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Company registration number 03336839 (England and Wales)

THE REAL FARMING TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

THE REAL FARMING TRUST

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 trust's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 as contained in its Articles of Association are to further such charitable purposes or objects as the Trust shall from time to time determine.

Purpose of the Trust

The Trust's purpose is to encourage farming and food production practices that are economically sound, democratic, socially just, humane to animals, and promote the long-term protection of the biosphere. In practice this means supporting projects that adopt agroecological methods of farming, seek to localise supply chains, increase employment and engagement from local communities, revive local economies, protect and enhance the biosphere and through all of these elements bring about social impact on the local communities that they serve.

Public Benefit

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

During this financial year public benefits were delivered through the following principal projects:

The Oxford Real Farming Conference (ORFC)

ORFC 2023 was our most ambitious conference yet, with 1800 delegates in-person in Oxford (compared to 1300 in 2020) and a further 2,700 online from 122 countries around the world. It was a significant feat that a 160 strong team of ORFC staff and volunteers brought together with the support of partners, both in the UK and globally. It was the first face-to-face conference in three years and excited delegates poured in and out of seven venues, across the city centre, attending over 130 sessions including key note talks, panel discussions, hands-on workshops, cultural and ceremonial events and the usual evening dinners and revelry.

Meanwhile, online delegates from around the world came together to listen and join discussions both in Oxford and in the 45 additional online-only sessions. All online delegates were also able to watch and interact with sessions in Oxford, as three of the rooms were live-streamed and several online-only sessions were also broadcast into viewing rooms in Oxford. In all, the conference featured 372 speakers, including many people who hadn't had the opportunity to speak publicly about their work before. Online, we were delighted to be joined by young activists from four continents and BPOC and Indigenous leaders from India to Aotearoa.

The ORFC is now the largest agroecological gathering in the world and its growing reputation was reflected not just in the number of attendees but in the geographic backgrounds of the in-person delegates, who attended from 26 countries. The sheer diversity of the sessions and the introduction of many new speakers to the conference, through a combination of the open call, partner organisations, and invitations, is possibly the greatest triumph of the 2023 programme. Developing a programme of such breadth and ambition was only made possible through strong working relationships with our global and UK partners.

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Highlights from in-person partnerships include characterful spaces within the conference cultivated by the Justice Hub team and the Landworkers' Alliance. Collaborations with Soil Association, Pasture for Life, Sustain and Schumacher College resulted in many popular conference sessions. High profile speakers are often also the result of close collaboration with formal or informal partners, as was the case with Vandana Shiva and our work with Chelsea Green. The team are now working hard towards ORFC24 which will be a celebratory 15th year. This conference will not be a hybrid conference but we will be bringing a number of Global South speakers to Oxford and live-streaming five rooms in order to provide greater content and accessibility to our growing online audience.

ORFC in the Field Events

In July, we were finally able to deliver our ORFC in the Field at FarmED in the Cotswolds. This had been cancelled twice due to Covid. The packed two-day programme offered a mix of talks and workshops with authors and practitioners such as Dan Saladino, Sarah Langford, John Letts, Niels Corfield and others. 70 delegates attended and the feedback was very good and there was great interest in further events which offer the opportunity to explore the topics we discuss at ORFC in a more in depth, practical and hands-on way.

The team then started working with the Biodynamic Association and Huxham's Cross Farm in Devon to develop the next ORFC in the Field in May 2023 on biodynamics and permaculture design. This two-day event will be a collaboration with Marina O'Connell and the Apricot Centre and will feature four workshops and several talks on how to make biodynamic preparations, deep observation methods for farm design and livestock management advice. We will also be joined for talks by other biodynamic practitioners including DIRT Foundation's, Arizona Muse.

Agroecology Communications Network (ACN)

After a very successful planning meeting in March 2022 at the Bristol Old Vic, the network had a relatively quiet year. This was partly because we needed to work out how to resource the many ideas that were put forward, including a shared image library, further networking events and a comms trainee programme for the movement. To keep the momentum going and build our contacts the ACN hosted a media 'mixer' at the ORFC which brought together over 100 comms professionals and journalists.

This was an opportunity for members to meet the 50 + press who attend the conference and for journalists to hear about the ACN and its plans. It was very well attended and we had more members sign up as a result. In March 2023 we secured further funding for the network which will enable us to appoint a facilitator who will help manage the network comms and develop some of the project ideas in collaboration with the Soil Association and others.

Ready, Healthy, Eat (RHE)

The three-year RHE programme funded by The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF) began in March 2020 and was due to conclude in February 2023. The aim of the programme is to bring together a number of community food organisations to trial different ideas for improving the nutritional value of the cooked food eaten by the most vulnerable groups in their community. Between them, the partners are providing nutritionally balanced meals created specifically for people who attend various support groups and food banks as well as home deliveries to vulnerable people unable to leave their home. Beneficiaries include adults with learning difficulties, people at risk of homelessness, asylum seekers and families on low incomes. This project is delivering on RFT's commitment to system change towards social justice and food sovereignty and is beginning to communicate some challenges and good practice to the wider agroecology movement.

The project has been delivered during Covid, which has been extremely disruptive for partners who are focused on social eating for vulnerable groups. During the project delivery period, nutrition poverty has increased to epidemic levels.

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The programme is managed by the RFT with four delivery partners (NOW in Belfast, Cyrenians in Edinburgh, The Hornbeam in London and Brighton and Hove Food Partnership). Coventry University's Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience is the social impact assessment research partner. Working in partnership has enabled all organisations to share innovations and good practice.

A summary report of the first three years of RHE can be found on our website. The key findings are:

- RHE has produced 573,000 meals and engaged with people in need who received them. This exceeded the project target by 59 times.
- RHE impacts have been exceptionally good value for money. It was well managed and the community group partners were resourceful.
- Food poverty projects rely on surplus food. An increasing number of people are nutritionally dependent on surplus food supply chains, which are not usually well understood or strategically managed. RHE identified and shared good practice in managing surplus food supply chains. More work is required on sourcing if food poverty projects are to effectively provide for nutritional needs of a growing number of impoverished people. RHE used 313 tons of surplus food, which would otherwise have been thrown away. Arguably, this is environmentally better than producing the same amount of agroecological food but raises questions about tolerating a wasteful food system in which many people are too poor to eat well.
- RHE partners developed a sophisticated understanding of nutrition in this context and have lessons to share. Nutrition needs to be understood in the context of people's whole lives, in a social setting.
- 178 people who arrived in social or food need completed catering training and 56 found employment, often starting from a difficult position (e.g., with learning disabilities). Despite Covid, the partners exceeded the training target. Some trainees went on to participate in delivering services for and with their communities.
- The social impact of the work cannot be overstated. For many participants, the kind and socially welcoming groups and relationships they found alongside the food was life changing. 'Food poverty' needs to be addressed in a whole-life context.
- Working in partnership with the RFT has brought some of the most impactful changes to the field, often changes that were not anticipated when the project was planned. All of the partners' food work has changed and scaled up. For example, NOW is working with farms and Hornbeam is developing an area-wide strategic network.

RHE was due to complete in February 2023. It has been a very successful project and consequently the National Lottery Community Fund invited us to present to their Chair our understanding of how to address the cost of living, which we did with participants in the community kitchen in Brighton.

The Community Fund offered us a 12-month funded extension to work with the partners to develop and innovate projects that address cost of living. We are currently working with them to find solutions to rural food poverty, food for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees including hotel residents. The partners are developing projects to pilot dehydration in order to manage gluts of fruit and vegetables for food poverty projects.

RFT has learnt about 'good food for all' through this project and has thinking to share with the movement. RFT has an underspend from RHE which we are using to share the learning arising from this project, towards wider changes in the sector. We have produced online resources and promoted new models. We will run a series of training events on food sovereignty, advocacy and Photovoice, and policy changes as well as practical and supply chain issues.

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Twinning

During 2022, we developed a new project with 8 partners funded by the National Lottery Community Fund over 3.5 years. The purpose of the programme is to bridge social divides and to enable people to understand other people who they would not normally meet and to enter new spaces. RFT has 'twinning' 4 pairs of projects. In each case both partners are involved with food. One is urban and the other is rural. NOW in Belfast, which works with adults with learning disabilities is paired with Jubilee Farm CSA. Truro Food bank is paired with Soul Farm CSA. The Centre for African Entrepreneurship who work with asylum seekers and migrants is paired with Cae Tan CSA in Swansea. Somalia Kitchen in Bristol is paired with Stroud CSA. Some of these partners are new to RFT and we expect to gain new insight too.

In each pair, the members from both groups will meet together on both sites to understand their needs and resources. They will be funded to undertake activities of their choice on both sites, engaging members from both groups, for the purpose of getting to know each other. We anticipate personal horizons will increase but also that organisational understanding will widen when, for example, a food bank works with a farm. We hope that some of the social 'bubbles' in the agroecological and community food sectors will become more permeable. We hope that food sovereignty will be increased by enabling participants to enact the solutions they choose for themselves using their shared community resources.

We are also exploring other opportunities for 'twinning' work, including development of a project between Brighton and Sussex Medical School and Brighton and Hove Food Partnership. If funding is secured the project will give medical students the opportunity to develop better real-world understanding of the role of diet, nutrition and healthy lifestyle in the prevention and management of non-communicable diseases.

Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme (LEAP)

The first round of LEAP ran between January 2019 and December 2022. Over the 4-year programme, there were 135 Expressions of Interest, representing over £5.66 million of capital (529% of our available capital). 103 were rejected and 32 applications were presented to the investment committee at Round 1 (£1.4m). Of these 22 applications went through to Round 2 (which sees them receive investment readiness support and mentoring) and 3 were rejected. 7 dropped out of the process. The mentoring is a key part of the programme, with applicants receiving between £5-10k worth of tailored advice and support from specialist mentors most commonly in the critical areas of governance, business planning, financial forecasting, and social impact planning.

At the end of the programme, 19 loans were drawn down, leaving us 72% committed (with £768,250 invested). This is below expectations, but not a bad result given the disruption of two years of Covid and ongoing economic concerns.

LEAP approved its first investments in September 2019 to the Apricot Centre and Glasgow Locavore. Since then, we have supported mushroom growers, care farms, food waste cafés, box schemes, micro-dairies and everything in between, including investments into Edfords Care Farm, Sole of Discretion, Goonown Growers, Gwendraeth Organics, Earthlight Herbs, Soul Farm, Tyddyn Teg, Magic Hat Café, Regather, Hempen, Southern Roots Organics, Stroud Micro Dairy, Middle Ground Growers, Goodery, GroCycle, The Community Farm and Stroud Community Agriculture. This has enabled them to invest in their businesses in a multitude of ways – from new polytunnels, packing sheds, delivery vehicles, tools and machinery to websites, IT and new members of staff.

Plans for LEAP2 are progressing well, with £1.6m of social investments and grants confirmed, with the support of two new social investors. We are currently in the process of agreeing terms, and hope to launch the programme in June 2023. We already have plenty of businesses interested in exploring funding from LEAP2 and hope to place around 40 loans by December 2026.

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Social impact toolkit development

During this 12-month period the LEAP programme brought on board the final cohort of investee businesses, and agreed social impact plans for five, completing the grant allocations for this first round of LEAP. During the latter part of the period planning work was being undertaken for LEAP2, which will enable a new round of social impact grants and social impact research.

In August LEAP gave a presentation at the 2022 Royal Geographic Society Annual International Conference in Newcastle, "The role of Community Food Businesses in building Territorial Food Systems in the UK", and in January a presentation was given at the 2023 ORFC summarising the work so far and the outcomes of the grant programme to date.

The first Social Impact report was completed and launched in September 2022, promoted via our existing networks, as well as being made available on ResearchGate and the RFT website.

In Autumn 2022 we initiated a further round of research with LEAP partners, interviewing the founders of community food businesses to capture their aims when establishing businesses, their experiences, and the impact on their lives.

The College for Real Farming and Food Culture

The College completed the first year of its pilot phase during in 2022/23. In addition to processing the lessons and outputs from the Dialogues undertaken during the previous year ('Introducing the College' at 42 Acres, and 'Nature Financialisation' at Schumacher College), the College Team delivered additional external and internal sessions.

A Dialogue on 'Agroecology as Rewilding' was held at Wakelyns Agroforestry in Suffolk in November where progressive farmers, conservationists and ecologists were brought together to consider the potential for agroecological approaches to encourage rewilding in conjunction with food production. Outputs from that Dialogue are being worked up during the second year of the College Pilot Phase.

In addition to that Dialogue, the College facilitated a session at the ORFC23 on 'Nature Financialisation' – bringing the activist and policy analyst Jutta Kill (a key online participant at the previous year's Dialogue) over from Germany. Also at ORFC23, in partnership with Schumacher College, the College ran an afternoon workshop on 'Agroecology as Pedagogy'. This workshop brought training organisations and farms together with leading academics in farming education to consider how the development of agroecology itself could influence the process of learning on the land and across the food system. A clear division arose between those focused on the practical elements of training and skill sharing methodologies, and those who wanted to interrogate the learning process itself through the lens of agroecology. With the RFT already an identified partner in emerging training schemes (developing through LWA and FarmED), the latter approach was identified by the College Team and Schumacher as a theme for a future Dialogue on 'Agroecology as Pedagogy' (currently planned for later in 2023 at Schumacher College).

In addition to its ongoing exploration of the Dialogue format, its outputs and strategic implications/opportunities, the College spent time during 2022/23 reflecting on the internal and external strategic functions for its work. As well as exploring orientations towards the movements for real farming and food systems, the strategic positioning of the College as a key function of the RFT was explored and its relationship with other RFT programmes. Under forthcoming strategic reviews, the lessons of the College Pilot Phase will be drawn together so that its functions best serve the interests of the RFT and the movements it supports.

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The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology for Sustainable Food and Farming (APPG)

Following the APPG Agroecology's AGM in November 2021 and an initial series of briefing sessions in early 2022 on agroecological policy and agroforestry, the group was required by the Office for Parliamentary Standards to hold yet another AGM in the middle of 2022. Unfortunately, due to other demands, both of our MP Co-Chairs asked to step down and the rules required us to find a replacement MP for the role, something we struggled to do given the political situation during that period and an increased demand on MPs' time.

We continued though to have significant support from cross-party parliamentarians, especially Members of the House of Lords, and so we agreed to explore alternative options for a parliamentary network with supporter organisations. Over several months in the second half of 2022, we engaged with a range of stakeholders to review the achievements of the APPG: what worked, what could be improved, and what would be helpful in the current climate given that the APPG was originally constituted over 12 years ago. This helped us identify how best to support continued progress with agroecology in Westminster/Whitehall and to re-engage our supporter members and friends across the sector, and elsewhere.

As a result of this, it was agreed to form a new group - Parliamentarians for Agroecology (P4A) - which was launched on the 25th April 2023. This mirrored a direction of travel we were seeing with other groups in Parliament, following increased scrutiny of and frustrations with APPGs.

Throughout 2022 and 2023 we continued to share articles of interest; news content and events relating to agroecology with parliamentarians, and explored potential new avenues of funding for the group. Our lead parliamentary supporter, Lord Teverson, regularly raised our work with colleagues and championed increased activity for agroecological policy including hosting a session at the ORFC with Lord Deben who as chair of the UK Climate Change Committee had commissioned some research looking at the role of agroecology in achieving net zero. The inaugural Westminster meeting of the new group was scheduled for April 2023.

Financial Review

The Trust's main sources of income derive from grants, donations and income from charitable activities, mainly in the form of tickets, sponsorship and exhibition stands for the Oxford Real Farming Conference. Major (over £10,000) grants and donations received during 2022/23 included: £25,000 from the Golden Bottle Trust and £38,239 from the Aurora Trust (formerly Ashden Trust) for core costs, including the APPG, ACN and the College; £15,000 from SHED, £15,000 from a foundation known to us which has requested confidentiality, £10,000 from Be The Earth Foundation, and £10,000 from the Sheepdrove Trust for ORFC 2023; £52,300 from the Halleria Trust for LEAP on grants and programme management costs; and £157,070 from The National Lottery Community Fund for the Ready, Healthy, Eat Programme. Total income was £613,960, compared with £685,000 in 2021/22, with £285,898 in the form of restricted funds.

The Trust has two main sources of expenditure: the grants it makes, and costs associated with its charitable activities. Total expenditure was £822,207, compared with £548,213 in 2021/22, resulting in a net income for the year of -£208,247.

At 31st March 2023 the charity had total net assets of £352,579, of which £110,464 was held as restricted funds and £242,115 as unrestricted funds.

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Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees has examined the organisation's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to which it may be exposed. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed should ideally be between six and nine months' worth of expenditure on unrestricted charitable activities. The total unrestricted funds at 31 March 2023 were £242,115, compared with £275,316 at 31st March 2022. Total expenditure on unrestricted charitable activities to 31 March 2023 was £364,894. Our current reserves therefore represent just under 8 months' worth of expenditure. Reserves are needed to safeguard the work of the Real Farming Trust, and the Board of Trustees is confident that at this level they would be able to continue the main core services in the event of a significant drop in funding. The reserves policy will be reviewed by the Trustees every year, or as necessary when there are significant changes to the organisation's activities.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the trust is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Strategic Plan and Future Priorities

The vision of the RFT is simple: "good food for everyone, forever". We set out how we will work towards our vision in our 2021-2024 Strategic Plan which was approved by the Board of Trustees in September 2021. That plan introduces our new Theory of Change, and sets out our main strategic priorities, including:

- Creating radical, diverse and inclusive gatherings for the real food and farming movement. Through the Oxford Real Farming Conference, we will work to strengthen and expand networks from within and beyond the food movement, learn from each other and exchange knowledge in order to support and enable a just agroecological transition.
- Bringing people together to explore and understand the transformative potential of agroecology and food sovereignty. Through the College for Real Farming and Food Culture, we will explore and develop the ideas that are needed to underpin Real Farming – in agricultural practice, economics, political organisation, science, moral philosophy and metaphysics (i.e., what should we be trying to do and why?). We will be an advocate for change and will provide a space for people to collaborate and share ideas.
- Funding and supporting real food and farming businesses that are economically sound, socially just and protect the biosphere. We will grow and develop the Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme, and other initiatives that help with access to finance and land.
- Integrating food citizenship throughout all of our areas of work. We will use the next period in our development to proactively seek out and engage with different groups of food citizens from those we have worked with in the past, develop new programmes of work in support of this and embed Food Citizenship across all of our activities and programmes.
- Promoting the importance and value of adopting agroecological approaches to food and farming in UK policy. We do this as the Secretariat of the APPG on Agroecology for Sustainable Food and Farming, and by engaging with our partners on policy campaigns.
- Encouraging and supporting social enterprises and community food businesses, policy makers and campaigners to take social impact seriously. We will do this through educating and encouraging others to use the metrics and processes of the Social Impact Toolkit developed in partnership with CAWR. We will continue to build and refine the Social Impact Toolkit based on user feedback and engagement both within and outside of RFT programmes. We will also build relationships and work in partnership with other organisations both within and outside the food sector who are also developing impact measurements. This work is as much about showing what impact community food businesses are not having as about what impact they are having. Only by understanding and honestly reflecting on what we are and are not doing can the sector truly provide good food for everyone, forever.

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- Amplifying the voices of the agroecology movement. We will continue to develop and grow the Agroecology Communications Network, connecting people working in communications across the food and farming movement and exploring how we can better support each other, sharing news and campaigns and bringing people together to work towards shared goals, to have a bigger collective impact.

We have also been developing organisational capacity within RFT and improving our processes and procedures to ensure that the governance, organisation structure, people and processes are fit for purpose and able to deliver this strategic plan. For example, work is underway to transition our IT to one cloud-based workspace. Research was undertaken and external expert advice sought and Google Workspace has been chosen. There are a number of issues to address before a migration can happen but it is expected this will happen during 2023. In addition, an external HR consultant has been appointed to help review our policies and act as a sounding board for issues around HR. The consultant will also be helping us with creating structures and processes for managing appraisals, pay, holiday and TOIL.

Progress against our strategic plan is reviewed quarterly at Trustee meetings, and specific goals and objectives for the year ahead are made each year in our annual Spring Strategic Planning retreat, which all staff members attend.

Governance and Management

The Trust was incorporated as The Winged Horse Trust on the 20th March 1997 and was registered as a charity on the 27th March 1997. Its change of name to The Real Farming Trust was registered with the Charity Commission on 22nd August 2014, and at Companies House on 11th November 2014. Its registered office is 27 Old Gloucester Street, London, WC1N 3AX, United Kingdom.

The Real Farming Trust is a Company Limited by Guarantee and a registered charity and is governed by its Articles of Association which set out the powers and objects of the organisation. The non-executive directors of the company are also the trustees of the charity. Trustees have control of the organisation, its funds and assets, and are responsible for overall strategic and operational management. Board meetings are held quarterly. The trustees have delegated the day-to-day management of the organisation to the Senior Management Team (SMT) and decisions on social investments to the LEAP Investment Committee.

Trustees are recruited from the wide network of people and organisations who support the aims and activities of the Trust. The Trust is a member of Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action, which provides guidance and any necessary training for Trustees.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

N H Read

S Mariam

(Resigned 20 June 2023)

J G Hartzell

C H Tudge

(Resigned 9 July 2022)

S Platten

R Lewis

N Saltmarsh

C Robinson

Members of the Trust guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Trust in the event of a winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31st March 2023 was three. Members of the Board of Directors have no beneficial interest in the Trust.

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



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J G Hartzell

Trustee

Date: 3rd October 2023
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Real Farming Trust for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE REAL FARMING TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Real Farming Trust (the trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the trust (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the trust 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 trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (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

Since the trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 trust as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 6 October 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	48,500	285,898	334,398	161,704	403,012	564,716
Charitable activities	4	256,436	-	256,436	102,289	250	102,539
Investments	5	23,126	-	23,126	17,745	-	17,745
Total income		328,062	285,898	613,960	281,738	403,262	685,000
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	369,273	452,934	822,207	161,316	386,897	548,213
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(41,211)	(167,036)	(208,247)	120,422	16,365	136,787
Gross transfers between funds		8,010	(8,010)	-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(33,201)	(175,046)	(208,247)	120,422	16,365	136,787
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		275,316	285,510	560,826	154,894	269,145	424,039
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		242,115	110,464	352,579	275,316	285,510	560,826

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	630,397		404,592	
Cash at bank and in hand		511,242		577,775	
		<u>1,141,639</u>		<u>982,367</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(188,679)</u>		<u>(73,476)</u>	
Net current assets			952,960		908,891
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(600,381)		(348,065)
Net assets			<u>352,579</u>		<u>560,826</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16		110,464		285,510
Unrestricted funds			242,115		275,316
			<u>352,579</u>		<u>560,826</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 3rd October 2023



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J G Hartzell
Trustee

Company registration number 03336839

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	19		(123,052)		150,164
Investing activities					
Repayment of investment loans and receivables		(218,923)		(73,551)	
Investment income received		23,126		17,745	
Net cash used in investing activities			(195,797)		(55,806)
Financing activities					
Repayment of bank loans		252,316		52,864	
Net cash generated from financing activities			252,316		52,864
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(66,533)		147,222
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			577,775		430,553
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			511,242		577,775

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Real Farming Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 27 Old Gloucester Street, London, WC1N 3AX.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the trust's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, 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 trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. 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 trust 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 trust.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the trust 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 trust 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 trust 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.

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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.

1.6 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.

1.7 Financial instruments

The trust has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the trust's balance sheet when the trust becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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 trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.8 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 trust is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the trust'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 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations	48,500	285,898	334,398	161,704	403,012	564,716
Grants receivable for core activities						
National Lottery Community Fund	-	157,070	157,070	-	268,606	268,606
Golden Bottle Trust	25,000	-	25,000	20,000	-	20,000
The Aurora Trust	22,307	15,932	38,239	40,860	15,600	56,460
Be The Earth Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
The Halleria Trust	-	52,300	52,300	-	39,000	39,000
Network for Social Change	-	7,368	7,368	-	-	-
Sheepdrove Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Esmee Fairbairn	-	-	-	94,989	5,000	99,989
SHED	-	15,000	15,000	-	20,000	20,000
Other	1,193	18,228	19,421	5,855	34,806	40,661
	48,500	285,898	334,398	161,704	403,012	564,716

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4 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Conference & exhibition fees	237,936	85,819
Conference sponsorship	12,500	14,500
Other income	6,000	2,220
	<u>256,436</u>	<u>102,539</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	256,436	102,289
Restricted funds	-	250
	<u>-</u>	<u>250</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	<u>23,126</u>	<u>17,745</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	258,511	192,761
Project delivery	150,205	77,185
Travel & accommodation	26,926	14,944
Conference catering	16,752	2,844
Design	4,058	-
	<u>456,452</u>	<u>287,734</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	279,200	232,915
Share of support costs (see note 8)	71,813	20,138
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	14,742	7,426
	<u>822,207</u>	<u>548,213</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	369,273	161,316
Restricted funds	452,934	386,897
	<u>822,207</u>	<u>548,213</u>

7 Grants payable

	2023 £	2022 £
The Now Project	41,884	48,913
Brighton & Hove Food Partnership	66,480	54,086
Cyrenians	56,317	48,823
Organic Lea	67,431	53,170
Southern Roots Organics	4,500	-
Tyddyn Teg	1,440	10,800
Sole of Discretion	-	5,940
Goonown Growers	-	4,860
Fungi Futures CIC	-	1,500
LESS CIC	-	1,500
Hisbe Food CIC	13,500	-
Goodery CIC	7,300	-
Other	20,348	3,323
	<u>279,200</u>	<u>232,915</u>

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8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £
Office expenses & administration	20,035	-	20,035	12,326	-	12,326
Rent or lease of buildings	34,244	-	34,244	5,514	-	5,514
Insurance	716	-	716	1,350	-	1,350
Marketing	5,695	-	5,695	328	-	328
Supplies	7,710	-	7,710	480	-	480
Subscriptions	1,397	-	1,397	140	-	140
Entertainment	2,016	-	2,016	-	-	-
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	626	626
Bank charges	-	4,835	4,835	-	241	241
Interest payable	-	8,329	8,329	-	5,059	5,059
Independent examiner	-	1,578	1,578	-	1,500	1,500
	<u>71,813</u>	<u>14,742</u>	<u>86,555</u>	<u>20,138</u>	<u>7,426</u>	<u>27,564</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>71,813</u>	<u>14,742</u>	<u>86,555</u>	<u>20,138</u>	<u>7,426</u>	<u>27,564</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the Independent Examiner of £1578 for preparation of the financial statements and the Independent Examination (2022- £1500).

9 Trustees

In the year, the trust reimbursed expenses totalling £495 to three trustees.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	232,841	175,421
Social security costs	16,366	10,944
Other pension costs	9,304	6,396
	<u>258,511</u>	<u>192,761</u>

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10 Employees

(Continued)

On the 2022 signed accounts, the social security and other pension costs included both employer and employee contributions. This has been restated above to include only employer contributions.

Key Management Personnel is comprised of the Executive Director roles. The total remuneration for Key Management Personnel (including employer's IE and pension contributions) was £76,512 (2022: £67,277).

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

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	318
Other debtors	623,197	404,274
Prepayments and accrued income	7,200	-
	<u>630,397</u>	<u>404,592</u>

12 Loans and overdrafts

	2023 £	2022 £
Social Investment Loans	<u>600,381</u>	<u>348,065</u>
Payable after one year	<u>600,381</u>	<u>348,065</u>

The loan is unsecured and bears interest at 2% per annum which is paid quarterly. Capital is repayable based on the schedule of loan repayments agreed with the recipient of each social loan, all are due by monthly instalments and scheduled to be repaid in full by 31 December 2027.

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income	15	104,500	-
Trade creditors		3,714	9,321
Other creditors		75,437	62,655
Accruals		5,028	1,500
		<u>188,679</u>	<u>73,476</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Social investment loans	12	600,381	348,065
		<u>600,381</u>	<u>348,065</u>

15 Deferred income

	2023 £	2022 £
Other deferred income	104,500	-
	<u>104,500</u>	<u>-</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	104,500	-
	<u>104,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2022	-	-
Resources deferred in the year	104,500	-
	<u>104,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred income at 31 March 2023	104,500	-
	<u>104,500</u>	<u>-</u>

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16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
All Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology	2,824	20,600	(12,675)	10,749	15,932	(12,024)	-	14,657
Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme	19,520	39,000	(45,518)	13,002	52,300	(59,101)	-	6,201
LEAP Mentoring (England)	35,299	-	(19,663)	15,636	-	(16,361)	725	-
LEAP Mentoring (rest of UK)	7,929	-	(4,366)	3,563	-	(3,563)	-	-
Collaborative Learning about Innovative Land Strategies **	6,185	4,806	(2,256)	8,735	-	-	(8,735)	-
Ready, Healthy, Eat (RHE)	196,982	268,856	(248,091)	217,747	157,298	(292,359)	-	82,686
Wildlife on Farms Dialogue	406	-	(406)	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford Real Farming Conference	-	58,000	(49,865)	8,135	53,000	(61,135)	-	-
College (Martin Stanley)	-	12,000	(4,057)	7,943	-	(7,943)	-	-
Land Trusts	-	-	-	-	7,368	-	-	7,368
Land Based Knowledge	-	-	-	-	-	(448)	-	(448)
	<u>269,145</u>	<u>403,262</u>	<u>(386,897)</u>	<u>285,510</u>	<u>285,898</u>	<u>(452,934)</u>	<u>(8,010)</u>	<u>110,464</u>

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16 Restricted funds

(Continued)

** The transfer to unrestricted funds represents legitimate restricted expenditure in the prior year that was incorrectly analysed to unrestricted funds.

Collaborative Learning about Innovative Land Strategies (EU Erasmus+): This is an EU Erasmus+ funded programme and involves seven partner organisations from five EU countries: France, the Netherlands, Romania, Belgium and the UK. The programme is managed by (and payments are received via) Terre de Liens.

All Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology: The charity is the Secretariat for the APPGA which promotes the importance and value of adopting agroecological approaches to food and farming in UK policy.

Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme (LEAP): The charity manages the Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme providing loans, grants and mentoring to food and farming enterprises. The programme is funded by interest received and fees charged. Additional operational funds were provided by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation for the LEAP Programme Team which is responsible for identifying, assessing and managing applications, carrying out due diligence and making the loan and grant agreements. It will also be responsible for monitoring and reporting (financials and impacts), promoting LEAP and its impact and providing advice and support to the investees. Grants for successful applicants to LEAP are provided by the Halleria Trust.

LEAP mentoring (England): The Power to Change Foundation provided a grant to provide support and advice to LEAP investees located in England in areas such as business planning, financial forecasting, governance, and social impact measurement.

LEAP mentoring (rest of UK): The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation provided a grant to provide support and advice to LEAP investees located outside of England in areas such as business planning, financial forecasting, governance, and social impact measurement.

Ready, Healthy, Eat (RHE): This is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and managed by the Real Farming Trust, brings together a number of community food organisations to trial different ideas for improving the nutritional value of the cooked food eaten by the most vulnerable groups in their community. The programme aimed for this food to be made by trainees who were themselves at risk of food poverty, providing them with work experience and training and a mentoring scheme to help them into further training or employment.

ORFC: Grants towards the operational costs of the ORFC Global were received from the Sheepdrove Trust, SHED, A Team Foundation, Be The Earth Foundation, and another foundation known to us which has requested confidentiality.

College Dialogue (42 Acres): Funding was received from Be the Earth Foundation to hold a College for Real Farming dialogue at 42 Acres in Somerset. This was postponed due to Coronavirus, and was eventually held in the Autumn of 2021.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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16 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Land Trusts: Funding was received from the Network for Social Change to bring UK Land Trusts together, fostering great collaboration and building stronger connections.

Land Based Knowledge: Dialogue on Land Based Knowledge to be held at 42 Acres in September 2023.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Current assets/ (liabilities)	842,496	110,464	952,960	623,381	285,510	908,891
Long term liabilities	(600,381)	-	(600,381)	(348,065)	-	(348,065)
	<u>242,115</u>	<u>110,464</u>	<u>352,579</u>	<u>275,316</u>	<u>285,510</u>	<u>560,826</u>

18 Related party transactions

Mrs R West, the spouse of one of the trustees, received consultancy and project management fees of £8,209.

19 Cash generated from operations

	2023 £	2022 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(208,247)	136,787
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(23,126)	(17,745)
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(6,882)	3,282
Increase in creditors	10,703	27,840
Increase in deferred income	104,500	-
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	<u>(123,052)</u>	<u>150,164</u>

20 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	577,775	(66,533)	511,242
	<u>577,775</u>	<u>(66,533)</u>	<u>511,242</u>
Loans falling due after more than one year	(348,065)	(252,316)	(600,381)
	<u>229,710</u>	<u>(318,849)</u>	<u>(89,139)</u>