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Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 29 February 2024

# **The George Müller Charitable Trust**

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### **Annual Report**

The Trustees, who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their Annual Report together with the audited financial statements of The George Müller Charitable Trust (the Charity) for the year ended 29 February 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 2019).

### **Mission**

We have continued to pursue our mission statement of "Strengthening the Church to meet the needs of the vulnerable by inspiring faith, nurturing families, resourcing ministry and transforming communities."

### **Charitable Objects**

The George Müller Charitable Trust's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity's objects, which may be carried out in the UK or around the world at the Trustees' discretion, are as follows:

- (1) To advance education;
- (2) To advance evangelical Christianity in a manner consistent with holy scripture including, insofar as the means are available at any time, through the support of Christian workers and organisations;
- (3) To advance citizenship or community development, particularly among children and families, young people and the elderly; and
- (4) To relieve those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage or human suffering, including those who are deprived of normal parental care.

### **Aims**

The charity pursues its mission through three aims:

Freeing children from poverty: Continuing the legacy of George Müller's orphan homes by equipping churches around the world to care for children and widows experiencing material, relational or spiritual poverty.

Focussing people on Jesus: Sharing the life and teaching of Müller and continuing his method of teaching scripture to point people to a lifelong relationship with Christ.

Fuelling leaders for mission: Continuing the work of SKI into the 21st century, prayerfully, financially and administratively support missionaries sharing the Gospel around the world.

### **Activities, Achievements and Future Plans**

When planning and conducting activities for the year, the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The summary of activities below demonstrates how the Charity gives public benefit. The Charity's website [www.mullers.org](http://www.mullers.org) explains the work of the Charity and has further information.

### **Staffing and volunteers**

This year our Operations Lead was promoted to Deputy Leader with increased responsibility for the governance and operations of the Charity, and a new role of Communications Coordinator was created to focus on marketing, social media, and supporter communications. We also created a temporary position of "Partnerships Assistant," for three months, aiding us with the administration of clarifying the wishes for each of our donors. The Trustees are grateful for the support of our volunteers who support the charity in welcoming visitors and school groups to the museum and in researching the archive of historical records.

### **Heritage**

The George Müller Museum welcomed 2,068 visitors through its doors over the course of the year. On top of this we shared the story of Müller with 952 school children, 237 of which were able to visit the museum in person.

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Furthermore, we were able to convey the story to 254 individuals through community talks at places such as local history groups and retired teacher groups.

We continue to offer descendants of the Müller orphans access to their ancestors' records, with 64 people utilising the service this year.

We have invested in caring for the historic items we hold, as well as cataloguing our archive. We hope this will enhance our ability to draw out stories from George Müller's life so we can share more about his amazing legacy over the past 190 years.

We plan to update the museum with a new area to share some of the newer stories we have found, as well as the work of the Trust today. We will continue to organise, and where appropriate, restore our historical archive. We will also look to increase the number of volunteers who can help us with the collection care and retelling of the story.

During the year the Charity supported Three Arrows Media Limited as they began the development phase of a period drama whose aims are to show the reality of faith within the context of George Müller's life and world. The support granted of £50,000 is to be matched by Three Arrows Media. The aim of the funding is to enable Three Arrows Media to create a sample script, pitch deck and a trailer of the proposed drama to take to individuals and organisations seeking to identify the right partners for both funding for production and launch of the drama to ensure maximum reach. Such a drama if successful could inspire millions with the story and faith of George Müller. The Trustees keep a monthly dialogue with Three Arrows Media as to progress and Three Arrows Media will keep an account of how the grant funds are spent.

#### **Theological Training**

The 2023-24 cohort of our in-person Scripture, Theology and Culture course finished well with 17 students graduating in July. The September 2023 intake was lower than we would have liked, with 10 starting the course. It is hoped that this would be an anomaly, and more will join in September 2024.

The pilot for the digital course concluded successfully and we decided to roll this out more publicly in September. 18 students are currently studying on this "learn at your own pace" platform. This includes 3 SKI partners.

We have plans to widen our theological offer in the next year, particularly to church leaders in the Bristol region. In addition to the in-person and digital courses, we will host monthly theology "refreshers" to ministry leaders, as well as a theological training day.

#### **Youth and Children's ministry support**

This year saw the launch of the Y&C Conference, a training day for workers, church leaders and volunteers of the Bristol region who minister to children and young people. The 2023 event was held in September, and the 2024 event at the end of February. Both events were well received with more than 100 people attending and an average feedback score of 9/10 for each. Stories were shared of how people felt the conference had equipped them and encouraged them to stay in ministry with under 18s for longer.

We merged the Youth Ministry Network with the Children's Ministry Network as there was a recognition that hosting both events doubled resource input unnecessarily. Engagement with the network has been slightly disappointing with lower attendance than we would have liked. However, we had an average attendance of 9 people over our 3 events. The events focussed on topics such as all age ministry and recruiting volunteers.

The Mix continues to meet four times a year, offering youth groups and teenagers a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Attendance and engagement from the wider churches continues to increase with an average of 210 people per event (162 young people and 48 youth leaders). We have seen young people come to faith at these events, as well as teenagers passionately engage in worship and sincerely respond to prayer ministry.

Our refreshed Church Partnership offer launched in October 2023, with a focus on supporting and growing churches' youth ministries. The past 6 months have seen us promote and encourage sign ups and we expect our first formal partnership agreements to be signed early in the next year.



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We will continue to invest in this area of our work by employing a full-time coordinator for this department. The Mix will continue to meet, and the Y&C Network will be reviewed to ensure it is relevant for the churches it exists to serve. We aim to expand the Y&C Conference, planned for March 2025 by engaging more churches.

#### **SKI (Scripture Knowledge Institute)**

SKI, now entering its 190<sup>th</sup> year, continues to minister to missionaries and Christian organisations around the world. This year, we prayerfully and financially supported 191 partners. This can be categorised as: 5 strategic partners, organisations caring for vulnerable children on a larger scale, 68 Orphans of the World partners, individuals and organisations caring for vulnerable children at a grassroots level, 22 Widows of the World partners, individuals and organisations caring for widows and the vulnerable elderly at a grassroots level and 118 SKI partners, missionaries sharing the gospel in their local context.

We sought to strengthen the communication with our partners, rolling out a Memorandum of Understanding to clarify our offer of support and expectations for both parties. As a result of formalising these terms, a handful of partners have amicably ended their association with us. We regard this as healthy as we ensure we are honouring God, effectively supporting partners, and complying with our regulatory obligations.

Going forward, we shall continue to offer support to our partners, and find ways to increase the communication with them and clarify the nature of SKI's partnership with them.

#### **Community Houses in Cotham, Bristol**

The Charity owns 3 properties in Cotham which for over 20 years have been fulfilling the Charity's objectives by being used as religious community houses, involved in prayer, and discipleship and care ministry. However, in 2022, the Trustees decided that the religious communities were no longer core to the Charity's longer-term strategy and therefore decided to begin a process to release the value of these properties to serve the Charity's future strategy. The Trustees have been engaging with property advisers and consultants and it is hoped that sales will be achieved in the year ended 28 February 2025.

#### **Financial Review**

The increase in funds for the year, after investment gains of £204,527 (2023: losses £540,057), was £45,156 (2023: decrease £652,245). The changes in investment values were again a significant factor in the movement in the funds, but this year also saw a 9% increase in income of £147,276 to £1,706,689 (2023: £1,559,413) and an 11% increase in expenditure of £191,110 to £1,865,679 £ (2023: £1,674,569).

The 9% increase in income is principally due to: donations increased by £101,875, income from investments by £23,026 and income from charitable activities increased by £22,375. Within the charitable activities, the rental income from community houses increased by £7,310 and the mortgage interest earned on the community mortgages increased by £9,324 due to some interest rate increases.

The 11% increase in expenditure is principally due to the increases in: SKI grants of 6% to £1,297,138 (2023: £1,218,633), staff costs of 18.5% to £208,943 (2023: £176,362), property maintenance expenditure of the Cotham Community houses of £49,087 (2023: £10,622) and the grant to Three Arrows Media Limited of £50,000 (2023: £nil) see note 6. The increase in salary costs in 2024 was due to a 6% inflationary pay increase, promotions and additional hours this year from the new posts.

Governance costs represent 0.6 % of income (2023: 0.7 %) and the cost of trustees' indemnity insurance was £174 (2023: £169).

#### **Reserves**

The total funds held by the Charity at the end of the year were £14,533,511 (2023: £14,488,355). This consists of an expendable endowment fund of £12,126,172 (2023: £12,018,236), unrestricted designated funds of £2,164,691 (2023: £2,105,688), restricted funds of £48,726 (2023: £63,401) and unrestricted general funds of £193,922 (2023: £301,030) (See Notes 19-20).

The Charity's policies on funds and reserves need to be seen in the light of the fact that it does not engage in fund raising but its core activity is to provide ongoing gifts and services to its beneficiaries for which sufficient income

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is needed each year. The Trustees consider that the Charity's benefactors are aware of the nature of its operations and expect their giving to be used to maintain operations in the longer term.

The Trustees monitor the performance of the investment managers and meet with them regularly. The analysis of the investments is set out in note 13.

Considering the strength of the Expendable Endowment Fund, the reasonably low level of committed rather than discretionary expenditure, and the strength of the investment income stream, the Trustees have concluded that 3-6 months expenditure (£190,000 - £380,000 excluding grants from donor gifts), is a prudent level at which to maintain the Charity's reserves. Free reserves, as measured by the Unrestricted General Fund at £193,922, represents approximately 3 months expenditure based on budgeted expenditure for 2024/25 within the target range. It is planned over the next two years to move the level of general reserves to the middle of the range.

Reserves are necessary because:

1. Donations and legacies and investment income can be variable year by year and, as a founding principle, the Charity does not engage in fundraising.
2. The needs of children and young people in modern society particularly the Orphans of the World, show no signs of declining and these needs require long term involvement by the Charity's partners.
3. To attract and retain staff, it is necessary to demonstrate that the Charity can provide them with reasonable security of employment.

#### **Expendable Endowment Fund**

The Expendable Endowment Fund represents funds to be retained for the benefit of the Charity as capital but there is discretion for the Trustees to convert endowed capital to income to be expended on the Charity's activities. The Charity allocates legacies amounting to £25,000 or more to the Expendable Endowment Fund where no instruction is received to the contrary. This policy follows the Charity Commission's operational guidance in OG 43 as the Trustees believe that donors would consider the Charity's work to be of a long-term nature and would want the Trustees to treat substantial legacies as capital for the longer-term benefit of the Charity. The Trustees allocate 10 % of all legacies over £25,000 to make grants to local initiatives to support pressing needs as identified by the Local Ministries Committee. The Charity takes the net proceeds of the sale of properties to the Expendable Endowment Fund. These properties, whilst used for charitable purposes, are part of the capital structure of the Charity having the potential to produce income to be used by the Charity. The Trustees consider it appropriate to maintain this capital structure and hence the income potential by transferring the net proceeds of sales to the Expendable Endowment Fund. The Expendable Endowment Fund is matched by investments managed by the Charity's investment advisers and cash yielding an income.

#### **Risk Management**

The Trustees and staff review major risks and have a system to record, assess and plan mitigation measures for the risks which the Charity encounters during its activities.

The Charity's long-term future is dependent on both the ongoing donations from our supporters but also on the income generated through investments. The key operational risks are therefore concentrated around these issues and include:

- Changes in the economic conditions which could impact on our donors' ability to give. While the Trustees are mindful of this risk, they are encouraged to see that the level of giving by our SKI donors in 2023/24 continued to remain strong. Good communication with the donors by both the Charity and the partner workers and organisations is the key strategy to managing this risk. The Charity's approach to its reserves and strong financial management should enable it to come periods of economic and geopolitical uncertainty.
- A significant economic slowdown would impact on the level of the Charity's investment income. The Trustees mitigate this risk by working with the Charity's investment advisers to spread the risk arising from the Charity's investments over various asset types and managing the investments with a view to the medium and longer term rather than the short term. This is explained more fully under the note on Investment Policy and Performance.

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- Prolonged system problems could have an adverse impact on the Charity's reputation and activities which aim to support partners both in the UK and around the world who are often in great need. The Charity therefore aims to minimise this risk by ensuring the IT systems are well supported, maintained, and updated to avoid the risk of system breakdown.
- Loss of key personnel staff and Trustees with particular skills and experience. All employees have key roles and a loss of any one of them would impact on the running of the Charity in the short term. The loss of the Charity Leader would have the most impact and the appointment of a deputy lead partly mitigates this risk. Training and developing the staff and the close working relationship between staff, management and certain individual Trustees also partly mitigates this risk. Early succession planning for trustee retirements mitigates against the disruption caused by the retirement of key Trustees.

#### **Investment Policy and performance**

The Charity's financial capital consists of its Expendable Endowment Fund. This fund is held in investments managed by the Charity's two investment managers, RBC Brewin Dolphin and Sarasin and Partners. The Charity's policy is for the investment managers to have discretion to manage their portfolios within the parameters of a medium risk approach over the medium/longer term. In considering the overall asset allocation and appropriate portfolios, the investment managers also consider the overall asset profile of the Charity, including the general asset allocations managed by the other investment manager. The Trustees require their investment managers to invest only in companies with an ethical code of practice which actively promote human rights. For completeness this approach supplements the long-standing policy of the Charity that the investment portfolios should not include any investments in companies where turnover to any significant degree is accounted for by tobacco products, alcohol, gambling, pornography or armaments and the Trustees reserve the right to request exclusion from the portfolio of any investments in companies whose representation might prove damaging, directly or indirectly, to the purposes or reputation of the Charity. The Trustees require their investment managers to assess and report to them at least annually on the Environmental Social and Governance credentials of the investments that they hold on behalf of Charity.

The income from the Charity's investments is used for the work of the Charity. For the funds under discretionary management, the investment policy requires the investment managers to adopt a balanced medium risk portfolio suitable to the Charity within which the aim is to optimise return over the medium to long term. The return aims are as a minimum CPI increases plus 3% over a 5-year cycle. The annualised CPI for the 5 year period to 29 February 2024 was 4.3% and so the target return was 7.3%. The return for 5 year period of RBC Brewin Dolphin was 4.4% and of Sarasin and Partners was 6.9%. The 2024/25 period has started well for both investment portfolios.

The combined property values in the Charity property funds overseen by RBC Brewin Dolphin fell again in the year by 3.4%, however income yields of 6% meant a positive combined total return for the year was realised for the year of 2.6%.

The Trustees maintain a dialogue with the investment managers throughout the year and meet formally with them once a year to discuss performance and strategy. The Trustees are satisfied with the strategies adopted by of the investment managers which are for the medium to long term in terms of asset diversification and managing risks.

The Trustees decided to ensure their withdrawal policy from 1 March 2023 matched the investment approach of the investment managers. Therefore, from 1 March 2023, the investment managers have distributed 3.5% of the value of the discretionary portfolio at the beginning of the financial year over the course of the next 12 months subject to this not being less than the values at the beginning of the previous year. This approach enables the Charity to plan for a more certain cash flow each year and to employ for the work of the Charity some of the gains in value that have accrued over previous years, without being limited to the dividend income of the investments. The withdrawal policy of the unlisted charity property investments remains on an income only basis.

#### **Grant Making Policies**

The Charity makes grants to Christian workers and organisations from funds received by donors and from its own resources. Grants are only made to workers and organisations who are firstly approved by the trustees and whose activities continue to fulfil the charitable objectives of Müllers. This is confirmed on a regular basis through communication with the Charity. This communication enables the Charity to form a meaningful partnership with the workers and organisations. Grants are not made based on unsolicited requests from potential recipients. Grants

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payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the accounting period in which the recipient is notified of the award.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **History and Structure of the Charity**

The Charity is registered as a charitable company registered in England and Wales, limited by guarantee, and was set up by a Memorandum of Association in 1997. The Charity has its origins in the Scriptural Knowledge Institution for Home and Abroad (SKI), formed by George Müller and Henry Craik in 1834. The initial objectives of SKI were to assist day, Sunday and adult schools in which instruction was given on scriptural principles, to enable children of poor parents to attend such schools, to circulate the Scriptures and to support Missionaries and Missionary schools. The objects of that charity were added to in 1835 to enable the establishment of an orphan house in which destitute children should be provided with food, clothes and a scriptural education. That object formed the basis of the Charity which became known as the Müller Trust for Children and Families. This Charity was used to become the single vehicle of the work when the activities of SKI and The Müller Homes for the Elderly were merged into the Charity on 1 March 2009. On that date the Charity changed its name to The George Müller Charitable Trust.

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and every member of the Charity undertakes to contribute to the Charity's assets (not exceeding £10) if the Charity should be wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, for the payment of the Charity's debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

##### **Governance of the charity**

The Board of Trustees meets five times each year and is assisted by the Financial and Administrative Committee, (consisting of three Trustees, the Charity Leader, the Operations Leader and the Charity Accountant), the SKI Committee (consisting of three Trustees, the Charity Leader and the Partnerships Coordinator) and the Local Ministries Committee (consisting of three trustees and the Charity Leader).

The Charity Leader and the Deputy Leader are the senior staff members responsible for supervising the work of the staff and assisting the Board in setting strategy and implementing this strategy. The responsibilities of the committees of trustees are framed within the terms of reference and budget responsibilities approved by the Board. Within these agreed budget responsibilities, staff have delegated authority subject to following approved policies. The Charity Leader, the Deputy Leader and other staff as required, joins the trustees' meetings.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

Trustees are selected by the Board based on the experience and skills which they can bring to the Charity. Trustees are appointed for a period of four years and retire by rotation at the next AGM after the four years are completed. A retiring trustee may be reappointed. The Board's composition is regularly reviewed to ensure the right composition, balance, diversity and spread of experience needed to govern the affairs of the Charity. The Trustees seek to preserve a balance between maintaining experience and continuity of knowledge with fresh perspectives brought in by new trustees. Trustees are actively engaged in developing a pipeline of potential new trustees who can assume in time senior positions on the board. Upon appointment new trustees are provided with recent information about the Charity, including minutes, accounts, legal constitution, and Charity Commission publications and are inducted into the affairs of the Charity over time. All the trustees are encouraged to undertake training where appropriate.



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### **Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees, Officers and Advisers**

**Trustees:** D.J Powell (Chairman)  
A.C. Davies (Company Secretary)  
R. Giles (appointed 17 November 2023)  
T.D. Grieve  
S.M. Home  
J.N. Kingston  
E.J. Marsh (retired 3 July 2023)  
W.P. Massey  
E.F.C. Small  
J.F.F. Squire (appointed 17 November 2023)

**Charity Leader** J.T. Preston  
**Deputy Charity Leader** C. Willcox (appointed 17 November 2023)

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**Charity registered number** 1066832

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#### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

Company and charity 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 Charity and of the surplus or the deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue to operate.

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

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

#### **Statement as to disclosure to our auditors**

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees Annual Report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditors in connection with preparing their report, of which the Charity's auditors are unaware, and
- the Trustees having made enquiries of fellow Trustees and the Charity's auditors that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

In preparing this report the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies' exemptions provided by Section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Trustees on 25 June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

D.J. Powell  
Chairman

A.C. Davies  
Trustee & Company Secretary

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### **Independent auditor's report to the members of The George Müller Charitable Trust**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The George Muller Charitable Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 29 February 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 29 February 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



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### **Independent auditor's report to the members of The George Müller Charitable Trust**

#### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- i) We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and the sector in which it operates. We determined the following laws and regulations of most significance were: Charity SORP 2019 and UK GAAP.
- (ii) We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries of management. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of board minutes and other relevant meeting minutes.
- (iii) We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:
  - identifying and assessing the effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;

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### Independent auditor's report to the members of The George Müller Charitable Trust

- understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
- challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
- identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations; and
- assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission, or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Andrew Jordan FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Haines Watts (Western) Limited  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
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# The George Müller Charitable Trust

## The George Müller Charitable Trust

### Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 29 February 2024

#### Current Year

	Note	Unrestricted General Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Expendable Endowment Fund 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from</b>							
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	3	60,523	-	1,087,615	-	1,148,138	1,046,263
<i>Investments</i>	4	410,459	-	-	-	410,459	387,433
<i>Charitable Activities</i>	5	148,092	-	-	-	148,092	125,717
<b>Total Income and endowments</b>		<b>619,074</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,087,615</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,706,689</b>	<b>1,559,413</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>							
<i>Raising Funds</i>	6	-	-	-	30,748	30,748	34,204
<i>Charitable activities</i>	6	699,801	32,840	1,102,290	-	1,834,931	1,640,365
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>699,801</b>	<b>32,840</b>	<b>1,102,290</b>	<b>30,748</b>	<b>1,865,679</b>	<b>1,674,569</b>
<i>Net gains/(losses) on investments</i>	13	-	-	-	204,527	204,527	(540,057)
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	9	<b>(80,727)</b>	<b>(32,840)</b>	<b>(14,675)</b>	<b>173,779</b>	<b>45,537</b>	<b>(655,213)</b>
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	19,20	(26,000)	91,843	-	(65,843)	-	-
<i>Other gains/(losses)</i>	19	(381)	-	-	-	(381)	2,968
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(107,108)</b>	<b>59,003</b>	<b>(14,675)</b>	<b>107,936</b>	<b>45,156</b>	<b>(652,245)</b>
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	19,20	301,030	2,105,688	63,401	12,018,236	14,488,355	15,140,600
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	19,20	<b>193,922</b>	<b>2,164,691</b>	<b>48,726</b>	<b>12,126,172</b>	<b>14,533,511</b>	<b>14,488,355</b>

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 17 to 31 form part of these financial statements.



# The George Müller Charitable Trust

## Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 28 February 2023

		Unrestricted General Funds 2023	Unrestricted Designated Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Expendable Endowment Fund 2023	Total Funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from</b>						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	3	67,641	-	978,622	-	1,046,263
<i>Investments</i>	4	387,433	-	-	-	387,433
<i>Charitable Activities</i>	5	125,717	-	-	-	125,717
<b>Total Income and endowments</b>		<b>580,791</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>978,622</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,559,413</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>						
<i>Raising Funds</i>	6	-	-	-	34,204	34,204
<i>Charitable activities</i>	6	583,790	33,508	1,023,067	-	1,640,365
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>583,790</b>	<b>33,508</b>	<b>1,023,067</b>	<b>34,204</b>	<b>1,674,569</b>
<i>Net gains/(losses) on investments</i>	13	-	-	-	(540,057)	(540,057)
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	9	<b>(2,999)</b>	<b>(33,508)</b>	<b>(44,445)</b>	<b>(574,261)</b>	<b>(655,213)</b>
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	19,20	75,636	(3,425)	-	(72,211)	-
<i>Other gains/(losses)</i>	19	2,231	737	-	-	2,968
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>74,868</b>	<b>(36,196)</b>	<b>(44,445)</b>	<b>(646,472)</b>	<b>(652,245)</b>
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	19,20	226,162	2,141,884	107,846	12,664,708	15,140,600
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	19,20	<b>301,030</b>	<b>2,105,688</b>	<b>63,401</b>	<b>12,018,236</b>	<b>14,488,355</b>

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

# The George Müller Charitable Trust

Company number 03471812

Balance Sheet as at 29 February 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Intangible fixed assets	11	5,580	7,600
Tangible fixed assets	12	1,837,066	1,775,945
Fixed asset investments	13	<u>12,126,172</u>	<u>12,011,742</u>
		13,968,818	13,795,287
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock	15	836	1,213
Debtors	16	26,220	31,506
Programme related investments	14	322,046	322,667
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>421,398</u>	<u>469,510</u>
		770,500	824,896
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(184,310)</u>	<u>(111,780)</u>
Net current assets		586,190	713,116
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(21,497)	(20,048)
Net assets		<u>14,533,511</u>	<u>14,488,355</u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	19	193,922	301,030
Unrestricted designated funds	19	2,164,691	2,105,688
Restricted funds	19	48,726	63,401
Expendable endowment fund	20	<u>12,126,172</u>	<u>12,018,236</u>
Total funds	20	<u>14,533,511</u>	<u>14,488,355</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 25 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

**D. J. Powell**  
Chairman

**A.C. Davies**  
Trustee & Company Secretary

# The George Müller Charitable Trust

Statement of cash flows for the year ended 29 February 2024

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities note 2</b>	<b>(425,598)</b>	<b>(457,770)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Dividends and interest	410,459	387,433
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(90,921)	(1,247)
Computer software development costs	(1,020)	-
Investment fees/property fund	(2,658)	(6,108)
Sale of quoted investments	356,079	226,278
Capital withdrawn from investments	64,939	69,611
Purchase of quoted investments from other cash	(328,977)	(240,535)
Sale of unlisted investments	40,819	28,273
Change in cash held for investment	(70,853)	(24,697)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>377,867</b>	<b>439,008</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>	<b>(47,731)</b>	<b>(18,762)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	<b>469,510</b>	<b>485,304</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents due to exchange rate movements</b>	<b>(381)</b>	<b>2,968</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>421,398</b>	<b>469,510</b>

## Cash flow restrictions

Charity law prohibits the use of net cash inflows on any endowed or other restricted fund to offset net cash outflows on any fund outside its own objects, except on special authority. In practice, this restriction has not had any effect on cash flows for the year.

The notes on pages 17 to 31 form part of these financial statements.



# **The George Müller Charitable Trust**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024**

### **1 Accounting Policies**

#### **a) General information**

The George Müller Charitable Trust is a company limited by guarantee (number 03471812) and is a registered charity (number 1066832), registered in England and Wales. The registered office is 45-47 Loft House, College Road, Bristol BS7 9FG.

#### **b) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

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

#### **c) Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds of the Charity 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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in note 19 to the financial statements.

Restricted funds include donor balances which represent funds given to the Charity for the work of SKI and the Churches City Fund - see note 19 to the financial statements.

Expendable Endowments are funds to be retained for the benefit of the Charity as capital although there is discretion to convert the endowed capital into income.

The Charity allocates legacies amounting to £25,000 (2023: £25,000) or more to the Expendable Endowment Fund where no instruction is received to the contrary. Other legacies are credited to the Unrestricted funds. This policy is adopted because the Trustees believe that donors consider the Charity's work to be of a long term nature and would want the Trustees to treat their donations as capital while having the discretion to convert funds to income as and when considered desirable by the Trustees.

#### **d) Income**

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity's legal entitlement to the income is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the Charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

#### **e) Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of value added tax as this is not recoverable. Grants are made to Christian workers and organisations and are recognised as expenditure when they are paid or committed whichever is the earlier.

Multi service area costs are those costs incurred in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity and are allocated on the basis of time spent. These include salaries and support costs.

# The George Müller Charitable Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024

### 1 Accounting Policies (continued)

Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the constitutional and statutory requirements and are included in multi service area costs.

#### f) Intangible fixed assets and amortisation

Intangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation. Software development costs are recognised as an intangible fixed asset where the cost of development is over £1,000 and it can be demonstrated that the software when brought into use will produce economic and charitable benefits for a period longer than one year. Software development costs are amortised to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over 5 years using the straight line method.

#### g) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is not provided on freehold buildings since the cost of these properties is in aggregate considerably less than their market value - see note 12. Other than Freehold land and buildings, depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value of each asset, over its expected useful life, as follows:

Building Plant & Equipment	10% straight line
Museum Content	10% straight line
Furniture Fixtures & Fittings	10% straight line
Office equipment	33.33% straight line

#### h) Quoted investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. Any changes in the fair value of investments, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as net gains/ (losses) on investments.

#### i) Unquoted investments

Investments are stated at the mid-point of the bid/offer price at the year-end as advised by the fund manager. Differences between the value of investments held at the year end and either the historic cost (where investments were acquired during the current accounting year) or the market value at the previous year end (where investments were acquired in a prior year) are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as unrealised gains/losses.

#### j) Cash awaiting investment

Capital cash held as part of the investment portfolio awaiting investment is treated as a fixed asset investment.

#### k) Programme related investments

Programme related investments consist of: 1) global microfinance loans which are small short term loans to entrepreneurs in poverty, they are interest free and 2) a mortgage provided, which enabled the purchase of house in Clevedon previously owned by the Charity as a drug rehabilitation centre. The mortgage loan is secured on the property and repayable in September 2024. Interest on the loan is charged at 5.65%. This mortgage enabled the Charity to divest itself of the property whilst enabling the work of the purchasing charity to continue in the property.

The Trustees have decided to bring the Charity's involvement in the global microfinance loans to a close and reallocate the assets elsewhere. As it is our intention to close the mortgage and realise the cash over the next year, the outstanding loan balance is included in current assets. The programme related investments are carried at cost less where appropriate a provision for impairment less any repayments received. The provision is charged to charitable activities as grants whilst the exchange losses/gains are charged to Other gains/losses in the SOFA.

# The George Müller Charitable Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024

### 1 Accounting Policies (continued)

#### l) Stock

Stock has been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### m) Exchange Gains and Losses

The majority of the microfinance element of the Charity's programme related investments are managed in US\$. In view of there being a very large number of small loans the transactions are not converted to £s at the transaction date but the US\$ balances at the year-end are converted to £s at the year-end rate. Gains and losses on exchange are treated as other gains and losses within the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### n) Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year. Payments to ex members of staff in an unofficial pension arrangement are considered an obligation recognised and treated in a similar way to a defined benefit pension scheme. Use of an actuarial valuation was not considered necessary in view of the small size of the scheme. The number of individuals treated in this way at the year-end was 2 (2023:2)

#### o) Debtors and creditors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Creditors are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

#### p) VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

#### q) Critical judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the accounting policies and have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

- Investments shown at fair value which are based on observable market prices as advised by the investment managers.
- Classification of community houses as fixed assets. The intention is to sell the properties within 12 months of the year end.
- The obligation recognised regarding payments to ex members of staff as described in policy n. The obligation was calculated based upon the age, gender and annual obligation to each recipient.
- The allocation of legacies to the Expendable Endowment Fund as set out in policy c.

#### r) Financial instruments

The Charity 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 when the Charity 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 trade and other debtors, amounts due from Charity undertakings and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost. Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the Charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.



# The George Müller Charitable Trust

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024

## 1 Accounting Policies (continued)

### - Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors and amounts due to Charity undertakings 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. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method. Financial liabilities are derecognised when, and only when, the Charity's contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled, or they expire.

### s) Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### t) Cash and short term investments

Cash at bank is held to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due rather than for investment purposes and includes all cash equivalents held in the form of short term highly liquid investments (deposits). Cash at bank as per the balance sheet includes investment income held as part of the investment portfolio.

## 2 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	45,537	(655,213)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation charges	32,840	33,508
(Gains)/losses on investments	(204,527)	540,057
Defaults & provisions	-	(90)
Investment fees	30,748	34,204
Exchange rate losses/ (gains) on PR investments	-	(737)
Microfinance repaid	621	5,499
Dividends and interest	(410,459)	(387,433)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	377	198
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	5,286	(1,405)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	73,979	(26,358)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(425,598)</u>	<u>(457,770)</u>

# The George Müller Charitable Trust

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024

## 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations	57,177	1,087,615	-	1,144,792
Legacies	3,346	-	-	3,346
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,523</b>	<b>1,087,615</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,148,138</b>

### Donations and legacies - prior year

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations	56,641	978,622	-	1,035,263
Legacies	11,000	-	-	11,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,641</b>	<b>978,622</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,046,263</b>

## 4 Investment Income

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Dividends receivable	404,379	404,379	387,420
Interest on cash deposits	6,080	6,080	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>410,459</b>	<b>410,459</b>	<b>387,433</b>

All of the 2023 investment income was in the Unrestricted General Fund.

## 5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Rental income (Community houses in Cotham)	113,063	113,063	105,753
Interest on Programme Related Investment mortgage	26,511	26,511	17,187
Family records (Heritage)	1,950	1,950	1,281
Sale of books (Heritage)	2,165	2,165	1,496
Sale of miscellaneous items (Heritage)	598	598	-
Youth and Childrens' Conference income	3,805	3,805	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>148,092</b>	<b>148,092</b>	<b>125,717</b>

All of the 2023 income from charitable activities was in the Unrestricted General Fund.

# The George Müller Charitable Trust

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024

## 6 Analysis of expenditure by type

	Direct Staff Costs	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Grants	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Global Partnerships (SKI)	58,934	8,002	80,695	1,297,138	1,444,769
Heritage	22,561	25,360	30,890	50,000	128,811
Youth and Children's ministry support	27,917	9,278	38,224	-	75,419
Theological Training	32,305	4,954	44,232	-	81,491
Community Houses	2,596	50,179	3,555	-	56,330
Bristol Churches City Fund	-	-	-	48,111	48,111
<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>144,313</b>	<b>97,773</b>	<b>197,596</b>	<b>1,395,249</b>	<b>1,834,931</b>
<b>Cost of raising funds (investment management costs)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,748</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,748</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>144,313</b>	<b>128,521</b>	<b>197,596</b>	<b>1,395,249</b>	<b>1,865,679</b>

The heritage grant of £50,000 is to support Three Arrows Media through the development phase of the production of a period drama about George Muller's life of faith.

Community house costs are the costs of maintaining the Cotham properties which the Trustees have decided to realise value from.

Bristol Churches City Fund grants are directed at meeting social needs in Bristol such as food poverty and refugees.

Volunteers contribute to the heritage work by welcoming visitors and school groups to the museum and researching family records.

Governance costs are £10,500 (2023: £10,705). They represent audit fees and are included in support costs.

### Analysis of expenditure by type - Prior Year (reclassified)

	Direct Staff Costs	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Grants	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Global Partnerships (SKI)	45,581	3,040	65,697	1,218,633	1,332,951
Heritage	21,229	16,631	30,594	-	68,454
Youth and Children's Ministry Support	25,570	2,533	36,849	-	64,952
Theological Training	25,961	7,265	37,413	-	70,639
Community Houses	2,050	34,392	2,954	-	39,396
Bristol Churches City Fund	-	-	-	63,973	63,973
<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>120,391</b>	<b>63,861</b>	<b>173,507</b>	<b>1,282,606</b>	<b>1,640,365</b>
<b>Cost of raising funds (investment management costs)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,204</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,204</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>120,391</b>	<b>98,065</b>	<b>173,507</b>	<b>1,282,606</b>	<b>1,674,569</b>

This note has been updated due to the reclassification of charitable activities.

# The George Müller Charitable Trust

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024

## 7 Support costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	64,630	55,971
Staff related costs	36,944	21,630
Office premises expenses	29,911	27,457
Administration expenses	37,371	38,836
Depreciation	18,240	18,908
Governance costs	10,500	10,705
	<u>197,596</u>	<u>173,507</u>

## 8 SKI Grants

SKI grants including Orphans of the World is the continuation of the work formerly carried on by the SKI trust. Its work is to provide grants, support and encouragement to those involved in Christian work and education both in the UK and overseas. It has an emphasis on work amongst children and in particular orphans and widows.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants to 118 (2023:119) individual Christian workers	781,905	673,489
Grants above £5,000 to Organisations (details below, where grants were above £5,000 in the current or preceding period)	430,462	467,577
Grants below £5,000 to Organisations	76,319	76,740
Other grants	8,452	-
Defaults and exchange (gains)/ losses for Programme related investments (see note 13)	-	827
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,297,138</u>	<u>1,218,633</u>

**Grants to organisations above £5,000 ( details below, where grants were above £5,000 in either the current or preceding period)**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gospel of Kingdom Associates	8,905	8,413
Rwandan Orphan project	65,566	71,764
Haven Home Orphanage	42,812	46,119
25:40 Romania	23,150	25,125
Ebenezer Children's Centre	23,729	28,666
Subtotal carried forward	<u>164,162</u>	<u>180,087</u>



# The George Müller Charitable Trust

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## 8 SKI Grants (continued)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Subtotal brought forward	164,162	180,087
Bright Hope World	20,919	13,314
Shared Hope	20,500	15,500
Hebron Hostel Trust	11,139	12,300
Africa Naturally	10,612	14,865
UNIVIDA	4,558	8,219
Hands at Work in Africa-Bandeni	16,312	17,803
Hands at Work in Africa - Oshoek	18,952	18,690
Helping Them to Smile	6,526	7,388
Five Talents	12,000	10,000
Holland Wharf Girls Hostel	16,501	14,044
SaltMalawi (The Joseph Project)	6,561	7,581
House of Hope	9,029	5,398
SSS Nepal	9,863	9,296
DFN UK	-	15,550
New Victory Child Care	6,166	5,987
Ripple Effect (Send a Cow)	16,358	14,898
Solid Rock International Ministries	22,853	21,314
IJM	-	10,000
Operation Mobilisation	2,300	19,800
Home Leone	1,214	25,256
For Ethiopia	33,564	20,287
David Chaudhary Ministries	5,235	-
STEP UK	10,000	-
Seed International Fund Trust	5,138	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>430,462</b>	<b>467,577</b>

## 9 Net income/(expenditure)

This is after (crediting)/charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation/amortisation of tangible and intangible fixed assets owned by the Charity	32,840	33,508
Auditors' remuneration	10,500	10,500

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## 10 Staff Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	188,047	160,057
Social Security costs	8,415	5,872
Other Pension costs	12,481	10,433
<b>Total</b>	<b>208,943</b>	<b>176,362</b>
Management	2	2
Administration	7	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>

The numbers of employees, as stated, is the average headcount number of staff employed during the year. No employee received more than £60,000 remuneration in the year.

The Charity Leader, Deputy Leader (appointed in 2023) and the Trustees comprise the key management personnel of the Charity. No Trustee received any remuneration during the current or previous year. No Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2023: £nil). The key management personnel received total employment benefits of £88,003 (2023:£44,029).

## 11 Intangible Fixed Assets

	Computer Software	Total
	£	£
<b>Cost as at 1 March 2023</b>	15,200	15,200
<b>Additions</b>	1,020	1,020
<b>Cost as at 29 February 2024</b>	<b>16,220</b>	<b>16,220</b>
<b>Amortisation</b>		
As at 1 March 2023	7,600	7,600
Charge for the year	3,040	3,040
As at 29 February 2024	10,640	10,640
<b>Net Book Value as at 29 February 2024</b>	<b>5,580</b>	<b>5,580</b>
<b>Net Book Value as at 28 February 2023</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>7,600</b>

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## 12 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings	Building Plant & Machinery	Museum Content	Furniture Fixtures & Fittings	Office Equipment	Total 2024
	£		£	£	£	£
<b>Cost as at 1 March 2023</b>	1,693,915	111,821	104,690	56,919	26,115	1,993,460
Additions	89,644	-	-	-	1,277	90,921
<b>As at 29 February 2024</b>	<b>1,783,559</b>	<b>111,821</b>	<b>104,690</b>	<b>56,919</b>	<b>27,392</b>	<b>2,084,381</b>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>						
As at 1 March 2023	94,743	40,069	37,514	23,319	21,870	217,515
Charge for the year	-	11,182	10,469	5,692	2,457	29,800
<b>As at 29 February 2024</b>	<b>94,743</b>	<b>51,251</b>	<b>47,983</b>	<b>29,011</b>	<b>24,327</b>	<b>247,315</b>
<b>Net Book Value as at 29 February 2024</b>	<b>1,688,816</b>	<b>60,570</b>	<b>56,707</b>	<b>27,908</b>	<b>3,065</b>	<b>1,837,066</b>
<b>Net Book Value as at 28 February 2023</b>	<b>1,599,172</b>	<b>71,752</b>	<b>67,176</b>	<b>33,600</b>	<b>4,245</b>	<b>1,775,945</b>

Freehold land and buildings are included at cost which in aggregate is considerably less than their market value. As all these properties are maintained to a high standard, management have conducted an impairment review showing that the carrying value is less than the recoverable amount. Consequently from 1 March 2019 depreciation was not provided on the freehold land and buildings. Prior to this a charge of 2% was made. A review for indicators of impairment is carried out annually by the Trustees.

The additions to land and buildings in the year are planning and sale costs incurred on the Cotham properties to get them ready for sale.

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## 13 Fixed Asset Investments

	Unlisted investments £	Listed investments £	Cash, awaiting investment £	Totals £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>				
At 1 March 2023	7,320,049	4,650,804	40,889	12,011,742
Additions	-	328,977	-	328,977
Disposals	(40,819)	(356,079)	(22,176)	(419,074)
Revaluations	295,114	(74,019)	(16,568)	204,527
At 29 February 2024	7,574,344	4,549,683	2,145	12,126,172
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 29 February 2024	7,574,344	4,549,683	2,145	12,126,172
At 28 February 2023	7,320,049	4,650,804	40,889	12,011,742

	2024	% of portfolio value	2023	% of portfolio value
The unlisted investments are held in:	£		£	
Sarasin Endowments Fund Class A Inc	6,221,927	51%	5,906,787	49%
Units in Charity Property Funds:				
Mayfair Capital Investment MGM Ltd	749,350	6%	794,000	7%
Property Income Trust for Charities	603,067	5%	619,262	5%

The listed investments are managed by RBC Brewin Dolphin. No single investment represented more than 5% of the investment portfolio (including cash).

## 14 Programme Related Investments

	Microfinance		
	Loans £	Mortgage £	Total £
<b>As at 1 March 2023</b>			
Additions (new loans)	667	322,000	322,667
Exchange rate gains (losses)	-	-	-
Amounts repaid	(621)	-	(621)
Defaults and provisions (charged) credited to Charitable activities - grants	-	-	-
At 29 February 2024	46	322,000	322,046

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## 14 Programme related investments (continued)

Programme related investments consist of:

1. Global microfinance loans which are small short term loans to entrepreneurs in poverty. They are interest free. As the Trustees have decided to realise these investments over the next year, these loans are included in current assets.
2. A mortgage to enable the purchase of a house by a Clevedon charity to be run as a drug rehabilitation centre. This property was previously owned by the Trust. Interest is charged on the loan at 5.65% and the loan is secured on the property. The mortgage loan is now repayable in September 2024 following an extension granted by the Trustees and is accordingly included in current assets. During the year, the Trustees decided to gift back £8,452 of interest to the Clevedon charity.

## Programme Related Investments - Prior Year

	Microfinance		
	Loans	Mortgage	Total
	£	£	£
As at 1 March 2022	5,339	322,000	327,339
Exchange rate gains (losses)	737	-	737
Amounts repaid	(5,499)	-	(5,499)
Defaults and provisions (charged) credited to Charitable activities - grants	90	-	90
At 28 February 2023	667	322,000	322,667

## 15 Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Total	836	1,213

## 16 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors and prepayments	16,895	22,585
Income tax recoverable	9,325	8,921
Total	26,220	31,506

## 17 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	14,275	13,676
Social Security and other taxes	4,077	5,513
Accruals and deferred income	78,699	20,552
Sundry creditors and SKI grants not yet paid	77,659	65,617
Other creditors - pension obligation	9,600	6,422
Total	184,310	111,780



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## 18 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors - pension obligation	21,497	20,048

## 19 Movement in funds

Year ended 29 February 2024

	At 1 March 2023 £	Income and Gains £	Expenditure and losses £	Transfers between funds £	At 29 February 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
Free reserves (Unrestricted General fund)	301,030	618,693	(699,801)	(26,000)	193,922
Unrestricted Fixed Asset Fund (designated)	1,783,545	-	(32,840)	91,940	1,842,645
Programme Related Investment Fund (designated)	322,143	-	-	(97)	322,046
	2,406,718	618,693	(732,641)	65,843	2,358,613
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
SKI	33,421	1,033,612	(1,043,520)	-	23,513
The Churches City Fund	19,321	54,003	(48,111)	-	25,213
Restricted Legacies	10,659	-	(10,659)	-	-
	63,401	1,087,615	(1,102,290)	-	48,726
<b>Expendable Endowment Fund</b>	12,018,236	204,527	(30,748)	(65,843)	12,126,172
<b>Total funds</b>	14,488,355	1,910,835	(1,865,679)	-	14,533,511

### Description and purpose of funds and transfers

#### Free reserves

Unrestricted general funds are the free reserves of the charity. The net transfers of £26,000 out of the fund comprise the following: Transfer of £91,940 into the Unrestricted Fixed Asset Fund representing fixed asset additions in the year, a transfer received from the Expendable Endowment Fund of £64,939 in respect of capital withdrawals from the Charity's fixed asset investments, £380 added for some fund balance adjustments and £621 received from the Programme Related Investment Fund representing repayments of micro finance loans in the year.

#### Unrestricted Designated Funds

The Unrestricted Fixed Asset Fund is a fund representing the net book value of tangible and intangible fixed assets held for charitable purposes. The transfer of £91,940 into the fund represents the cost of office equipment purchased during the year, the cost of development work on the Charity's CRM system and some property additions (£89,644).

The Programme Related Investment Fund consists of global interest free microfinance loans to entrepreneurs in poverty and a mortgage to enable the purchase of a house to be run as a drug rehabilitation centre, by a charity in Clevedon. The microfinance loans have been fully repaid save for £46. Transfers out of the fund represent repayments of microfinance loans received during the year partially offset by an adjustment to a prior year balance. The Trustees have granted the charity in Clevedon an extension of the mortgage repayment date to 30 September 2024. The property on which the mortgage has been given was previously owned by the Trust. Interest on the mortgage loan is charged at 5.65% and the loan is secured on the property.

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## 19 Movement in funds (continued)

### Restricted Funds

SKI donor balances represent amounts given to the Charity in the year ended 29 February 2024 for the work of SKI but not distributed at 29 February 2024.

The Churches City Fund is a fund directed at social needs in Bristol such as food poverty and refugees in which the Charity partners with Bristol Churches.

Restricted legacies are legacies given for the work of SKI.

### Previous year ended 28 February 2023

	At 1 March 2022	Income and Gains	Expenditure and losses	Transfers between funds	At 28 February 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
Free reserves (Unrestricted General fund)	226,162	583,022	(583,790)	75,636	301,030
Unrestricted Fixed Asset Fund (designated)	1,815,806	-	(33,508)	1,247	1,783,545
Programme Related Investment Fund (designated)	326,078	737	-	(4,672)	322,143
	2,368,046	583,759	(617,298)	72,211	2,406,718
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
SKI	34,058	958,457	(959,094)	-	33,421
The Churches City Fund	63,129	20,165	(63,973)	-	19,321
Restricted Legacies	10,659	-	-	-	10,659
	107,846	978,622	(1,023,067)	-	63,401
<b>Expendable Endowment Fund</b>	12,664,708	-	(574,261)	(72,211)	12,018,236
<b>Total funds</b>	15,140,600	1,562,381	(2,214,626)	-	14,488,355

## 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted General Funds	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible & Intangible Fixed Assets	-	1,842,645	-	-	1,842,645
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	12,126,172	12,126,172
Programme Related Investments	-	322,046	-	-	322,046
Other Net Assets	193,922	-	48,726	-	242,648
<b>Total</b>	193,922	2,164,691	48,726	12,126,172	14,533,511

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## 20 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

### Analysis of net assets between funds - Prior Year

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible & Intangible Fixed Assets	-	1,783,545	-	-	1,783,545
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	12,011,742	12,011,742
Programme Related Investments	-	322,667	-	-	322,667
Other Net Assets	301,030	(524)	63,401	6,494	370,401
<b>Total</b>	<b>301,030</b>	<b>2,105,688</b>	<b>63,401</b>	<b>12,018,236</b>	<b>14,488,355</b>

## 21 Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £12,481 (2023: £10,433). There were contributions of £2,848 payable to the fund at the balance sheet date (2023: £2,612). The aforementioned charge is separate from the pension obligation noted in Note 18 other creditors and explained in accounting policy n.

## 22 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year ended 29 February 2024 or the year ended 28 February 2023.

## 23 Capital commitments

The Charity had no capital commitments as at 29 February 2024 (2023: £nil).