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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees	H McAlpine, Chairman P Hughes L Rousseau I Johnson E Moore
Company registered number	03148333
Charity registered number	1052478
Registered office	15 Great College Street London SW1P 3RX
Company secretary	S Armstrong
Chief executive officer	S Armstrong
Accountants	Haslers Chartered Accountants Old Station Road Loughton Essex IG10 4PL
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective January 2015).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

Ovingdean Hall Foundation, previously Ovingdean Hall School for Deaf Children, is a charity and grant-maker supporting education projects for deaf children and young people in England and Wales.

The charity's objects, as set out in its Charity Trust Deed, are to 'promote and further the education, including social and physical education, of children and young people with a hearing impairment.'

Ovingdean Hall School was incorporated in 1996 as a company limited by guarantee and the Memorandum and the Articles of Association were updated in 2001. The company changed its name in July 2012 and the Memorandum and Articles of Association were updated in 2012. The company is registered as a charity (number 1052478).

In the year, Ovingdean Hall Foundation celebrated ten years of supporting education projects for deaf children and young people. Further details of this are in the next section. Trustees held a strategic review day in March 2023 to better understand the impact of the grant giving activities over the last ten years and to plan for the years ahead. This is also detailed in section five.

The charity is organised through a Board of Trustees. The Trustees for this period are listed in section 1. During the year, we said goodbye to one of our Trustees, John Hughes. He retired after ten years of dedication and service. Trustees are extremely grateful for his commitment and support over the years, and further information is contained in section five of this report.

Trustees are appointed by (and may be removed by) the Trustees of the Ewing Foundation (the 'sister' charity) and each appointment shall be for such length of term as they shall decide. The Board of Trustees when complete consists of at least three and not more than seven individuals.

The Trustees meet as a Board at least three times a year to review its overall management and control, for which they are legally responsible. At Trustees' meetings, the Trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the charity, including consideration of grant making, risk management, investments, reserve policies and operational procedures.

The day-to-day administration of grants and the processing and handling of applications prior to consideration by the Trustees is delegated to the 'Administrator of the Trustees'. The Administrator meets regularly with the Chair of the Trustees as well as attending all Trustee meetings. This arrangement continued digitally during this period.

To ensure there was a rigorous process of grant assessment, these sessions took place via Zoom, telephone calls and emails across the year.

Finally, the Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. During the year, the charity's activities continued to focus on grant making

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to other charitable organisations in furtherance of its charitable objects.

Achievements and performance

As described in section 2, the charity's objects, as set out in its Charity Trust Deed, are to 'promote and further the education, including social and physical education, of children and young people with a hearing impairment.'

The objectives remain appropriate for a 'generic approach' and allow for a high degree of flexible interpretation and application, which is carefully monitored.

In the year, Ovingdean Hall Foundation (OHF) celebrated ten years of supporting education projects for deaf children and young people. Over the decade, Trustees have worked with 43 charity partners and supported 68 projects, 21 of which were active in 2022-23.

To mark the occasion, a special tenth anniversary logo was created, which featured prominently on the website and on Newsletters. A six-side Newsletter was designed, reflecting on ten ways in which OHF has sought to help deaf children and young people, through:

- Activities and play
- Communication support
- Drama and dance
- Equipment
- Mental health and staying safe
- Music
- The next generation of deaf education professionals
- Research
- Spaces for living and learning
- Sport

As detailed earlier, the Trustees held a special tenth anniversary meeting in March 2023 to review the past decade and look ahead to the future. In preparation for the meeting, charity partners, past and present, were invited to provide feedback on OHF's practice and processes, and offer recommendations for the organisation's direction going forward. This feedback will help Trustees to continue to monitor and evaluate OHF's performance.

Some examples of feedback are shared here:

'The whole process was straightforward. We applied for the small and then the main grant, and very much welcomed the encouragement after the small application to present a further application. The questions were relevant and comprehensive without putting undue pressure on us in gathering the information – but thorough enough to ensure we had a clear plan,' said Nicola and Silvie from Sound Waves Foundation.

'We feel that the grant has been incredibly useful, communication has been fantastic,' said Jonny Nelson of Remark! Community.

'Without the grant, we wouldn't have been able to improve services in the way we have done. The services would have been provided, but they wouldn't have been as high quality or had as much impact. The grant means not having to worry about money – we feel secure we can carry on moving forward,' said Simone Carter of Funky Kids.

'Funding from OHF is critical to ensure students receive Relationships and Sex Education that centres their rights and wellbeing,' said Dolly Padalia from School of Sexuality Education.

'The knowledge and experience of the representatives from OHF in respect to issues that impact d/Deaf children and young people is of great value,' said Sarah Finlay of Deafness Support Network.

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'These teachers would not have been able to embark on their courses without this financial support,' said Sue Denny from the British Association of Teachers of Deaf Children and Young People (BATOD).

'You take the time and trouble to get to know an organisation and its people, don't place arduous application and reporting requirements on the charities you support, only what is appropriate to the size of grant you are making.

You support in other ways when you can e.g. in the past when, through your Ewing Foundation colleagues, you gave us advice. You are understanding when things get delayed or don't go to plan. You are friendly and open,' said Gayle Bryans at Go Live Theatre Projects.

Trustees would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank their community of supporters for their loyalty and generosity over the last ten years. Their contributions have helped continue the grant giving activities.

Grants given in 2022-23

Trustees are pleased to report that Ovingdean Hall Foundation has provided funding for the following projects in 2022-23.

Con Powell Memorial Scholarships – This year, OHF awarded six Scholarships for teachers to train to become Qualified Teachers of the Deaf (QToDs). The Scholarships are managed on behalf of OHF by the British Association of Teachers of Deaf Children and Young People (BATOD). Scholars also benefit from the support of deaf education professionals at our partner charity Ewing Foundation.

In June 2022, Scholars, past and present, reunited for a special event to celebrate the programme. During the event in York, Scholars developed a giant timeline marking their progress over the last decade, noting the defining moments in their personal journeys and their careers. Four former Scholars shared their tips for getting the most out of the training and for moving into employment. 'The event provided a lovely opportunity to review the last ten years, better understand what the Scholarships meant to people and encourage them to continue to share progress and support one another going forward,' said OHF Chief Executive Officer, Sarah Armstrong.

The Scholarships are named in honour of Con Powell, the first President of BATOD and the first Chief Executive Officer of Ewing Foundation. Con's son Kevin sent a message to the event on behalf of the family: 'We're delighted to know that so many people have benefited from the training bursaries over the years and that this helps in continuing the brilliant work that you collectively do. Teacher training was always something close to our father's heart, and it means a lot to us to know his contribution to deaf education is still being recognised. He would have been very proud, as we (and families) are, of this being enacted in his name.'

In October 2022, former Scholars Catherine Sharpe and Emma Danton, who are both now working as Qualified Teachers of the Deaf, shared their experiences with delegates at BATOD North's Study Day. Emma wrote to OHF afterwards and said, 'I hope that in the future I can give back to new QToDs the warm welcome that the Con Powell Scholarship and Ovingdean Hall Foundation afforded me!' Forty-five Scholarships have now been awarded.

Deafness Support Network (DSN) – OHF helped DSN deliver Youth Vibe, their group for deaf children and young people in the Cheshire area. The grant supported the Youth Vibe activity timetable for 8-19 year olds, plus the provision of opportunities for their Young Leaders, aged 13-25 years, to volunteer within these sessions. The aim of Youth Vibe is to reduce isolation, improve independence and increase accessibility.

'Youth Vibe is a fantastic club,' said one parent, 'My son has become a mature happy young man who has become a young leader and doing his Duke of Edinburgh Award all through Youth Vibe.'

The Elizabeth Foundation – OHF has continued its support of Let's Listen and Talk (LL&T), The Elizabeth Foundation's free online communication programme for deaf babies and toddlers. LL&T now has over 1,000 registered users, a combination of families and deaf education and healthcare professionals.

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During autumn 2022, OHF received donations in memory of Dr Don Wild, a kind friend. Dr Wild loved music and thus Trustees felt it a fitting tribute to direct the donations to The Elizabeth Foundation to buy musical equipment. 'Music is such a big part of our language and listening programme and we are honoured to receive these funds to enrich our musical resources for deaf babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers,' said Chief Executive Officer, Julie Hughes, 'Thank you so much for thinking of us.'

Go Live Theatre Projects – During March 2023, OHF's long-running partner Mousetrap Theatre Projects relaunched as Go Live Theatre Projects. That same month, deaf children and young people took part in two StageSeen events at The Globe Theatre in London. Each of these days included a carousel of three thirty-minute activities consisting of a drama workshop, a session with a British Sign Language (BSL) consultant on translating Shakespeare into BSL, and a talk about Shakespeare's life and times. The day culminated with a signed and captioned performance of 'The Tempest'. Since the start of our partnership with Go Live in 2014, approximately 1,000 deaf children and young people have taken part in projects funded or co-funded by OHF. Deputy Director Gayle Bryans said that, 'OHF has been key to the stability of our projects with deaf children and young people.'

National Sensory Impairment Partnership (NatSIP) – OHF is a sponsor stakeholder of NatSIP, a partnership of organisations working to improve outcomes for children and young people with sensory impairments. In 2022, OHF contributed to their ongoing work.

NatSIP, together with University College London (UCL) and the Consortium for Research in Deaf Education (CRIDE), have been partners in a longitudinal project, led by Bob Denman from NatSIP. This was a collaborative longitudinal study of deaf children and young people, aiming to investigate relationships between pupil, provision and outcome variables.

The original study was designed to take place over a seven-year period, starting in the 2017-18 school year. By February 2022, the first three years of data collection had been finished, statistical analyses of the results completed, and a comprehensive report had been produced by Bob. Very sadly, Bob passed away in March 2022, and thus, the project was halted.

As it has not been possible to restart the project, Trustees agreed in March 2023 to a further grant of £5,000 to fund dissemination of the study's findings to date for the benefit of professionals and for the public.

Panathlon UK – OHF is an official partner of disability sports charity Panathlon UK. OHF's grant in 2022-2023 supported a range of sporting opportunities for deaf children and young people, including cricket, swimming and New Age Kurling. A P.E. Co-ordinator whose school won a Panathlon swimming gala at the London Aquatics Centre in March 2023 said, 'Every student who wants to compete, can! Panathlon is about celebrating the individual progress, effort and achievement of all those involved. It's a perfect mix of ability and inclusion.'

England Deaf Cricket International player James Dixon has recently joined Panathlon, organising activities in North West England. 'It's been great to work with schools in the North West through Panathlon and see the pupils develop in confidence, and learn that you can break down barriers,' he said. 'When I give out medals and certificates, I can see the difference it makes to those pupils and it's wonderful.'

School of Sexuality Education (SSE) – OHF has continued to fund SSE's project to develop contemporary and comprehensive Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) programmes for deaf learners. The charity helps schools to provide age-appropriate, inclusive and trauma-informed RSE programmes, promoting education as a means to prevent sexual violence, tackle taboos and social injustices, and create a safer and kinder environment for all young people.

OHF's grant has funded the appointment of a qualified BSL-English interpreter and Deaf Studies graduate as a facilitator to lead on the project. During 2022-23, the facilitator delivered 22 workshops focusing on puberty and anatomy, identities, and consent and relationships. The project has also benefited from the input of Qualified Teachers of the Deaf at OHF's partner charity Ewing Foundation who helped review materials during the

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development stages.

'Angie (SSE's workshop leader) engaged brilliantly with our learners and provided them with a safe space to explore and question the topic,' said one teacher.

SignHealth – Trustees have continued their partnership with Deaf mental health charity SignHealth by providing further support for their one-to-one counselling project at Heathlands School for Deaf Children in St. Albans. The project has demonstrated how early intervention can help improve and protect Deaf children's emotional wellbeing.

Sounds of Intent – Following a successful pilot in 2021-2022, OHF supported the second phase of Sounds of Intent and University of Roehampton's joint project IMAGINE (Ideas for Musical Activities and Games in the Early Years) to provide small deaf children and their families with tailored musical resources. The IMAGINE team have produced a new book Songs, Sounds and Signs that includes ten songs and videos, designed to support the musical and wider development of young deaf children. Deaf musician Ruth Montgomery wrote the songs, with arrangement provided by Professor Adam Ockelford. Ruth and Adam also appeared alongside a number of Deaf musicians in the accompanying music videos that feature on their Sounds of Intent Imagine: deafness and hearing loss YouTube channel. The songs are performed in British Sign Language and English, and focus on children's daily routines and activities. 'This is a wonderful way to show families that deaf people can enjoy music too,' said Ruth.

In addition, new partnerships were developed during the year:

Bedford Borough Hearing Support Team – OHF funded a new teenage social group designed to bring young people with hearing loss together in Bedford Borough. Staff from the Hearing Support Team started the group, in their own time, to address the social isolation reported by some of the young people with hearing loss in their area, an issue that had intensified during and post lockdown. The first event took place in November 2022 at a gaming café, where 11 young people enjoyed playing board games, computer games and taking part in a quiz together, followed by food. The group met again in March 2023 with 13 young people taking part in an evening of indoor climbing, followed by pizza. 'The difference in the children's confidence around each other from the start to finish of the event was clear to see,' said Qualified Teacher of the Deaf, Claire Breed, 'Thank you for your support with this, it is lovely that we are able to offer these opportunities to our young people.'

Charlotte Hoather – OHF supported soprano Charlotte Hoather's project to bring opera to schools. Charlotte toured her Alice In Wonderland-inspired opera Down the Rabbit Hole during March 2023, delivering 25 performances across schools in Winsford and London. Down The Rabbit Hole was written by Charlotte, with music provided by Zollino. Charlotte also wrote and illustrated a guide to accompany the opera.

Fiona Maddocks, writing in The Guardian on 8 April 2023, gave the show a five star review: 'The free flow of song, dance, clever piano riffs, mime and sign language absorbed every child present. This tiny enterprise has incalculable resonance.'

'I wanted to create an inclusive and enjoyable opera for both hearing and deaf children,' said Charlotte, who was diagnosed at birth as profoundly deaf in one ear. 'My aim was to remove barriers to classical music caused by access, location or finance and show that anyone can be creative. Ovingdean Hall Foundation provided crucial support for this project, and your belief in the idea and generous donation made it possible.'

'Thank you for making the opera accessible and for using British Sign Language in the creative storytelling,' said one student who saw the performance at Frank Barnes Primary School for Deaf Children, 'It meant we could get involved too.' Another child added that it was his, 'favourite show to watch.'

Deafinitely Theatre – OHF supported Deafinitely's popular Youth Theatre programme for deaf young people. The Youth Theatre is the only specialist, free of charge, deaf-led arts provision available to young people aged 14-21 in London and nationally. 'The project will benefit 100+ deaf young people to take part in youth activities

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where they will learn skills, meet peers, improve their communication and personal development,' said Frankie George, their Executive Director.

DeafSELF – OHF helped a summer play scheme for deaf children and young people to carry on its work in South East London. 'Your support has gone a long way in allowing us to continue providing our Deaf play scheme, which has now been supporting Deaf children for the past 19 years,' said Annie O'Shea, Treasurer of Deaf-SELF. 'For many of the children, without this provision, there would be no accessible holiday schemes for the children that we support, especially those who prefer to communicate through British Sign Language.'

Over the summer, 60 deaf children and young people participated in the play scheme. OHF's support at a critical time helped Deaf-SELF not only to continue its service, but also to secure match funding from another grant-maker.

Funky Kids – OHF has supported a grassroots community group for deaf children and their families in Walsall. Funky Kids offers its 370 members a range of activities designed to reduce social isolation. These include a deaf baby and toddler group, a youth club, weekly coffee mornings, monthly themed events based around activities such as crafts, baking and sport, and parties to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and Christmas. There have also been days out to Dudley Zoo and the seaside at Llandudno. In addition to social activities, Funky Kids offers wider support to families, such as sharing donated clothes and toys, providing children's lunches and offering reduced-price refreshments.

'This has been a fantastic opportunity for families to socialise and gain support from us and one another and also to share experiences,' said Simone, manager and founder. 'It has been lovely to see how the group has grown and developed and how they have built great friendship groups.'

'Events are fantastic with a wide range of activities available for all,' said one of Funky Kids' volunteers, 'I am so happy to be a part of such a wonderful team that goes above and beyond to help these families.'

Pilot Theatre – OHF supported Pilot Theatre's project to involve deaf young people in making theatre more accessible. During September 2022, Pilot Theatre offered 30 students and staff members from Doncaster Deaf Trust (DDT) free tickets to watch their production of Noughts and Crosses at York Theatre Royal, completely free of charge. The Pilot team visited DDT before and after the performance, to explore the themes of the story, and to lead some drama activities with the group. During the second visit, the group gave valuable feedback on the accessibility of the theatre trip, making suggestions for how Pilot could continue to develop their offer for deaf young people. The project was then rolled out to other schools and colleges, and in March 2023 students from Hathershaw College in Oldham, Woodlands Academy in Derby and Braidwood School in Birmingham all attended Pilot Theatre productions at local theatres.

'This project is enabling us to build connections with schools which support deaf young people, which we hope will continue and develop in future years,' said Creative Associate, Oliver O'Shea.

Remark! Community – OHF has supported Remark! Community, a youth club in North London attended by about 30 deaf children and young people each week. Trustee Jonny Nelson said that 2022-2023 has been their most successful year to date, with the appointment of a new co-ordinator to lead activities. Highlights included a cookery workshop led by a professional chef in a commercial kitchen, and guided tour of Dulwich Picture Gallery from a local Deaf historian. Jonny said, 'We have greatly developed our outreach and hope to see even more new faces throughout the remaining duration of the grant, and year ahead.'

He added that the club has, 'given the opportunity to many Deaf young people within London, to come together, build their social skills, make new friends and feel like they belong within a community.'

Sound Waves Foundation (SWF) – SWF is small, recently registered charity committed to improving inclusivity and accessibility for deaf children and young people by promoting the use of live captioning in classrooms. Following OHF's support of a successful research pilot during early summer 2022, OHF then funded the

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expansion of live captioning to four schools in East Sussex, benefiting around 400 students (both hearing and deaf). Research into the outcomes of using speech-to-text Artificial Intelligence in classrooms will inform this project going forward.

By OHF taking a leap of faith in us, it has led to some amazing things and taken us further forwards than we would have imagined,' said co-founders and Trustees Nicola and Silvie.

OHF small grants scheme

After a successful launch year, OHF's programme to provide grants for small organisations and individuals working with deaf children and young people entered its second year. With grants ranging from a few hundred pounds to £1,500, funding is available to support professional development such as accessing training, undertaking research, buying a resource or piece of equipment not available to applicants through their work.

This process is not intended for projects where other funding should be available, for example, by schools, colleges or individuals providing activities under their statutory duty.

In 2022-23, small grants were awarded to Charlotte Hoather's opera project, Sound Waves Foundation's initiative to bring live captioning to schools, and Bedford Borough Hearing Support Team's youth club.

Furthermore, as a result of OHF promotion at BATOD Cymru's Study Day in July 2022, OHF received a small grant application from Sign School, a community language group in Cardiff. Sign School's application was approved in March 2023, with grant payment and project delivery to take place in 2023-24. Trustees are delighted to support their first project in Wales.

Financial review

Structure, governance and management

As detailed in section 2, Ovingdean Hall Foundation was previously Ovingdean Hall School for Deaf Children, and is a charity and grant-maker supporting education projects for deaf children and young people in England and Wales.

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As detailed in section one, Trustees would like to say thank you to John Hughes. He retired after ten years of dedication and service. Previously, he was a governor of Ovingdean Hall School, staying with the charity as it became a grant maker. In 2014, he even ran the Great South Run for OHF!

On his retirement, John said: 'OHF exists to widen the horizons of deaf young people and show them that the world can be a good place.' Chair Hamish McAlpine paid tribute to John: 'I would like to thank John for his outstanding contribution and commitment,' he said, 'John has brought immense compassion and insight to our work, and he will be greatly missed.'

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The Trustees examine the major risks that the charity faces each financial year through their Trustee meetings. There are systems in place to monitor and control these risks in order to mitigate any impact that they may have on the charity. Risks are identified, assessed and controls established throughout the year. The key controls used by the charity include;

- Agendas and minutes for all Trustees' meetings
- Professional Consultants to advise Trustees as necessary
- Financial controls and management accounting
- Authorisation and approval levels

The main financial risk for consideration for the Trustees is to ensure they do not over commit in terms of their grant making activity whereby they do not have the funds to maintain the long- term day-to-day running of the charity. Through the risk management process, Trustees are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated.

It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

The Trustees are mindful of their duty of due diligence and have accordingly put in place a range of procedures and requirements for groups and organisations to follow when requesting grants. Trustees have established agreed criteria for eligibility for submitting grant applications including areas that they will not fund.

They have ensured that the application process gives a detailed overview of the project, including the purpose for which the grant is requested, who will benefit from the grant, a breakdown of costs and the way the project will meet the identified need.

Applications are then considered by the Trustees using the information from the application form and supporting mandatory information such as the applying organisation's trading accounts for the last financial year, forecast income and expenditure for the current financial year and their safeguarding policies and procedures.

Any applications that are requesting grants for large or unusual projects are also visited by an independent consultant representing Ovingdean Hall Foundation who then submits a report to the Trustees prior to Board's final decision.

Once an application has been successful, the project is monitored throughout its term by visits from an Ovingdean Hall Foundation representative and through stringent interim and end of project monitoring forms. As detailed in earlier sections of this report, Trustees held a strategic review day in March 2023 to better understand the impact of the grant giving activities over the last ten years and to plan for the years ahead. They agreed this was most useful and agreed to repeat this process again in the future.

Finally, Ovingdean Hall Foundation continued to be directly linked to The Ewing Foundation and also worked very closely with The Burwood Park Foundation for the Deaf during this period, for the wider benefit of deaf children and young people.

Looking ahead

Trustees agreed they will continue to use their robust methods of grant application and assessment as described

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earlier in the report to ensure they 'promote and further the education, including social and physical education, of children and young people with a hearing impairment' as set out in its Charity Trust Deed.

Trustees will continue to offer 'small grant' funding for individuals, small groups and organisations in the year ahead, as described earlier in this report. They will also continue to review the effectiveness of this new method of grant giving.

Following the strategic review day, they agreed it would be unlikely they would fund any capital projects going forward, as these types of large grants further depletes the funds available overall. The Trustees will continue to pay close attention to the financial resources available to achieve the charity objects, as set out in the Charity Trust Deed.

This next period of work will be reported on in the next annual report.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 13 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Ovingdean Hall Foundation ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 13 December 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	9,638	9,638	10,344
Investments	3	66,533	66,533	69,684
Total income		76,171	76,171	80,028
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		1,816	1,816	5,244
Charitable activities		237,340	237,340	230,085
Total expenditure		239,156	239,156	235,329
Net expenditure before net losses on investments		(162,985)	(162,985)	(155,301)
Net losses on investments		(125,314)	(125,314)	(44,415)
Net movement in funds		(288,299)	(288,299)	(199,716)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		1,656,495	1,656,495	1,856,211
Net movement in funds		(288,299)	(288,299)	(199,716)
Total funds carried forward		1,368,196	1,368,196	1,656,495

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

The notes on pages 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	8	1,267,479	1,575,801
		<u>1,267,479</u>	<u>1,575,801</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	6,444	1,089
Cash at bank and in hand		119,842	88,158
		<u>126,286</u>	<u>89,247</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(25,569)	(8,553)
Net current assets		<u>100,717</u>	<u>80,694</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,368,196</u>	<u>1,656,495</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>1,368,196</u>	<u>1,656,495</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>1,368,196</u></u>	<u><u>1,656,495</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	11	1,368,196	1,656,495
Total funds		<u>1,368,196</u>	<u>1,656,495</u>

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 13 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

H McAlpine
Chairman

The notes on pages 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Ovingdean Hall Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.3 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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the statement of financial activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.9 Financial instruments

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

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Donations	9,638	9,638	10,344
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>10,344</u>	<u>10,344</u>	

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income from listed investments	66,409	66,409	69,680
Investment income	124	124	4
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	66,533	66,533	69,684
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>69,684</u>	<u>69,684</u>	

4. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Grants paid	206,317	206,317	205,709
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>205,709</u>	<u>205,709</u>	

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4. Analysis of grants (continued)

The Charity has made the following material grants to institutions during the year:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Name of institution		
BATOD - Con Powell Scholarships	30,600	-
Cheshire Youth Vibe	5,058	-
Deafinitely Theatre	10,000	-
NATSIP	5,000	5,000
Panathlon	-	25,000
Soundwaves	30,976	-
Deaf-Self	15,400	15,400
Signhealth	11,700	20,700
Funkykids	11,280	-
Ewing Foundation	47,200	35,000
Remark! Community Ltd	10,575	-
Elizabeth Foundation	-	11,261
School of Sexuality Education Ltd	10,000	30,000
Mousetrap	-	10,000
NDCS	-	7,412
The Island Trust Grant	-	2,000
Sounds of intent	12,233	-
Toys Like Me	-	6,000
University of Manchester	-	9,000
Small Grants under £2,000	6,295	6,536
	206,317	183,309
Buraries and training	-	22,400
	206,317	205,709

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Charitable activities	-	31,023	31,023	24,375
Other trading activities	206,317	-	206,317	205,709
	<u>206,317</u>	<u>31,023</u>	<u>237,340</u>	<u>230,085</u>
	<u><u>206,317</u></u>	<u><u>31,023</u></u>	<u><u>237,340</u></u>	
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u><u>205,709</u></u>	<u><u>24,375</u></u>	<u><u>230,084</u></u>	

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Sundry expenses	545	105
Travel expenses	475	153
Staff training	-	325
Trustee expenses	123	-
Bank charges	108	109
Accountancy	2,860	2,130
Consulting	14,095	9,283
Printing & stationery	704	626
Telephone & internet	643	516
Insurance	1,794	1,202
Rent	1,394	2,169
Computer costs	4,200	3,000
Subscriptions	621	392
Investment management fees	3,461	4,365
	31,023	24,375

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6. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2023, expenses totalling £123 were reimbursed or paid directly to the Trustees (2022 - £NIL).

7. Tangible fixed assets

The charity purchased a freehold property in 2012 which has been leased under a 99 year lease at a peppercorn rent to another charity. The freehold reversionary interest has been retained and is valued at £nil within these financial statements.

8. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2022	1,575,801
Additions	25,306
Disposals	(199,551)
Revaluations	(134,077)
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,267,479</u>

Material investments (greater than 5% of portfolio)

17,000 - Edinburgh Investment Trust - £112,200
54,000 - International Public Partnership Ltd - £78,192
1,500 - Rio Tinto - £82,170
1,600 - Unilever - £67,040
33,000 - Aberdeen Asia Smaller Co's - £84,150
700 - Findlay Park - £93,005
21,000 - Manchester & London Inv Trust - £77,700
71,000 - The Renewables Infrastructure Fund - £88,608

UK holdings comprised £853,521 (2022: £1,273,482) and overseas holdings comprised £413,958 (2022: £302,319)

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9. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	6,444	1,089
	<u>6,444</u>	<u>1,089</u>

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	22,929	6,423
Accruals and deferred income	2,640	2,130
	<u>25,569</u>	<u>8,553</u>

11. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	1,656,495	76,171	(239,156)	(125,314)	1,368,196

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	1,856,211	80,028	(235,329)	(44,415)	1,656,495

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12. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General funds	1,656,495	76,171	(239,156)	(125,314)	1,368,196

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022 £</i>
General funds	<i>1,856,211</i>	<i>80,028</i>	<i>(235,329)</i>	<i>(44,415)</i>	<i>1,656,495</i>

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13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	1,267,479	1,267,479
Current assets	126,286	126,286
Creditors due within one year	(25,569)	(25,569)
Total	<u>1,368,196</u>	<u>1,368,196</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Fixed asset investments	1,575,801	1,575,801
Current assets	89,247	89,247
Creditors due within one year	(8,553)	(8,553)
Total	<u>1,656,495</u>	<u>1,656,495</u>

14. Related party transactions

During the period the charity paid a donation of £47,200 (2022: £35,000) to Ewing Foundation, a charity in which has the power to appoint the trustees of Ovingdean Hall Foundation. There were no conditions attached to the donation. At the year end £NIL (2022: £NIL) was payable to Ewing Foundation.

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