

Charity number: 1025258

The Geoffrey Watling Charity
Trustees Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 September 2024

The Geoffrey Watling Charity

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Trustees Report

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name	The Geoffrey Watling Charity	
Charity registration number	1025258	
Registered address	8a Ber Street Norwich Norfolk NR1 3EJ	
Trustees	A C Watling (Chairman) S P Watling R S Marks D J Lundean A M Haswell	
Grants Administrator	A Handley (resigned 30 September 2024) S Pearce (appointed 8 November 2024)	
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc Barclay's Business Centre 3 St. James Court Whitefriars Norwich NR3 1RJ	Insignis Asset Management Ltd St John's Innovation Centre Cowley Road, Milton Cambridge CB4 0WS
Property investment advisors	Brown & Co LLP 25-26 Tuesday Market Place Kings Lynn Norfolk PE30 1JJ	
Investment advisors	Sarasin & Partners LLP Juxon House 100 St Paul's Churchyard London EC4M 8BU	
Auditor	Lovewell Blake LLP Bankside 300 Peachman Way Broadland Business Park Norwich Norfolk NR7 0LB	

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024. The report and financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity's Settlement Deed (as amended), the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their (consolidated) accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, published in October 2019.

The accounts presented here are the consolidated accounts of the Charity and of Geoffrey Watling (Norwich) Limited, the Company wholly-owned by the Charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY

The Deed of Settlement dated 4 August 1993, as amended, defines the 'object' of The Geoffrey Watling Charity ('GWC') as:

"To pay or apply the annual income of the Charity's funds to such charity or charities or for such charitable purpose or purposes as the Trustees shall from time to time in their absolute discretion determine."

The geographical 'area of benefit' is 'the County of Norfolk and the Waveney District of Suffolk'.

The means by which the Charity seeks to meet this object are:

1. to invest optimally the assets of the Charity and its wholly owned Company, (the "Group").
2. to make grants to organisations with a charitable purpose whose beneficiaries reside within the area of benefit in order to enhance their welfare.

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Optimum investment of the Group's assets

The Trustees are mindful that their ability to allocate the Charity's funds now, and in the future, by making grants to others in need, is only possible if they manage the Group's investments effectively. The value of the investments at 30 September 2024 was £18,972,566 (2023: £17,111,696) comprising £2,701,550 (2023: £2,800,000) in investment property and £16,271,016 (2023: £14,311,696) in quoted investments and cash. The Trustees have decided that their two overall objectives in this area are:

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- as far as is practicable, to treat current and future beneficiaries equally, given that the Charity is intended to exist in the long-term, although not necessarily in perpetuity.
- to achieve an optimum balance between risk and total return in order to set a consistent short-to medium-term budget for expenditure on its charitable objectives and priorities.

Optimum investment of the Group's assets (continued)

The Trustees have an investment policy developed in conjunction with the Charity's discretionary investment managers, Sarasin and Partners LLP.

Grant-making

The Charity aims to make the greatest positive impact for the good of its beneficiaries to the best of its ability with the finite resources it has. To this end, the Charity makes grants to other organisations with an approved charitable purpose. Trustees consider all applications they receive and consider each on its own merits and within the terms of the Deed of Settlement. They have no priority areas for grant-making.

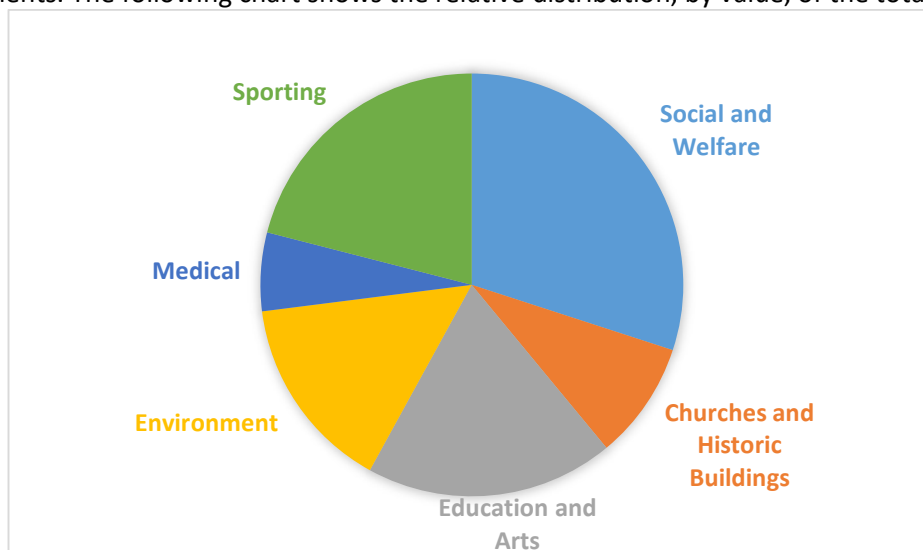
ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Based on the above objectives and activities, the trustees are pleased to report on the achievements and performance of the Charity during the year to 30 September 2024.

Grant-making

During the year 2023/24, the Charity authorised spending of £538,650 on 112 grants and donations to other bodies with a charitable purpose, after taking account of a small number of grants which were withdrawn. (see Note 6 to the financial statements). Of the £538,650, £512,650 (2023: £421,225) were grants and £26,000 (2023: £25,000) were donations. The cost to the Charity of managing these activities was £50,661 (Note 4 to the financial statements), which includes £19,500 in relation to the creation of a new grants database system.

An analysis of the grants made for various categories of purpose is set out in Note 6 to the financial statements. The following chart shows the relative distribution, by value, of the total grants awarded:



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In assessing the beneficial effect of their grant making, the trustees focus on:

- feedback from beneficiaries
- observing the effect on organisations to which grants have been made
- finding and considering any research evidence relating to the likely effect of a planned intervention supported by a grant
- Paying site visits and attending presentations, at the request of beneficiaries, to see the impact of grants made or applied for.

Investment of the Group's assets and its financial performance

The Charity's investment portfolio value increased in the year by £1,829,858, with the market value of the investment portfolio at 30 September 2024 totalling £15,228,363. The most recent valuation, as at 26 February 2025, was £15,890,690.

The Group's property assets market value was £2,701,550 at 30 September 2024. As stated in note 11 following the continuing impact of coastal erosion the valuation of the investment properties was reduced by £100,000.

Overall, the total return (capital gain and income) on the Group's assets invested was 13.9%. More than three quarters of this return arose because of the unrealised gain made on revaluing the portfolio of listed investments to their market value at 30 September 2024.

The Charity has, however, always based its grant making decisions on the realised income generated by its investments. In the year to 30 September 2024, £595,578 of income was generated, representing a 3.4% return on investments (2023: £513,610, 3%).

Trustees meet discretionary investment manager and adviser, Sarasin & Partners LLP, once a year for a formal review of their performance and to discuss likely future issues, including risk. The property portfolio is managed by John Weston, MRICS, of Brown & Co who reports to the Director of the Company.

The Charity does not have an explicit policy on social, environmental or ethical matters in relation to its investments. Rather it subscribes to the policy of its discretionary investment managers, Sarasin & Partners LLP who state that: "The fund does not invest in tobacco manufacturers and will also avoid investment in companies that generate significant revenues from the following: alcohol manufacture; armaments; gambling; pornography". Since at least COP26, Sarasins have also withdrawn investments that could affect global warming.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year ended 30 September 2024 the Group generated net realised income of £470,364, from which it awarded £538,650 in grants and donations. The listed investment portfolio produced a net unrealised gain of £1,829,858 on revaluation to market value at 30 September 2024, on investments held. In total, the net assets of the group increased during the year by £1,661,572, making the total funds of the Group £19,270,754 at 30 September 2024.

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Following storms in November 2023 and January 2024 there has been substantial coastal erosion at Hemsby resulting in the loss of land owned by the Group. The cost of repair works associated with this damage and incurred by the Group amounted to over £37,000.

After receiving advice from the Group's property investment advisor the valuation of certain investment properties has been reduced by £100,000 and this has been reflected in the Group's accounts to 30 September 2024.

Following the setting up of a new account with Insignis Asset Management Ltd a total of £904,627 has been invested into higher yielding cash deposits.

Fuller details of the consolidated financial results for the year ended 30 September 2024 can be found in the financial statements.

Reserves policy

The policy of the Trustees is to ensure that it holds net current assets sufficient to cover the operational running costs of the Charity for a six month period. This includes sums sufficient to pay out all approved grants.

At the year-end, free reserves (being net current assets) held within the general fund and investment fund totalled £949k (2023: £980k) which amounts to 13 months of expenditure. In addition, a further £15.2m (2023: £13.4m) was held within the investment portfolio, which is retained to generate a return on investment in accordance with the investment policy.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

At the year end work on developing the Charity's new grants database system was almost complete and subsequently the new system has gone 'live'. This new system will assist with the operational efficiency of the Charity's database thus further improving the process of grant application processing.

The Charity is receiving an increasing number of grant applications and in order to maintain its responsiveness the Charity will be reviewing its grant making guidelines.

The Trustees will also continue to monitor the company's investment assets to maximise the effectiveness of the operation of the Charity.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Geoffrey Watling Charity is a registered Charity, number 1025258. It is an unincorporated association with significant invested funds.

Geoffrey Watling (Norwich) Limited is a Registered Company (number 00957457), the shares of which are owned wholly by The Geoffrey Watling Charity. Alan Watling is the sole Director of the Company and is also a Trustee of the Geoffrey Watling Charity. Colin Ford is the Company Secretary, appointed to the role on 8 March 2024. The Company directly owns properties, principally in Hemsby, Norfolk. The Company remits annually an appropriate and permitted amount of its profits through Gift Aid to the Charity.

The Board of Trustees comprises not fewer than 3 and not more than 6 Trustees who are appointed by the Board at the time. Those who served in these capacities during 2023/24 and/or are Trustees at the time of the approval of these financial statements are shown in the table below.

When a new Trustee is appointed, there is a short briefing procedure covering relevant governance issues.

The Trustees meet formally every three months, with the appropriate officers and advisers, to agree plans, programmes and budgets; agree and review policies; and to monitor progress and review performance. The Director of the Company meets with the Company's property adviser on a regular basis and visits the Company's properties particularly during the summer season at Hemsby.

Alan Watling is Chairman of the Board.

Trustees

Trustee	Period of office
A C Watling	To June 2027
S P Watling	To June 2026
R S Marks	To December 2026
D J Lundean	To March 2025
A M Haswell	To December 2027

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Brown & Co LLP is the property adviser to the Company and Charity, responsible for the management of the invested estate and for advising the Trustees on these matters. Brown & Co's representative is John Weston, MRICS, and Registered Valuer and his services are received through a service level agreement.

In addition, the Trustees employ senior officers to advise them and to carry out their approved plans:

Yvonne Johnston (retired 29 March 2024)	Accountant
Colin Ford (appointed 5 January 2024)	Finance Manager
Armana Handley (resigned 30 September 2024)	Grants Administrator
Sian Pearce (appointed 8 November 2024)	Grants Administrator

Trustees and key management personnel

The Trustees consider that the Board of Trustees is responsible for directing and controlling the Charity and running and operating the Charity on a day-to-day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of Trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 10 to the financial statements.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests to the Grants Administrator and to their colleagues and to withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

The remuneration of the Group's staff is reviewed annually.

Risk management

Trustees also monitor closely the risks to which the Charity is exposed, many of which are not directly financial in nature but which, if they materialise, could have financial consequences. A Risk Assessment Register for the company and charity was first presented at the meeting of the Trustees, held on 6 December 2019 and approved at their meeting on 6 March 2020. The Register sets down the probability and impact of each foreseeable risk and the preventative or mitigating actions which should be taken. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance, and at least annual review, of the Register. A partial review of the Register was undertaken in December 2023 and a full review will be carried out in the first quarter of 2025.

Fundraising Standards Information

The Charity does not participate in fundraising activities or instruct anyone to act on their behalf with regards to fundraising.

True and Fair override

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair view". This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by charities by 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 rather than Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and group and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity and the group for that period.

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

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Thanks

Thanks are due to Yvonne Johnston, Colin Ford, Armana Handley, Sian Pearce and John Weston and his team. Without their dedication and skill, the Charity's work would not be as effective and valued as it is.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

A C Watling
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
8A Ber Street
Norwich, NR1 3EJ
7 March 2025

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees

Year ended 30 September 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Geoffrey Watling Charity (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, consolidated balance sheet, consolidated cash flow 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 group's and parent charity's affairs as at 30 September 2024, and of the group's 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 and parent charity 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 group and parent charity'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.

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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. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 8, the trustees 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 group and parent charity'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 group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance;
- Enquiry of entity staff compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of operations and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

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.

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A further description of our responsibilities is available on the FRC's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Lovewell Blake LLP
Statutory Auditor

Date: 17 June 2025

Bankside 300
Peachman Way
Broadland Business Park
Norwich
Norfolk, NR7 0LB

Lovewell Blake LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 30 September 2024

		Unrestricted Investment			Unrestricted
	Note	General fund	fund	2024 Total	2023
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Investments	2	805,721	-	805,721	716,378
Total income and endowments		<u>805,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>805,721</u>	<u>716,378</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds					
Investment management costs	3	205,694	79,002	284,696	252,170
Charitable Activities	4	589,311	-	589,311	475,140
Total expenditure		<u>795,005</u>	<u>79,002</u>	<u>874,007</u>	<u>727,310</u>
Net income / (expenditure) before revaluation of investments		10,716	(79,002)	(68,286)	(10,932)
Net gains on investment portfolio		-	1,829,858	1,829,858	540,338
Loss on revaluation of properties		-	(100,000)	(100,000)	(250,000)
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>10,716</u>	<u>1,650,856</u>	<u>1,661,572</u>	<u>279,406</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,161,178	16,448,004	17,609,182	17,329,776
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,171,894</u>	<u>18,098,860</u>	<u>19,270,754</u>	<u>17,609,182</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes set out on pages 16 to 27 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		Charity £	Group £	Charity £	Group £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets (including investment properties)	11	330,000	2,797,867	330,000	2,892,933
Investments	12	15,228,363	15,228,363	13,436,564	13,436,564
Subsidiary	12	2,847,938	-	2,847,938	-
		<u>18,406,301</u>	<u>18,026,230</u>	<u>16,614,502</u>	<u>16,329,497</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors : amounts falling due within one year	13	147,986	91,025	20,107	79,274
Debtors : amounts falling due after one year	13	-	295,060	-	302,012
Cash deposits		904,627	904,627	33,122	33,122
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>138,026</u>	<u>426,368</u>	<u>842,010</u>	<u>1,309,280</u>
		1,190,639	1,717,080	895,239	1,723,688
Current Liabilities					
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,667,450)	(472,556)	(1,338,289)	(444,003)
Net current assets		<u>(476,811)</u>	<u>1,244,524</u>	<u>(443,050)</u>	<u>1,279,685</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>17,929,490</u>	<u>19,270,754</u>	<u>16,171,452</u>	<u>17,609,182</u>
Total net assets		<u>17,929,490</u>	<u>19,270,754</u>	<u>16,171,452</u>	<u>17,609,182</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds					
General	15	476,660	1,171,894	469,478	1,161,178
Investment	15	17,452,830	18,098,860	15,701,974	16,448,004
Total charity funds		<u>17,929,490</u>	<u>19,270,754</u>	<u>16,171,452</u>	<u>17,609,182</u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 7 March 2025, and signed on behalf of the by:

A C Watling
Chairman of Board of Trustees

R S Marks
Trustee

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Consolidated Cash Flow

As at 30 September 2024

	Charity 2024 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2023 £	Group 2023 £
Net cash flow from operating activities (below)	(238,781)	(738,281)	(111,396)	(453,243)
Cash flow from investing activities				
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	-	(11,560)	-	-
Payments to acquire investments	(67,288)	(67,288)	-	-
Rents received from investment properties	22,678	325,869	25,363	284,202
Interest received	33,796	62,737	13,638	38,530
Investment portfolio income	417,116	417,116	393,645	393,645
Net cash flow from investing activities	406,302	726,874	432,646	716,377
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	167,521	(11,407)	321,250	263,134
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 October 2023	875,132	1,342,402	553,882	1,079,268
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September 2024	<u>1,042,653</u>	<u>1,330,995</u>	<u>875,132</u>	<u>1,342,402</u>
Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities				
Net income /(expenditure) for the year	1,758,038	1,661,572	533,727	279,406
Rents received from investment properties	(22,678)	(325,869)	(25,363)	(284,202)
Interest receivable	(33,796)	(62,737)	(13,638)	(38,530)
Investment portfolio income	(417,116)	(417,116)	(393,645)	(393,645)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-	5,736	-	4,311
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	890	-	-
Investment management fees	105,347	105,347	102,255	102,255
Gains / (losses) in investments	(1,829,858)	(1,829,858)	(540,338)	(540,338)
Loss on revaluation of investment properties	-	100,000	-	250,000
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(127,879)	(4,799)	149,494	119,828
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	329,161	28,553	76,112	47,672
	<u>(238,781)</u>	<u>(738,281)</u>	<u>(111,396)</u>	<u>(453,243)</u>

The notes set out on pages 16 to 27 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 30 September 2024

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

The Geoffrey Watling Charity is an unincorporated charity in the United Kingdom. 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 remains as described within the Trustees Report on pages 2 to 3.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared 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) issued 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 financial statements have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and we have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair view". This departure has involved the 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 (FRS102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

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.

(b) Group financial statements

These financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiary Geoffrey Watling (Norwich) Limited on a line by line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities and income and expenditure accounts are not presented for the charity following the exemptions afforded the SORP.

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1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Funds

All of the charity's funds are unrestricted funds.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

The Investment Fund was established with the initial transfer of capital from the estate of the late Geoffrey Watling and is unrestricted. The income from the fund is used by the charity to undertake its objectives.

(d) Income recognition

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

(e) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with property and investment management.
- Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the general activity category for which expenditure arose.

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1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Expenditure recognition (continued)

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grant. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

(f) Investment properties

All investment properties owned by the charity are included at fair value with changes in fair value recognised as net gains / (losses) on investment in the SOFA. Current values are based on a valuation undertaken by John Weston of Brown and Co. Property and Business Consultants LLP on 30 September 2024.

(g) Tangible fixed assets

Land and property is included at fair value with changes in fair value recognised as net gains / (losses) on investment in the SOFA, and current value is based on a valuation undertaken by John Weston of Brown and Co. Property and Business Consultants LLP on 30 September 2021. No depreciation is charged as property is subject to regular revaluation and any depreciation is considered to be immaterial.

Machinery and office equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation calculated at 25% reducing balance.

(h) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in net gains / (losses) on investments in the SoFA, based upon the market value at the period end.

The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year together with rebates received from investment managers.

The Charity's subsidiary is included at deemed cost based on the net asset value of the Company at the date of transfer from the estate of the late Geoffrey Watling, less any impairment.

The Charity's investment policy is laid out in the Trustees Annual Report.

(i) 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.

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1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(j) Debtors receivable after one year

Debtors receivable after one year constitute loans and mortgages which are initially recognised at the transaction price. Subsequently they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less impairment.

(k) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

(l) Cash at bank

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less.

(m) Financial Instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(n) Defined contribution plans

Contributions as defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided.

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	General fund £	Investment fund £	Unrestricted 2024 Total £	Unrestricted 2023 Total £
2 Income from investments	£	£	£	£
Rental income	325,869	-	325,869	284,202
Deposit interest	35,827	-	35,827	13,638
Interest on loans	26,910	-	26,910	24,892
Investment portfolio income	417,116	-	417,116	393,645
	<u>805,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>805,721</u>	<u>716,378</u>
3 Investment management costs	£	£	£	£
Rent, rates and insurance and utilities	41,021	-	41,021	31,244
Repairs and maintenance	63,025	-	63,025	48,462
Wages and National Insurance	30,120	-	30,120	22,950
Sundry	23,304	-	23,304	20,686
Management charges	24,166	72,376	96,542	96,473
Legal and professional fees	350	-	350	3,238
Directors remuneration	16,000	-	16,000	15,000
Depreciation and loss on disposal of assets	-	6,626	6,626	4,311
Governance costs (note 5)	7,708	-	7,708	9,806
	<u>205,694</u>	<u>79,002</u>	<u>284,696</u>	<u>252,170</u>
4 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities	£	£	£	£
Grants (note 6)	512,650	-	512,650	421,225
Donations (note 6)	26,000	-	26,000	25,000
Salaries	21,562	-	21,562	20,376
Sundry expenses	20,622	-	20,622	1,622
Governance costs (note 6)	8,477	-	8,477	6,917
	<u>589,311</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>589,311</u>	<u>475,140</u>
5 Governance costs	£	£	£	£
Auditor's remuneration:				
Audit services - current year	14,000	-	14,000	13,500
- prior year	305	-	305	400
Other services	1,845	-	1,845	2,740
Other	35	-	35	83
	<u>16,185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,185</u>	<u>16,723</u>

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6 Analysis of grants and donations

The grants and donations recognised during the period are analysed as follows :-

Purpose	Number	2024	2023
		£	£
Social and Welfare	47	166,500	62 265,150
Churches and Historic Buildings	23	47,450	21 66,000
Education and Arts	26	106,500	21 72,775
Environment	10	80,700	5 17,000
Medical	3	32,500	4 30,800
Sporting	6	113,000	5 15,000
	<u>115</u>	<u>546,650</u>	<u>118 466,725</u>
Grants withdrawn	<u>3</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8 20,500</u>
Total grants and donations	<u>112</u>	<u>538,650</u>	<u>110 446,225</u>

All grants and donations authorised during the year were payable to institutions. Below are details of the activities which have been funded by grants and donations authorised of £10,000 or more:

		£
The Garage Trust Ltd	The Workshop King's Lynn - working with those that face challenge	10,000
St Martins	Donations towards the work of St Martins	10,000
The Norfolk Hospice	To fund 'Compassionate Communities' across Norfolk	10,000
Great Yarmouth Pathway	To assist with the core costs of Great Yarmouth Pathway	10,000
Winterton Primary School & Nursery	To replace old and not fit for purpose outdoor play equipment	10,000
11th Norwich Sea Scout Group	To replace leaking asbestos roof with modern insulated panels	10,000
Friends of Horsey Seals	To purchase a rescue four wheel drive vehicle for transporting seals	10,000
33rd Norwich Scout Group	Funds towards the construction of a new building	10,000
Fairhaven Garden Trust	New sustainable quay heading with disabled friendly bridge & jetty	15,000
Norfolk Mills & Pumps Trust	Restoration of Turf Fen Mill	15,000
The Parkside School	Special School Band and Music Therapy Sessions	15,000
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Purchase of Worlingham Marshes in the Lower Waveney Valley	25,000
James Paget Hospital Charity	Funding for a Surgical Robot at the James Paget University Hospital	25,000
Norwich City Community Sports Foundation	Construction of an innovative and inclusive Health & Wellbeing Box	100,000

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7 Net income for the year

Net income is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,736	4,311
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	890	-
Gain on fair value movement of investments	<u>1,829,858</u>	<u>540,338</u>

8 Auditor's remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Audit services - current year	14,000	13,500
- prior year	305	400
Other services	<u>1,845</u>	<u>2,740</u>
	<u>16,150</u>	<u>16,640</u>

9 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration from the charity in respect to their roles as trustees during the period.

A.C. Watling received gross remuneration of £16,000 (2023: £15,000) from the charity's subsidiary for his role as company director and received reimbursed expenses totalling £149 (2023: £237) through the subsidiary.

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £67,681 (2023: £58,326). The charity considers all its staff to be key management personnel.

10 Staff costs and employee benefits

The average monthly number of employees during the year was three part time individuals, two of which are included in Investment Management Costs and one in Charitable Activities.

The total staff costs and employees benefits was as follows:

	Charity	Subsidiary	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	20,050	43,888	63,938	55,250
Social security	1,512	-	1,512	1,376
Pension contributions	-	2,231	2,231	1,700
	<u>21,562</u>	<u>46,119</u>	<u>67,681</u>	<u>58,326</u>

No employees received total employee benefits of more than £60,000 (2023: £nil).

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11 Tangible Fixed Assets - Group	Freehold Investment		Machinery and Office	
	Property	Tangible Property	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
As at 1 October 2023	2,828,887	80,000	44,770	2,953,657
Additions	1,550	-	10,010	11,560
Disposals	-	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Revaluation	(100,000)	-	-	(100,000)
As at 30 September 2024	2,730,437	80,000	49,780	2,860,217
Depreciation				
As at 1 October 2023	28,887	-	31,837	60,724
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	(4,110)	(4,110)
Charge for the period	-	-	5,736	5,736
As at 30 September 2024	28,887	-	33,463	62,350
Net book value				
Total as at 30 September 2024	2,701,550	80,000	16,317	2,797,867
Total as at 30 September 2023	2,800,000	80,000	12,933	2,892,933
Tangible Fixed Assets - Charity				
	Freehold Investment			
	Property	Tangible Property		Total
	£	£		£
Cost or valuation				
As at 1 October 2023	250,000	80,000		330,000
As at 30 September 2024	250,000	80,000		330,000
Net book value				
As at 1 October 2023	250,000	80,000		330,000
As at 30 September 2024	250,000	80,000		330,000

Investment properties and freehold tangible property owned by the charity are included at fair value. Current values are based on a valuation undertaken by John Weston BSc (Hons) MRICS of Brown & Co - Property and Business Consultants LLP on 30 September 2024.

The methods and significant assumptions used to ascertain the fair value of £2,781,550 (2023: £2,880,000) for the group of investment and tangible property and £330,000 (2023: £330,000) for the charity investment and tangible property are as follows:

Valuation is made in accordance with the RCIS Valuation - Professional Standards and complies with the International Valuation Standards.

The basis of the valuation is the estimated amount for which the assets should exchange on the valuation date in an arms length transaction based on vacant possession.

The historical cost of investment properties held by the group is £1,370,693 (2023: £1,369,143) and £9,382 regarding tangible property (2023: £9,382).

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12 Investments - Group and Charity

	Listed Investments £
Cost or valuation	
As at 1 October 2023	13,436,564
Additions at cost	67,288
Unrealised gains on year end valuation	1,724,511
As at 30 September 2024	<u>15,228,363</u>

The fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the balance sheet date.

The investments above are held in the Sarasin Endowments Fund (previously called The Alpha CIF for Endowments Income Fund).

Subsidiary

The charity owns 100% of the share capital of Geoffrey Watling (Norwich) Limited (incorporated in England - registration number 0957457).

<i>Results of Geoffrey Watling (Norwich) Limited</i>	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment and property income	332,132	283,397
Direct costs	(130,930)	(113,621)
Overheads	(76,510)	(65,088)
Loss on revaluation of investment properties	(100,000)	(250,000)
Profit of the year before tax and gift aid	<u>24,692</u>	<u>(145,312)</u>
Gift aid	<u>121,161</u>	<u>109,009</u>
Net assets	<u>4,189,201</u>	<u>4,285,670</u>

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	Charity 2024	Group 2024	Charity 2023	Group 2023
	£	£	£	£
13 Debtors : amounts due within one year				
Trade debtors	6,000	54,036	100	51,217
Other debtors and prepayments	20,825	36,989	10,998	28,057
VAT	-	-	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	121,161	-	9,009	-
	<u>147,986</u>	<u>91,025</u>	<u>20,107</u>	<u>79,274</u>
Debtors : amounts due after one year	£	£	£	£
Other debtors	-	295,060	-	302,012

Other debtors include £309,589 (2023: £312,193) representing four long-term loans, all of which are unsecured.

	Charity 2024	Group 2024	Charity 2023	Group 2023
	£	£	£	£
14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Accruals and deferred income	25,978	101,635	23,674	105,680
Other creditors	-	6,207	-	15,130
Accruals for grants payable	362,000	362,000	307,250	307,250
Other tax and social security	315	977	307	958
VAT	637	1,737	1,790	14,985
Amounts due to subsidiary undertakings	1,278,520	-	1,005,268	-
	<u>1,667,450</u>	<u>472,556</u>	<u>1,338,289</u>	<u>444,003</u>
Deferred income	Charity 2024	Group 2024	Charity 2023	Group 2023
	£	£	£	£
At 1 October 2023	-	66,086	-	60,968
Additions during the year	-	59,305	-	66,086
Amounts released to income	-	(66,086)	-	(60,968)
At 30 September 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>59,305</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,086</u>

Income has been deferred as related to rental income invoiced in advance of future periods.

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15 Funds reconciliation

	Unrestricted funds 2024			Unrestricted funds 2023		
	General	Investment	Total	General	Investment	Total
	fund	fund		fund	fund	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 October	1,161,178	16,448,004	17,609,182	1,098,688	16,231,088	17,329,776
Income	805,721	-	805,721	716,378	-	716,378
Expenditure	(795,005)	(79,002)	(874,007)	(653,888)	(73,422)	(727,310)
Net gains / (losses) on investments	-	1,829,858	1,829,858	-	540,338	540,338
Loss on revaluation of properties	-	(100,000)	(100,000)	-	(250,000)	(250,000)
Balance at 30 September	<u>1,171,894</u>	<u>18,098,860</u>	<u>19,270,754</u>	<u>1,161,178</u>	<u>16,448,004</u>	<u>17,609,182</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024			Unrestricted funds 2023		
	General	Investment	Total	General	Investment	Total
	fund	fund		fund	fund	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	-	2,797,867	2,797,867	-	2,892,933	2,892,933
Investment assets	-	15,228,363	15,228,363	-	13,436,564	13,436,564
Debtors : due within one year	91,025	-	91,025	79,274	-	79,274
Debtors : due after one year	295,060	-	295,060	302,012	-	302,012
Cash deposits	904,627	-	904,627	33,122	-	33,122
Cash at bank	353,738	72,630	426,368	1,190,773	118,507	1,309,280
Creditors: due within one year	(472,556)	-	(472,556)	(444,003)	-	(444,003)
	<u>1,171,894</u>	<u>18,098,860</u>	<u>19,270,754</u>	<u>1,161,178</u>	<u>16,448,004</u>	<u>17,609,182</u>

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16 Analysis of changes in net debt

	Charity		
	At 1 October 2023	Cash flows	As at 30 September 2024
	£	£	£
Cash deposits	33,122	871,505	904,627
Cash at bank and in hand	842,010	(703,984)	138,026
	875,132	167,521	1,042,653

	Group		
	At 1 October 2023	Cash flows	As at 30 September 2024
	£	£	£
Cash deposits	33,122	871,505	904,627
Cash at bank and in hand	1,309,280	(882,912)	426,368
	1,342,402	(11,407)	1,330,995

17 Operating lease commitments

The group has a number of long term lease commitments in place in relation to rents charged to tenants on its owned properties. The terms of the leases vary in length and rental charge and are managed by the group's property investment advisors.

18 Post balance sheet event

On 20 February 2025 the subsidiary company gifted 5.93 acres of woodland at Felthorpe to the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. Based on the last formal valuation dated 30 September 2021 the value of the gift is £23,720.

19 Results of the charity

The charity generated total net expenditure of £68,286 (2023: £6,611 net expenditure) which includes £121,161 (2023: £109,009) of gift aid from the company. The Charity's net increase in funds (after investment gains and losses) was £1,758,038 (2023: £533,727).