice and assistance.

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value, and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Going concern

Having considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for the next 12 months, the Trustees have, at the time of approving these financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of these accounts.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The Trustees consider that no judgements, apart from those involving estimates, have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies which have had a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

The Trustees consider that no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date have been made which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Funds

Unrestricted funds comprise the general fund and the designated fund. The general fund is available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. The designated funds represent charitable funds which the charity may use and distribute to appropriate charitable purposes agreed by the Trustees.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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1. Accounting policies - continued

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income

Voluntary income usually consists of small donations which are accounted for when received. The charity is not a legacy seeking organisation but will account for any legacies on the basis that entitlement is taken as the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Investment income receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Income from charitable activities

Income from fees for accounting and management services is recognised when receivable.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the statement of financial activities. Non-staff costs are allocated directly to the applicable expenditure heading and staff costs are apportioned on the basis of time spent.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include administrative and governance costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Grants payable

Grants are voluntary payments made to charitable institutions. Grants nominated by donors are accounted for when they are paid. Expenditure on other grants is included when the grants have been approved and any conditions attached by the trustees have been satisfied.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Recognised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the statement of financial activities.

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1. Accounting policies - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis at the following annual rates.

Computer equipment	33 1/3%
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Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value, which is taken as the market value at the balance sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Cash held by investment managers is classified as current asset investments.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity contributes to a defined contribution workplace pension plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities in the period to which they relate.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<i>Year ended 31 March 2024</i>			
Donations	-	3,179,901	3,179,901
Legacies	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,179,901</u>	<u>3,179,901</u>
<i>Year ended 31 March 2023</i>			
Donations	-	1,259,870	1,259,870
Legacies	-	-	0
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,259,870</u>	<u>1,259,870</u>

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<i>Year ended 31 March 2024</i>			
Philanthropy support services	<u>67,512</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,512</u>
<i>Year ended 31 March 2023</i>			
Philanthropy support services	<u>63,101</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,101</u>

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<i>Year ended 31 March 2024</i>			
Income from investment portfolios	<u>4,298</u>	<u>85,601</u>	<u>89,899</u>
<i>Year ended 31 March 2023</i>			
Income from investment portfolios	<u>3,244</u>	<u>59,768</u>	<u>63,012</u>

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5. Total expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<i>Year ended 31 March 2024</i>				
Raising funds	6	12,774	2,907	15,681
Grant-making	7	62,808	1,411,145	1,473,953
Philanthropy advice and support	8	54,241	9,171	63,412
		<u>129,823</u>	<u>1,423,224</u>	<u>1,553,047</u>
<i>Year ended 31 March 2023</i>				
Raising funds	6	9,689	277	9,966
Grant-making	7	45,079	1,349,706	1,394,785
Philanthropy advice and support	8	49,202	14,300	63,502
		<u>103,970</u>	<u>1,364,283</u>	<u>1,468,253</u>

6. Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<i>Year ended 31 March 2024</i>			
Staff costs (note 9)	8,222	-	8,222
Direct costs	1,646	2,907	4,553
Support costs (note 10)	2,906	-	2,906
	<u>12,774</u>	<u>2,907</u>	<u>15,681</u>
<i>Year ended 31 March 2023</i>			
Staff costs (note 9)	7,329	-	7,329
Direct costs	166	277	443
Support costs (note 10)	2,194	-	2,194
	<u>9,689</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>9,966</u>

7. Grant-making

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<i>Year ended 31 March 2024</i>			
Grants payable	38,618	1,378,420	1,417,038
Direct costs	9,655	32,725	42,380
Support costs (note 10)	14,535	-	14,535
	<u>62,808</u>	<u>1,411,145</u>	<u>1,473,953</u>
<i>Year ended 31 March 2023</i>			
Grants payable	27,230	1,326,201	1,353,431
Direct costs	6,881	23,505	30,386
Support costs (note 10)	10,968	-	10,968
	<u>45,079</u>	<u>1,349,706</u>	<u>1,394,785</u>

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7. Grant-making (continued)

Grants payable	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants paid to organisations	1,376,542	1,303,926
Grants paid to individuals	40,496	49,505
	<u>1,417,038</u>	<u>1,353,431</u>

A full list of grants payable to organisations is available on the charity's website at:

<http://charityservice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Copy-of-List-of-grants-paid-2023-24.xlsx>

Grants payable to individuals are not disclosed individually due to data protection requirements.
During the year, no grants were made to related parties (2023: none).

8. Philanthropy advice and support

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<i>Year ended 31 March 2024</i>			
Staff costs (note 9)	42,614	-	42,614
Direct costs	-	9,171	9,171
Support costs (note 10)	11,627	-	11,627
	<u>54,241</u>	<u>9,171</u>	<u>63,412</u>
<i>Year ended 31 March 2023</i>			
Staff costs (note 9)	40,428	-	40,428
Direct costs	-	14,300	14,300
Support costs (note 10)	8,774	-	8,774
	<u>49,202</u>	<u>14,300</u>	<u>63,502</u>

9. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	58,318	54,529
Employers NI	557	275
Pensions costs	2,923	2,725
Other staff costs	7,070	142
	<u>68,868</u>	<u>57,671</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
Full time	1	1
Part time	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Total staffing in the year ended 31 March 2024 was 1.5 full time equivalents (2023: 1.4).
No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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10. Support costs

The charity allocates governance and support costs to charitable activities on the basis of the estimated time spent by staff on each activity. The allocation of support costs is set out below.

	Raising Funds £	Grantmaking £	Philanthropy Support £	Total £
<i>Year ended 31 March 2024</i>				
Staff costs (see note 9)	1,803	9,016	7,213	18,032
Information technology	331	1,656	1,324	3,311
Office and admin costs	353	1,766	1,412	3,531
Governance	419	2,097	1,678	4,194
	<u>2,906</u>	<u>14,535</u>	<u>11,627</u>	<u>29,068</u>
<i>Year ended 31 March 2023</i>				
Staff costs (see note 9)	991	4,957	3,966	9,914
Information technology	361	1,803	1,442	3,605
Office and admin costs	389	1,943	1,554	3,885
Governance	453	2,266	1,813	4,532
	<u>2,194</u>	<u>10,968</u>	<u>8,774</u>	<u>21,936</u>

11. Net income (expenditure)

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income / (expenditure) is stated after charging:		
Audit fees - current year	4,500	4,532
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>227</u>	<u>304</u>
Investment gains / (losses):		
Realised investment gains / (losses)	(119,082)	10,213
Unrealised investment gains / (losses)	<u>30,604</u>	<u>(325,598)</u>
Total investment gains / (losses)	<u>(88,478)</u>	<u>(315,385)</u>

12. Trustees' remuneration and benefits and expenses

No trustee received or waived remuneration or other benefits in the year (2023: nil).
No trustee was reimbursed for out of pocket expenses during the year (2023: nil).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April	911
Additions	748
At 31 March	1,659
Depreciation	
At 1 April	(684)
Charge for the year	(227)
At 31 March	(911)
Net book value	
At 1 March 2023	227
At 1 March 2024	748

14. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments	
	2024 £	2023 £
Market value		
At 1 April	3,632,116	4,576,730
Additions at cost	3,452,502	2,639,290
Carrying value of investments sold	(2,024,625)	(3,329,511)
Gains / (losses) on revaluation	(11,713)	(254,393)
At 31 March	5,048,280	3,632,116
Analysis of investments		
Multi-asset funds	5,048,280	3,632,116
Other assets	-	-
	5,048,280	3,632,116
Historic cost of investments	4,824,256	3,439,837

There were no investment assets outside of the UK.

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15. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	17,500	9,609
Prepayments	0	700
Other debtors	0	157,796
	<u>17,500</u>	<u>168,105</u>

16. Current asset investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash accounts with investment manager	<u>330,936</u>	<u>33,311</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,761	361
Social security and other taxes	1,374	1,166
Other creditors	904	651
Accruals	84,892	51,510
	<u>90,932</u>	<u>53,688</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<i>As at 31 March 2024</i>			
Tangible fixed assets	748	-	748
Investments	105,784	4,942,496	5,048,279
Current assets	96,390	1,315,857	1,412,247
Current liabilities	(11,041)	(79,891)	(90,932)
	<u>191,881</u>	<u>6,178,462</u>	<u>6,370,342</u>
<i>As at 31 March 2023</i>			
Tangible fixed assets	227	-	227
Investments	164,682	3,467,434	3,632,116
Current assets	78,409	1,017,491	1,095,900
Current liabilities	(11,632)	(42,056)	(53,688)
	<u>231,686</u>	<u>4,442,869</u>	<u>4,674,555</u>

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19. Movements in funds

	At 1 April	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains / (losses)	Transfers	At 31 March
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Year ended 31 March 2024</i>						
Unrestricted funds						
General fund	70,085	67,512	(81,549)	-	-	56,048
Designated - Trustees' discretionary	161,601	4,298	(48,274)	1,101	-	118,727
Total unrestricted funds	<u>231,686</u>	<u>71,810</u>	<u>(129,823)</u>	<u>1,101</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>174,775</u>
Restricted funds						
Human Rights & Nursing Awards	663,946	12,035	(31,423)	1,848	-	646,406
George James Pennington Bequest	226,886	3,556	(113,265)	(1,165)	-	116,012
Dick Camplin Educational Trust	15,072	15,928	(13,997)	-	-	17,003
Castlefield Charitable Fund	22,310	8,367	(9,466)	-	-	21,211
Charity Cheque accounts	45,079	504	-	-	-	45,583
Gables End Trust	450,483	7,808	(104,383)	(2,395)	-	351,514
Earthsong Trust	1,979,942	36,246	(27,604)	6,220	-	1,994,804
Kelly Trust	220,901	1,948,196	(679,890)	(93,002)	-	1,396,205
Dan and Eppie Trust	818,250	7,442	(7,588)	(1,085)	-	817,019
The Tithe	-	536,159	(435,608)	-	-	100,551
Late Richard Harding's Fund	-	602,787	0	-	-	602,787
Castlefield IPA	-	86,472	-	-	-	86,472
Total restricted funds	<u>4,442,869</u>	<u>3,265,501</u>	<u>(1,423,223)</u>	<u>(89,579)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,195,568</u>
Total funds	<u>4,674,555</u>	<u>3,337,311</u>	<u>(1,553,046)</u>	<u>(88,478)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,370,343</u>

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Unrestricted funds						
General fund	76,663	63,282	(69,860)	-	-	70,085
Designated - Trustees' discretionary	207,242	3,063	(34,110)	(14,594)	-	161,601
Total unrestricted funds	<u>283,905</u>	<u>66,345</u>	<u>(103,970)</u>	<u>(14,594)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231,686</u>
Restricted funds						
Ann King Legacy	5,152	-	(5,152)	-	-	-
Dan and Eppie Trust	-	818,750	(500)	-	-	818,250
Castlefield Charitable Fund	12,546	9,764	-	-	-	22,310
Charity Cheque accounts	45,079	-	-	-	-	45,079
Dick Camplin Educational Trust	16,377	14,375	(15,680)	-	-	15,072
Earthsong Trust	2,295,053	32,516	(200,741)	(146,886)	-	1,979,942
Gables End Trust	207,516	350,324	(97,697)	(9,660)	-	450,483
George James Pennington Bequest	386,843	5,254	(138,032)	(27,179)	-	226,886
Human Rights & Nursing Awards	748,110	10,984	(37,337)	(57,811)	-	663,946
Kelly Trust	1,071,629	77,671	(869,144)	(59,255)	-	220,901
Total restricted funds	<u>4,788,305</u>	<u>1,319,638</u>	<u>(1,364,283)</u>	<u>(300,791)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,442,869</u>
Total funds	<u>5,072,210</u>	<u>1,385,983</u>	<u>(1,468,253)</u>	<u>(315,385)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,674,555</u>

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19. Movements in funds (continued)

Fund purposes

The general fund receives its income from the fees charged by The Charity Service Limited and provides the resources to support the running costs of the charity.

The designated fund represents unrestricted funds set aside by the Trustees for grant-making.

All restricted funds, except for the George James Pennington Bequest fund, are donor advised funds. Grants are made from these funds at the request of donors (subject to appropriate due diligence checks). The George James Pennington Bequest fund provides grants to assist with activities, amenities or equipment that will improve the general welfare of people in Manchester.

20. Related party disclosures

Mr J S Eckersley and Mr M S Ralph, both trustees of The Charity Service, are also shareholders in Castlefield Partners Limited, in which the charity has a small shareholding of non-voting class B shares. During the year ended 31 March 2024, the charity received a dividend from Castlefield Partners Limited of £238 (2023: £181).

During the year, the charity also received donations from Castlefield Partners Limited and its associated companies Castlefield Advisory Partners and Conbrio Fund Partners amounting to £8,909 (2023: £9,764). These donations were made to a restricted fund called the Castlefield Charitable Fund.

Mr J S Eckersley is also a partner in Castlefield Investment Partners LLP (of which Castlefield Partners Limited is a Designated Member). The charity places with Castlefield Investment Partners LLP its investments and the investments of several charitable trusts managed by the charity and for which the charity is the sole trustee. During the year ended 31 March 2024, Castlefield Investment Partners LLP received investment management charges of £660.45 (2023: £277). Mr J S Eckersley resigned from the Board of Trustees in November 2023.

21. Funds held as trustee

The Charity Service Limited acts as sole trustee for the following charitable trusts:

Name	Registered Charity Number	Objects
Chronicle Cinderella Home Fund	233536	Providing convalescent or recuperative holidays for sick and convalescent children of poor persons.
Manchester and Salford Medical Charities Fund	223079	Making grants to charities in the Manchester and Salford area, particularly for the provision of comforts, amenities and assistance to the poor, the sick and the infirm.
The Richard Budenberg Charitable Trust	267673	Making grants to charities.

In the capacity as sole trustee, The Charity Service Ltd is the custodian trustee for the investment portfolios held by the above trusts and managed by Castlefield Investment Partners LLP.