

THE DENTONS UK AND MIDDLE EAST LLP CHARITABLE TRUST

REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2024

THE DENTONS UK&ME LLP CHARITABLE TRUST ANNUAL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2024

1. **CHARITY ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

<u>GOVERNING DOCUMENT:</u>	Trust Deed dated 1st September 1994
<u>TRUSTEES:</u>	Claire Armstrong (appointed June 2023) Daniel Bodle Alison Bryce (resigned June 2023) David Payton Gareth Steen
<u>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:</u>	1041204
<u>REGISTERED OFFICE:</u>	1 Fleet Place, London, EC4M 7WS
<u>BANKERS:</u>	Royal Bank of Scotland 1 Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 1BD
<u>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:</u>	Steve Moss ACA, Partner Kreston Reeves LLP, Chartered Accountants 168 Shoreditch High St, London E1 6RA

2. **OVERVIEW**

OBJECTIVES: The Dentons UK&ME LLP Charitable Trust is a registered charity, and its objects are set out in its governing document.

The trust seeks to provide assistance to smaller or less well-known charities that have a connection to our communities and practice areas, with a particular focus on small charities working to support the elderly, disabled, homelessness, offenders and their families, refugees, education and youth projects. The trust supports partners and staff taking part in official registered fund-raising activities for their own nominated charity. Donations are made at such time or times and in such manner and in such proportions as the Trustees shall from time to time and in their discretion determine in accordance with clause 4 of the Trust Deed dated 1st September 1994.

The trustees have had given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit (PB2) when planning all events and determining how best to utilise funds raised.

STRUCTURE:

The Dentons UK&ME LLP Charitable Trust is a small charitable trust administered entirely within the firm Dentons UK and Middle East LLP.

POLICY:

The Trustees' policy is to supply grants to deserving charitable causes by reviewing the applications received before finally determining which grants are to be made. All manner of charitable causes are considered, with preference given to charities with whom there is some sort of special connection with Dentons UK and Middle East LLP or which are local to Dentons UK and Middle East LLP offices. The Trust also supports the fundraising efforts of individual members of staff.

Reserves. The income for the Trust derives from Dentons annually and the Trust does not generally enter long term commitments.

Risk. The Trustees have considered the major risks which impact the work of the Trust and consider that there are controls in place to mitigate their potential effect. All donations made from the trust are approved by the trustees beforehand.

Appointment and Election. Historically four UK partners have been appointed as trustees at any one time, with administrative support from the CSR Manager. An additional partner from Dentons' Dublin office has been appointed as the trust began making donations to small charities in Ireland with effect from 1 May 2021. The requirement to have the UK Managing Partner or Director as a trustee was dropped with effect from 1 May 2022

Induction and Training. The induction process for any newly appointed Trustee comprises a meeting with one of the existing Trustees and CSR Manager, followed by a meeting with the other Trustees.

REVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT
ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF
THE CHARITY DURING THE YEAR:

During the past year the Dentons UK&ME LLP Charitable Trust received a large number of applications and made 114 grants amounting to £183,600 (2023: £149,450). Charitable grants ranged from £100 to £6,000. The additional expenditure was financed by gift aid income.

The standard donation increased to £2,000 with effect from 1 May 2023.

In order to support a wide number of causes, maximum annual donation levels have now been set and the details documented.

FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE
CHARITY:

The Dentons UK&ME LLP Charitable Trust is funded by Dentons UK and Middle East LLP under the Gift Aid and Charitable Donations legislation. Funding is reviewed at each meeting of the Trustees.

The Trust had assets brought forward of £199,484. Income for the year was £186,148 and expenditure £185,190, leaving a year-end balance of £200,442.

NOTES:

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities SORP except where noted in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

We hereby approve the attached financial statements for the year ending 30th April 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 31 January 2025.



NAME: Daniel Bodle
Trustee



NAME: David Payton
Trustee

THE DENTONS UKMEA LLP CHARITABLE TRUST

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

THE DENTONS UKMEA LLP CHARITABLE TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts (see Note 1)				
Donations		150,000		152,000
Gift Aid		34,237		33,944
Interest Received		1,911		1,232
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Total Receipts		186,148		187,176
 Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Charitable Donations Made		183,600		149,450
Accountancy Fees		1,590		1,500
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Total Expenditure		(185,190)		(150,950)
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Net Receipts/(Expenditure) for the year		958		36,226
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Note 1 - Income sources are shown inclusive of tax recoverable but not yet received in order to give a true picture of the Trust's income for the year and to be consistent with previous years.

THE DENTONS UKMEA LLP CHARITABLE TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2024

	2024	2023
Charitable Donations Made	£	£
Aberdeen North Foodbank	-	3,000
Aberdeen South Foodbank	1,500	-
Action for Youth	2,000	-
Afghanistan & Central Asian Association	-	1,500
Age UK, Milton Keynes	-	1,500
Alzheimers Society	-	500
Ansar Youth Project	2,000	-
Baytree Centre	2,000	-
Beaston Cancer Charity	5,000	3,400
Bedford & District Cerebral Palsey Society	-	1,500
Bedford Foodbank	1,500	-
Beyond Autism, London	-	1,500
Birth, Baby & Beyond, Glasgow	-	1,500
Blackfriars Settlement, London	-	1,500
Blind in Business	2,000	-
Bow Foodbank	1,500	-
Breaking Barriers	-	6,400
Brent Centre for Young People	2,000	-
Brent Foodbank	1,500	-
Calcutta Run	500	-
Camden Foodbank	1,500	3,000
Cancer Research UK	500	200
Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People	2,000	1,500
Care After Prison	2,000	3,000
Carers Scotland	2,000	1,500
CARI Foundation - Children at Risk in Ireland	-	1,500
Children's Hospice Across Scotland	-	1,500
City Escape, London	-	1,500
City Gateway, London	2,000	-
City Harvest	2,000	-
City of London Solicitors Company	500	-
Cochlear Implanted Children's Support Group	200	450
Craig Kennedy Santa Run 5k Princess Alice Hospice	-	100
Crosscare, Dublin	3,500	3,000
Crosslight Advice	2,000	1,500
Curiosity Collective, Scotland	2,000	1,500
Dean and Cauvin Young People's Trust, Scotland	2,000	-
DEC Pakistan Flood Appeal	-	1,000
Declan Rugby for All, Scotland	2,000	-
Deptford Action Group for the Elderly	2,000	-
Disabled Persons Housing Service, Aberdeen	-	1,500

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2024

	2024	2023
Charitable Donations Made	£	£
Dress for Success	2,000	-
Dunstable Foodbank	1,500	-
East End Community Foundation	2,000	-
East London Cares	-	1,500
Edinburgh North East Foodbank	1,500	3,000
Edinburgh South East Foodbank	1,500	3,000
Edinburgh South West Foodbank	1,500	-
Ellenor Hospice Care, London	-	1,500
Entelechy Arts, London	-	1,500
Families Like Us, Scotland	2,000	-
Families United, Bedfordshire	2,000	-
Felix Project	-	1,500
First Love Foundation	2,000	-
Fresh Start	2,000	-
Fuel Bank Foundation, UK	-	3,000
Give Blood for Good, Scotland	-	1,500
Glasgow Care Foundation	-	3,000
Glasgow North East Foodbank	1,500	-
Glasgow North West Foodbank	1,500	3,000
Glasgow South East Foodbank	1,500	3,000
Glasgow South West Foodbank	1,500	-
Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity	1,000	-
Hackney Foodbank	100	3,000
Hackney Playbus, London	-	1,500
Helen and Douglas House	500	3,900
Holborn Community Centre	2,000	-
Home Link Family Support, Edinburgh	-	1,500
House of Mercy, Kent	-	1,500
Irish Hospice Foundation	-	1,000
Irish Wheelchair Association	2,500	2,400
Islington Foodbank	1,500	-
Joshua Hayday Helping Hand Trust	250	500
Just Right Scotland	-	1,500
Kazzum Arts, London	-	1,500
KEEN	2,000	1,500
Kensington & Chelsea Foodbank	-	3,000
Kidney Care UK	-	1,000
Leeds Hospitals Charity	500	-
Lewisham Foodbank	1,500	-
LIFT	2,000	-
Little Flower Penny Dinners	2,000	-

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2024

	2024	2023
Charitable Donations Made	£	£
Little Village	7,250	1,500
London Legal Support Trust	2,500	1,500
London LGBTQ+ Community Centre	2,000	-
Luton Foodbank	1,500	-
Macmillan Cancer Support	250	-
Mercy Law	2,000	-
Milton Keynes Foodbank	3,500	3,000
Milton Keynes: Act	2,000	-
Myeloma UK	-	500
National Centre for Domestic Abuse	-	1,500
National Centre for Domestic Violence	2,000	-
Neighbours in Poplar	2,000	-
Newham District Foodbank	1,500	-
Norwood and Brixton Foodbank	1,500	-
One Parent Families	4,000	-
Opening Doors, London	-	1,500
PACE	2,000	-
Peter McVerry Trust	-	300
Place 2 Be	500	-
Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice	2,000	-
Prostate Cancer UK	500	-
Ralphh	-	250
Reconnect Education	-	1,500
Refugee Action Kingston	-	1,500
Reprieve	-	1,500
Root Foundation	500	-
Rosebery Centre	2,000	-
Schools Consent Project	-	1,500
Scottish Refugee Council	-	500
Scottish Women's Aid	3,000	-
Scouts (Twenty Bridges of London 21 mile walk)	-	250
Sheriffs' & Recorders Fund	3,000	3,000
Smart Works, London	-	1,500
SMART: Bedford	2,000	-
Smile Train	100	-
Sofea	2,000	-
Southwark Foodbank	1,500	3,000
Spitalfields Crypt Trust	2,000	-
St Andrew's Primary School	2,650	-
St George's Hospital Charity	500	-
St Hilda's East Community Centre, London	-	1,500

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2024

	2024	2023
Charitable Donations Made	£	£
St John's Foodbank	1,500	-
St John's Hospice	2,000	-
St Margaret of Scotland Hospice	-	1,500
St Mungo's London	-	1,500
Support Through Court	2,000	-
The Access to Justice Foundation	-	1,500
The Brain Tumour Charity	500	-
The Bus Shelter	2,000	1,500
The Felix Project, London	2,000	-
The Jenna Wilkins Foundation, East London	-	1,500
The Marylebone Project	2,000	1,500
The Moira Anderson Foundation, Scotland	-	1,500
The Pepper Foundation, Bucks and Herts	-	1,500
The Sanctuary at the Marylebone Project, London	-	1,500
The Solas Project: Dublin	-	1,500
Thomley	2,000	-
Tiny Changes Glasgow	200	400
Tiny Changes, Edinburgh	2,000	2,000
Tomorrow's Warriors, London	-	1,500
Tottenham Foodbank	1,500	-
Volunteer Edinburgh	2,000	-
WaterAid	500	500
Waterloo Foodbank	1,500	-
Wavelength	2,000	1,500
Whitechapel Mission	5,100	5,400
Willen Hospice	2,000	-
Woman's Trust	2,000	-
Women's Aid Ireland	-	3,000
Workteee	5,000	-
Z2K	2,000	-
Total	183,600	149,450

THE DENTONS UKMEA LLP CHARITABLE TRUST
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND RECONCILIATION
YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank & in hand 01 May 2023	62,672	27,839
Net Receipts/(Expenditure) for the year	958	36,226
Gift aid received in the year	-	32,550
Gift aid claimable for the year, yet to be received	(34,237)	(33,944)
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Cash at bank & in hand 30 April 2024	29,393	62,672
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THE DENTONS UKMEA LLP CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES
YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Assets		
Cash at Bank	29,393	62,672
Income tax recoverable	171,049	136,812
Other Debtors	10	10
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	200,452	199,494
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Liabilities	-	-
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Net Assets	200,452	199,494
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2024

This page is not part of the statutory accounts but is provided in order to give additional information.

	2024	2023
	£	£
1 Receipts and Payments Account		
Balance at 1 May 2023	199,484	163,258
Surplus for the year	958	36,226
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Balance at 30 April 2024	200,442	199,484
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2 Capital and Reserves		
Trust Fund	10	10
Income and expenditure account	200,442	199,484
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	200,452	199,494
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Independent Examiner's Report to The Dentons UK and Middle East LLP Charitable Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of The Dentons UK and Middle East LLP Charitable Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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Date: 12 February 2025