THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1044567

Details

Other names	WILLIAM DEAN TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1995-03-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT CONCERNING NATURAL HISTORY ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: To promote the advancement of education for the public benefit relating to natural history, ecology and conservation of the natural environment.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester
- Derbyshire
- Lancashire
- Staffordshire
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£90,534	£99,563	-	-
2023-12-31	£87,195	£76,474	-	-
2022-12-31	£85,623	£82,228	-	-
2021-12-31	£80,358	£91,647	-	-
2020-12-31	£75,129	£96,380	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Mark Pear		2020-06-08
DAVID WILLIAM CRAWFORD		
JOHN EDWARD WARD		
Patricia Julia Pinto		2016-12-05
REBECCA FRANKLIN		2014-12-01

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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The Trustees meet four times each year in March, June, September and December when applications for grants are considered by them as well as matters relating to the administration of the Trust.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

In 2024 the Trust awarded over £83,000 of grants to a diverse range of charities including Wildlife Trusts, Wild Animal Rescue centres, Environmental and Conservation Charities, School Eco and Forest schools and Community groups conducting environmental projects.

The Trust has also continued to support charities that enable SEN, disadvantaged or young people with challenges to access the countryside who may not otherwise be able to. In particular projects allowing young people to learn about farming, horticulture and the natural environment.

The Trust continued to support sensory gardens and hospice gardens acknowledging the importance of green spaces and the environment to all. The William Dean Trust was delighted to fund a new sensory garden at our local community hospital, which became the centre of their 100-birthday celebration. The project was co-ordinated by Trustee Mrs Patti Pinto on behalf of East Cheshire NHS Trust. Following the grand opening in August 2024, the garden was inspected by the In Bloom Team, receiving an outstanding 90%. The garden was awarded 'Best New Landscape' in the North West by In Bloom. The Trustees visited many projects and enjoyed seeing how grants have been used.

In addition, trustees attended events at Chester Zoo, Carden Park and Congleton Town Hall in order to meet other Funders and share ideas.

Financial review

Reserves policy

After providing sufficient funds to cover all management and administration the Trustees regard the remaining incoming resources as the free reserves of the Trust and available for the general purposes of making grants in accordance with the stated objectives of the Trust. The balance of reserves available at 31 December 2024 were £45,561 (£50,397 at 31 December 2023).

Investment policy

The trustees intend that the real value of their assets should be maintained and enhanced over the long term by investment in tenanted property (as mentioned above) and in portfolio comprising equities fixed income stocks and cash.

Investment Brief

In order to meet these objectives the Trustees have appointed Messrs Whittaker & Biggs, Chartered Surveyors to advise them on such matters relating to the let property including the rent which should be charged and the conduct of the necessary procedure for the increasing of such rent at the appropriate times. They have also appointed Barclays Wealth as their agent to manage a diversified portfolio of other suitable investments on a discretionary basis. The proportions invested in equities fixed income stocks and cash are reviewed on a regular basis by Barclays Wealth to provide guidance on the suitability of that element of investment policy and having regard to the substantial proportion of the Trustees assets being invested in realty.

Financial Policy

The Trustees have prepared an Investment Policy Statement which provides guidance as to how the asset management functions should be exercised. So far as concerns the portfolio investments the Trustees have delegated such functions to Barclays Wealth.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission numbered 1044567. The trust was constituted by a Declaration of Trust ("the Trust") dated December 1994 and registered by the Charity Commission on 1st March 1995. The trust was established in accordance with the wishes of William Dean who died on 6th October 1993 as expressed in his Will which was proved in the District Probate Registry at Birmingham on 24th June 1994 by the Executors, William Lindsay Crawford, John Edward Ward, David Albiston Daniel and David William Crawford who became the Trustees of the Trust together with David John Parsons, Margaret Williamson, Rebecca Franklin and Patti Pinto who were subsequently appointed by them as additional Trustees. William Lindsay Crawford resigned on 23rd September 2014, Margaret Williamson sadly passed away on 5th April 2015 and David Albiston Daniel resigned on 9th September 2019. David Parsons resigned 11 September 2017, Andrew Pear was appointed June 2020.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr A M Pear
Mr J E Ward
Mr D W Crawford
Mrs R H Franklin
Mrs P Pinto

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

There shall be at least three trustees. Every future trustee shall be appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting.

In selecting persons to be appointed as trustees, the trustees shall take into account the benefits of appointing a person able by virtue of his or her personal or professional qualifications to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects or the management of the charity.

When any new trustee is appointed the trustees shall ensure that any land belonging to the charity which is not vested or about to be vested in a custodian trustee and all other property of the charity which is not vested or about to be vested in a custodian trustee or a nominee is effectively vested in the persons who are the trustees following such appointment.

If for any reason trustees cannot be appointed in accordance with the foregoing positions the statutory power of appointing new or additional trustees shall be exercisable.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs R H Franklin
Trustee

14 October 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 Charities Act 2011.
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

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14 October 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Investments	**3**	90,534	87,195
Total income		90,534	87,195
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	**4**	4,033	3,850
Charitable activities	**6**	95,433	72,518
Other expenditure	**11**	97	106
Total expenditure		99,563	76,474
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**12**	54,769	130,731
Net income and movement in funds		45,740	141,452
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		2,487,207	2,345,755
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		2,532,947	2,487,207

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Investment property	**14**		1,105,000		1,105,000
Investments	**15**		1,384,185		1,333,610
			2,489,185		2,438,610
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		45,561		50,397	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(1,799)		(1,800)	
Net current assets			43,762		48,597
Total assets less current liabilities			2,532,947		2,487,207
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	**17**		2,532,947		2,487,207
			2,532,947		2,487,207

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 14 October 2025

Mrs R H Franklin
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust is a charitable trust.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's deed of trust, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements 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 the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Freehold land is not depreciated.

1.6 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024	**Unrestricted funds 2023**
	£	**£**
Rental income	47,550	47,550
Income from listed investments	42,885	39,596
Interest receivable	99	49
	90,534	87,195

4 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024	**Unrestricted funds 2023**
	£	**£**
Investment management	4,033	3,850

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Grants 2024 £	Grants 2023 £
Direct costs		
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	91,403	65,405
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Governance	4,030	7,113
	95,433	72,518
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	95,433	72,518

6 Grants payable

	Grants to institutions 2024 £	Grants to institutions 2023 £
Grants to institutions (65 grants):		
Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust	500	500
Astbury May Day Committee	-	750
Astbury Mere Trust	-	10,000
Baddeley Green Hedgehog Rescue	-	1,000
Barn Owl Trust	250	-
Bat Conservation Trust	250	250
Bolin Valley Partnership	1,000	-
Bristol Zoo	1,000	-
Brogdale Collections	-	500
Bromley Farm Hub	-	100
Buglawton in Bloom	600	-
Buglawton Primary School	-	500
Bumblebee Conservation Trust	1,000	
Campaign To Protect Rural England (CPRE) - Cheshire Branch	250	250
Centre For Alternative Technology	500	500
Cetacean Research	-	250
Cheshire Beekeepers' Association	500	-
Cheshire Wildlife Trust	16,000	15,000
Children's Adventure Farm Trust	1,000	1,000
Church Pastoral Aid Society	500	500
Clean Rivers Trust	-	250
Climbing Out	750	750
Congleton & District Horticultural Society	500	250
Congleton Building Preservation Trust	-	800
Congleton Community Projects	800	1,000
Congleton Sustainability Group	2,000	-
Congleton Town Council	2,300	750
Cuan Wildlife Rescue	500	500

6 Grants payable (Continued)

Curlew Action	1,000	-
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	1,000	-
Douglas Macmillan Hospice	500	500
East Cheshire Hospice	200	200
East Cheshire NHS - Congleton War Memorial Hospital Garden	13,088	-
Endangered Species Protection Agency	1,000	-
European Squirrel Initiative	500	-
Finings Wood Community Group	-	500
Framework Housing	-	1,000
Freshfields Animal Rescue	500	500
Friends for Leisure	-	1,200
Friends of Cromford Canal	-	500
Future Trees Trust	500	500
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust	500	-
Garden Classroom	500	500
Garden Organic	500	500
Harper Asprey Wildlife Rescue	500	-
Havannah Primary School (Forest School)	-	2,000
Kingswood Trust	790	755
Lake District Foundation	1,000	750
LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming)	1,525	-
Learn For Life (Daven Primary School)	1,000	-
Lets Farm Extra CIC	4,000	1,000
Linking Environmen	-	1,000
Lower Moss Wood Wildlife Hostpital	4,000	-
Macc Wild Network Trust	970	1,500
Macclesfield Community Tree Nursery CIC	-	700
Marine Conservation Society	-	500
Marton and District Primary School	3,000	-
Marwell Zoo	500	-
Mossley Women's Institute	350	-
Natures Safe	1,000	-
New Life Church	1,000	-
Newbold Astbury Cum Moreton PC	200	300
North of England Zoological Society (Chester Zoo)	2,000	1,000
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	500	500
Oak Tree Farm	-	1,000
Open University Donations Account	1,000	1,000
Our Lady Help of Christians, Catholics Academy Trust (St Marys Primary, Forest School)	-	2,000
Outward Bound Trust	1,290	1,000
Passion for Learning	2,040	-
PCC St Marys Church Astbury	2,000	-
Pettypool Trust	-	1,000
Plant Heritage	500	-
Prickles Hedgehog Rescue	250	250
Rare Breeds Survival Trust	-	250
Reading University, Hedgehog Society	-	100
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds England	-	1,000
Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust	1,000	500
Shropshire Barn Owl Trust	-	500
Smallwood School PTA	2,500	-

6 Grants payable (Continued)

Soil Association	-	500
Songbird Survival	250	-
SOS-UK	2,000	-
Spitalfields City Farm	-	500
Strongbones Children's Charitable Trust	-	500
Surfers Against Sewage	500	-
The Grab Trust	250	250
The National Garden	-	250
The Renewal Trust	-	500
The Save Me Trust	-	500
The Wingate Special Childrens Trust	1,000	-
Tree Action UK CIC	500	500
Trinity Methodist Church	1,500	-
Vauxhall City Farm	1,000	-
Whirlow Hall Farm Trust	1,000	1,000
Woodland Heritage	-	500
Zoological Society of London	500	500
	91,403	65,405

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs	4,030	7,113
Analysed between:		
Grants	4,030	7,113

Governance costs comprise:	2024 £	2023 £
Audit fees	1,800	1,800
Legal and professional	(25)	3,054
Admin costs	2,255	2,259
	4,030	7,113

8 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,800	1,800

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel
The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

11 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Financing costs	97	106

12 Gains and losses on investments

Gains/(losses) arising on:	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Revaluation of investments	54,247	130,458
Sale of investments	522	273
	54,769	130,731

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

14 Investment property

	2024 £
Fair value	
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	1,105,000

14 Investment property (Continued)

Investment property comprises land & buildings. The fair value of the investment property has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out on 13 December 2023 by Whittaker & Biggs Chartered Surveyors and valuers.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Freehold	1,105,000	1,105,000

15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024 & 31 December 2024	1,333,610
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	1,333,610
At 31 December 2023	1,333,610

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,799	1,800

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,487,207	90,534	(99,563)	54,769	2,532,947

Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,345,755	87,195	(76,474)	130,731	2,487,207

18 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Rental income		Admin expenses	
	2024	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Rent of land	5,750	5,750	-	-
Admin expenses	-	-	2,255	-
	5,750	5,750	2,255	-

One of the trustees J E Ward is a partner of E Ward & Son a tenant which rents land from the William Dean Trust; the tenancy agreement was negotiated at arms length advised by an independent qualified valuer acting in the interests of the charity. The tenancy agreement is reviewed regularly on the same commercial basis as other tenancy agreements the trust holds.

R Franklin a trustee was paid for providing admin services at the same market rate as the previous non trustee administrator.

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Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

During 2023 the William Dean Trust awarded over £66K in grants to schools, community groups and charities promoting education and conservation of the natural world.

Our grants have helped set up forest schools allowing children to learn in natural environments and help develop their love of the natural world. Grants to charities have helped them to allow people, who would otherwise be unable, to access the natural world whether by gardening, planting trees, hiking, climbing or farming. Our grants have helped maintain hospice gardens, nature reserves, preserve historic gardens and build new ones. The preservation and construction of new green spaces helps all of us and is of particular importance to everyone's mental health. Grants to local and national charities, wild animal welfare centers and Zoos have helped to both preserve and research our natural world.

In 2023 the William Dean Trust attended: a Biodiversity Improvement Project in Congleton; Tree Planting; Wildlife Reserves; a Green Fayre, Forest Schools, Dougie Mac Birthday Celebrations, and Congleton in Bloom. Trustees enjoyed meeting grant applicants and volunteers and seeing how grants are used.

The trustees would like to thank Clare Amare for her work as the trust administrator, Clare stood down in December 2023 after ten years .

Financial review

Reserves policy

After providing sufficient funds to cover all management and administration the Trustees regard the remaining incoming resources as the free reserves of the Trust and available for the general purposes of making grants in accordance with the stated objectives of the Trust. The balance of reserves available at 31 December 2023 were £50,397 (£36,402 at 31 December 2022).

Investment policy

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When any new trustee is appointed the trustees shall ensure that any land belonging to the charity which is not vested or about to be vested in a custodian trustee and all other property of the charity which is not vested or about to be vested in a custodian trustee or a nominee is effectively vested in the persons who are the trustees following such appointment.

If for any reason trustees cannot be appointed in accordance with the foregoing positions the statutory power of appointing new or additional trustees shall be exercisable.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

....
Mrs R H Franklin
Trustee

Date: ....

THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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

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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 financial statements to be reached.

Peter McNulty FCA FCCA

Hammond McNulty LLP
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Dated: ....

THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Investments	**3**	87,195	85,623
Total income		87,195	85,623
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	**4**	3,850	4,000
Charitable activities	**6**	72,518	78,101
Other expenditure	**11**	106	127
Total expenditure		76,474	82,228
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**12**	130,731	(149,758)
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		141,452	(146,363)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		2,345,755	2,492,118
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		2,487,207	2,345,755

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Investment property	**14**		1,105,000		1,050,000
Investments	**15**		1,333,610		1,261,154
			2,438,610		2,311,154
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		50,397		36,402	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(1,800)		(1,801)	
Net current assets			48,597		34,601
Total assets less current liabilities			2,487,207		2,345,755
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	**17**		2,487,207		2,345,755
			2,487,207		2,345,755

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on ....

....
Mrs R H Franklin
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust is a charitable trust.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's deed of trust, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements 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 the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Freehold land is not depreciated.

1.6 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Rental income	47,550	47,550
Income from listed investments	39,596	38,068
Interest receivable	49	5
	87,195	85,623

4 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Investment management costs	3,850	4,000

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Grants 2023 £	Grants 2022 £
Direct costs		
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	65,405	74,151
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Governance	7,113	3,950
	72,518	78,101
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	72,518	78,101

6 Grants payable

	Grants to institutions 2023 £	Grants to institutions 2022 £
Grants to institutions (64 grants):		
Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust	500	500
Astbury May Day Committee	750	1,000
Astbury Mere Trust	10,000	-
Astbury Primary School	-	1,500
Baddeley Green Hedgehog Rescue	1,000	500
Barn Owl Trust	-	250
Bat Conservation Trust	250	250
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trusts	-	250
Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland	-	250
Bounceback Food ClC	-	500
Brogdale Collections	500	1,000
Bromley Farm Hub	100	-
Buglawton in Bloom	-	400
Buglawton Primary School	500	1,000
Campaign To Protect Rural England (CPRE) Cheshire Branch)	250	-
Centre For Alternative Technology	500	-
Cetacean Research	250	-
Cheshire Wildlife Trust	15,000	30,000
Children's Adventure Farm Trust	1,000	1,500
Christ The King Primary School	-	1,200
Church Pastoral Aid Society	500	1,000
Clean Rivers Trust	250	250
Climbing Out	750	-
Congleton Building Preservation Trust	800	-
Congleton Community Projects	1,000	-
Congleton & District Horticultural Society	250	-
Congleton High School	-	1,500
Congleton Sustainability Group	-	1,800

6 Grants payable **(Continued)**

Congleton Town Council	750	-
CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)	-	250
Cuan Wildlife Rescue	500	500
Dane Valley Climate Action Group	-	1,000
Douglas Macmillan Hospice	500	500
East Cheshire Hospice	200	-
Earth Trust	-	500
Eathwatch Institute	-	900
Ecological Continuity Trust	-	500
Endangered Species Protection Agency	-	500
European Squirrel Initiative	-	250
Finings Wood Community Group	500	-
Framework Housing	1,000	1,000
Freshfields Animal Rescue	500	500
Friends for Leisure	1,200	-
Friends of Congleton Park	-	1,000
Friends of Cromford Canal	500	1,000
Future Trees Trust	500	-
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust	-	500
Garden Classroom	500	-
Garden Organic	500	-
Growing Well	-	1,000
Havannah Primary School (Forest School)	2,000	-
Hilary Avenue Allotment Association	-	100
International Otter Survival Fund	-	250
Kingswood Trust	755	750
Lake District Foundation	750	-
Langdyke Countryside Trust	-	500
LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming)	-	500
Lets Farm Extra CIC	1,000	-
Linking Environmen	1,000	-
Macclesfield Community Tree Nursery CIC	700	-
Macc Wild Network Trust	1,500	-
Marine Conservation Society	500	500
Mossley Academy	-	2,000
New Life Church	-	500
Newbold Astbury Cum Moreton PC	300	2,000
North of England Zoological Society (Chester Zoo)	1,000	-
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	500	-
Oak Tree Farm	1,000	-
Open University Donations Account	1,000	-
Our Lady Help of Christians, Catholics Academy Trust (St Marys Primary, Forest School)	2,000	-
Outward Bound Trust	1,000	1,000
Parish of Congleton St Peter's Church	-	500
PCC St Marys Church Astbury	-	1,000
Peter Pan Centre	-	1,000
Pettypool Trust	1,000	-
Prickles Hedgehog Rescue	250	250
Rare Breeds Survival Trust	250	250
Reading University, Hedgehog Society	100	-
Rossendale Trust	-	1,000

6 Grants payable **(Continued)**

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds England	1,000	-
Scottish Seabird Centre	-	500
Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust	500	500
Shropshire Barn Owl Trust	500	-
Soil Association	500	500
Songbird Survival	-	250
Spitalfields City Farm	500	-
Strongbones Children's Charitable Trust	500	500
Surfers Against Sewage	-	250
The Grab Trust	250	-
The National Garden	250	-
The Renewal Trust	500	-
The Save Me Trust	500	-
Thomas Theyer Foundation	-	1,000
Tree Action UK CIC	500	1,000
Ukraine Appeal DEC	-	1,000
Whirlow Hall Farm Trust	1,000	1,000
Wildwood Trust	-	500
Woodland Heritage	500	500
Zoological Society of London	500	-
Other	-	1
	65,405	74,151

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Governance costs	7,113	3,950
Analysed between:		
Grants	7,113	3,950

8 Net movement in funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,800	1,800

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel
The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

11 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Financing costs	106	127

12 Gains and losses on investments

Gains/(losses) arising on:	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Revaluation of investments	130,458	(150,329)
Sale of investments	273	571
	130,731	(149,758)

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

14 Investment property

	2023 £
Fair value	
At 1 January 2023	1,050,000
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	55,000
At 31 December 2023	1,105,000

14 Investment property (Continued)

Investment property comprises land & buildings. The fair value of the investment property has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out on 13 December 2023 by Whittaker & Biggs Chartered Surveyors and valuers.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Freehold	1,105,000	1,050,000

15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2023	1,261,154
Valuation changes	75,459
Realised Profit/(Loss)	273
Disposals	(3,276)
At 31 December 2023	1,333,610
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	1,333,610
At 31 December 2022	1,261,154

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,800	1,801

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,345,755	87,195	(76,474)	130,731	2,487,207

17 Unrestricted funds **(Continued)**

Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,492,118	85,623	(82,228)	(149,758)	2,345,755

18 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Rental income 2023	2022
	£	£
Rent of land	5,750	5,750
	5,750	5,750

One of the trustees J E Ward is a partner of E Ward & Son a tenant which rents land from the William Dean Trust; the tenancy agreement was negotiated at arms length advised by an independent qualified valuer acting in the interests of the charity. The tenancy agreement is reviewed regularly on the same commercial basis as other tenancy agreements the trust holds.

THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1044567

Accounts

Charity registration number 1044567

THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr A M Pear Mr J E Ward Mr D W Crawford Mrs R Franklin Mrs P Pinto
Charity number	1044567
Principal address	51 Moss Road Congleton Cheshire England CW12 3BN
Independent examiner	Colin Higginson - FCCA Hammond McNulty LLP Bank House Market Square Congleton Cheshire CW12 1ET

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THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the 's declaration of tust dated 7 December 1994, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Trust are that the trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply them to promote the advancement of education for the public benefit relating to natural history, ecology and conservation of the natural environment and in particular by making grants to registered charities or for the charitable purpose of any organisation in the furtherance of these objectives as indicated in the will of William Dean.
The Trustees meet four times each year in March, June, September and December when applications for grants are considered by them as well as matters relating to the administration of the Trust.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The Trustees have in accordance with the Trust made grants during the year to the organisations and causes as detailed in the financial statement.
The rents of property now owned by the Trust and previously owned by William Dean, (principally the Astbury Garden Centre) show a good return and are tenanted by reliable tenants. The portfolio value of other investments at the end of December 2022 was £1,261,154 (£1,415,050 at 31 December 2021) decreasing in value by £153,896. The dividends and interest income is more than last year by £3,930 producing an income of £38,068 (£34,138 in 2021).

Financial review

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The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:
Mr A M Pear
Mr J E Ward
Mr D W Crawford
Mrs R Franklin
Mrs P Pinto

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
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If for any reason trustees cannot be appointed in accordance with the foregoing positions the statutory power of appointing new or additional trustees shall be exercisable.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

....
Mr J E Ward
Trustee

Date: ....

THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust (the) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Colin Higginson - FCCA

Hammond McNulty LLP
Bank House
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Dated: ....

THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Income from:			
Charitable activities			
Investments	**3**	85,623	80,358
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	**4**	4,000	4,027
Charitable activities	**5**	78,101	87,470
Other	**9**	127	150
Total expenditure		82,228	91,647
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**10**	(149,758)	391,852
Net movement in funds		(146,363)	380,563
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		2,492,118	2,111,555
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		2,345,755	2,492,118

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Investment property	**12**		1,050,000		1,050,000
Investments	**13**		1,261,154		1,415,050
			2,311,154		2,465,050
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		36,402		28,868	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**14**	(1,801)		(1,800)	
Net current assets			34,601		27,068
Total assets less current liabilities			2,345,755		2,492,118
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			2,345,755		2,492,118
			2,345,755		2,492,118

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on ....

....
Mr J E Ward
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust is a charitable trust.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements 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 the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the . Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the .

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Freehold land is not depreciated.

1.6 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the 's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the 's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Rental income	47,550	46,217
Income from listed investments	38,068	34,138
Interest receivable	5	3
	85,623	80,358

4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Investment management costs	4,000	4,027
	4,000	4,027

5 Grants payable

	Grants to institutions 2022 £	Grants to institutions 2021 £

5 Grants payable **(Continued)**

Grants to institutions (62 grants):		
The Albrighton Trust	-	500
Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust	500	500
Astbury May Day Committee	1,000	500
Astbury Primary School	1,500	-
Baddeley Green Hedgehog Rescue	500	-
Barlow Hall Primary School	-	1,200
Barn Owl Trust	250	-
Bat Conservation Trust	250	-
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trusts	250	-
Biddulph Youth & Community Zone	-	1,000
Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland	250	-
Bounceback Food ClC	500	-
Bradwell Court Care Home	-	300
Brogdale Collections	1,000	-
Buglawton In Bloom	400	350
Buglawton Primary School	1,000	-
Buxton Civil Association	-	500
Centre For Alternative Technology	-	500
Cheshire Beekeepers' Association	-	500
Cheshire Wildlife Trust	30,000	15,000
Chester Zoo	-	1,500
Children's Adventure Farm Trust	1,500	1,000
Christ The King Primary School	1,200	-
Church Pastoral Aid Society	1,000	1,000
Clean Rivers Trust	250	250
Climbing Out	-	750
Congleton Building Preservation Trust	-	3,000
Congleton High School	1,500	-
Congleton Sustainability Group	1,800	1,000
Congleton Town Council	-	2,100
CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)	250	500
Cuan Wildlife Rescue	500	-
Dane Valley Climate Action Group	1,000	1,200
Dane Valley Community Energy	-	1,600
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	-	1,000
Donkey Sanctuary	-	100
Douglas Macmillan Hospice	500	500
Earth Trust	500	-
Eathwatch Institute	900	500
Ecological Continuity Trust	500	-
Endangered Species Protection Agency	500	500
European Squirrel Initiative	250	-
Farplace Animal Rescue	-	250
Framework Housing	1,000	1,000
Freshfields Animal Rescue	500	500
Friendly Faces Nursery	-	500
Friends for Leisure	-	600
Friends of Congleton Park	1,000	-
Friends of Cromford Canal	1,000	-
Future Trees Trust	-	500

5 Grants payable **(Continued)**

Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust	500	500
Garden Classroom	-	500
Growing Well	1,000	-
Hilary Avenue Allotment Association	100	-
International Otter Survival Fund	250	250
Kingswood Trust	750	-
Langdyke Countryside Trust	500	-
LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming)	500	500
Marine Conservation Society	500	-
Mossley Academy	2,000	-
New Life Church	500	-
Newbold Astbury Cum Moreton PC	2,000	-
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	-	500
Open University Donations Account	-	1,000
Outward Bound Trust	1,000	1,000
Parish of Congleton St Peter's Church	500	-
PCC St Marys Church Astbury	1,000	-
Peter Pan Centre	1,000	-
Plant Heritage	-	500
Prickles Hedgehog Rescue	250	250
Ramblers Association	-	500
Rare Breeds Survival Trust	250	-
Rossendale Trust	1,000	-
Royal Academy of Culinary Arts	-	1,000
Royal Forestry Society	-	750
Ruby's Fund	-	25,000
Scottish Seabird Centre	500	500
Secret World Wildlife	-	1,000
Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust	500	500
Shropshire Barn Owl Trust	-	500
Soil Association	500	-
Songbird Survival	250	250
St Andrews Environment	-	250
Staffordshire Wildlife Trust	-	1,000
Strongbones Children's Charitable Trust	500	500
Surfers Against Sewage	250	500
The Renewal Trust	-	500
Thomas Theyer Foundation	1,000	-
Tree Action UK CIC	1,000	-
Ukraine Appeal DEC	1,000	-
Vauxhall City Farm	-	1,000
Whirlow Hall Farm Trust	1,000	1,000
Wildwood Trust	500	-
Woodcock's Well Primary School	-	2,000
Woodland Heritage	500	-
Zoological Society of London	-	500
	74,150	82,950

5 Grants payable **(Continued)**

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	-	1,800	1,800	1,800
Legal and professional	-	-	-	720
Office administration costs	-	2,150	2,150	2,000
	-	3,950	3,950	4,520
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	-	3,950	3,950	4,520

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £1,800 (2021 - £1,800) for accounts preparation and independent examiners fees.

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Other

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021
	£	£
Post & stationery	-	21
Financing costs	127	129
	127	150

10 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	(150,329)	391,852
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	571	-
	(149,758)	391,852

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxationof Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Investment property

	2022
	£
Fair value	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	1,050,000

Investment property comprises land & buildings. The fair value of the investment property has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out on 24 August 2022 by J E Ward a trustee by estimating the current market value of the property.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Freehold	1,050,000	1,050,000
Long leasehold	-	-
Short leasehold	-	-

13 Fixed asset investments

13 Fixed asset investments **(Continued)**

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2022	1,415,050
Valuation changes	(150,329)
Realised Profit/(Loss)	571
Disposals	(4,138)
At 31 December 2022	1,261,154
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	1,261,154
At 31 December 2021	1,415,050

Investment assets consist of:
82.7% UK
10.3% USA
7.0% Emerging

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,801	1,800

15 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties
During the year the entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Rental income 2022 £	2021 £
Rent of land	5,750	5,750
	5,750	5,750

One of the trustees J E Ward is a partner of E Ward & Son a tenant which rents land from the William Dean Trust; the tenancy agreement was negotiated at arms length advised by an independent qualified valuer acting in the interests of the charity. The tenancy agreement is reviewed regularly on the same commercial basis as other tenancy agreements the trust holds.

THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1044567

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1044567

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

for

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Hammond McNulty LLP
Bank House
Market Square
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Cheshire
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The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Contents of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the Trust are that the trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply them to promote the advancement of education for the public benefit relating to natural history, ecology and conservation of the natural environment and in particular by making grants to registered charities or for the charitable purpose of any organisation in the furtherance of these objectives as indicated in the will of William Dean.
The Trustees meet four times each year in March, June, September and December when applications for grants are considered by them as well as matters relating to the administration of the Trust.

Public benefit

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees have in accordance with the Trust made grants during the year to the organisations and causes as detailed in the financial statement.
The rents of property now owned by the Trust and previously owned by William Dean, (principally the Astbury Garden Centre) show a good return and are tenanted by reliable tenants. The portfolio value of other investments at the end of December 2021 was £1,415,050 (£1,295,565 at 31 December 2020) increasing in value by £119,485. The dividends and interest income is less than last year by £1,421 producing an income of £34,138 (£35,559 in 2020).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees intend that the real value of their assets should be maintained and enhanced over the long term by investment in tenanted property (as mentioned above) and in portfolio comprising equities fixed income stocks and cash.

Investment Brief

In order to meet these objectives the Trustees have appointed Messrs Whittaker & Biggs, Chartered Surveyors to advise them on such matters relating to the let property including the rent which should be charged and the conduct of the necessary procedure for the increasing of such rent at the appropriate times. They have also appointed Barclays Wealth as their agent to manage a diversified portfolio of other suitable investments on a discretionary basis. The proportions invested in equities fixed income stocks and cash are reviewed on a regular basis by Barclays Wealth to provide guidance on the suitability of that element of investment policy and having regard to the substantial proportion of the Trustees assets being invested in realty.

Reserves policy

After providing sufficient funds to cover all management and administration the Trustees regard the remaining incoming resources as the free reserves of the Trust and available for the general purposes of making grants in accordance with the stated objectives of the Trust. The balance of reserves available at 31 December 2021 were £28,868 (£37,790 at 31 December 2020).

Financial Policy

The Trustees have prepared an Investment Policy Statement which provides guidance as to how the asset management functions should be exercised. So far as concerns the portfolio investments the Trustees have delegated such functions to Barclays Wealth.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission numbered 1044567. The trust was constituted by a Declaration of Trust ("the Trust") dated December 1994 and registered by the Charity Commission on 1st March 1995. The trust was established in accordance with the wishes of William Dean who died on 6th October 1993 as expressed in his Will which was proved in the District Probate Registry at Birmingham on 24th June 1994 by the Executors, William Lindsay Crawford, John Edward Ward, David Albiston Daniel and David William Crawford who became the Trustees of the Trust together with David John Parsons, Margaret Williamson, Rebecca Franklin and Patti Pinto who were subsequently appointed by them as additional Trustees. William Lindsay Crawford resigned on 23rd September 2014, Margaret Williamson sadly passed away on 5th April 2015 and David Albiston Daniel resigned on 9th September 2019.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

There shall be at least three trustees. Every future trustee shall be appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting.

In selecting persons to be appointed as trustees, the trustees shall take into account the benefits of appointing a person able by virtue of his or her personal or professional qualifications to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects or the management of the charity.

When any new trustee is appointed the trustees shall ensure that any land belonging to the charity which is not vested or about to be vested in a custodian trustee and all other property of the charity which is not vested or about to be vested in a custodian trustee or a nominee is effectively vested in the persons who are the trustees following such appointment.

If for any reason trustees cannot be appointed in accordance with the foregoing positions the statutory power of appointing new or additional trustees shall be exercisable.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1044567

Principal address

51 Moss Road
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 3BN

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on .... and signed on its behalf by:

....
J E Ward - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The William Dean Countryside and
Educational Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Colin Higginson
FCCA, FMAAT
Hammond McNulty LLP
Bank House
Market Square
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Date: ....

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

	Notes	31/12/21 Unrestricted fund £	31/12/20 Total funds £
VOLUNTARY INCOME FROM			
Investment income	2	**80,358**	75,129
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3	**4,027**	3,606
Charitable activities			
Grants		**82,950**	88,475
Other		**4,670**	4,299
Total		**91,647**	96,380
Net gains/(losses) on investments		**121,852**	(19,027)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**110,563**	(40,278)
Other recognised gains/(losses)			
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets		**270,000**	-
Net movement in funds		**380,563**	(40,278)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		**2,111,555**	2,151,833
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**2,492,118**	2,111,555

The notes form part of these financial statements

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Balance Sheet 31st December 2021

	Notes	31/12/21 Unrestricted fund £	31/12/20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments			
Investments	8	**1,415,050**	1,295,565
Investment property	9	**1,050,000**	780,000
		2,465,050	2,075,565
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		**28,868**	37,790
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	**(1,800)**	(1,800)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**27,068**	35,990
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**2,492,118**	2,111,555
NET ASSETS		**2,492,118**	2,111,555
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted funds		**2,492,118**	2,111,555
TOTAL FUNDS		**2,492,118**	2,111,555

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .... and were signed on its behalf by:

....
J E Ward - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Going Concern

The Trustees have considered the potential impact of COVID-19 on the principal activities of the charity and they believe that they have sufficient resources in place to operate for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustee's continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The last valuation was carried out by J E Ward a trustee of the trust on 24 August 2022, by estimating the current market value of the property.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Grants

Grants represent those monies donated to registered charities or for charitable purpose of any organisation in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/12/21	31/12/20
	£	£
Rents received	**46,217**	39,550
Deposit account interest	**3**	20
Investment dividends and interest	**34,138**	35,559
	80,358	75,129

3. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	31/12/21	31/12/20
	£	£
Portfolio management	**4,027**	3,606

4. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31/12/21	31/12/20
	£	£
Grants	**82,950**	88,475

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4. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31/12/21	31/12/20
	£	£
The Albrighton Trust	**500**	-
Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust	**500**	500
Astbury May Day Committee	**500**	-
Astbury Mere Trust	**-**	1,500
Astbury Primary School	**-**	2,000
Barlow Hall Primary School	**1,200**	1,000
Bat Conservation Trust	**-**	250
Biddulph Youth & Community Zone	**1,000**	-
Black Firs Primary	**-**	2,000
Bounce Back Food CIC	**-**	2,000
Bradwell Court Care Home	**300**	-
Brogdale Collections	**-**	500
Buglawton in Bloom	**350**	250
Buglawton Primary School	**-**	2,000
Bumblebee Conservation Trust	**-**	1,000
Butterfly Conservation	**-**	500
Buxton Civil Association	**500**	500
Centre for Alternative Technology	**500**	-
Cheshire Beekeepers' Association	**500**	-
Cheshire Wildlife Trust	**15,000**	-
Chester Zoo	**1,500**	2,000
Children's Adventure Farm Trust	**1,000**	-
The Christie Charitable Fund	**-**	25,000
Church Pastoral Aid Society	**1,000**	1,000
Clean Rivers Trust	**250**	250
Climbing Out	**750**	750
Community Invasive Non Native Species Group	**-**	250
Congleton Building Preservation Trust	**3,000**	1,500
Congleton Community Projects	**-**	2,000
Congleton Sustainability Group	**1,000**	850
Congleton Town Council	**2,100**	-
The Countryside Restoration Trust	**-**	250
CPRE Cheshire	**500**	-
Cuan Wildlife Rescue	**-**	500
Dane Valley Community Energy	**1,600**	2,000
Daven Primary School	**-**	2,000
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	**1,000**	1,000
Donkey Sanctuary	**100**	100
Douglas Macmillan Hospice	**500**	-
Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust	**-**	150
Dane Valley Climate Action	**1,200**	-
Earth Trust	**-**	500
Earthwatch Institute	**500**	-
Eaton Bank Academy	**-**	2,000
Endangered Species Protection Agency	**500**	500
Farplace Animal Rescue	**250**	-
Food 4 Macc	**-**	1,500
Framework	**1,000**	1,000
Freshfields Animal Rescue	**500**	1,000
Friendly Faces Nursery	**500**	-
Friends for Leisure	**600**	-
Future Trees Trust	**500**	500
The garden classroom	**500**	-

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4. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued

Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust	**500**	1,500
The Grab Trust	**-**	250
Growing Well	**-**	750
Harper Asprey Wildlife Rescue	**-**	350
Havannah County Primary School	**-**	1,100
Inland Waterway Association	**-**	500
Kingswood Trust	**-**	600
Lake District Foundation	**-**	750
Lancs, Manchester & Merseyside Wildlife Trust	**-**	400
Leaf Education	**500**	-
Lower Moss Wood Animal Hospital	**-**	3,000
Marine Conservation Society	**-**	1,000
Marlfields Primary School	**-**	1,900
Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council	**-**	1,000
New Life Church	**-**	1,000
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	**500**	-
Open University Donations Account	**1,000**	-
International Otter Survival Fund	**250**	-
The outward bound trust	**1,000**	-
Plant Heritage	**500**	500
Prickles Hedgehog Rescue	**250**	250
Ramblers association	**500**	-
The renewal trust	**500**	-
Rotary Congleton	**-**	500
Royal Academy of Culinary Arts	**1,000**	-
Royal Forrestry Society	**750**	-
RSPB	**-**	500
Rubys fund	**25,000**	-
Ruskin Mill Trust	**-**	1,500
Scottish Seabird Centre	**500**	500
Secret world wildlife	**1,000**	-
Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust	**500**	1,000
Shropshire Barn Owl Trust	**500**	-
The Soil Association	**-**	500
Songbird Survival	**250**	-
St. Mary's Catholic Primary School - Congleton	**-**	2,000
St. Mary's Church Astbury	**-**	1,500
Strongbones Children's CharitableTrust	**500**	500
Staffordshire Wildlife Trust	**1,000**	-
ST Andrews environment	**250**	-
Surfers Against Sewage	**500**	-
Twycross Zoo	**-**	500
Vauxhall City Farm	**1,000**	1,000
Whirlow Hall Farm Trust	**1,000**	1,000
Wilderness Foundation UK	**-**	500
The Willoughbridge Garden Trust	**-**	1,025
Woodcock's Well Primary School	**2,000**	-
Wykeham & Ruston Millennium Project	**-**	500
Zoological Society of London	**500**	-
	82,950	88,475

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5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Other resources expended	**2,021**	**129**	**2,520**	**4,670**

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2021 nor for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2021 nor for the year ended 31st December 2020.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund
	£
VOLUNTARY INCOME FROM	
Investment income	75,129
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	3,606
Charitable activities	
Grants	88,475
Other	4,299
Total	96,380
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(19,027)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(40,278)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	2,151,833
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,111,555

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8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2021	**1,295,565**
Disposals	**(2,367)**
Listed investments net unrealised gains	**121,852**
At 31st December 2021	**1,415,050**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2021	**1,415,050**
At 31st December 2020	1,295,565

Investment assets consist of:

	31/12/21	31/12/20
UK	**100%**	100%

Valuation of Investments
Investments are included at their market values which are determined as follows:

UK listed securities and foreign securities quoted on a recognised stock exchange are stated at mid-market values ruling at 31st December 2021.

9. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
FAIR VALUE	
At 1st January 2021	**780,000**
Revaluation	**270,000**
At 31st December 2021	**1,050,000**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2021	**1,050,000**
At 31st December 2020	780,000

Fair value at 31st December 2021 is represented by:

	£
Valuation in 2016	**324,240**
Valuation in 2018	**105,000**
Valuation in 2021	**270,000**
Cost	**350,760**
	1,050,000

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/12/21	31/12/20
	£	£
Other creditors	**1,800**	1,800

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/21	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**2,111,555**	**380,563**	**2,492,118**
TOTAL FUNDS	**2,111,555**	**380,563**	**2,492,118**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**80,358**	**(91,647)**	**391,852**	**380,563**
TOTAL FUNDS	**80,358**	**(91,647)**	**391,852**	**380,563**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/20	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,151,833	(40,278)	2,111,555
TOTAL FUNDS	2,151,833	(40,278)	2,111,555

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	75,129	(96,380)	(19,027)	(40,278)
TOTAL FUNDS	75,129	(96,380)	(19,027)	(40,278)

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,151,833	340,285	2,492,118
TOTAL FUNDS	2,151,833	340,285	2,492,118

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	155,487	(188,027)	372,825	340,285
TOTAL FUNDS	155,487	(188,027)	372,825	340,285

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

One of the trustees J E Ward is a partner of E Ward & Son a tenant which rents land from the William Dean Trust; the tenancy agreement was negotiated at arms length advised by an independent qualified valuer acting in the interests of the charity. The tenancy agreement is reviewed regularly on the same commercial basis as other tenancy agreements the trust holds.

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

	31/12/21	31/12/20
	£	£
VOLUNTARY INCOME		
Investment income		
Rents received	**46,217**	39,550
Deposit account interest	**3**	20
Investment dividends and interest	**34,138**	35,559
	80,358	75,129
Total incoming resources	**80,358**	75,129
EXPENDITURE		
Investment management costs		
Portfolio management	**4,027**	3,606
Charitable activities		
Grants to institutions	**82,950**	88,475
Support costs		
Management		
Postage and stationery	**21**	397
Sundries	**2,000**	2,000
	2,021	2,397
Finance		
Bank charges	**129**	102
Governance costs		
Accountancy	**1,800**	1,800
Legal & professional fees	**720**	-
	2,520	1,800
Total resources expended	**91,647**	96,380
Net expenditure	**(11,289)**	(21,251)

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THE WILLIAM DEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1044567

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1044567

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

for

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Hammond McNulty LLP
Bank House
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Cheshire
CW12 1ET

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Contents of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the Trust are that the trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply them to promote the advancement of education for the public benefit relating to natural history, ecology and conservation of the natural environment and in particular by making grants to registered charities or for the charitable purpose of any organisation in the furtherance of these objectives as indicated in the will of William Dean.
The Trustees meet four times each year in March, June, September and December when applications for grants are considered by them as well as matters relating to the administration of the Trust.

Public benefit

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees have in accordance with the Trust made grants during the year to the organisations and causes as detailed in the financial statement.
The rents of property now owned by the Trust and previously owned by William Dean, (principally the Astbury Garden Centre) show a good return and are tenanted by reliable tenants. The portfolio value of other investments at the end of December 2020 was £1,295,565 (£1,318,033 at 31 December 2019) decreasing in value by £22,468. The dividends and interest income is less than last year by £7,686 producing an income of £35,559 (£43,245 in 2019).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees intend that the real value of their assets should be maintained and enhanced over the long term by investment in tenanted property (as mentioned above) and in portfolio comprising equities fixed income stocks and cash.

Investment Brief

In order to meet these objectives the Trustees have appointed Messrs Whittaker & Biggs, Chartered Surveyors to advise them on such matters relating to the let property including the rent which should be charged and the conduct of the necessary procedure for the increasing of such rent at the appropriate times. They have also appointed Barclays Wealth as their agent to manage a diversified portfolio of other suitable investments on a discretionary basis. The proportions invested in equities fixed income stocks and cash are reviewed on a regular basis by Barclays Wealth to provide guidance on the suitability of that element of investment policy and having regard to the substantial proportion of the Trustees assets being invested in realty.

Reserves policy

After providing sufficient funds to cover all management and administration the Trustees regard the remaining incoming resources as the free reserves of the Trust and available for the general purposes of making grants in accordance with the stated objectives of the Trust. The balance of reserves available at 31 December 2020 were £37,790 (£55,599 at 31 December 2019).

Financial Policy

The Trustees have prepared an Investment Policy Statement which provides guidance as to how the asset management functions should be exercised. So far as concerns the portfolio investments the Trustees have delegated such functions to Barclays Wealth.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission numbered 1044567. The trust was constituted by a Declaration of Trust ("the Trust") dated December 1994 and registered by the Charity Commission on 1st March 1995. The trust was established in accordance with the wishes of William Dean who died on 6th October 1993 as expressed in his Will which was proved in the District Probate Registry at Birmingham on 24th June 1994 by the Executors, William Lindsay Crawford, John Edward Ward, David Albiston Daniel and David William Crawford who became the Trustees of the Trust together with David John Parsons, Margaret Williamson, Rebecca Franklin and Patti Pinto who were subsequently appointed by them as additional Trustees. William Lindsay Crawford resigned on 23rd September 2014, Margaret Williamson sadly passed away on 5th April 2015 and David Albiston Daniel resigned on 9th September 2019.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

There shall be at least three trustees. Every future trustee shall be appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting.

In selecting persons to be appointed as trustees, the trustees shall take into account the benefits of appointing a person able by virtue of his or her personal or professional qualifications to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects or the management of the charity.

When any new trustee is appointed the trustees shall ensure that any land belonging to the charity which is not vested or about to be vested in a custodian trustee and all other property of the charity which is not vested or about to be vested in a custodian trustee or a nominee is effectively vested in the persons who are the trustees following such appointment.

If for any reason trustees cannot be appointed in accordance with the foregoing positions the statutory power of appointing new or additional trustees shall be exercisable.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1044567

Principal address

51 Moss Road
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 3BN

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Trustees
J E Ward Chair
D W Crawford Trustee
Mrs R Franklin Trustee
Mrs P Pinto Trustee
A M Pear Trustee (appointed 8/6/2020)

Co-ordinator and correspondent
Mrs Clare Amare
51 Moss Road
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31 High Street
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Independent Examiner
Hammond McNulty LLP
Bank House
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Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 1ET

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .... and signed on its behalf by:

....
J E Ward - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Colin Higginson
FCCA, FMAAT
Hammond McNulty LLP
Bank House
Market Square
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Cheshire
CW12 1ET

Date: ....

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	31/12/20 Unrestricted fund £	31/12/19 Total funds £
VOLUNTARY INCOME FROM			
Investment income	2	**75,129**	82,839
Other income		**-**	21,540
Total		**75,129**	104,379
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3	**3,606**	3,759
Charitable activities			
Grants		**88,475**	78,100
Other		**4,299**	4,179
Total		**96,380**	86,038
Net gains/(losses) on investments		**(19,027)**	160,701
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(40,278)**	179,042
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		**2,151,833**	1,972,791
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**2,111,555**	2,151,833

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31st December 2020

	Notes	31/12/20 Unrestricted fund £	31/12/19 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments			
Investments	8	**1,295,565**	1,318,033
Investment property	9	**780,000**	780,000
		2,075,565	2,098,033
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		**37,790**	55,599
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	**(1,800)**	(1,799)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**35,990**	53,800
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**2,111,555**	2,151,833
NET ASSETS		**2,111,555**	2,151,833
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted funds		**2,111,555**	2,151,833
TOTAL FUNDS		**2,111,555**	2,151,833

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .... and were signed on its behalf by:

....
J E Ward - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Going Concern

The Trustees have considered the potential impact of COVID-19 on the principal activities of the charity and they believe that they have sufficient resources in place to operate for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustee's continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The last valuation was carried out by J E Ward a trustee of the trust on 21 October 2019, by estimating the current market value of the property.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Grants

Grants represent those monies donated to registered charities or for charitable purpose of any organisation in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Rents received	39,550	39,550
Deposit account interest	20	44
Investment dividends and interest	35,559	43,245
	75,129	82,839

3. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Portfolio management	3,606	3,759

4. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Grants	88,475	78,100

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4. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust	**500**	500
Astbury May Day Committee	**-**	500
Astbury Mere Trust	**1,500**	6,000
Astbury Primary School	**2,000**	1,000
Barlow Hall Primary School	**1,000**	-
The Barn Owl Trust	**-**	250
Bat Conservation Trust	**250**	250
Black Firs Primary	**2,000**	-
Bounce Back Food CIC	**2,000**	-
Branching Out Tree Services	**-**	2,000
Brogdale Collections	**500**	-
Buglawton in Bloom	**250**	250
Buglawton Primary School	**2,000**	-
Bumblebee Conservation Trust	**1,000**	-
Butterfly Conservation	**500**	300
Buxton Civil Association	**500**	-
Cheshire Beekeepers' Association	**-**	500
Cheshire Wildlife Trust	**-**	16,000
Chester Zoo	**2,000**	1,000
Children's Adventure Farm Trust	**-**	1,800
Chilterns Conservation Board	**-**	1,700
The Christie Charitable Fund	**25,000**	-
Church Pastoral Aid Society	**1,000**	1,000
Clean Rivers Trust	**250**	250
Climbing Out	**750**	500
Community Invasive Non Native Species Group	**250**	-
Congleton Building Preservation Trust	**1,500**	3,500
Congleton Community Projects	**2,000**	2,000
Congleton Sustainability Group	**850**	2,950
Congleton Town Council	**-**	6,000
The Countryside Restoration Trust	**250**	-
Cuan Wildlife Rescue	**500**	500
Dane Valley Community Energy	**2,000**	-
Daven Primary School	**2,000**	-
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	**1,000**	-
Donkey Sanctuary	**100**	200
Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust	**150**	-
Earth Trust	**500**	1,500
Earthworm Institute	**-**	500
Eaton Bank Academy	**2,000**	-
Endangered Species Protection Agency	**500**	-
Food 4 Macc	**1,500**	1,000
Framework	**1,000**	1,000
Freshfields Animal Rescue	**1,000**	500
Future Trees Trust	**500**	1,000
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust	**1,500**	-
The Grab Trust	**250**	-
Growing Well	**750**	1,000
Harper Asprey Wildlife Rescue	**350**	550
Havannah County Primary School	**1,100**	-
Inland Waterway Association	**500**	500
Kingswood Trust	**600**	500
Lake District Foundation	**750**	-

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4. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued

Lancs, Manchester & Merseyside Wildlife Trust	**400**	-
Leaf Education	**-**	500
Lower Moss Wood Animal Hospital	**3,000**	-
Magdalene Environmental Trust	**-**	1,000
Marine Conservation Society	**1,000**	-
Marlfields Primary School	**1,900**	150
Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council	**1,000**	200
New Life Church	**1,000**	-
North Wales Wildlife Trust	**-**	1,000
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	**-**	500
Open University Donations Account	**-**	1,000
Pawprints	**-**	500
Plant Heritage	**500**	500
Prickles Hedgehog Rescue	**250**	250
The Rossendale Trust	**-**	750
Rotary Congleton	**500**	-
Royal Academy of Performing Arts	**-**	1,250
Royal Forrestry Society	**-**	500
RSPB	**500**	-
Ruskin Mill Trust	**1,500**	-
Save Me Trust	**-**	500
Scottish Seabird Centre	**500**	500
Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust	**1,000**	1,000
Shropshire Barn Owl Trust	**-**	500
The Soil Association	**500**	-
Somerford Parish Council	**-**	2,000
South Downs National Park Trust	**-**	500
Species Recovery Trust	**-**	500
Springhead Trust	**-**	1,000
St. Mary's Catholic Primary School - Congleton	**2,000**	-
St. Mary's Catholic Primary School - Levenshulme	**-**	500
St. Mary's Church Astbury	**1,500**	-
Strongbones Children's CharitableTrust	**500**	1,000
Staffordshire Wildlife Trust - Wildplay	**-**	500
Thrive	**-**	500
Twycross Zoo	**500**	-
Vauxhall City Farm	**1,000**	1,000
Wheely Boat Trust	**-**	2,000
Whirlow Hall Farm Trust	**1,000**	1,000
Wilderness Foundation UK	**500**	-
The Willoughbridge Garden Trust	**1,025**	-
	87,975	78,100

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5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Other resources expended	**2,397**	**102**	**1,800**	**4,299**

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund
	£
VOLUNTARY INCOME FROM	
Investment income	82,839
Other income	21,540
Total	104,379
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	3,759
Charitable activities	
Grants	78,100
Other	4,179
Total	86,038
Net gains on investments	160,701
NET INCOME	179,042
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	1,972,791
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,151,833

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8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2020	**1,318,033**
Disposals	**(3,441)**
Listed investments net unrealised gains	**(19,027)**
At 31st December 2020	**1,295,565**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2020	**1,295,565**
At 31st December 2019	1,318,033

Investment assets consist of:

	31/12/20	31/12/19
UK	**100%**	100%

Valuation of Investments
Investments are included at their market values which are determined as follows:

UK listed securities and foreign securities quoted on a recognised stock exchange are stated at mid-market values ruling at 31st December 2020.

9. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
FAIR VALUE	
At 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020	**780,000**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2020	**780,000**
At 31st December 2019	780,000

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Other creditors	**1,800**	1,799

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/20	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**2,151,833**	**(40,278)**	**2,111,555**
TOTAL FUNDS	**2,151,833**	**(40,278)**	**2,111,555**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**75,129**	**(96,380)**	**(19,027)**	**(40,278)**
TOTAL FUNDS	**75,129**	**(96,380)**	**(19,027)**	**(40,278)**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/19	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/19
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,972,791	179,042	2,151,833
TOTAL FUNDS	1,972,791	179,042	2,151,833

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	104,379	(86,038)	160,701	179,042
TOTAL FUNDS	104,379	(86,038)	160,701	179,042

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,972,791	138,764	2,111,555
TOTAL FUNDS	1,972,791	138,764	2,111,555

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	179,508	(182,418)	141,674	138,764
TOTAL FUNDS	179,508	(182,418)	141,674	138,764

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

One of the trustees J E Ward is a partner of E Ward & Son a tenant which rents land from the William Dean Trust; the tenancy agreement was negotiated at arms length advised by an independent qualified valuer acting in the interests of the charity. The tenancy agreement is reviewed regularly on the same commercial basis as other tenancy agreements the trust holds.

The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
VOLUNTARY INCOME		
Investment income		
Rents received	**39,550**	39,550
Deposit account interest	**20**	44
Investment dividends and interest	**35,559**	43,245
	75,129	82,839
Other income		
Portfolio management refund	**-**	21,540
Total incoming resources	**75,129**	104,379
EXPENDITURE		
Investment management costs		
Portfolio management	**3,606**	3,759
Charitable activities		
Grants to institutions	**88,475**	78,100
Support costs		
Management		
Postage and stationery	**397**	108
Sundries	**2,000**	2,255
	2,397	2,363
Finance		
Bank charges	**102**	16
Governance costs		
Accountancy	**1,800**	1,800
Total resources expended	**96,380**	86,038
Net (expenditure)/income	**(21,251)**	18,341

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