

THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER BENEVOLENT FUND
Registered Charity Number 1026752

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
TO 31st MARCH 2022**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

1. Objects of the Trust

The objects of the Trust are to support charitable causes in:

- the County Palatine of Lancaster
- the administrative counties of Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Merseyside
- elsewhere in the country where the Duchy of Lancaster has historical links (such as landed interests and church livings).

Applications for grants should be addressed to the Secretary.

Donations from Her Late Majesty The Queen in Right of Her Duchy of Lancaster have been given to the Trust with the request that they are, for the time being, invested to provide an income to support the objects of the Trust. The Trustees have accordingly placed the donations into a separate investment fund, the Expendable Endowment Fund.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning the future activities. In particular the Trustees consider how planned donations will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set. The Trustees consider that the current policy for making donations delivers public benefit. Details of the objectives which form the basis of this policy are given above.

2. Grant making policy

The Trust has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit. The Trust invites applications for grants that will meet the stated objectives of the Trust and these will be assessed on a merit basis as to value for money and impact in achieving the aims of the Trust.

3. Achievements and performance

The Trustees have reviewed and are content that the objectives of the charity as highlighted have been achieved during the course of the year. The Trustees are content that the income generated over the course of the year has been utilised in accordance with the objectives.

During the year the Trust has made or made future commitments to 272 grants totalling £594,007 (2021 : 367 grants totalling £1,090,386) as set out in Note 4 to the financial statements.

The Trust continues to fulfil its objects through its grant-making policy and it is the Trustees' intention to continue doing so.

The aim of the charity is to distribute at least £500,000 in grants funded from the investment portfolio. If the portfolio is to generate income of circa £500,000 this implies a minimum initial yield target for the investment portfolio of 2.75%, whilst maintaining the capital value of the fund in real terms, after inflation and distributions. This target is below the minimum long term average total return target for the investment portfolio of RPI inflation +3% p.a. The portfolio generated £410,882 of investment income in the year and a transfer of £200,000 from the expendable endowment fund with expenditure on charitable activities of £620,122. This led to a decrease in the Unrestricted General Fund of £9,240 and carried forward balance of £26,214.

A grant of £100,000 is received from the Duchy of Lancaster every year toward the Expendable Endowment Fund, in 2021 a further £600,000 was received for enhanced donations during the Covid-19 pandemic.

4. Financial review

Investments have been acquired within the powers set out in the Trust Deed and in accordance with the Statement of Investment Principles set out on pages 20 and 21.

Over the year, the Trust's investment assets increased in value by £1,690,342 (10.24%).

During the year the investment income generated was £410,882 (2021 : £361,714).

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5. Risk management

The principal risks faced by the Trust lie in the performance of investments and operational risks from ineffective grant making and the capacity of the Trust to make effective grants. The Trustees consider variability of investment returns on the permanent endowment to constitute the charity's major financial risk. This is mitigated by retaining expert investment managers and regularly reviewing the risk profile of the portfolio. The operational risk from ineffective grant making is mitigated by the fact that the recipients of grants are known to and well understood by the Trustees who are able to assess the effectiveness that the grant making has. Smaller grants are assessed on merit on an individual basis and will only be granted if the Trustees understand how these funds will benefit the recipient.

6. Reserves

The Trustees' policy is to distribute investment income received and to maintain a reserve in the General Fund. At the year end the balance of the General Fund was a surplus of £26,214.

The Expendable Endowment fund had a balance of £18,378,816 at the year end. Although not forming part of the main reserves, the Trustees do have the power to transfer funds to the Unrestricted Fund to meet shortfalls in funding when required.

7. Plans for future periods

The plan for future periods is to satisfy the charity's objectives and to maintain an investment portfolio in accordance with the total return objective as agreed by the Trustees as set out in the Statement of Investment Principles.

8. Structure, governance, management and administrative details

Governing Instrument

The Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund was constituted on 29th September 1993 under a Trust Deed. The registered charity number is 1026752.

Trustees and principal officers

Trustees are appointed by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, these were as follows:

<u>Trustees:</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Retired</u>
The Vice Chancellor of the County Palatine (Chairman) Hon. Mr. Justice Timothy Fancourt	30 October 2021	
The Vice Chancellor of the County Palatine (Chairman) Hon. Mr. Justice Richard Snowden		30 September 2021
The Attorney General of the Duchy of Lancaster Sonia Tolaney		
The Receiver General of the Duchy of Lancaster Sir Michael Stevens KCVO		
The Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire Lord Shuttleworth KG, KCVO		
The Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester Sir Warren Smith KCVO		4 July 2022
The Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester Diane Hawkins DLJP	4 July 2022	
The Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside Mr Mark Blundell		
Chief Finance Officer of the Duchy of Lancaster C.J. Adcock LVO		30 April 2021

Secretary:

Mr H. Bruce-Watt

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8. **Structure, governance, management and administrative details (continued)**

The Trustees meet twice a year and make all major (£5,000 and over) grant making and investment decisions. Decisions on making other grants are delegated to 4 local panels based in Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and London, which each meet around four times a year. Trustees are provided with adequate support and training where training needs are identified to allow them to effectively conduct their role.

The day to day administration of the Trust is delegated to the staff of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Administration

Administrative support for the charity is provided by The Duchy of Lancaster from its offices at 1 Lancaster Place, Strand, London WC2E 7ED.

Advisors

Bankers:	Coutts & Co. 440 Strand London WC2R 0QS
Solicitors:	Farrer & Co. 66 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LH
Auditors:	Saffery Champness LLP 71 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4BE
Investment manager:	Newton Investment Management Ltd 160 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4LA
Investment custodian:	The Bank of New York 1 Canada Square London E14 5AL

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

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8. **Structure, governance, management and administrative details (continued)**

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 of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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;
- make judgements 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 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 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.

The Trustees have undertaken a review of major risks facing the charity and taken steps to mitigate them.

Approved by the Trustees on 3RD NOVEMBER 2022 and signed on their behalf by



The Hon Mr Justice Timothy Fancourt
Chairman of the Trustees

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the 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 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.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. 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.

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' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept sufficient accounting records; or

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES continued

Matters on which we are required to report by exception (continued)

- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; 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 5, 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 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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act.

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 auditors' 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 specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the trustees, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the charity by discussions with trustees and updating our understanding of the sector in which the charity operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the charity include the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Audit response to risks identified (continued):

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the charity's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the charity's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

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Audit response to risks identified:

During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. 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 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 trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Saffery Champness LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
71 Queen Victoria Street
London
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Date:

Saffery Champness LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted General Fund £	Expendable Endowment Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Endowments	2	-	100,000	100,000	700,000
Investments	3	410,882	-	410,882	361,714
Total		<u>410,882</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>510,882</u>	<u>1,061,714</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	620,122	-	620,122	1,116,733
Total		<u>620,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>620,122</u>	<u>1,116,733</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	-	1,690,342	1,690,342	2,545,187
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(209,240)</u>	<u>1,790,342</u>	<u>1,581,102</u>	<u>2,490,168</u>
Transfer between funds		200,000	(200,000)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(9,240)</u>	<u>1,590,342</u>	<u>1,581,102</u>	<u>2,490,168</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		35,454	16,788,474	16,823,928	14,333,760
Total funds carried forward		<u>26,214</u>	<u>18,378,816</u>	<u>18,405,030</u>	<u>16,823,928</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted General Fund £	Expendable Endowment Fund £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:				
Endowments	2	-	700,000	700,000
Investments	3	361,714	-	361,714
Total		<u>361,714</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>1,061,714</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	1,116,733	-	1,116,733
Total		<u>1,116,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,116,733</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	-	2,545,187	2,545,187
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(755,019)</u>	<u>3,245,187</u>	<u>2,490,168</u>
Transfer between funds		700,000	(700,000)	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(55,019)</u>	<u>2,545,187</u>	<u>2,490,168</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		90,473	14,243,287	14,333,760
Total funds carried forward		<u>35,454</u>	<u>16,788,474</u>	<u>16,823,928</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	7	<u>18,195,019</u>	<u>16,504,677</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	14,164	6,021
Cash and deposits		<u>269,927</u>	<u>400,382</u>
		284,091	406,403
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Grants and accrued expenses	11	<u>(31,080)</u>	<u>(80,652)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>253,011</u>	<u>325,751</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			
Grants	11	<u>(43,000)</u>	<u>(6,500)</u>
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>(43,000)</u>	<u>(6,500)</u>
Net Assets		<u>18,405,030</u>	<u>16,823,928</u>
Capital Fund			
Expendable Endowment	12	18,378,816	16,788,474
Income Fund			
Unrestricted General Fund	12	<u>26,214</u>	<u>35,454</u>
		<u>18,405,030</u>	<u>16,823,928</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 3rd Nov 2022 and signed on their behalf by



The Hon Mr Justice Timothy Fancourt
Chairman of the Trustees

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2022**

		Total	Total
	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash outflow from operating activities	13	<u>(541,337)</u>	<u>(438,450)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends and interest		410,860	361,592
Interest		22	122
Sale of investments		-	-
Purchase of investments		-	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		<u>410,882</u>	<u>361,714</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(130,455)	(76,736)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year		<u>400,382</u>	<u>477,118</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u><u>269,927</u></u>	<u><u>400,382</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant key assumptions that affect items in the accounts are the carrying value of assets held by the Trust and the level of investment return due to the performance of investment markets (see the investment policy and performance and risk management sections of the trustees' annual report for more information).

(b) Income

Donations and interest from banks and Government securities are accounted for on an accruals basis. Dividends are accounted for when received.

(c) Grants

Grants are accounted for when the intention to make the payment is communicated to the beneficiary. If there are conditions attached to the payment then the grant is accounted for once the conditions are no longer within the control of the Trustees.

(d) Governance costs

Governance costs comprise costs incurred in Trust administration and compliance with regulatory requirements.

(e) Taxation

The Trust carries on activities which are exempt from corporation tax and income tax. The Charity suffers Value Added Tax which is included with the expenditure to which it relates.

(f) Fixed Asset Investments

Fixed Asset investments are stated in the Balance Sheet at bid-price valuation.

(g) Expendable Endowment Fund

Donations from the Duchy of Lancaster have been invested to provide an income from which grants may be made in accordance with the policy set out in paragraph 6 of the Report of the Trustees.

(h) Portfolio Manager Fees

The portfolio manager fees are taken from capital and offset in the unrealised (loss)/gain movement in note 8.

2. Endowments

	2022	2021
	£	£
The Duchy of Lancaster	100,000	700,000
Other donation	-	-
	<u>100,000</u>	<u>700,000</u>

3. Investment income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Quoted securities :		
Interest on fixed interest stocks and dividends on unit trusts	410,860	361,592
	<u>410,860</u>	<u>361,592</u>
Bank interest	22	122
	<u>410,882</u>	<u>361,714</u>

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4. Charitable activities

	£	£	2022 £	2021 £
	Grants	Support and Governance costs	Total	Total
Youth and education	171,733	7,550	179,283	187,586
Handicapped, the elderly and infirm	91,150	4,007	95,157	92,292
Community help	277,868	12,216	290,084	682,282
Religious causes	48,756	2,144	50,900	51,583
Miscellaneous	4,500	198	4,698	102,990
	<u>594,007</u>	<u>26,115</u>	<u>620,122</u>	<u>1,116,733</u>

An analysis of grants made is shown on pages 16 to 19. Support costs are pro-rated across the activities.

The Trustees have expressed an intention to make the following future payments, subject to the receipt of sufficient income being received from investments:

- in 2022/23, £25,500 made up of 5 grants
- in 2023/24, £43,000 made up of 3 grants

These future payments have been accrued for in 2022.

5. Allocation of Support and Governance costs

	£	£	2022 £	2021 £
	Governance costs	Support costs	Total	
Auditors fees - for audit	5,580	-	5,580	5,312
Expenses of Trustees	-	-	-	-
Other administration costs	35	20,500	20,535	21,035
	<u>5,615</u>	<u>20,500</u>	<u>26,115</u>	<u>26,347</u>

Other administration costs principally consist of contributions towards office costs of the three Lords Lieutenant offices and the Duchy of Lancaster Office together with costs of Trustees' meetings.

The administration of the Trust is managed by the Trustees and the office of the Duchy of Lancaster.

6. Trustee and Staff Costs

None of the Trustees received any remuneration during the year (2021 : £nil). Travel and meeting expenses incurred on behalf of 7 Trustees amounted to £nil (2021 : £nil, 7 Trustees). The charity has no directly employed staff.

7. Investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Quoted securities :		
Property Funds	1,691,649	1,454,551
Other Funds	<u>16,503,371</u>	<u>15,050,126</u>
	<u>18,195,019</u>	<u>16,504,677</u>

The historic cost of investments at 31st March 2022 was £13,739,870 (2021 : £13,808,791).

The significance of financial instruments to the ongoing financial sustainability of the Trust is considered in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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8. Reconciliation of movement of investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Quoted investments:		
Market value at 1st April 2021	16,504,677	13,959,490
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Net realised gain/(loss)	-	-
Net unrealised gain/(loss)	1,690,342	2,545,187
Market value at 31st March 2022	<u>18,195,019</u>	<u>16,504,677</u>

Included in net unrealised gain/(loss) is management fees of £59,960 (2021: £61,612).

9. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	-	-
Deposit interest	6	11
Dividend income	14,157	6,010
	<u>14,164</u>	<u>6,021</u>

10. Related Parties

Certain of the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund's expenses are incurred initially by the Duchy of Lancaster and then recharged to the Fund. The amount of such expenses relating to the year ended 31st March 2022 was £5,160 (2021 : £4,992).

The Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund paid the following grants to charities with connections to the following trustees:

- Lord Shuttleworth is either a Patron, President or similar: The Lune Rivers Trust £500
- Sir Warren J. Smith is either a Patron, President or similar for: Manchester Cathedral £3,500 (2021: £nil), Francis House £5,000 (2021: £5,000), Henshaws £2,000 (2021: £nil), Hollinwood Scouts £5,000 (2021: £nil), The Proud Trust £2,000 (2021: £nil).
- Mr Mark Blundell is either as Patron, President or similar for: Barnstondale Centre £5,000 (2021: £nil), Sefton Council of Voluntary Services £5,000 (2021: £nil).
- Hon. Mr Justice Timothy Fancourt, Sonia Tolaney and Sir Michael Stevens who served in the year have no connections to any of the charities receiving grants.

11. Accruals

	2022 £	2021 £
Audit	5,580	5,160
Administration	-	4,992
Grants - amounts falling due within one year	<u>25,500</u>	<u>70,500</u>
	31,080	80,652
Grants - amounts falling after one year	<u>43,000</u>	<u>6,500</u>
	<u>74,080</u>	<u>87,152</u>

12. Net assets by fund

	2022		2021	
	General Fund £	Expendable endowment £	General Fund £	Expendable endowment £
Investments	-	18,195,019	-	16,504,677
Current assets	100,294	183,796	122,606	283,797
Current liabilities	(31,080)	-	(80,652)	-
Non-current liabilities	(43,000)	-	(6,500)	-
Net Assets	<u>26,214</u>	<u>18,378,816</u>	<u>35,454</u>	<u>16,788,474</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

13. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) as per statement of financial activities	1,581,102	2,490,168
Adjusted for:		
Net (gains)/losses on investments	(1,690,342)	(2,545,187)
Investment income	(410,882)	(361,714)
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(8,144)	(1,953)
(Decrease)/increase in payables	(13,072)	(19,764)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	<u>(541,338)</u>	<u>(438,450)</u>

THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER BENEVOLENT FUND

GRANTS MADE IN THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

	£
Royal Lancaster Grammar School Bursary Fund	5,000
Molton College fee	5,000
Myerscough College	5,000
Harper Adams University Development Trust	5,000
Lancaster University Regional Heritage Trust	9,000
Lancaster Priory Organ Scholarship Bursary	3,000
Joss Searchlight	2,500
Friends of Thorneyholme School	4,943
Greater Manchester Youth Network	3,000
Hollinwood Scout Camp	5,000
The Hamlet	2,000
Centrepont	5,000
Jewish Action for Mental Health	2,000
Contact Hostel	5,000
Special Educational Needs Families Support Group	2,000
J C Foundation Trust	2,000
Lancashire Outdoor Activities Initiative	5,000
Youth Zone Chorley	5,000
Youth Action Blackburn	5,000
Bishop of Burnley	3,000
The Belvidere Centre	3,660
Barnstondale Centre	5,000
15th Fairfield Scout Group	2,000
Team Oasis	5,000
The Power Foundation For Young People	3,500
Merseyside Community Training	4,000
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society	5,000
Shirdley Hill Guide Centre (Sefton Girlguides)	2,000
KIND	5,000
Conradh na Gaeilge Learpholl	3,367
Wirral Archaeology CIC	2,549
St Helens Young Carers Centre	2,500
North West Cancer Research (NWCR)	4,850
Wirral Youth Zone	3,900

Total of 22 grants each below £2,000	19,664
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Returned grants or increase /(reductions) in future commitments :

Various	16,300
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	171,733

THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER BENEVOLENT FUND
GRANTS MADE IN THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

HANDICAPPED, ELDERLY AND INFIRM	£
Serve	3,000
Time Out Group	4,607
Disability Information Bureau	3,940
Francis House	5,000
Bolton Deaf Society	2,000
Henshaws	2,000
Speakeasy	2,000
Disability Snowsport	2,000
Jigsaw Bury	2,000
The FED	2,390
Stockdales	5,000
STUFF	2,000
LifeNow (Derian House Children's Hospice, Chorley)	5,000
CancerCare, North Lancashire & South Cumbria	2,475
Wheelpower	4,390
Vibe Liverpool CIC	2,640
Listening Books	3,000
Maggies Merseyside	5,000
St Joseph's Hospice	4,608
Friendship House Tenants Association	4,100
Julie Lawson CIC	5,000
Barnardo's	5,000
Canine Partners for Independence	3,000
Bloom Appeal	5,000
Total of 22 grants each below £2,000	16,000
Returned grants or reductions in future commitments : Various	(10,000)
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	91,150
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THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER BENEVOLENT FUND

GRANTS MADE IN THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

COMMUNITY HELP	£
Cloughton Bowling Club	2,000
Scarborough and Ryedale Mountain Rescue Team	4,605
Independance at Home	10,000
Tickhill Pavilion	3,500
The Monastery	5,000
The Halle	5,000
Rammy Men	2,000
ReflecTeen Hub	2,000
The Christie Charitable Fund	2,000
The Proud Trust	2,000
Wigan and Leigh Hospice	2,000
St Ann's Hospice	5,000
Barnabas	2,000
County Air Ambulance Trust HELP	2,000
CreateBolton	2,000
Out there Supporting families of prisoners	2,000
The John Rylands Library	5,000
HSP Helping to support people in need	5,000
Manchester Sikh foundation	5,000
The Boaz Trust	5,000
Yad Veachisomoch L'Chaim	5,000
The Wellspring Stockport	3,500
The Attic Project	3,500
Rochdale Foodbank	3,500
Urban Outreach	3,500
Lucie's pantry (Emmaus Salford)	3,500
Action Together	3,500
Fur Clemt	3,500
North West Air Ambulance	5,000
Didsbury Civic Society	2,000
Ivy Manchester LTd	2,000
Manchester Action on Street health	2,000
Timperley Amateur boxing club	2,000
Oldham Mountain Rescue	5,000
Fleetwood Trust	5,000
The Olive Branch (Faith in Action)	5,000
Inter Madrassah Organisation	5,000
Community Solutions North West Limited	5,000
Piccadilly Garden Limited	5,000
St John The Evangelist Church, Little Thornton	5,000
The Blackpool Foodbank	7,500
Community Solutions North West Limited Foodbank	7,500
Burnley FC in the Community Foodbank	5,000
The Salvation Army Foodbank	5,000
Preston Muslim Forum	5,000
Clayton Amateur Boxing Club	2,411
GrOWING WILD, Accrington	2,695
Thornley Community Space	4,750
Mellor & District Community Association	5,000
AF&V Launchpad Ltd	5,000
SHARe Knowsley	5,000
FareShare Merseyside	5,000
The First Step	5,000
Wirral Festival of Firsts	3,750
West Everton Community Council	4,300
Cherish (Reach and React)	4,000
St Helens Shed	2,050

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GRANTS MADE IN THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

Sefton Council of Voluntary Services	5,000
Syrian British Cultural Centre	2,000
Dingle Multi Agency Centre (DMAC)	2,500
Merseyside Water Rescue	2,000

Total of 79 grants each below £2,000	51,267
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Returned grants or reductions in future commitments :

Various	(14,460)
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277,868

RELIGIOUS CAUSES

£

St Mary's Priory Church Tutbury	4,500
Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy	4,063
All Saints Parish Church	3,613
Manchester Cathedral	3,500
St Oswald's Netherton PCC	5,000
PCC of St James with St Matthews Eccleston	5,000
St Pauls Church Hatton Hill Litherland	4,980
Tuebrook Hope Group	4,000

Total of 19 grants each below £2,000	14,100
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Returned grants or reductions in future commitments :

Various	0
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48,756

MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES

£

Friends of the Harris Museum	5,000
Forward Trust (Brink Liverpool)	5,000

Total of 5 grants each below £2,000	3,000
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Returned grants or reductions in future commitments :

Various	(8,500)
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4,500

Total of grants made in the year	594,007
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THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER BENEVOLENT FUND

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

Background and purpose of portfolio

The Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund supports charitable causes in the County Palatine of Lancaster and elsewhere in the UK, where the Duchy of Lancaster has historical connections.

Investment objectives

The minimum investment objective for the Fund's investment portfolio is to maintain the capital value of the Fund in real terms after inflation and distributions.

Distribution policy

It is the Trustees' policy to distribute investment income received in the investment portfolio on an annual basis. The level of distribution is reviewed regularly in light of changing market conditions to ensure that it is sustainable over the longer term. The current distribution rate has been set at 3.0% p.a., approximately £500,000 in money terms.

Total return target

The level of distributions from the Fund and the need to maintain the real value of capital and income from inflation imply a minimum total return target over the longer term for the investment portfolio of RPI inflation +3% p.a.

Time horizon

The time horizon for the investment portfolio is considered to be long term, reflecting the Fund's purpose. This is defined in investment terms as being over ten years.

Liquidity requirement

There is no requirement to hold a specific proportion of assets in cash or other short term asset classes but all investments should be in relatively liquid vehicles.

Ethical considerations

There are no specific constraints on the investment portfolio in terms of ethical, social or environmental (ESG) matters but the managers of the portfolio are expected to take ESG issues into consideration when assessing individual investments and actively engage with company management to improve their ESG

Risk tolerance

A reasonable level of capital volatility within the investment portfolio is acceptable given the Fund's long term time horizon and total return objectives but to limit capital and other risks in the investment portfolio, the portfolio should be well diversified across asset classes and individual investments.

Investment benchmark

To achieve the required return without taking excessive risk in the investment portfolio, the strategic asset allocation or neutral benchmark for the portfolio has been set with 45% in UK equities, 22.5% in overseas equities, 18% in bonds, 10% in property and 4.5% in cash.

Investment management arrangements

The Trustees will appoint investment managers to manage the assets of the portfolio in accordance with the principles set out in this statement and within the guidelines set down from time to time by the trustees. The Trustees will monitor the performance of the manager against the stated investment benchmark on a quarterly basis but it is anticipated that the manager will be given a period of minimum tenure of between three and five years.

Permitted asset classes, ranges and benchmark indices

The table below shows the strategic asset allocation and benchmark indices against which the managers' performance will be monitored. The table also shows the broad asset classes in which investment is permitted. Maximum and minimum ranges have been set to limit the overall risk within the portfolio.

THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER BENEVOLENT FUND

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

Permitted asset classes, ranges and benchmark indices (continued)

Asset class	Benchmark %	Permitted range %	Benchmark indices
Cash	4.5	0-10	Sterling 7 day LIBOR
Bonds	18.0	10-35	FTSE All Stocks All Gilts Index
UK equities	45.0	-	FTSE All Share Index
Overseas equities	22.5	-	FTSE World ex UK Index
Total equities	67.5	45-80	
Property	10	5-15	MSCI UK Property Index
Total	100		Composite index

Currency and hedging

The Trust's liabilities are all in sterling and therefore the bulk of the portfolio should be held in sterling to avoid unnecessary currency risk. Non sterling exposure should be limited to 40%.

Restricted asset classes

There should be no investment in gold bullion and commodities nor in private equity vehicles.

Other restrictions

- a. No direct holding is to exceed 1% of the issued share capital of a company without prior permission of the Trustees.
- b. No acquisition should result in the relevant holding representing more than 5% of the value of the portfolio without prior consent of the Trustees, save in the case of a government security or managed fund. This does not preclude the retention of a holding that attains a value in excess of 5% of the Fund after purchase.
- c. The manager must have the prior approval of the Trustees before:-
 - Investing in non readily realisable investments;
 - Effecting off-exchange transactions;
 - Entering underwriting or sub-underwriting commitments;
 - Using futures, options and other derivative products.

Approval to carry out any restricted activity may be given by one Trustee and the Secretary of the Fund upon receipt of a written recommendation from the manager. Any such approval must be reported to the trustees at their next meeting.

Review process

The Trustees will review the contents of this statement of investment principles on an annual basis and modify if it is deemed appropriate.

Last reviewed: November 2022

