

# THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1077820

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1999-10-15

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE TRUSTEES SHALL HOLD THE TRUST FUND AND ITS INCOME UPON TRUST TO APPLY THE SAME AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES AND IN SUCH MANNER TO OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUCH EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY IN THEIR DISCRETION THINK FIT

**Activities:** The John Horseman Trust supports charitable projects, primarily in the United Kingdom, which are of practical utility and benefit for the environment, education and local communities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UK AND OVERSEAS
- Malawi
- Uganda
- Throughout England

## Finances

| Period end | Income     | Expenditure | Assets      | Employees |
|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £1,909,894 | £880,508    | £30,004,649 | 0         |
| 2024-03-31 | £1,835,485 | £735,965    | £28,598,211 | 0         |
| 2023-03-31 | £1,692,766 | £475,983    | £27,293,870 | 0         |
| 2022-03-31 | £1,559,975 | £425,825    | £28,096,451 | 0         |
| 2021-03-31 | £1,518,111 | £561,558    | £24,874,364 | 0         |

## Trustees

| Name                        | Role | Appointed  |
|-----------------------------|------|------------|
| Guy Richard Horseman        |      | 2019-01-17 |
| JOHN RICHARD HORSEMAN       |      |            |
| Laura Claire Susan Horseman |      | 2019-01-17 |
| MOYRA CLAIRE SUSAN HORSEMAN |      |            |
| William James Horseman      |      | 2019-01-17 |

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# Accounts

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THE JOHN HORSEMAN  
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**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**ArmstrongWatson<sup>®</sup>**  
Accountants, Business & Financial Advisers

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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| <b>Trustees</b>                  | J R Horseman, Chair<br>M C S Horseman<br>L C S Horseman<br>G R Horseman<br>W J Horseman |
| <b>Charity registered number</b> | 1077820   |
| <b>Principal office</b>          | Acton Hall Cottage<br>Felton<br>Morpeth<br>Nortumberland<br>NE65 9NU                    |
| <b>Independent auditors</b>      | Armstrong Watson Audit Limited<br>One Strawberry Lane<br>Newcastle upon Tyne<br>NE1 4BX |
| <b>Bankers</b>                   | Coutts and Co<br>440 Strand<br>London<br>WC2R 0QS                                       |

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## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The Trustees present their Trustees report together with the audited financial statements of The John Horseman Trust (JHT) for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 16 to 18 and comply with the charity's Trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **a. Policies and objectives**

Under the Trust deed, the Trustees shall hold the Trust fund and its income upon trust to apply the same at such time or times and in such manner to or for the benefit of such exclusively charitable objects and purposes in any part of the world as the Trustees may in their discretion think fit.

The Trustees currently have a policy of supporting three types of charitable activity which are of practical utility and benefit for the environment, education and local communities.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)' and are confident that this is achieved through the grants made to charities.

##### **b. Procedures and policy for grant making**

The Trustees identify projects and organisations they wish to support and the Trust has a policy of not making grants to people or organisations who apply speculatively.

A formal review meeting of grant applications by all Trustees is held once a year. At other times two or more Trustees hold informal meetings to make decisions on new grants and to review ongoing regular grants and their effectiveness. In general, these informal meetings occur approximately once per month.

Wherever possible, grants are made to organisations working in the appropriate field, which themselves hold charitable status and therefore have their own accountability procedures. Grants to other organisations, or to overseas non-profit organisations are made only when the Trust has personal contact and is able to verify the correct accountability for the use of the grant.

The Trust makes donations on an annual basis with the majority of donations going out in January. Other grants are made at different times during the year, either as one-off donations, or as annual grants, which as with the January donations are made on the basis of a 5 to 10 year plan.

The charities benefit more from this approach to grant making as it allows them to plan their finances. The Trustees have also found that the feedback they receive is more thorough and the grants more effectively used.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **a. Annual review**

The Trustees of The John Horseman Trust set themselves the target of growing their giving from the previous year's figure of £710,067. They are very pleased to report that the year-end figure for 2024-25 stands just over £845,000, representing a 19% increase. Achieving this growth hasn't come about by some sort of magic process or opaque algorithm. As Bill Gates once observed philanthropy involves the "same kind of focus and skills that building a business requires". The Trustees and Trust Administrator have worked hard over the year to achieve this growth in giving.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### Achievements and performance (continued)

The Trust received 93 applications during 2024/25 which surprisingly was the same number as in the previous year. The process of analysing applications remains the same as it has always been. The simple system set up in the early days of the Trust still works, it's just applied these days to more applications. The majority of applications come to the Trust from charities who have searched the charity commission site and seen a match with our profile. Our Trust Administrator is often asked if we have an applications process. We don't, but we do have a very high expectation of clarity in an application with a request for a single cause. A clear covering letter or email, with attached accounts and latest annual report make for a good start. Despite repeatedly stating each year that we prefer online applications via our Horseman Trust email, we still receive postal applications. The Trustees would urge charities not to submit applications via the post but instead use the more eco-friendly, cheaper option of email.

There has been a 12% increase in the number of charities receiving a grant from the JHT this year. Out of the 93 applications received, 36 were successful, 45 were rejected and 12 are either still in the assessment process at the time of writing or had not responded to queries about the application from the Trust Administrator – so a final decision had not been made either way by the Trustees. Elaborating upon how these charities have made it through the process can offer useful insights to potential applicants.

Size doesn't always matter for the Trustees. Three smaller charities, ABC to Read, Dressability and the Streatham Lunch Club made applications which demonstrated a clear need, good volunteer base, sufficient reserves and an income not lower than £50k. Our Trust Administrator's queries were responded to promptly, giving us a hint of good subsequent reporting. Another small but effective charity is the Braille Chess Association. Into our third year of support, with an income of £113k and no paid staff, the charity continues to offer accommodation and travel grants to enable visually impaired players to get to take part in chess events all over the country.

The Trustees are also more likely to support a smaller charity if it is local to them in the North East and London or for the Trust Administrator in Wiltshire and the West Country. A visit can be made and a relationship established. The American Philanthropist Marc Benioff commented that "philanthropy isn't just about big gifts, it's about participation. It is about the grace that comes from working together." An example of this is the visit made by the Trustees to England's most northerly prison. The Trustees were invited to see the work of the Oswin Project, a charity offering training and mentoring to prisoners and ex-offenders. One of the many initiatives managed by the charity is a bakery and coffee shop inside the prison. The Trustees enjoyed coffee and cake, and saw a variety of pies, cakes and bread being baked by prisoners learning a new skill to help them secure work upon discharge. The charity also runs a farm shop and bike repair workshop in the prison car park. Shopping here is a lot more worthwhile than giving business to any of the local supermarkets.

With the Trust's profile in giving to education and disability the Trustees are very pleased to report on two charities, Flamingo Chicks and Northern Ballet both offering dance programmes for a range of ages and abilities. Flamingo Chicks and the Northern Ballet may be different in size but share the same purpose through their inclusive dance programmes. The Trustees were impressed with Flamingo Chick's geographic reach given its small cohort of staff, and their ability to harness the power of a large and committed volunteer base to make dance accessible to all. Equally, the Northern Ballet's dance programme is pioneering ways to embed inclusive practice across all of their work, rather than delivering it as a discrete strand of activity. Both charities also have strong monitoring and evaluation procedures in place to aid reporting.

An application from a large, well-established charity can sometimes be off putting. "Drops in oceans" come to mind as the Trustees consider the likely impact of a donation, and the overheads of running a large charity. If the application comes from a larger charity the Trustees will want to see that it is being made for a specific project, ideally with a relevant regional connection for the Trust. One good example this year has been the application from the Variety Club of Great Britain for a minibus for Eslington Primary School in Gateshead. The fundraiser offered a breakdown with levels of funding, enabling the Trustees to feel part of a manageable project.

This sense of a project being too big to offer meaningful impact has always been an issue for the Trustees with large building projects. Due to economic uncertainty the number of applications for capital projects has seen a

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### Achievements and performance (continued)

marked decline. Last year's review made reference to a playground fundraising appeal for a primary school in Jarrow. Varied and valid reasons have caused delays to the project, but the all-round frustration affirmed the Trustees' policy of not offering pledges and caution in accepting applications for building projects.

In addition to the nature of the application and whether it comes from a large or smaller charity, the appraisal process always takes into account the size of the reserves relative to the income, staff and volunteer numbers, chief executive salary and other senior staff, dependence upon Government grants and variety of income sources, commitment to fundraising and financial restraint. The Trustees do appreciate the financial pressures faced by the third sector, but the assessment process has to be maintained in order for the Trustees to feel confident about the success of a donation and the sustainability of the charity being supported.

Without wanting to sound too much like Dickens' Thomas Gradgrind in "Hard Times", graphs and figures in applications and annual updates from charities show clear delivery of objectives and value for money. "Facts alone are wanted in life" says Thomas Gradgrind, "plant nothing else". Such an extreme view is not entirely supported by the Trustees, but helpful stats go a long way in giving confidence to the Trustees about the impact of their donations. To know that the donation of £20,000 to Magic Breakfast has provided 71,000 breakfasts to school children, or a donation of £9,720 to the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh has enabled 873 children to learn more about plants and insects, is hugely rewarding and inspiring.

There are times when the reporting isn't regular or is disappointing. Sometimes the Trustees make the decision to let the charity go. The cause may be good, but the work involved on our side to convince the charity to meet our objectives is too great. Sometimes setting up a zoom call or making a visit will re-ignite the relationship and get things back on track.

The policy of one-off donations leading to repeat donations through standing orders has been clearly stated in previous annual reports. The following charities are ones which stand out over 2024-25 as examples where excellent reporting has led to the setting up of regular donations: Asylum Welcome, Read Easy, the community outreach work of St John's church in Yeovil, and the health centre based in a bus, Us in a Bus. Charities are always grateful for this commitment to longer term funding. So long as good reporting is maintained the JHT will offer this security.

The Trustees remain cautious in developing giving overseas but are happy to report that the charities supported to date thrive and continue to offer excellent reporting. The Brooke Hospital, KIKN, Ripple Africa, Cheetah Outreach, the Halo Trust working in mine clearance, and Greenacres Academy, have all been longstanding beneficiaries of the Trust. An additional charity was taken on during 2024-25 called Chameleon Buddies. This Alnwick based charity working in Kenya was recently set up by the inspiring Gill Castle, the world's first "stoma swimmer" to cross the English Channel. Gillian and her small team raise money and supply stoma bags and other medical supplies to patients at the Gynocare and Fistula Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya. Gillian makes six monthly visits to the hospital and will be undertaking a fundraising climb of Kilimanjaro with other stoma wearing friends to bring in much needed funds for a new wing at the hospital in Eldoret.

As well as requiring the business skills referred to earlier in this review, Bill Gates also remarked that philanthropy can be "fun and fulfilling". The Trustees are happy to report that there has been so much over this past year that has been fulfilling but also fun. From learning how to make a good flat white at the Norwich based charity Break, or a behind the scenes tour of the archives at the Bowes Museum in Barnard Castle, there has been much fun to be had along the way. It has as always been a huge privilege to meet so many committed people doing their bit to make the world just a little bit better. In the words of American cartoonist Dr Seuss, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not".

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### Achievements and performance (continued)

##### b. Trust Administrator's report

A key part of the Trust Administrator role is conducting monitoring and scoping visits - it is always valuable to visit beneficiaries as there really is no substitute for meeting face to face. Visits and meetings help us to get under the skin of an organisation and gain a deeper understanding of their work as there is only so much that can be conveyed in an application or report. Equally, it provides an opportunity for beneficiaries to learn more about JHT and how we operate. We appreciate the time a beneficiary will take to welcome us as we know that time and resources can often be stretched; but we hope that these visits will help to develop long standing and fulfilling relationships for us both and address any concerns or queries that the Trustees may have.

This year I have been able to visit a range of beneficiaries carrying out a variety of work across the charity sector. Some highlights include the HealthBus in Bournemouth, a small charity supporting the homeless in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. Their holistic, specialised outreach work is particularly impressive and provides a very clear impact for the Trustees' donation. I was warmly welcomed at Go Beyond's Daleside centre in October, a charity which JHT has been supporting for a number of years and who provide consistently excellent reporting. The Centre and committed staff (as well as the wonderful setting) provide a welcoming and "family holiday" environment for vulnerable children who benefit from a much-needed break. Again, it was so clear to see the impact of the Trustees' support, both in the short-term and long-term as staff work with Go Beyond alumni to assess this.

Hospices, including hospice care in the community, remain a strong theme through the Trustees' giving again this year. It has been good to visit and develop relationships with Shipston Home Nursing, St Peter's Hospice in Bristol, Birmingham Hospice and Julia's House in Devizes. The consistent thread running through all these visits was the severe funding crisis currently faced by hospices, with in-patient beds being cut, staff redundancies and community services decreasing. Despite all of this, the high standard of care and support given to both patients and their families never fails to make an impact and further highlights the importance of the Trustees' generous support.

Other highlights include St John's Church in Yeovil - situated in the centre of the town, this church has a well thought through community programme that enables them to engage with a wide range of people in their local community who need them most; and spending a day out in the van with the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust visiting victims of crime.

Finally, in January I re-visited Westonbirt to see the progress of the Silk Wood Community Project that has benefitted from JHT's largest donation made in the last two financial years. With several staff changes over the past year, it was good to visit again and see the community work in action, with a group from Bristol Youth planting some of the 9,000 trees that will make up this new area of the woodland, and to see the noticeable change in landscape from our last visit in spring 2024 – something that really was pleasing to see in person rather than in a report.

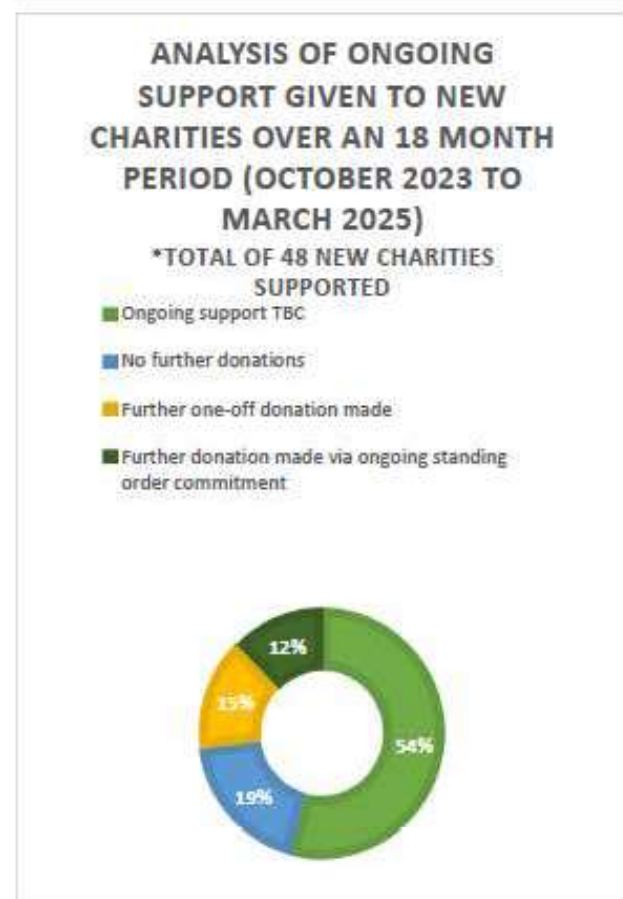
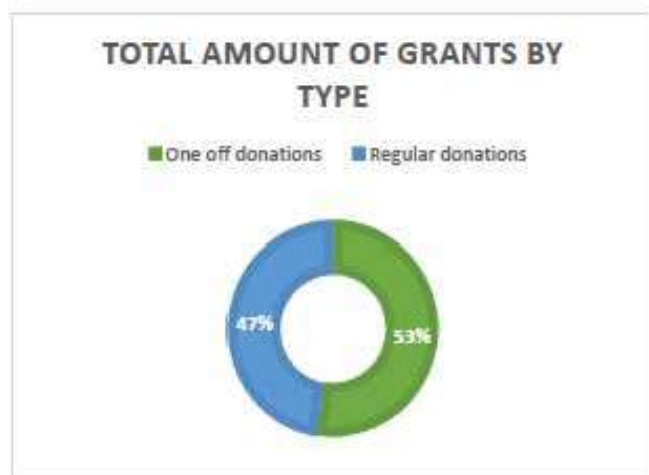
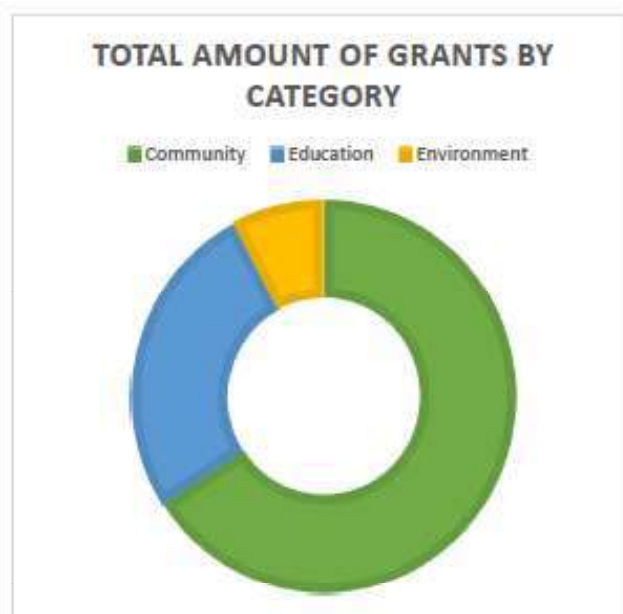
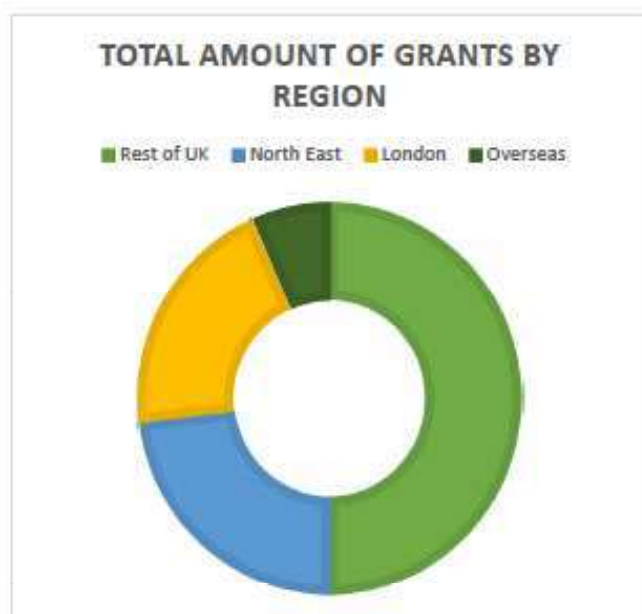
Going forwards, the Trustees hope to increase the number of visits undertaken to other parts of the UK outside of the North East, South West and London. This is a reflection of the growth in the number of beneficiaries and a desire by the Trustees to gain a deeper understanding of the vital work of the organisations who benefit from their support.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
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Achievements and performance (continued)

c. Year in numbers



**GRANT SIZE**

Largest grant ————— £60,000

Smallest grant ————— £2,000

Average grant size ————— £9,000

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### Financial review

##### a. Financials

The Trust's net assets increased by £1,406,438 (2024: increased by £1,304,341) during the year to £30,004,649 (2024: £28,598,211), after grants of £845,961 (2024: £710,067) were made.

Donations of £1,000,000 (2024: £1,000,000), before attributable gift aid, were given to the Trust during the year by Mr J R Horseman, Trustee. In addition a donation of £Nil (2024: £126,286) was received from Russell Clark Investment Management Ltd, a company of which Mr Horseman was a former director. The finances of The John Horseman Trust are in a healthy state. The charity has no borrowings and is not dependant on outside support to maintain its spending.

The Trustees are satisfied with the position of the Trust at the balance sheet date.

##### b. Investment policy and performance

There are no restrictions in the Trust deed on the Trustees' power to invest.

As we complete the end of the financial year, the Charity remains in a healthy state. Net assets have grown by almost 5% from £28.6 million at the end of the 2024 financial year and now stand at approximately £30 million. This is after making donations of approximately £845,000 during the year, an increase of around 19% from the previous year's total. We are particularly proud of the causes we support and feel privileged to be able to work with many amazing people in pursuit of their aims.

The investment portfolio made a small gain during the year, helped by dividends from its equity holdings, interest on the US treasury bonds and bills, UK gilts and corporate bonds. These gains were partly offset by a mildly stronger pound during the year against all major currencies, where the Trust has its investments. In keeping with the long-term nature of our investment policy, there were just two transactions during the year, which I detail below.

The first of these was the purchase of a position in the US mobile phone, broadband and telephony provider Verizon. The company is the second largest provider of these communication services in the United States with an approximately 25% market share, or more than \$134 billion in revenue. A dividend yield in excess of 6% is well covered by profits and should grow over time. How fast this grows will depend in part on the capital commitments required by the authorities to maintain and improve the network, but with the 5G spectrum now largely built out, we can expect this to decline. The company should benefit from acquisitions as smaller players who lease capacity on the network are pressured to merge with larger players. Many cable companies offered 'packages' of television, mobile and broadband but as cable faces increasing pressure from streaming, it seems likely that cable will exit the mobile business, providing an opportunity for Verizon to pick up new clients.

The other investment was in Alphabet, the owner of YouTube, Google and Android. Revenues at all three subsidiaries are growing rapidly, with Youtube in the UK now attracting more viewing time than the BBC. Although there are possible long-term threats to the industry for example from regulatory break up, where the company is forced to sell or divest itself of Google Search, the outlook continues to look bright.

The Trust has important relationships with a considerable number of recipient charities where we hope to continue giving year in, year out. Many of our recipients have been on the receiving end of the Trust for more than a decade and we hope will continue to partner with us. These appreciate the consistency of approach and the reliability of being able to plan ahead. I have been exposed to bodies which rely on government funding, which from year to year are subject to a huge degree of uncertainty as budgets are cut or diverted, making planning almost impossible. It is therefore important that we maintain the resources to be able to do this and it is a reason why our giving is at a level which can be maintained. It follows that In all of our investment thinking we follow a very low risk approach to maintain and grow our charity. This plays out in a number of ways. Firstly, we do not expose the charity to individual positions in equities which would compromise the charity's purpose. We recognise that we are going to get things wrong and cannot 'know the future' in any precise way. Alphabet is

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a case in point; we are facing losses on the position, but we have no reason to change our basic belief. A commitment of barely 1.5% of the fund's assets to the investment means we can afford to wait without worrying too much about its impact.

The second element of our approach is to be mindful of the charity's needs and to tailor the investment approach accordingly. Interest rates of 4% themselves imply annual income in excess of £1 million, more than enough to satisfy our giving requirements as they currently stand. If we are going to invest in more risky assets, then the 'hurdle' they have to jump to be acceptable is all the higher. A high proportion, around 70% is invested in interest bearing fixed income and treasury securities, a key factor in providing income to meet our commitments.

Thirdly, we are not tied to any index or client expectation. My own background is in the fund management industry, where a considerable amount of time is spent looking over your shoulder. It matters not an iota for example whether Artificial Intelligence is a commercial success or failure, only whether others think it will be such and buy the shares of companies associated with it. As these companies such as Nvidia grow in size, not to invest in them risks gross underperformance versus the competition and the consequent loss of clients, whatever you think about the underlying technology. Clearly this message has not been lost on investors who at the last count had risked \$3 trillion dollars on the success of the technology with little so far commercially to back it up. As an aside, I asked AI which is offered to me for free, to write this piece and the result was as my teacher used to say 'must try harder.'

As we turn to the new financial year, I would like to end on a happier note, but we are in a dilemma not seen since the 1930s. President Trump, in an attempt to reduce the US's burgeoning trade deficit, has introduced tariffs on trade at such a level and against all trading nations (even some which are uninhabited with only birds and penguins to reciprocate) to threaten the entire trading system. Risks can come from anywhere when investing but it is fair to say that that they should be self-induced is somewhat rare. If the tariffs are not reversed, which seems unlikely although who can tell with Mr Trump, then higher inflation and a recession seem very likely. Sadly, the more obvious panacea of tax rises, which would reduce both the trade and the budget deficit in America and therefore go a long way to achieve the same objective are too unpalatable to be considered. Better to have foreigners subsidise US spending it seems.

#### **c. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

#### **d. Reserves policy**

The Trust deed requires the Trustees to use the income of the Trust in promoting its objects. The use of the Trust's reserves is therefore wholly at the discretion of the Trustees, with no particular level of reserves required to be maintained.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **a. Governing document**

The John Horseman Trust was formed by a declaration of Trust on 5 May 1999, and as amended by supplemented deeds dated 17 September 1999 and 16 November 2009. It was registered as a charity on 15 October 1999. The Trust deed establishes the objects and powers of the charity under which it is governed.

Both the initial donation from Mr J R Horseman and additional amounts donated since have been under terms which allow the Trustees to either retain the amounts as capital or to spend them.

##### **b. Management and governance arrangements**

The Trust deed provides for at least two Trustees. The power of appointing new Trustees and removing Trustees is vested in the children of Moyra and John Horseman.

The chair of Trustees is responsible for the induction of any new Trustee, which involves awareness of a Trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new Trustee receives copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'.

##### **c. Risk management**

The Trustees annually review the risks that the charity faces.

The Trustees are aware of the risks associated with making grants. They continue to review procedures to reduce risk in this area.

##### **Plans for future periods**

The Trustees plan to build on the steady growth in giving with existing partnerships and in exploring new relations in the charity sector.

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#### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

#### Auditors

The auditors, Armstrong Watson Audit Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

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



J Horseman (Sep 2, 2025 17:08:35 GMT+1)

**J R Horseman**

Trustee

Date: 02/09/2025

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The John Horseman Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### 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 charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 charity'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.

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## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST (CONTINUED)

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#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the trustees report. 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. 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 course of 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.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST (CONTINUED)

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

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 an auditors' report 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the Trust, discussions with the Trustees and those charged with governance, we considered that the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Account and Reports) Regulations 2008 and UK tax legislation.

As part of the engagement team discussion about the susceptibility of the Trust's financial statements to material misstatement due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud, which may have a material effect on the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- enquiry of the Trustees and review of any relevant correspondence with legal advisers regarding any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- communicating identified laws and regulations and the risks of fraud with our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance or fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review of the minutes of the board of Trustees;
- review of accounting estimates for management override and bias;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual transactions;
- identifying and testing journal entries.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with those charged with governance.

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 auditors' report.

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THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST  
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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Trustees 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 charity and its Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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**Armstrong Watson Audit Limited**

Newcastle upon Tyne

Date: 05/09/2025

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

|   | Note | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ |
|---|------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                                       |      |                                    |                             |                             |
| Donations and legacies                                    | 3    | 1,250,000                          | 1,250,000                   | 1,376,286                   |
| Investments   | 4    | 659,894                            | 659,894                     | 459,199                     |
| <b>Total income</b>                                       |      | <b>1,909,894</b>                   | <b>1,909,894</b>            | 1,835,485                   |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                                    |      |                                    |                             |                             |
| Charitable activities                                     | 6    | 880,508                            | 880,508                     | 735,965                     |
| Other expenditure   | 5    | (108,239)                          | (108,239)                   | (200,600)                   |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                                  |      | <b>772,269</b>                     | <b>772,269</b>              | 535,365                     |
| Net gains on investments                                  |      | 268,813                            | 268,813                     | 4,221                       |
| <b>Net income (expenditure) and net movement in funds</b> |      | <b>1,406,438</b>                   | <b>1,406,438</b>            | 1,304,341                   |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>                           |      |                                    |                             |                             |
| Total funds brought forward                               |      | 28,598,211                         | 28,598,211                  | 27,293,870                  |
| Net movement in funds                                     |      | 1,406,438                          | 1,406,438                   | 1,304,341                   |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                        |      | <b>30,004,649</b>                  | <b>30,004,649</b>           | 28,598,211                  |

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 18 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

|  | Note | 2025<br>£                | 2024<br>£                |
|--|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                            |      |                          |                          |
| Tangible assets                                | 10   | 649                      | -                        |
| Investments                                    | 11   | 28,794,330               | 27,344,584               |
|  |      | <u>28,794,979</u>        | <u>27,344,584</u>        |
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |      |                          |                          |
| Debtors  | 12   | 250,000                  | 250,000                  |
| Cash at bank and in hand                       |      | 975,326                  | 1,011,435                |
|  |      | <u>1,225,326</u>         | <u>1,261,435</u>         |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13   | (15,656)                 | (7,808)                  |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                      |      | <u>1,209,670</u>         | <u>1,253,627</u>         |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                        |      | <u><u>30,004,649</u></u> | <u><u>28,598,211</u></u> |
| <b>Charity funds</b>                           |      |                          |                          |
| Unrestricted funds                             | 14   | 30,004,649               | 28,598,211               |
| <b>Total funds</b>                             |      | <u><u>30,004,649</u></u> | <u><u>28,598,211</u></u> |

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

*J Horseman*

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**J R Horseman**

Trustee

Date: 02/09/2025

The notes on pages 18 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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|   | 2025<br>£           | 2024<br>£           |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>             |                     |                     |
| Net cash provided by operating activities               | <b>485,590</b>      | 832,985             |
|   | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>             |                     |                     |
| Dividends, interests and rents from investments         | <b>659,894</b>      | 459,199             |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets                       | <b>(660)</b>        | -                   |
| Proceeds from sale of investments                       | <b>14,579,288</b>   | 15,843,525          |
| Purchase of investments                                 | <b>(15,760,221)</b> | (29,260,625)        |
|   | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>            | <b>(521,699)</b>    | <b>(12,957,901)</b> |
|   | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| <b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>  | <b>(36,109)</b>     | <b>(12,124,916)</b> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year  | <b>1,011,435</b>    | 13,136,351          |
|   | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b> | <b>975,326</b>      | 1,011,435           |
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The notes on pages 18 to 31 form part of these financial statements

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## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### 1. General information

The John Horseman Trust is an an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales, charity number 1077820. The principal office of the Trust is Acton Hall Cottage, Felton, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9NU. The principal activity of the Trust is grant giving from donation and investment income.

#### 2. Accounting policies

##### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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

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

##### 2.2 Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### 2.3 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the donation must only be used in future accounting periods, or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income such as dividends and interest are included when receivable.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.4 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. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

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

Grants payable are recorded once the Trust has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant which is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is earliest. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the balance sheet date are noted as a commitment, but not provided as expenditure.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are shown in note 6 to the financial statements.

##### 2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

|                  |   |                   |
|------------------|---|-------------------|
| Office equipment | - | 20% straight line |
|------------------|---|-------------------|

##### 2.6 Fixed asset investments

Listed investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date, using mid-market prices from the appropriate stock exchange or bid price from the relevant fund manager, or last traded price where applicable.

Gains or losses arising on revaluation or disposal are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the funds in which the investments are held.

##### 2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank includes a Sterling current account and two foreign currency current accounts each with linked interest bearing reserve accounts together with a dormant Sterling 90 day account.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.8 Liabilities and provisions

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

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

##### 2.9 Foreign currency

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling and recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date.

##### 2.10 Financial instruments

With the exception of investments described above, the Trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

##### 2.11 Fund accounting

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

#### 3. Income from donations and legacies

|                                | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Donations (including gift aid) | 1,250,000                                    | <b>1,250,000</b>                      |
|                                | <hr/> <hr/>                                  | <hr/> <hr/>                           |
|                                | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£           | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£           |
| Donations (including gift aid) | 1,376,286                                    | 1,376,286                             |
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**4. Investment income**

|   | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Dividends and interest receivable from listed investments | 645,079                                      | <b>645,079</b>                        |
| Bank interest receivable                                  | 14,815                                       | <b>14,815</b>                         |
|   | <b>659,894</b>                               | <b>659,894</b>                        |
|   | <b>659,894</b>                               | <b>659,894</b>                        |

|  | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dividend and interest receivable from listed investments | 422,134                            | 422,134                     |
| Investment income - local cash                           | 37,065                             | 37,065                      |
|  | <b>459,199</b>                     | <b>459,199</b>              |
|  | <b>459,199</b>                     | <b>459,199</b>              |

**5. Other expenditure**

|  | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Gain on foreign exchange retranslation | (108,239)                                    | <b>(108,239)</b>                      |
|  | <b>(108,239)</b>                             | <b>(108,239)</b>                      |
|  | <b>(108,239)</b>                             | <b>(108,239)</b>                      |

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gains on foreign exchange retranslation | (200,600)                          | (200,600)                   |
|   | <b>(200,600)</b>                   | <b>(200,600)</b>            |
|   | <b>(200,600)</b>                   | <b>(200,600)</b>            |

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**6. Analysis of charitable expenditure by activities**

|   | <b>Grant<br/>funding of<br/>activities<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Support<br/>costs<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Grants payable to institutions (Note 7) | 845,961   | -                                       | <b>845,961</b>                        |
| Administration                          | -   | 12,058                                  | <b>12,058</b>                         |
| Bank charges                            | -   | 4,065                                   | <b>4,065</b>                          |
| Governance costs                        | -   | 16,992                                  | <b>16,992</b>                         |
| Travel and subsistence                  | -   | 1,421                                   | <b>1,421</b>                          |
| Depreciation                            | -   | 11                                      | <b>11</b>                             |
|   | <u>845,961</u>  | <u>34,547</u>                           | <u><b>880,508</b></u>                 |

Governance costs include fees payable to the auditor for the audit and preparation of the Trust's statutory accounts and for accountants fees for other services. These costs are detailed in note 8.

|   | <b>Grant<br/>funding of<br/>activities<br/>2024<br/>£</b> | <b>Support<br/>costs<br/>2024<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</b> |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Grants payable to institutions (Note 7) | 710,067   | -                                       | 710,067                               |
| Administration                          | -   | 11,504                                  | 11,504                                |
| Bank charges                            | -   | 3,881                                   | 3,881                                 |
| Governance costs                        | -   | 7,608                                   | 7,608                                 |
| Travel and subsistence                  | -   | 2,905                                   | 2,905                                 |
|   | <u>710,067</u>  | <u>25,898</u>                           | <u>735,965</u>                        |

Governance costs include fees payable to the auditor for the audit and preparation of the Trust's statutory accounts and for accountants fees for other services. These costs are detailed in note 8.

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**7. Grants to institutions**

|  | 2025           | 2024           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | £              | £              |
| Assisting Berkshire Children to Read (ABC to Read) | 3,000          | -              |
| Age UK Merton                                      | 5,000          | 3,000          |
| Amber Trust  | 3,000          | -              |
| Amy and Friends                                    | -              | 3,000          |
| Asylum Welcome                                     | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Be Free Young Carers                               | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Bede House Association                             | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Big Give   | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Bletchley Park                                     | 5,000          | -              |
| Bloomsbury Football Association                    | 15,000         | 5,000          |
| Bowes Museum                                       | 7,000          | -              |
| Braille Chess Association                          | 2,000          | 2,000          |
| Break  | 18,000         | 18,000         |
| Brooke Hospital for Animals                        | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Castle Point Social Car Scheme                     | -              | 3,000          |
| Chameleon Buddies                                  | 5,000          | -              |
| Cheetah Outreach, South Africa                     | 5,299          | 5,249          |
| Chronicle Sunshine Fund                            | -              | 10,614         |
| Dementia UK  | -              | 10,000         |
| Disability Advice Service                          | -              | 5,000          |
| Dressability                                       | 5,000          | -              |
| Ebony Horse Club                                   | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Family Gateway                                     | 10,000         | -              |
| FareShare  | 15,000         | 15,000         |
| Farms for City Children                            | 20,000         | 12,002         |
| FEAST  | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| Flamingo Chicks                                    | 5,000          | -              |
| Florence Nightingale Museum                        | -              | 2,000          |
| Francis House Children's Hospice                   | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum                    | 60,000         | 60,000         |
| Future Frontiers                                   | 10,000         | -              |
| GL11 Community Project                             | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| Go Beyond  | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Green Light Trust                                  | -              | 5,000          |
| Carried forward                                    | <u>253,299</u> | <u>218,865</u> |

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**7. Grants to institutions (continued)**

|                                    | 2025           | 2024           |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                    | £              | £              |
| Brought forward                    | 253,299        | 218,865        |
| Greenacres Education Trust, Uganda | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Halo Trust                         | 10,000         | 5,000          |
| Hand Of                            | 5,000          | -              |
| HealthBus                          | 15,000         | 11,775         |
| Heel and Toe Children's Charity    | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| HighTide Theatre                   | 8,000          | 6,650          |
| Horsham Matters                    | 2,000          | -              |
| Hospice Charity Partnership        | -              | 5,000          |
| Integrated Neurological Services   | 10,000         | 15,000         |
| James' Place                       | 10,000         | -              |
| Julia's House                      | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Kensington Dragons FC              | 3,000          | -              |
| Kids in Kathmandu, Nepal           | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| Lewis Manning Hospice              | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Link Age Southwark                 | 3,000          | 3,000          |
| Literary and Philosophical Society | -              | 500            |
| Live Music Now North East          | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Live Theatre                       | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| London City Mission                | 32,000         | 2,000          |
| London Wildlife Trust              | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| London's Air Ambulance             | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Lumos                              | 10,000         | 5,000          |
| Maggs Day Centre                   | -              | 10,000         |
| Magic Breakfast                    | 20,000         | 10,000         |
| Marie Curie Cancer Care            | 25,000         | 25,000         |
| Mary Hare Foundation               | -              | 10,000         |
| Maxability                         | -              | 5,000          |
| Carried forward                    | <u>461,299</u> | <u>387,790</u> |

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**7. Grants to institutions (continued)**

|                                       | 2025    | 2024    |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                                       | £       | £       |
| Brought forward                       | 461,299 | 387,790 |
| Newcastle United Foundation           | 10,000  | 10,000  |
| North Music Trust (Glasshouse)        | 10,000  | 10,000  |
| North Northumberland Hospice          | 3,000   | 3,000   |
| Northern Ballet                       | 10,000  | -       |
| Northumberland National Park          | 10,000  | 10,000  |
| Off The Streets                       | -       | 5,000   |
| Oswin Project                         | 10,000  | -       |
| Pelton Youth and Community Centre     | 5,000   | 17,527  |
| Place2Be                              | 20,000  | 20,000  |
| Prison Me No Way (No Way Trust)       | 5,000   | -       |
| Read Easy UK                          | 5,000   | 5,000   |
| Redthread                             | -       | 5,000   |
| Ripple Africa, Malawi                 | 6,000   | 6,000   |
| Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh       | 10,000  | 9,720   |
| Royal Marines Association             | 5,000   | 5,000   |
| Royal National Lifeboat Institution   | -       | 10,000  |
| Royal Zoological Society for Scotland | 5,000   | -       |
| Saint Michael's Hospice               | 5,000   | 5,000   |
| Salvation Army                        | -       | 10,000  |
| Samling Institute for Young Artists   | 5,000   | -       |
| SELFA                                 | 5,000   | -       |
| Shine                                 | -       | 10,000  |
| Shipston Home Nursing                 | 10,000  | -       |
| Shooting Star Hospice                 | 10,000  | 5,000   |
| Snowdon Trust                         | 20,000  | 20,000  |
| South East Cancer Help Centre         | 6,000   | -       |
| St Chad's College                     | -       | 15,000  |
| Carried forward                       | 636,299 | 569,037 |

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**7. Grants to institutions (continued)**

|  | 2025           | 2024           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | £              | £              |
| Brought forward  | 636,299        | 569,037        |
| St Christopher's Hospice                                 | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| St David's Hospice                                       | -              | 6,000          |
| St John's Yeovil   | 5,000          | -              |
| St Martin-in-the-Fields Trust                            | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| St Mungo's   | 5,000          | 3,000          |
| St Peter's Church Parr                                   | -              | 5,000          |
| St Peter's Hospice                                       | 5,000          | -              |
| St Raphael's Hospice                                     | -              | 5,000          |
| STAA   | 13,552         | -              |
| Stewardship  | 5,062          | 3,000          |
| Streatham Youth and Community Trust                      | 13,370         | 5,000          |
| Stroke Association                                       | 12,976         | 12,730         |
| Strongbones Children's Charitable Trust                  | 5,000          | -              |
| Surfers Against Sewage                                   | 10,000         | 5,000          |
| Tarka Valley Railway                                     | 2,000          | -              |
| Teesside Hospice   | 10,000         | -              |
| The Cowshed  | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| The Lunch Club   | 2,000          | -              |
| The Outward Bound Trust                                  | 3,150          | -              |
| Tyne and Wear RDA  | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Ufton Court  | 12,000         | 1,300          |
| Umbrella   | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| University of Birmingham - Access to Birmingham Scheme   | 35,000         | 35,000         |
| University of Birmingham - Sanctuary Scholarships Scheme | -              | 10,000         |
| Us in a Bus  | 5,100          | -              |
| Variety, The Children's Charity                          | 10,452         | -              |
| Vine Counselling   | 5,000          | -              |
| Weldmar Hospice  | 15,000         | -              |
| Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust                                | -              | 5,000          |
| YMCA Bournemouth   | -              | 10,000         |
|  | <u>845,961</u> | <u>710,067</u> |

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**8. Auditors' remuneration**

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £9,540 (2024 - £5,568), and bookkeeping, statutory accounts and ad hoc work of £7,452 (2024 - £2,040).

**9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

The Trust considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees.

During the year ended 31 March 2025, expenses totalling £1,421 were reimbursed to 2 Trustees (2024: £3,451 to 2 Trustees). These expenses related to travel and subsistence.

**10. Tangible fixed assets**

|                          | <b>Office<br/>equipment<br/>£</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Cost or valuation</b> |                                   |
| Additions                | 660                               |
| At 31 March 2025         | <u>660</u>                        |
| <b>Depreciation</b>      |                                   |
| Charge for the year      | 11                                |
| At 31 March 2025         | <u>11</u>                         |
| <b>Net book value</b>    |                                   |
| At 31 March 2025         | <u>649</u>                        |
| At 31 March 2024         | <u>-</u>                          |

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**11. Fixed asset investments**

|                          | <b>Listed<br/>investments<br/>£</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Cost or valuation</b> |                                     |
| At 1 April 2024          | 27,344,584                          |
| Additions                | 15,760,221                          |
| Disposals                | (14,597,872)                        |
| Revaluations             | 287,397                             |
|                          | 28,794,330                          |
| <b>Net book value</b>    |                                     |
| At 31 March 2025         | 28,794,330                          |
| At 31 March 2024         | 27,344,584                          |

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is the mid market value from the appropriate stock exchange or bid price from the relevant fund manager, or last traded price where applicable.

**12. Debtors**

|                            | <b>2025<br/>£</b> | 2024<br>£ |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| <b>Due within one year</b> |                   |           |
| Gift aid recoverable       | 250,000           | 250,000   |
|                            | 250,000           | 250,000   |
|                            | 250,000           | 250,000   |

**13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

|                | <b>2025<br/>£</b> | 2024<br>£ |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Grants payable | 500               | 500       |
| Accruals       | 15,156            | 7,308     |
|                | 15,656            | 7,808     |
|                | 15,656            | 7,808     |

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**14. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

|                           | Balance at 1<br>April 2024<br>£ | Income<br>£      | Expenditure<br>£ | Gains/<br>(Losses)<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 March<br>2025<br>£ |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                                 |                  |                  |                         |                                     |
| Unrestricted funds        | <b>28,598,211</b>               | <b>1,909,894</b> | <b>(772,269)</b> | <b>268,813</b>          | <b>30,004,649</b>                   |

**Statement of funds - prior year**

|                           | Balance at<br>1 April 2023<br>£ | Income<br>£ | Expenditure<br>£ | Gains/<br>(Losses)<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 March<br>2024<br>£ |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                                 |             |                  |                         |                                     |
| Unrestricted funds        | 27,293,870                      | 1,835,485   | (535,365)        | 4,221                   | 28,598,211                          |

**15. Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

|                               | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets         | 649                                | 649                         |
| Fixed asset investments       | 28,794,330                         | 28,794,330                  |
| Current assets                | 1,225,326                          | 1,225,326                   |
| Creditors due within one year | (15,656)                           | (15,656)                    |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>30,004,649</b>                  | <b>30,004,649</b>           |

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

|                               | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixed asset investments       | 27,344,584                         | 27,344,584                  |
| Current assets                | 1,261,435                          | 1,261,435                   |
| Creditors due within one year | (7,808)                            | (7,808)                     |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>28,598,211</b>                  | <b>28,598,211</b>           |

16. Grant commitments

|                                    | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£      |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Commitments payable in 1 year      | 130,000        | 130,000        |
| Commitments payable in over 1 year | 190,000        | 235,000        |
|                                    | <b>320,000</b> | <b>365,000</b> |

In addition, at the year end, the charity had annual grant commitments of £300,000 (2024: £237,000).

These grant commitments are not provided as liabilities in the financial statements. The amounts represent future amounts of grants offered at the balance sheet date, which are subject to ongoing reviews and are payable out of future income.

17. Related party transactions

Other than Trustees expenses as disclosed in Note 9 there are no additional related party transactions which require disclosure within the financial statements.

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**18. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

|  | 2025<br>£        | 2024<br>£ |
|--|------------------|-----------|
| Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities) | <b>1,406,438</b> | 1,304,341 |
| <b>Adjustments for:</b>  |                  |           |
| Depreciation charges   | <b>11</b>        | -         |
| (Gains) on investments   | <b>(268,813)</b> | (4,221)   |
| Dividends and interest from investments                            | <b>(659,894)</b> | (459,199) |
| Increase/(decrease) in creditors                                   | <b>7,848</b>     | (7,936)   |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>                   | <b>485,590</b>   | 832,985   |

**19. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

|  | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£ |
|--|----------------|-----------|
| Cash at bank                           | <b>975,326</b> | 1,011,435 |
| <b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b> | <b>975,326</b> | 1,011,435 |

**20. Analysis of changes in net debt**

|                          | At 1 April<br>2024<br>£ | Cash flows<br>£ | At 31 March<br>2025<br>£ |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | <b>1,011,435</b>        | <b>(36,109)</b> | <b>975,326</b>           |
|                          | <b>1,011,435</b>        | <b>(36,109)</b> | <b>975,326</b>           |

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England & Wales - Charity number 1077820

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# Accounts

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**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Trustees</b>                  | J R Horseman, Chair<br>M C S Horseman<br>L C S Horseman<br>G R Horseman<br>W J Horseman |
| <b>Charity registered number</b> | 1077820   |
| <b>Principal office</b>          | Acton Hall Cottage<br>Felton<br>Morpeth<br>Nortumberland<br>NE65 9NU                    |
| <b>Independent auditors</b>      | Armstrong Watson Audit Limited<br>One Strawberry Lane<br>Newcastle upon Tyne<br>NE1 4BX |
| <b>Bankers</b>                   | Coutts and Co<br>440 Strand<br>London<br>WC2R 0QS                                       |

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The trustees present their trustees report together with the audited financial statements of The John Horseman Trust (JHT) for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 17 to 19 and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **a. Policies and objectives**

Under the trust deed, the trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply the same at such time or times and in such manner to or for the benefit of such exclusively charitable objects and purposes in any part of the world as the trustees may in their discretion think fit.

The trustees currently have a policy of supporting three types of charitable activity which are of practical utility and benefit for the environment, education and local communities.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)' and are confident that this is achieved through the grants made to charities.

##### **b. Procedures and policy for grant making**

The trustees identify projects and organisations they wish to support and the Trust has a policy of not making grants to people or organisations who apply speculatively.

A formal review meeting of grant applications by all trustees is held once a year. At other times two or more trustees hold informal meetings to make decisions on new grants and to review ongoing regular grants and their effectiveness. In general, these informal meetings occur approximately once per month.

Wherever possible, grants are made to organisations working in the appropriate field, which themselves hold charitable status and therefore have their own accountability procedures. Grants to other organisations, or to overseas non-profit organisations are made only when the Trust has personal contact and is able to verify the correct accountability for the use of the grant.

The Trust makes donations on an annual basis with the majority of donations going out in January. Other grants are made at different times during the year, either as one-off donations, or as annual grants, which as with the January donations are made on the basis of a 5 to 10 year plan.

The charities benefit more from this approach to grant making as it allows them to plan their finances. The trustees have also found that the feedback they receive is more thorough and the grants more effectively used.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **a. Annual review**

The Italian economist Vilfredo Pareto one hundred years ago observed that out of the sweet peas growing in his garden only a fifth thrived. From this simple observation he developed the Pareto principle, or 80/20 rule. This rule is often applied by analysts to organisations to show that often only 20% of the workforce is effective. With five trustees, one trust administrator, and a programme of donations amounting to just over £710,000 over the year 2023/24, the management of the JHT runs counter to this general rule.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### **Achievements and performance (continued)**

As the new financial year opened the aim of the trustees was to grow the percentage of donations by an additional 25%. This resolve was not to be characterised though by reckless giving just to meet a target. A policy which has always worked well for the Trust has been the principle of making smaller gifts which over time grow to bigger ones. Based on an expectation of good reporting, low levels of personnel turnover and obvious benefits and impact, these relationships have been rewarding for both parties. Such examples would be Streatham Youth Club, St Martin's in the Field, and Farms for City Children. The trustees have been very pleased to observe how well their Trust Administrator has taken over the management of these long standing connections, and developed a larger and more diverse giving profile with them. The biggest growth in giving for the Trust has been through the nurturing of the charities on the annual grant list. Over half the charities listed in the annual giving profile are ones with a connection going back between five and ten years.

In order to go beyond this historic list and grow the giving, the trustees decided to repeat what has worked so well. The usual careful analysis was made for any new applications. The trustees like to see sound finances with a healthy but not excessive level of reserves. Very small charities are unlikely to make it through the first assessment level. Larger charities can also falter in this assessment process though. Too many highly paid employees, an annual report which fails to show the clear direction of the charity and an undue dependence upon government contracts will all be a cause for concern. Successful applications result in a single one off donation being made. Sometimes a visit is made prior to this donation, but generally the donation comes first and the follow up is designed to dig deeper and assess whether further donations will be forthcoming. All beneficiaries need to sign off on the Trust's terms and conditions which simply state the need for an interim six month report and a fuller annual one. A receipt for the donation is expected within a month of the money being received.

This simple but careful process works well. A failure to provide a receipt or reports often indicates other underlying issues at the charity. A visit by the trustees or Trust Administrator can often provide insights both good and bad, so that the decision not to renew the gift and set up a standing order is not based on a whim or a hunch by the trustees. It's a sound and carefully thought through process that involves time and commitment on the part of the JHT.

The Health Bus in Bournemouth is a model example of an application. The request indicated very clearly the nature of the work being done and how the money requested would be used. The fundraiser signed off on the terms and conditions promptly and did not need a reminder for either the six monthly or annual review. Our Trust Administrator was welcomed on her visit and left with very positive feedback advising the trustees to set up a standing order for future donations.

With the 38 new charities added to the list of beneficiaries over the 2023-24, 23% have already more than fulfilled the terms and conditions, and will convert to longer term standing orders which the trustees hope to grow over the years. As many of the gifts were made in the latter part of the year it is too early to say yet what will be the final conversion figure. At present 11% will not be carrying over, but it is hoped that the remaining 66% will show sufficient promise to continue to grow in their relationship with the Trust. It's very encouraging for us all to be a part of this. In this list there is only one large donation of £60,000, the remainder being in the region of between £5,000 and £15,000. The small to medium donations given over a three to five year period, or more in some exceptional cases, provide stability and a lasting impact which is rewarding for all parties.

With only 11% of charities not making it onto the long list for 2024/25, the trustees can confidently say that Vilfredo Pareto would be pleased to see a lean organisation operating well above the low expectation set by him when he looked out at his sweetpeas.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### Achievements and performance (continued)

##### b. Achievements and performance of the Trust

The performance of the Trust is dependent upon the efficiency of the two founding trustees, John and Moyra Horseman and their Trust Administrator, Sarah Timmis. Now into her third year of working with the JHT, our Trust Administrator has established excellent contacts with long standing charities supported by the Trust, and is developing new contacts through the one off donation system referred to in the Annual Review. Geographically most of the attention of the JHT is focussed on the North East where the Trust is registered, but our Trust Administrator is based in the South West, thereby opening up another area for the Trust to focus upon. The trustees retain an interest in South London, providing opportunities for support in areas of need.

Reviewing the year 2023-24 the trustees can confidently say that there are more donations that have worked than have failed. Donations fall into various categories. There are the longstanding ones where the trustees decided to increase the standing order to cover general running costs; examples being the children's hospice Shooting Star, the neurological support charity INS, Fareshare, the Royal Marines Veterans charity and the Halo Trust. The JHT trustees are happy with the reporting, there appears to be very little staff turnover and when staff do leave there is a good handover. The reporting shows that the work is being carried out according to the charity's stated aims and objectives. Included in this category would be the conversion of an unrestricted donation to a specific cause. Farms for City Children and Ufton Court are two adventure holiday schools for inner city children. Both charities approached our Trust Administrator with a pitch to request for funding to be increased slightly but allocated to a particular school. In both cases visits were made and the trustees adhered to this request.

The second group connects up with the first and is referred to by the trustees as "spin off" donations. A charity with a good track record in reporting approaches the JHT for a one off donation for a specific project, such as Pelton Youth Project in County Durham. The youth club was fundraising for a capital project to improve the outside garden space. Evidence was provided of effort to raise funds elsewhere and the JHT was able to top up the balance to achieve the target. Sometimes these "spin off" donations come through another charity operating in an area. The trustees made a visit to St Mary's School in Jarrow to see the work of Magic Breakfast. The Headteacher gave the trustees a tour of the school and explained about the efforts of the PTA to fund raise for an outdoor play area. This project is one the JHT hopes to help fund in 2024/25 working with the PTA and Headteacher. The Trust has future plans to help with other capital projects during 2024-25 with Bede House, London City Mission and Streatham Youth Club. As yet nothing has been confirmed with these projects as all three charities are awaiting final estimates.

The next category are the new one off donations which the trustees feel confident will convert into longer term annual grants. As the annual review indicated this is the largest area of growth in giving for the trust. With good reporting, a regular programme of visits and good staff handovers where appropriate, the trustees hope to retain many on this list. Read Easy, the Bobby Van Trust in Wiltshire, and the Mary Hare Foundation, are good examples of charities with a clear brief and good reporting, but there are many others offering the same indicators and providing hope for future positive progress for the Trust.

There have been three projects this year where the trustees have overridden their concerns with continuing support. In most instances poor reporting indicates more fundamental issues in the charity, but there may be extenuating circumstances. If the cause and charity are sound and a plausible reason is given for the lapse in communication, the trustees can have a change of heart. A visit is always undertaken before the donation is renewed. Three such projects over the year were: the Salvation Army, Austin House Centre in Sunderland; Maggs Day Centre Gloucester; and Umbrella Children's Centre, Derby. The trustees look forward to growing a partnership with all three charities.

With the increase in interest rates, and rising costs, the Trust receives fewer applications for large capital building projects. The trustees often feel that the contribution that they can make will not be sufficiently significant to make any real difference. Coming in towards the end of a project however can be very rewarding for both parties as the Trust can help with the final payment to enable the project to be realised. One such example is that of St Chad's College Chapel at Durham University. The trustees were delighted to attend the

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### **Achievements and performance (continued)**

Christmas carol concert in the newly refurbished chapel. The connections made here may well lead to further support for the College.

Tree planting and community engagement with gardening and green initiatives continue to be a cause supported by the Trust. Our Trust Administrator is able to monitor the three year support being offered to Westonbirt Arboretum's Silk Wood project. The trustees plan to make further visits to the Edinburgh Botanic Garden to see the work they are doing with the schools programme supported by the JHT. Ripple Africa's tree planting and farming practices continue to thrive as does the Cheetah Outreach programme in South Africa. The Brooke Hospital equine welfare charity is another long term beneficiary working overseas offering support to communities in Africa and India. KIKN, the London based charity providing education and provision for Orphans in Nepal continues to thrive despite the death of its founder, Lai See Chew. Her husband Stephen Smith has taken over the running of the charity and has honoured Lai See's work and memory in the seamless handover and effectiveness of the application of funds. Greenacres Academy in Uganda continues to be connected to the Trust and benefits from an annual donation. The Trust has made a one off donation to the Lumos Foundation specifically towards its work with orphans in Ukraine. It is hoped this can be developed. The trustees continue to be cautious with supporting charities working overseas, largely due to our inability to conduct visits. Webinars, zoom calls and excellent reporting are all necessary requirements to provide compliance with the due diligence expected by the trustees.

Not everything has gone to plan over the year. Extreme weather conditions with Autumn storms and consequent flooding forced the trustees to abandon the October board meeting booked in Derbyshire. The meeting was held instead over the Christmas holiday period when the trustees, all family members, were together. This is a pattern likely to continue with increasing weather and transport issues making travel unreliable. Nor did all the donations go to plan. Complete absence of reporting or receipts, impersonal reporting bearing no connection to the donation made, confused and rambling applications with no clear objectives, or multiple applications made by professional fundraisers who have little or no insight into the charity they are fundraising for, all characterise the year but thankfully only in small measure.

The trustees were very disappointed to have to cease with immediate effect their support of Liverpool Cares, a charity successfully supporting communities across Liverpool. This model was replicated across the UK operating in other major cities. Unfortunately the London branch experienced financial difficulties, in part due to its status as a CIC. Other branches had to cross finance the London branch, but with mounting debts the official receiver was called in and the whole charity disbanded. The trustees will in future approach with caution any charity working within a network of other charities. Evidence of protection and ring fencing of each individual pot of money will need to be demonstrated to the trustees. CIC's have never been supported by the JHT and this will continue to be the stated policy of the trustees.

The hoped for linking up with other Trusts in the area didn't work out but an unexpected bonus was a successful connection with the Big Give. The Big Give does now seem to have set up a much better system for giving for Trusts and Foundations with well publicised campaigns for specific regional causes. This is a very efficient way for donors to find out about local causes in arts, education, and environment and offer matched funding. This is definitely an area the trustees will watch with interest.

The trustees continue to be impressed and often humbled by so many individuals working in the charity sector trying to make a difference to those in great need or discomfort. Working to make communities brighter and lives richer and more fulfilling. Fundraising is hard work in these financially challenging times. Government funding is under pressure and volunteering continues to decline. The trustees are pleased that they can look back on a year, and look forward to the next, in expectation of a steady growth in giving that aims to make some positive ripples in communities and in the lives of individuals.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### Financial review

##### a. Financials

The Trust's net assets increased by £1,304,341 (2023: decreased by £802,581) during the year to £28,598,211 (2023: £27,293,870), after grants of £710,067 (2023: £455,991) were made.

Donations of £1,000,000 (2023: £1,000,000), before attributable gift aid, were given to the Trust during the year by Mr J R Horseman, trustee. In addition a donation of £126,286 was received from Russell Clark Investment Management Ltd, a company of which Mr Horseman was a former director. The finances of The John Horseman Trust are in a healthy state. The charity has no borrowings and is not dependant on outside support to maintain its spending.

The trustees are satisfied with the position of the Trust at the balance sheet date.

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## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### **b. Investment policy and performance**

There are no restrictions in the trust deed on the trustees' power to invest.

For those of us who have had the responsibility of investing our own and other peoples' money, the death of Charlie Munger last November marked a poignant day. Just a few weeks short of his hundredth birthday when he died, he was an inspiration to anyone attempting to put their savings to work, however large or small. As the right hand man to Warren Buffett, the famed chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, his influence extended far beyond the role of adviser, and was instrumental in making Berkshire the investment powerhouse which it has become.

Adopting a rational approach to the facts as we find them perhaps sums up Charlie's philosophy and this has been as important this year as in any other. In early 2022 the Central Bank of the United States, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates from near zero to where they currently stand at around 5.3%, marking the end of the easy credit conditions which had prevailed since the financial crisis back in 2008. This would have important implications for the Trust as it raised the 'holding cost' of any shares or securities the Trust might own. After all, if interest rates of 5% are to prevail for any length of time, the resulting annual income of £1.4 million on the Trust's assets of roughly £28 million would easily cover the Trust's spending commitments of £0.7m to £1m per annum. For example, the Trust's purchase of UK gilts which will mature in October 2025 will yield a fixed annual 4.75% until maturity. It is no surprise therefore that the Trust's equity holdings at less than 30% of the fund's assets are dwarfed by holdings of higher yielding, mostly short dated securities.

That is not to say that the Trust is unable to find any value in equities. The Trust made three purchases during the year and what follows is a review of these. The first is the US telephone utility company Verizon. It is one of only three full service telephony companies in America offering mobile, broadband and fixed line services. It stands to benefit from the enormous growth in data demand from the public and from business in coming years as society becomes ever more digitized. This is likely to be the case whether or not AI becomes a reality. However, in order to meet this growth has necessitated large capital expenditures while also having to incur the cost of the shrinking landline business. The shares have fallen from favour despite clear evidence that the period of high spending is falling and that the landline business is stabilising at a lower level. The shares offer a generous dividend of 6.5% which should grow over time, whether or not the growth potential is realised.

The second investment is the Norwegian oil giant Equinor. From its origins as the entity responsible for developing the country's North Sea oil, it has expanded internationally using its development expertise in Brazil, the UK, the United States and elsewhere to further its ambitions. As Europe reduces its exposure to Russian gas, Norwegian gas supplies are growing in importance. Equinor is also growing its green energy portfolio with a wind farm development off the US Atlantic coast and the largest wind farm in Europe supplying electricity to six million homes in the United Kingdom. Over the next decade further projects are likely providing an attractive avenue for growth for Equinor. The company is buying back its own shares and offers a generous dividend in excess of 5%.

The third investment is the food and retailing group AB Foods in the United Kingdom. The company is principally known for its ownership of the high street chain Primark but it also owns agricultural interests in sugar refining as well as many food brands such as Twinings tea and Fox's Biscuits. After a period of slower growth, new store openings and better margins in its food business are raising growth expectations.

Looking ahead, we are again reminded of Charlie Munger's quote, "You don't have to be brilliant, only a little bit wiser than the other guys, on average, for a long, long, time." By keeping a careful eye on the risks we are taking we aim to do just that.

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## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### **c. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

#### **d. Reserves policy**

The trust deed requires the trustees to use the income of the Trust in promoting its objects. The use of the Trust's reserves is therefore wholly at the discretion of the trustees, with no particular level of reserves required to be maintained.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **a. Governing document**

The John Horseman Trust was formed by a declaration of trust on 5 May 1999, and as amended by supplemented deeds dated 17 September 1999 and 16 November 2009. It was registered as a charity on 15 October 1999. The trust deed establishes the objects and powers of the charity under which it is governed.

Both the initial donation from Mr J R Horseman and additional amounts donated since have been under terms which allow the trustees to either retain the amounts as capital or to spend them.

##### **b. Management and governance arrangements**

The trust deed provides for at least two trustees. The power of appointing new trustees and removing trustees is vested in the children of Moyra and John Horseman.

The chair of trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee, which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new trustee receives copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'.

##### **c. Risk management**

The trustees annually review the risks that the charity faces.

The trustees are aware of the risks associated with making grants. They continue to review procedures to reduce risk in this area.

##### **Plans for future periods**

The trustees plan to build on the steady growth in giving with existing partnerships and in exploring new relations in the charity sector.

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## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

#### Auditors

The auditors, Armstrong Watson Audit Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees and signed on their behalf by:

**J R Horseman**  
Trustee  
Date: 8 September 2024

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## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The John Horseman Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### 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 charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 charity'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.

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## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST (CONTINUED)

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#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the trustees report. 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. 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 course of 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.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST (CONTINUED)

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

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 an auditors' report 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the Trust, discussions with the trustees and those charged with governance, we considered that the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Account and Reports) Regulations 2008 and UK tax legislation.

As part of the engagement team discussion about the susceptibility of the Trust's financial statements to material misstatement due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud, which may have a material effect on the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- enquiry of the trustees and review of any relevant correspondence with legal advisers regarding any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- communicating identified laws and regulations and the risks of fraud with our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance or fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review of the minutes of the board of trustees;
- review of accounting estimates for management override and bias;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual transactions;
- identifying and testing journal entries.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with those charged with governance.

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 auditors' report.

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**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST  
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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Armstrong Watson Audit Limited**

Newcastle upon Tyne

18 September 2024

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

|   | Note | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|---|------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                                       |      |                                    |                             |                             |
| Donations and legacies                                    | 3    | 1,376,286                          | 1,376,286                   | 1,250,000                   |
| Investments   | 4    | 459,199                            | 459,199                     | 442,766                     |
| <b>Total income</b>                                       |      | <b>1,835,485</b>                   | <b>1,835,485</b>            | 1,692,766                   |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                                    |      |                                    |                             |                             |
| Charitable activities                                     | 6    | 735,965                            | 735,965                     | 475,983                     |
| Other expenditure   | 5    | (200,600)                          | (200,600)                   | (451,820)                   |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                                  |      | <b>535,365</b>                     | <b>535,365</b>              | 24,163                      |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments                         |      | 4,221                              | 4,221                       | (2,471,184)                 |
| <b>Net income (expenditure) and net movement in funds</b> |      | <b>1,304,341</b>                   | <b>1,304,341</b>            | (802,581)                   |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>                           |      |                                    |                             |                             |
| Total funds brought forward                               |      | 27,293,870                         | 27,293,870                  | 28,096,451                  |
| Net movement in funds                                     |      | 1,304,341                          | 1,304,341                   | (802,581)                   |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                        |      | <b>28,598,211</b>                  | <b>28,598,211</b>           | 27,293,870                  |

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 17 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

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**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

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|  | Note | 2024<br>£                | 2023<br>£                |
|--|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                            |      |                          |                          |
| Investments                                    | 10   | <b>27,344,584</b>        | 13,923,263               |
|  |      | <u>27,344,584</u>        | <u>13,923,263</u>        |
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |      |                          |                          |
| Debtors  | 11   | <b>250,000</b>           | 250,000                  |
| Cash at bank and in hand                       |      | <b>1,011,435</b>         | 13,136,351               |
|  |      | <u>1,261,435</u>         | <u>13,386,351</u>        |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 12   | <b>(7,808)</b>           | (15,744)                 |
|  |      | <u>1,253,627</u>         | <u>13,370,607</u>        |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                      |      | <b>1,253,627</b>         | 13,370,607               |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                        |      | <b>28,598,211</b>        | 27,293,870               |
|  |      | <u><u>28,598,211</u></u> | <u><u>27,293,870</u></u> |
| <b>Charity funds</b>                           |      |                          |                          |
| Unrestricted funds                             | 13   | <b>28,598,211</b>        | 27,293,870               |
| <b>Total funds</b>                             |      | <b>28,598,211</b>        | 27,293,870               |
|  |      | <u><u>28,598,211</u></u> | <u><u>27,293,870</u></u> |

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

**J R Horseman**  
Trustee  
Date: 8 September 2024

The notes on pages 17 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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|  | 2024<br>£           | 2023<br>£        |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                |                     |                  |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                  | <b>832,985</b>      | 1,235,818        |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>            |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                |                     |                  |
| Dividends and interest from investments                    | <b>459,199</b>      | 442,766          |
| Proceeds from sale of investments                          | <b>15,843,525</b>   | 16,621,776       |
| Purchase of investments                                    | <b>(29,260,625)</b> | (13,247,670)     |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>            |
| <b>Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities</b> | <b>(12,957,901)</b> | <b>3,816,872</b> |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>            |
| <b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>     | <b>(12,124,916)</b> | <b>5,052,690</b> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year     | <b>13,136,351</b>   | 8,083,661        |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>            |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>    | <b>1,011,435</b>    | 13,136,351       |
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The notes on pages 17 to 29 form part of these financial statements

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## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### 1. General information

The John Horseman Trust is an an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales, charity number 1077820. The principal office of the Trust is Acton Hall Cottage, Felton, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9NU. The principal activity of the Trust is grant giving from donation and investment income.

#### 2. Accounting policies

##### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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

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

##### 2.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### 2.3 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the donation must only be used in future accounting periods, or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income such as dividends and interest are included when receivable.

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## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.4 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. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable are recorded once the Trust has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant which is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is earliest. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the balance sheet date are noted as a commitment, but not provided as expenditure.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are shown in note 6 to the financial statements.

##### 2.5 Fixed asset investments

Listed investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date, using mid-market prices from the appropriate stock exchange or bid price from the relevant fund manager, or last traded price where applicable.

Gains or losses arising on revaluation or disposal are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the funds in which the investments are held.

##### 2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank includes a Sterling current account and two foreign currency current accounts each with linked interest bearing reserve accounts together with a dormant Sterling 90 day account.

##### 2.7 Liabilities and provisions

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

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

##### 2.8 Foreign currency

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling and recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date.

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THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Financial instruments

With the exception of investments described above, the Trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2.10 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Trust and which have not been designated for other purposes.

3. Income from donations and legacies

|           | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</b> |
|-----------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Donations | 1,376,286                                    | <b>1,376,286</b>                      |
|           | <hr/>  | <hr/>                                 |
|           | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£           | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£           |
| Donations | 1,250,000                                    | 1,250,000                             |
|           | <hr/>  | <hr/>                                 |

4. Investment income

|   | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</b> |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Dividends and interest receivable from listed investments | 422,134                                      | <b>422,134</b>                        |
| Bank interest receivable                                  | 37,065                                       | <b>37,065</b>                         |
|   | <hr/>  | <hr/>                                 |
|   | 459,199                                      | <b>459,199</b>                        |
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**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**4. Investment income (continued)**

|  | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dividend and interest receivable from listed investments | 442,766                            | 442,766                     |
|  | 442,766                            | 442,766                     |

**5. Other expenditure**

|  | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gain on foreign exchange retranslation | (200,600)                          | (200,600)                   |
|  | (200,600)                          | (200,600)                   |

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gains on foreign exchange retranslation | (451,820)                          | (451,820)                   |
|   | (451,820)                          | (451,820)                   |

**6. Analysis of charitable expenditure by activities**

|   | Grant<br>funding of<br>activities<br>2024<br>£ | Support<br>costs<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ |
|---|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Grants payable to institutions (Note 7) | 710,067  | -                             | 710,067                     |
| Administration                          | -  | 11,504                        | 11,504                      |
| Bank charges                            | -  | 3,881                         | 3,881                       |
| Governance costs                        | -  | 7,608                         | 7,608                       |
| Travel and subsistence                  | -  | 2,905                         | 2,905                       |
|   | 710,067  | 25,898                        | 735,965                     |

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6. Analysis of charitable expenditure by activities (continued)

Governance costs includes fees payable to the auditor for the audit and preparation of the Trust's statutory accounts of £4,640 (net) and £1,450 (net) for accountants fees for other services.

|   | Grant<br>funding of<br>activities<br>2023<br>£ | Support<br>costs<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|---|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Grants payable to institutions (Note 7) | 455,991  | -                             | 455,991                     |
| Administration                          | -  | 11,703                        | 11,703                      |
| Bank charges                            | -  | 2,480                         | 2,480                       |
| Governance costs                        | -  | 5,244                         | 5,244                       |
| Travel and subsistence                  | -  | 565                           | 565                         |
|   | <u>455,991</u>                                 | <u>19,992</u>                 | <u>475,983</u>              |

Governance costs includes fees payable to the auditor for the audit and preparation of the Trust's statutory accounts of £3,250 (net) and £1,120 (net) for accountants fees for other services.

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7. Grants to institutions

|                                  | 2024           | 2023          |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
|                                  | £              | £             |
| Age UK Merton                    | 3,000          | 3,000         |
| Amy and Friends                  | 3,000          | -             |
| Asylum Welcome                   | 5,000          | -             |
| Bede House Association           | 5,000          | 5,000         |
| Be Free Young Carers             | 5,000          | 3,000         |
| Big Give                         | 5,000          | -             |
| Big Issue Foundation             | -              | 2,000         |
| Bloomsbury Football Association  | 5,000          | -             |
| Braille Chess Association        | 2,000          | 1,000         |
| Break                            | 18,000         | -             |
| Brooke Hospital for Animals      | 5,000          | 5,000         |
| Castle Point Social Car Scheme   | 3,000          | -             |
| Cheetah Outreach, South Africa   | 5,249          | 5,062         |
| Chronicle Sunshine Fund          | 10,614         | -             |
| Dementia UK                      | 10,000         | -             |
| Disability Advice Service        | 5,000          | -             |
| Ebony Horse Club                 | 5,000          | 5,000         |
| Epic Restart Foundation          | -              | 5,000         |
| FareShare                        | 15,000         | 10,000        |
| Farms for City Children          | 12,002         | 11,469        |
| FEAST                            | 10,000         | -             |
| Florence Nightingale Museum      | 2,000          | -             |
| Francis House Children's Hospice | 5,000          | 5,000         |
| Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum  | 60,000         | -             |
| GL11 Community Project           | 10,000         | 5,000         |
| Go Beyond                        | 5,000          | 5,000         |
| Green Light Trust                | 5,000          | -             |
| Carried forward                  | <u>218,865</u> | <u>70,531</u> |

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**Grants to institutions (continued)**

|                                    | 2024           | 2023           |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                    | £              | £              |
| Brought forward                    | 218,865        | 70,531         |
| Greenacres Education Trust, Uganda | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Grove Adventure Playground         | -              | 5,000          |
| Halo Trust                         | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| HealthBus                          | 11,775         | -              |
| Heel and Toe Children's Charity    | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| HighTide Theatre                   | 6,650          | -              |
| Hospice Charity Partnership        | 5,000          | -              |
| Integrated Neurological Services   | 15,000         | 5,000          |
| Julia's House                      | 5,000          | -              |
| Kids in Kathmandu, Nepal           | 10,000         | 5,000          |
| Lennox Children's Cancer Fund      | -              | 5,000          |
| Leonard Cheshire Disability        | -              | 5,000          |
| Lewis Manning Hospice              | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Link Age Southwark                 | 3,000          | 3,000          |
| Literary and Philosophical Society | 500            | -              |
| Live Music Now North East          | 5,000          | -              |
| Live Theatre                       | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Liverpool Cares                    | -              | 3,000          |
| London City Mission                | 2,000          | 2,000          |
| London Wildlife Trust              | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| London's Air Ambulance             | 5,000          | -              |
| Lumos                              | 5,000          | -              |
| Maggs Day Centre                   | 10,000         | -              |
| Magic Breakfast                    | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| Marie Curie Cancer Care            | 25,000         | 25,000         |
| Mary Hare Foundation               | 10,000         | -              |
| Maxability                         | 5,000          | -              |
| Carried forward                    | <u>387,790</u> | <u>173,531</u> |

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**Grants to institutions (continued)**

|  | 2024    | 2023    |
|--|---------|---------|
|  | £       | £       |
| Brought forward                          | 387,790 | 173,531 |
| National Numeracy                        | -       | 5,000   |
| Newcastle United Foundation              | 10,000  | 10,000  |
| North Music Trust (Glasshouse)           | 10,000  | 15,000  |
| North Northumberland Hospice             | 3,000   | 4,000   |
| Northumberland National Park             | 10,000  | 10,000  |
| Off The Streets                          | 5,000   | -       |
| Pallion Action Group                     | -       | 5,000   |
| Parochial Church (St Michael's PCC)      | -       | 2,500   |
| Pelton Community Centre                  | 16,527  | 5,000   |
| Pelton Youth Club                        | 1,000   | -       |
| Place2Be                                 | 20,000  | 10,000  |
| Polka Theatre                            | -       | 5,000   |
| Rape Chrisis Tyneside and Northumberland | -       | 5,400   |
| Read Easy UK                             | 5,000   | -       |
| Redthread                                | 5,000   | 5,000   |
| Ripple Africa, Malawi                    | 6,000   | 6,020   |
| Royal National Lifeboat Institution      | 10,000  | -       |
| Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh          | 9,720   | -       |
| Royal Marines Association                | 5,000   | 5,000   |
| Royal Zoological Society for Scotland    | -       | 5,000   |
| Saint Michael's Hospice                  | 5,000   | 3,000   |
| Salvation Army                           | 10,000  | 5,000   |
| S E Cancer Help Centre                   | -       | 3,000   |
| Shine                                    | 10,000  | 10,000  |
| Shooting Star Hospice                    | 5,000   | 3,000   |
| Snowdon Trust                            | 20,000  | 20,000  |
| St Chad's college                        | 15,000  | -       |
| Carried forward                          | 569,037 | 315,451 |

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**Grants to institutions (continued)**

|  | 2024           | 2023           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | £              | £              |
| Brought forward  | 569,037        | 315,451        |
| St Christopher's Hospice                                 | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| St David's Hospice                                       | 6,000          | -              |
| St George's Hospital                                     | -              | 10,000         |
| St Martin-in-the-Fields Trust                            | 10,000         | 5,000          |
| St Mungo's   | 3,000          | -              |
| St Peter's Church Parr                                   | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| St Raphael's Hospice                                     | 5,000          | -              |
| Stewardship  | 3,000          | 3,000          |
| Streatham Youth and Community Trust                      | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Stroke Association                                       | 12,730         | -              |
| Surfers Against Sewage                                   | 5,000          | 2,000          |
| The Cowshed  | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| The Oaks Community Church                                | -              | 23,000         |
| The Together Trust                                       | -              | 5,500          |
| The Worth Foundation                                     | -              | 3,000          |
| Tiyeni Fund  | -              | 6,500          |
| Tyne and Wear RDA  | 5,000          | -              |
| Ufton Court  | 1,300          | 12,540         |
| Umbrella   | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| University of Birmingham - Access to Birmingham Scheme   | 35,000         | 35,000         |
| University of Birmingham - Sanctuary Scholarships Scheme | 10,000         | -              |
| Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust                                | 5,000          | -              |
| YMCA Bournemouth   | 10,000         | -              |
| Voice21  | -              | 5,000          |
|  | <u>710,067</u> | <u>455,991</u> |

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**8. Auditors' remuneration**

|   | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2023</b>         |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit and preparation of the Charity's statutory accounts (net) | <b>4,640</b>        | <b>3,250</b>        |
|   | <u><u>4,640</u></u> | <u><u>3,250</u></u> |

**9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

The Trust considers its key management personnel to be the trustees.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, expenses totalling £3,451 were reimbursed to 2 trustees (2023: £2,311 to 2 trustees). These expenses related to travel and subsistence.

**10. Fixed asset investments**

|                          | <b>Listed<br/>investments<br/>£</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Cost or valuation</b> |                                     |
| At 1 April 2023          | <b>13,923,263</b>                   |
| Additions                | <b>29,260,625</b>                   |
| Disposals                | <b>(15,743,203)</b>                 |
| Revaluations             | <b>(96,101)</b>                     |
| At 31 March 2024         | <u><u><b>27,344,584</b></u></u>     |
| <b>Net book value</b>    |                                     |
| At 31 March 2024         | <u><u><b>27,344,584</b></u></u>     |
| At 31 March 2023         | <u><u>13,923,263</u></u>            |

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is the mid market value from the appropriate stock exchange or bid price from the relevant fund manager, or last traded price where applicable.

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**11. Debtors**

|                            | 2024<br>£      | 2023<br>£      |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Due within one year</b> |                |                |
| Gift aid recoverable       | 250,000        | 250,000        |
|                            | <b>250,000</b> | <b>250,000</b> |
|                            | <b>250,000</b> | <b>250,000</b> |

**12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

|                | 2024<br>£    | 2023<br>£     |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Grants payable | 500          | 10,500        |
| Accruals       | 7,308        | 5,244         |
|                | <b>7,808</b> | <b>15,744</b> |
|                | <b>7,808</b> | <b>15,744</b> |

**13. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

|                           | Balance at 1<br>April 2023<br>£ | Income<br>£      | Expenditure<br>£ | Gains/<br>(Losses)<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 March<br>2024<br>£ |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                                 |                  |                  |                         |                                     |
| Unrestricted funds        | 27,293,870                      | 1,835,485        | (535,365)        | 4,221                   | 28,598,211                          |
|                           | <b>27,293,870</b>               | <b>1,835,485</b> | <b>(535,365)</b> | <b>4,221</b>            | <b>28,598,211</b>                   |
|                           | <b>27,293,870</b>               | <b>1,835,485</b> | <b>(535,365)</b> | <b>4,221</b>            | <b>28,598,211</b>                   |

**Statement of funds - prior year**

|                           | Balance at<br>1 April 2022<br>£ | Income<br>£      | Expenditure<br>£ | Gains/<br>(Losses)<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 March<br>2023<br>£ |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                                 |                  |                  |                         |                                     |
| Unrestricted funds        | 28,096,451                      | 1,692,766        | (24,163)         | (2,471,184)             | 27,293,870                          |
|                           | <b>28,096,451</b>               | <b>1,692,766</b> | <b>(24,163)</b>  | <b>(2,471,184)</b>      | <b>27,293,870</b>                   |
|                           | <b>28,096,451</b>               | <b>1,692,766</b> | <b>(24,163)</b>  | <b>(2,471,184)</b>      | <b>27,293,870</b>                   |

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**14. Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current period**

|                               | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</b> |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Fixed asset investments       | 27,344,584                                   | <b>27,344,584</b>                     |
| Current assets                | 1,261,435                                    | <b>1,261,435</b>                      |
| Creditors due within one year | (7,808)                                      | <b>(7,808)</b>                        |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <u>28,598,211</u>                            | <u><b>28,598,211</b></u>              |

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period**

|                               | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixed asset investments       | 13,923,263                         | 13,923,263                  |
| Current assets                | 13,386,351                         | 13,386,351                  |
| Creditors due within one year | (15,744)                           | (15,744)                    |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <u>27,293,870</u>                  | <u>27,293,870</u>           |

**15. Grant commitments**

|                                    | <b>2024<br/>£</b>     | 2023<br>£      |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Commitments payable in 1 year      | <b>130,000</b>        | 83,000         |
| Commitments payable in over 1 year | <b>235,000</b>        | 250,000        |
|                                    | <u><b>365,000</b></u> | <u>333,000</u> |

In addition, at the year end, the charity had annual grant commitments of £237,000 (2023: £211,020).

These grant commitments are not provided as liabilities in the financial statements. The amounts represent future amounts of grants offered at the balance sheet date, which are subject to ongoing reviews and are payable out of future income.

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**16. Related party transactions**

Other than trustees expenses as disclosed in Note 9 there are no additional related party transactions which require disclosure within the financial statements.

**17. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

|  | 2024<br>£        | 2023<br>£ |
|--|------------------|-----------|
| Net income/expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities) | <b>1,304,341</b> | (802,581) |
| <b>Adjustments for:</b>  |                  |           |
| (Gains)/losses on investments  | <b>(4,221)</b>   | 2,471,184 |
| Dividends and interest from investments  | <b>(459,199)</b> | (442,766) |
| Increase/(decrease) in creditors   | <b>(7,936)</b>   | 9,981     |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>                                 | <b>832,985</b>   | 1,235,818 |

**18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

|  | 2024<br>£        | 2023<br>£  |
|--|------------------|------------|
| Cash at bank                           | <b>1,011,435</b> | 13,136,351 |
| <b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b> | <b>1,011,435</b> | 13,136,351 |

**19. Analysis of changes in net debt**

|                          | At 1 April<br>2023<br>£ | Cash flows<br>£     | Changes in<br>market<br>value and<br>exchange<br>rate<br>movements<br>£ | At 31 March<br>2024<br>£ |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | <b>13,136,351</b>       | <b>(12,329,738)</b> | <b>204,822</b>  | <b>1,011,435</b>         |
|                          | <b>13,136,351</b>       | <b>(12,329,738)</b> | <b>204,822</b>  | <b>1,011,435</b>         |



**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1077820

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# Accounts

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**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**31 MARCH 2023**

**Charity Number 1077820**

**ARMSTRONG WATSON  
Chartered Accountants  
Newcastle upon Tyne**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**31 MARCH 2023**

**Trustees:** J R Horseman (Chair)  
M C S Horseman  
L C S Horseman  
G R Horseman  
W J Horseman

**Registered charity number:** 1077820

**Correspondence address:** Acton Hall Cottage  
Felton  
Morpeth  
Northumberland  
NE65 9NU

**Auditors:** Armstrong Watson Audit Limited  
One Strawberry Lane  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE1 4BX

**Bankers:** Coutts and Co  
440 Strand  
London  
WC2R 0QS

## **THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 17 to 18 and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### ***Governing document***

The John Horseman Trust (JHT) was formed by a declaration of trust on 5 May 1999, and as amended by supplemented deeds dated 17 September 1999 and 16 November 2009. It was registered as a charity on 15 October 1999. The trust deed establishes the objects and powers of the charity under which it is governed.

Both the initial donation from Mr J R Horseman and additional amounts donated since have been under terms which allow the trustees to either retain the amounts as capital or to spend them.

##### ***Management and governance arrangements***

The trust deed provides for at least two trustees. The power of appointing new trustees and removing trustees is vested in the children of Moyra and John Horseman.

The chair of trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee, which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new trustee receives copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'.

#### **Risk management**

The trustees annually review the risks that the charity faces.

The trustees are aware of the risks associated with making grants. They continue to review procedures to reduce risk in this area.

#### **Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

Under the trust deed, the trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply the same at such time or times and in such manner to or for the benefit of such exclusively charitable objects and purposes in any part of the world as the trustees may in their discretion think fit.

The trustees currently have a policy of supporting three types of charitable activity which are of practical utility and benefit for the environment, education and local communities.

The trustees confirm they have been given the general guidance provided by the Charity Commission on public benefit, including the guidance "Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)" and are confident that this is achieved through the grants made to charities.

## **THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

##### **Procedures and policy for grant making**

The trustees identify projects and organisations they wish to support and the Trust has a policy of not making grants to people or organisations who apply speculatively.

A formal review meeting of grant applications by all trustees is held once a year. At other times two or more trustees hold informal meetings to make decisions on new grants and to review ongoing regular grants and their effectiveness. In general, these informal meetings occur approximately once per month.

Wherever possible, grants are made to organisations working in the appropriate field, which themselves hold charitable status and therefore have their own accountability procedures. Grants to other organisations, or to overseas non-profit organisations are made only when the Trust has personal contact and is able to verify the correct accountability for the use of the grant.

The Trust makes donations on an annual basis with the majority of donations going out in January. Other grants are made at different times during the year, either as one-off donations, or as annual grants, which as with the January donations are made on the basis of a 5 to 10 year plan.

The charities benefit more from this approach to grant making as it allows them to plan their finances. The trustees have also found that the feedback they receive is more thorough and the grants more effectively used.

##### **Achievements and performance of the Trust**

The aim of the trustees during the year 2022/23 has been to consolidate and grow the donation base. The trustees are pleased to report that they have achieved a 6% growth in the amount of money donated to mainly UK based charities. New charities have been taken on to the list of beneficiaries and many of the existing charities supported have seen an increase in their annual donation. The total figure for donations would have been larger had the trustees been confident about making a final stage donation to a large capital project. The charity in question failed to fulfil the trustees' reporting requirements, leaving the trustees in limbo with regard to updates until right at the end of the financial year. Having set this time limit and reasonable request for updates, it was with regret that the trustees decided not to make the final stage of the donation. This was the only disappointment in the JHT's giving schedule for 2022/23.

With the JHT now being located in the North East, the trustees have established some good connections with local charities and national ones which have outlets in Newcastle and Sunderland. Place2Be is an example of a nationwide charity, supported by the JHT for many years, offering pastoral support and counselling to children and young people. The annual donation from the Trust is being put to use by Place2Be in two primary schools in Sunderland. The trustees visited these schools and were delighted to see how engaged the pupils were with the programme being run by Place2Be. Another schools based charity working predominantly in the North and supported by the JHT is Shine Trust. A visit was made by the trustees to two Newcastle based schools operating a learning support programme for pupils. Magic Breakfast is a new charity for the JHT, emerging with real impact post Covid and making even more impact during the cost of living crisis. With poverty levels and food insecurity being higher than the national average in the North East, the trustees are very pleased to be in a position to offer donations to national charities such as Magic Breakfast and Fare Share, both of which can demonstrate the application of funds at a regional level.

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

##### **Achievements and performance of the Trust** *(continued)*

Extracurricular programmes in the areas of football, drama and music continue to be supported by the Trust through the Newcastle KICKS football programme, Tyneside Live Theatre, and the Sage Gateshead. Donations are made on the basis of need and charities have to show how they are addressing the needs of disadvantaged groups in the programmes offered. Visits have been made to all three charities to assess how this is being achieved.

Having successfully supported Farms for City Children for many years in their general fund, the trustees decided to increase the donation but apply it to one specific school's visit. Our Trust Administrator was able to visit during this week and found the children to be fully engaged and learning a lot about farming, the countryside and the environment. Go Beyond runs similar centres and the trustees have been able to keep in touch with their work through webinars and a visit has been arranged for autumn 2023. Following a residential trip by one of the trustees to Ufton Court, a donation was made to this residential centre to finance one week for a school's stay. Our Trust Administrator made a visit early on in 2023.

It has been very useful for the Trust to have our Trust Administrator being based in the West Country for visits and follow ups. Be Free Young Carers and GL11 Community Hub secured donations as a result of a visit, and Halo Trust and the University of Birmingham hosted our Trust Administrator for a follow up trip. The trustees cannot emphasise enough the importance of making visits to applicants and existing beneficiaries. During the year, two visits were made where the trustees observed practices that did not meet with their expectations, and no donation was made. It is for this reason that the geographic donation base for the JHT is increasingly focussed on the North East and the West Country. Whilst it is not practical for the trustees to visit every charity which either applies for a donation or is a beneficiary, the trustees hope during any given year to rotate visits to monitor and gain insights into the charities being supported.

The system the trustees have set up with terms and conditions laying out clearly the reporting expectations, exists to enable the trustees to operate best practice for compliance. The majority of charities in receipt of donations from the Trust comply with our request for an annual report, a six monthly update and a receipt within a month of the donation being received into their account. The trustees are disappointed to report that a few charities have not complied with the terms they signed up to. In these instances the charities concerned appear to find these conditions too onerous and "over zealous" in our application. The trustees have no compunction in stopping the donation with immediate effect. However good the cause, if the trustees have a hint of poor compliance or a dismissive attitude to donors, then the trustees cannot continue with donations. A maxim the trustees use is that the donation must be made with a "happy heart" and never with a sense of duty or obligation. The process of making donations can be rewarding and motivational for all parties involved. For the majority of donations made and renewed during this last financial year, the trustees can report that this had been very much the case.

Where appropriate the trustees and the Trust Administrator follow charities on the donor list on Facebook or Instagram. This provides very useful insight and information on the charities. If there are negative reports in the Press about a charity, the trustees do follow up to register concerns. Social media updates do not substitute for official reporting from charities supported by the Trust.

By laying out the Trust's compliance procedures so clearly in our Annual Report, the trustees hope that applicants to the Trust will gain an insight into how our charity works and know what they are signing up to. The trustees wish to state as they do every year, that the JHT does not extend donations to Community Interest Companies. The trustees do not make pledges, or support lobbying and have no plans to extend the donation base to any charities operating beyond the UK other than those concerns

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**Achievements and performance of the Trust** *(continued)*

which have been successfully supported for many years such as Ripple Africa, Greenacres School in Uganda, Brooke Hospital or Cheetah Outreach. In each of these charities the reporting is excellent and the trustees are confident about the direct application of funds. An exception can be made as has been the case with the Halo Trust. In response to the war in Ukraine and the urgent need to clear mines, the trustees increased their annual donation with immediate effect. Our Trust Administrator was able to visit their head office in Wilton and obtain feedback through a video link to the mine clearance team.

Midway through the year the trustees received an application from the Snowdon Trust, a charity which supports disabled students progress their university careers with grants for equipment and assistance. The trustees offered a restricted grant to STEM subjects and were so impressed by the reporting and outcomes, that they doubled the grant. Snowdon Trust offers a blueprint in excellent reporting.

Christmas would not be complete without a trip to the Ebony Horse Club In Brixton, South London. Each year the young riders demonstrate their commitment to riding and working at the stables. It is always a very festive and jolly event.

The work of hospices continues to run through the donation profile of the JHT. Marie Curie benefited from the renewal of a three year commitment to support the emergency response nurses. South East Cancer Care and Lennox Children's Cancer Fund were added to the list. Our Trust Administrator visited the recently relocated and reorganised Lewis Manning Hospice in Bournemouth.

Another long running theme in the donation profile for the JHT has been community groups, outreach to rough sleepers and support for prisoners. The trustees made a visit to a local prison to participate in one of the six week workshops being offered to inmates by Prison Fellowship. This is a new charity on the donor list for the Trust. Prison Fellowship works with prisoners and their families and looks to offer hope for a future life after release from prison. Support for prisoners post release is greatly needed and an area the JHT has often looked to find charities to work with. The donation to Bede House in South London was renewed into an annual standing order and a new donation made to St Peter's refuge in Brighton.

The trustees have found it frustrating to have found so few tree planting projects to support this year. The trustees visited Westonbirt Arboretum and hope there will be opportunities in 2023/24. A grant was made to the London Wildlife Trust and a new three year commitment made to the Sill Education Centre in the Northumberland National Park. This excellent centre runs programmes for school children to access the open spaces of the national park and learn more about the environment.

Support for capital projects has not been an area of growth for the JHT this financial year. Inflation in building costs, rising interest rates, planning issues, all hold projects back and make the trustees reluctant to become involved in supporting projects which drag on. It is for this reason that the trustees do not support pledges. However there was one successful application for a small scale building project made by Oaks Community Church. The trustees saw evidence of solid existing fundraising and an achievable completion date for the project. The trustees were very pleased to finish the financial year on a positive note by making the last donation on the morning of 5 April to the completed church refurbishment project.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### Financial review

The Trust's net assets decreased by £802,581 (2022: increased by £3,222,087) during the year to £27,293,870 (2022: £28,096,451), after grants of £455,991 (2022: £418,546) were made.

Donations of £1,000,000 (2022: £1,000,000), before attributable gift aid, were given to the Trust during the year by Mr J R Horseman.

The finances of The John Horseman Trust are in a healthy state. The charity has no borrowings and is not dependant on outside support to maintain its spending.

The trustees are satisfied with the position of the Trust at the balance sheet date.

#### Investment policy and performance

There are no restrictions in the trust deed on the trustees' power to invest.

After more than a decade offering borrowers credit at near zero percent interest rates, 2022 saw the end of generosity by the world's central banks. With a no questions asked credit policy, some kind of sense could be made of just about any investment and at any price, and there was no shortage of advisers, consultants and bankers willing to do just that. So we had a company selling oat milk valued at \$10 billion and another selling space travel in untried rockets valued at \$16 billion to name just a few. The descent from the heights of madness has been painful and is not finished yet; recently various regional banks in the United States announced that they are in the throes of being rescued after failed attempts at speculating in silicon valley.

It was not that the Federal Reserve in the United States or the Bank of England were rushing to acknowledge the inflationary risks that were approaching. At the end of April 2022, two months after the breakout of the war in Ukraine on 24 February 2022, interest rates were still just 0.5%. Shortages and price rises were becoming apparent and these were feeding into higher inflation figures. It was only by September that American interest rates had been increased to 3%, still a long way from the headline inflation figure of 8.2% at that time.

Since then, interest rates have been increased by a further 2% in the US and inflation has fallen to around 5% so the question is therefore whether this is the beginning of better times or an altogether more tricky period for investors. This would be characterised by higher inflation than we have been used to and interest rates which are wholly less friendly to borrowers. In other words, they remain higher for longer than investors currently believe. It has been said that forecasting is very difficult especially if it is about the future and this is as true now as ever. There are however reasons to be cautious.

Once inflation has broken out, it is remarkably difficult to contain because it has a circular or feedback character. If party A experiences a rise in costs, it will try to pass these increases to party B who in turn will pass them to party C. If the latter has dealings with A or B in reverse, the latter will experience a rise in costs and will again try to pass them on and so on. Only by breaking this circle by reducing the links or shrinking the economy, will the feedback be broken. As things stand, while the major economies are essentially stagnant in growth terms, it is not clear that the contributing factors have gone away.

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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##### **Investment policy and performance** *(continued)*

One of the main contributing factors to higher inflation is the remarkable rise in wage costs and the labour shortages most organisations are facing. Around 70% of the make up of CPI are wage costs. Again in the United States, unemployment is lower than at any time in the last fifty years at just 3.4% of the workforce. Many have withdrawn from the labour market particularly the over 50s, and others work a reduced week. Birth rates are falling, with younger workers not filling the places being left by retirees. Productivity gains which lower a company's costs are not occurring at anything like a pace to keep a lid on prices. Most recent figures show unit labour costs rising at an annual rate of 6.5%, a figure not unlike that in other western countries.

Another factor and one which was very difficult to foresee was that the rise in inflation did not go hand in hand with a general rise in commodity prices. Oil prices for example are now 23% lower than they were the day the war in Ukraine broke out, despite sanctions against Russia. I admit that we are surprised by this as we expected the measures to have had at least some impact on supply but it seems that they have had none at all. If demand does pick up for whatever reason such as an improvement in demand from China, this would have an unwanted impact on inflation.

In the charity's year end review last year, we pointed to the very favourable years experienced by markets and the beneficial impact this has had on the Trust's investments. As it became apparent that the period of low interest rates was drawing to a close, we were aware that any decline in advertising revenue, smartphone or laptop sales would have a detrimental effect on the large technology companies such as Alphabet (the owner of Google and YouTube), Meta, Microsoft, Amazon and Intel, where we had investments. We therefore decided to sell our holdings and take advantage of the high deposit rates on offer. Fortunately, many of these holdings were sold in the early part of the year before investors fully appreciated how events were playing out. Less than 20% of the Trust's assets are now devoted to equities, with the remainder in high yielding bonds and interest bearing Treasury Bills. The equities are largely made up of names which we believe can fare well in a more inflationary environment, which pay a reasonable dividend and which are underappreciated. For example we added a position in the French supermarket retailer, Carrefour during the year. It has a strong market position as a leading player in the French market and will benefit if inflation remains stubborn. It has a considerable growth opportunity as it rolls out a stronger internet presence and is benefiting from the rationalisation of its foreign operations, which have been a drag on profitability. Otherwise, the holdings which were bought during the previous financial year such as Enbridge and Archer Daniels remain in the fund. A majority of the assets are held in US dollars.

As we look forward, much will depend on how inflation and interest rates behave and whether attractively priced opportunities present themselves, but at this point it looks unwise to take too much on trust.

##### **Reserves policy**

The trust deed requires the trustees to use the income of the Trust in promoting its objects. The use of the Trust's reserves is therefore wholly at the discretion of the trustees, with no particular level of reserves required to be maintained.

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**Plans for future periods**

The trustees plan to build on the steady growth in giving with existing partnerships and in exploring new relations in the charity sector. Mostly connections are made through online applications to our Trust Administrator, but sometimes the trustees choose to research potential beneficiaries through other sources. The trustees are pleased to have made a connection with another significant Trust in the North East and look forward to collaborating with them on ideas.

The reporting system set up by the trustees is well established and for most charities it does not present an undue administrative burden. Poor compliance with the terms and conditions set by the trustees and overseen by our Trust Administrator normally indicates underlying problems with beneficiaries, so the trustees intend to maintain reporting expectations.

With high interest rates set to remain in the UK for some time, the trustees do not expect to see any applications for infrastructure projects. Consequently, the large donations which have accompanied applications for such projects will not characterise the giving profile in forthcoming year. Community grants to support local people improve skills, well-being, education and the environment are the mainstay of The John Horseman Trust and it is in the area that the trustees will continue to direct their attention.

**Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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

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**Statement of trustees' responsibilities** *(continued)*

In so far as the board of trustees is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the board of trustees has taken all the steps that it ought to have taken to make itself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

J R Horseman  
Trustee  
6 November 2023

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The John Horseman Trust, for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**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 auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 Trust'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 other information comprises the information included in the report of the trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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**Other information** *(continued)*

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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the report of the trustees; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on pages 8 and 9, the trustees 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 an auditor's report 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.

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**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements** *(continued)*

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the Trust, discussions with the trustees and those charged with governance, we considered that the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Account and Reports) Regulations 2008 and UK tax legislation.

As part of the engagement team discussion about the susceptibility of the Trust's financial statements to material misstatement due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud, which may have a material effect on the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- enquiry of the trustees and review of any relevant correspondence with legal advisers regarding any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- communicating identified laws and regulations and the risks of fraud with our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance or fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review of the minutes of the board of trustees;
- review of accounting estimates for management override and bias;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual transactions;
- identifying and testing journal entries.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with those charged with governance.

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 auditor's report.

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**Use of the audit report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an independent 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 charity and charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited  
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27 November 2023

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

|   | Note | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | 2022<br>Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ |
|---|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                                       |      |                                   |                                   |
| Donations   | 2    | 1,250,000                         | 1,250,000                         |
| Investments   | 3    | 442,766                           | 309,975                           |
| <b>Total income</b>                                       |      | 1,692,766                         | 1,559,975                         |
| <br><b>Expenditure on:</b>                                |      |                                   |                                   |
| Charitable activities                                     | 5    | 475,983                           | 429,693                           |
| Other   | 6    | (451,820)                         | (3,868)                           |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                                  |      | 24,163                            | 425,825                           |
| Net (losses) gains on investments                         |      | (2,471,184)                       | 2,087,937                         |
| <b>Net (expenditure) income and net movement in funds</b> |      | (802,581)                         | 3,222,087                         |
| <br><i>Reconciliation of funds</i>                        |      |                                   |                                   |
| Total funds brought forward                               |      | 28,096,451                        | 24,874,364                        |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                        |      | 27,293,870                        | 28,096,451                        |

The notes on pages 17 to 23 form part of these financial statements

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

|  | Note | 2023<br>£         | 2022<br>£         |
|--|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                            |      |                   |                   |
| Investments                                    | 8    | <u>13,923,263</u> | <u>19,768,553</u> |
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |      |                   |                   |
| Debtors  | 9    | 250,000           | 250,000           |
| Cash at bank                                   |      | 13,136,351        | 8,083,661         |
|  |      | <u>13,386,351</u> | <u>8,333,661</u>  |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                             |      |                   |                   |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 10   | (15,744)          | (5,763)           |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                      |      |                   |                   |
|  |      | <u>13,370,607</u> | <u>8,327,898</u>  |
| <b>Net assets</b>                              |      |                   |                   |
|  |      | <u>27,293,870</u> | <u>28,096,451</u> |
| <b>Funds of the charity</b>                    |      |                   |                   |
| Unrestricted income fund                       |      | 27,293,870        | 28,096,451        |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                     |      |                   |                   |
|  | 11   | <u>27,293,870</u> | <u>28,096,451</u> |

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 6 November 2023 and were signed on their behalf by:-

J R Horseman  
Trustee

The notes on pages 17 to 23 form part of these financial statements

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

|   | <b>2023</b>       | <b>2022</b>        |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
|   | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>           |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>  |                   |                    |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 1,235,818         | 825,360            |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>  |                   |                    |
| Dividends and interest from investments   | 442,766           | 309,975            |
| Purchase of investments   | (13,247,670)      | (2,768,782)        |
| Proceeds from sale of investments   | 16,621,776        | 646,377            |
|   | 3,816,872         | (1,812,430)        |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>  | <b>3,816,872</b>  | <b>(1,812,430)</b> |
| <b>Change in cash in the year ended 31 March 2023</b>   | <b>5,052,690</b>  | <b>(987,070)</b>   |
| Cash at 1 April 2022  | 8,083,661         | 9,070,731          |
|   | <b>13,136,351</b> | <b>8,083,661</b>   |
| <b>Cash at 31 March 2023</b>  | <b>13,136,351</b> | <b>8,083,661</b>   |
| <br><b>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</b>                |                   |                    |
| Net (expenditure) income for the year ended 31 March 2023 (per statement of financial activities) | (802,581)         | 3,222,087          |
| <b>Adjustments for:</b>   |                   |                    |
| Losses (gains) on investments   | 2,471,184         | (2,087,937)        |
| Dividends and interest from investments   | (442,766)         | (309,975)          |
| Increase in creditors   | 9,981             | 1,185              |
|   | 1,235,818         | 825,360            |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>  | <b>1,235,818</b>  | <b>825,360</b>     |

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1 Accounting policies**

**a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless stated otherwise. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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

**b) Preparation of financial statements on a going concern basis**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

**c) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes.

**d) Fixed asset investments**

**Listed investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date, using mid-market prices from the appropriate stock exchange or bid price from the relevant fund manager, or last traded price where applicable.

Gains or losses arising on revaluation or disposal are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the funds in which the investments are held.

**e) Cash at bank**

Cash at bank includes a current account, a 90 day notice account and three foreign currency current accounts.

**f) Foreign currency**

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling and recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date.

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
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**1 Accounting policies** (*continued*)

**g) Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Trust 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 obligations can be measured or estimated reliably.

**h) Financial instruments**

With the exception of investments described above, the Trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially measured at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**i) Income recognition**

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the donation must only be used in future accounting periods, or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income such as dividends and interest are included when receivable.

**j) Expenditure recognition**

Expenditure is recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable are recorded once the Trust has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant which is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is earliest. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the balance sheet date are noted as a commitment, but not provided as expenditure.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are allocated on the basis of time spent on each activity as shown in note 5 to the financial statements.

**2 Income from donations**

|              | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|              | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| J R Horseman | 1,000,000   | 1,000,000   |
| Gift Aid     | 250,000     | 250,000     |
|              | 1,250,000   | 1,250,000   |

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| <b>3 Income from investments</b>  | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                   | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Dividends and interest receivable | 442,766     | 309,975     |

**4 Grants**

During the year, institutional grants were made for the following charitable purposes:-

|                                    | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                    | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| AGE UK Merton                      | 3,000       | 3,000       |
| Bede House Association             | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Be Free Young Carers               | 3,000       | -           |
| Big Issue Foundation               | 2,000       | 2,000       |
| Braille Chess Association          | 1,000       | -           |
| Brooke Hospital for Animals        | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Cheetah Outreach, South Africa     | 5,062       | 5,586       |
| Crisis Newcastle                   | -           | 1,000       |
| Ebony Horse Club                   | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Epic Restart Foundation            | 5,000       | -           |
| ExeAccess                          | -           | 30,020      |
| FareShare                          | 10,000      | 10,000      |
| Farms for City Children            | 11,469      | 5,000       |
| Francis House Children's Hospice   | 5,000       | 2,000       |
| GL11 Community Project             | 5,000       | -           |
| Go Beyond                          | 5,000       | 2,000       |
| Greenacres Education Trust, Uganda | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Grove Adventure Playground         | 5,000       | 5,300       |
| Halo Trust                         | 5,000       | 10,000      |
| Heel and Toe Children's Charity    | 10,000      | 10,000      |
| Integrated Neurological Services   | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Kids in Kathmandu, Nepal           | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Lennox Children's Cancer Fund      | 5,000       | -           |
| Leonard Cheshire Disability        | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Lewis Manning Hospice              | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Link Age Southwark                 | 3,000       | 4,000       |
| Live Theatre                       | 5,000       | -           |
| Liverpool Cares                    | 3,000       | -           |
| London City Mission                | 2,000       | 1,000       |
| London Wildlife Trust              | 5,000       | -           |
| Loughborough Junction Action Group | -           | 300         |
| Maggs Day Centre                   | -           | 5,000       |
| Magic Breakfast                    | 10,000      | -           |
| Marie Curie Cancer Care            | 25,000      | 19,000      |
| Mind                               | -           | 5,000       |
| National Numeracy                  | 5,000       | -           |
| Carried forward                    | 178,531     | 160,206     |

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**4 Grants (continued)**

|  | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|--|-------------|-------------|
|  | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Brought forward  | 178,531     | 160,206     |
| Newcastle United Foundation                            | 10,000      | 10,000      |
| North Music Trust (Sage Gateshead)                     | 15,000      | 25,000      |
| Northumberland National Park                           | 10,000      | -           |
| Northumberland Wildlife Trust Limited                  | -           | 1,000       |
| Pallion Action Group                                   | 5,000       | -           |
| Parochial Church (St Michael's PCC)                    | 2,500       | -           |
| Pelton Youth & Community Centre                        | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Place2Be   | 10,000      | 10,000      |
| Polka Theatre  | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Prison Fellowship                                      | -           | 3,600       |
| Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland                | 5,400       | -           |
| Redthread  | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Ripple Africa, Malawi                                  | 6,020       | 5,040       |
| Royal National Lifeboat Institution                    | -           | 9,000       |
| Royal Marines Charity                                  | 5,000       | 3,000       |
| Royal Zoological Society for Scotland                  | 5,000       | -           |
| Salvation Army   | 5,000       | -           |
| SE Cancer Help Centre                                  | 3,000       | -           |
| Shine  | 10,000      | 5,000       |
| Shooting Star Chase                                    | 3,000       | 3,000       |
| Snowdon Trust  | 20,000      | -           |
| St Christopher's Hospice                               | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| St George's Hospital                                   | 10,000      | -           |
| St Martin-in-the-Fields                                | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| St Michaels and All Angels, Felton                     | -           | 2,200       |
| St Michael's Hospice                                   | 3,000       | 3,000       |
| St Peters Church                                       | 5,000       | -           |
| Stewardship  | 3,000       | 3,000       |
| Streatham Common Co-operative                          | -           | 12,500      |
| Streatham Youth and Community Trust                    | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Surfers Against Sewage                                 | 2,000       | -           |
| The Cowshed  | 10,000      | 5,000       |
| The Oaks Community Church                              | 23,000      | -           |
| The North Northumberland Hospice                       | 4,000       | 3,000       |
| The Together Trust                                     | 5,500       | -           |
| The Woodland Trust                                     | -           | 75,000      |
| The Worth Foundation                                   | 3,000       | -           |
| Thomley Hall Centre Limited                            | -           | 5,000       |
| Tiyeni Fund  | 6,500       | -           |
| Umbrella Derby & Derbyshire                            | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Ufton Court  | 12,540      | -           |
| University of Birmingham - Access to Birmingham scheme | 35,000      | 35,000      |
| Voice 21   | 5,000       | 5,000       |
|  | 455,991     | 418,546     |

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| <b>5 Total expenditure:</b>             | <b>2023</b>         | <b>2022</b>         |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Unrestricted</b> |
|   | <b>fund</b>         | <b>fund</b>         |
|   | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| <b>i) Charitable activities:</b>        |                     |                     |
| Grants payable (see note 4)             | 455,991             | 418,546             |
| Support costs:                          |                     |                     |
| Travel and subsistence                  | 565                 | 1,386               |
| Administration                          | 11,703              | 2,433               |
| Bank charges                            | 2,480               | 2,564               |
|   | 470,739             | 424,929             |
| <b>ii) Governance costs</b>             |                     |                     |
| Audit and accountancy                   | 5,244               | 4,764               |
|   | 475,983             | 429,693             |
| <br>                                    |                     |                     |
| <b>6 Other</b>                          |                     |                     |
|   | <b>2023</b>         | <b>2022</b>         |
|   | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| Gains on foreign exchange retranslation | 451,820             | 3,868               |
|   | 451,820             | 3,868               |

**7 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no trustees or any persons connected by business to them, have received any remuneration from the charity.

The Trust considers its key management personnel to be the trustees.

The aggregate amount of expenses reimbursed to the trustees during the year was £565 (2022: £388). The number of trustees reimbursed for expenditure relating to travel and subsistence was 2 (2022: two reimbursed).

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**8 Investments**

| <i>Listed investments</i>                     | <b>2023</b>  | <b>2022</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------|
|   | £            | £           |
| Market value at 1 April 2022                  | 19,768,553   | 15,558,211  |
| Additions at cost                             | 13,247,670   | 2,768,782   |
| Disposals at carrying value                   | (18,090,832) | (850,000)   |
| Unrealised (loss) gain on revaluation         | (1,002,128)  | 2,291,560   |
|   | <hr/>        | <hr/>       |
| Market value at 31 March 2023                 | 13,923,263   | 19,768,553  |
|   | <hr/>        | <hr/>       |
| Historical cost at 31 March 2023              | 13,574,619   | 14,738,021  |
|   | <hr/>        | <hr/>       |
| Listed investments at market value comprised: |              |             |
| UK equity shares                              | 2,960,685    | 4,712,341   |
| Overseas equity shares                        | 2,642,478    | 11,737,822  |
| UK bonds                                      | 2,711,786    | 3,318,390   |
| Overseas bonds                                | 5,608,314    | -           |
|   | <hr/>        | <hr/>       |
|   | 13,923,263   | 19,768,553  |
|   | <hr/>        | <hr/>       |

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is the mid market value from the appropriate stock exchange or bid price from the relevant fund manager, or last traded price where applicable.

**9 Debtors**

|                      | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                      | £           | £           |
| Gift aid recoverable | 250,000     | 250,000     |
|                      | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |

**10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

|                | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
|                | £           | £           |
| Grants payable | 10,500      | -           |
| Accruals       | 5,244       | 5,763       |
|                | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
|                | 15,744      | 5,763       |
|                | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |

**11 Analysis of net assets between funds**

|   | <b>2023</b> |
|---|-------------|
|   | £           |
| Fixed asset investments                                     | 13,923,263  |
| Current assets  | 13,386,351  |
| Current liabilities   | (15,744)    |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | 27,293,870  |
|   | <hr/>       |
| <i>Analysis of net assets between funds - previous year</i> | <b>2022</b> |
|   | £           |
| Fixed asset investments                                     | 19,768,553  |
| Current assets  | 8,333,661   |
| Current liabilities   | (5,763)     |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | 28,096,451  |
|   | <hr/>       |

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| <b>12 Commitments</b>                     | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Commitments payable in 1 year             | 83,000      | 141,500     |
| Commitments payable in over 1 year        | 250,000     | 263,000     |
|   | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
| Amount of commitments as at 31 March 2023 | 333,000     | 404,500     |
|   | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |

In addition, at the year end, the charity had annual grant commitments of £211,020 (2022: £181,140).

These grant commitments are not provided as liabilities in the financial statements. The amounts represent future amounts of grants offered at the balance sheet date, which are subject to ongoing reviews and are payable out of future income.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1077820

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**Charity Number 1077820**

**JOSEPH MILLER**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Newcastle upon Tyne**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**31 MARCH 2022**

**Trustees:** J R Horseman (Chair)  
M C S Horseman  
L C S Horseman  
G R Horseman  
W J Horseman

**Registered charity number:** 1077820

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## **THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 16 to 17 and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### ***Governing document***

The John Horseman Trust was formed by a declaration of trust on 5 May 1999, and as amended by supplemented deeds dated 17 September 1999 and 16 November 2009. It was registered as a charity on 15 October 1999. The trust deed establishes the objects and powers of the charity under which it is governed.

Both the initial donation from Mr J R Horseman and additional amounts donated since have been under terms which allow the trustees to either retain the amounts as capital or to spend them.

##### ***Management and governance arrangements***

The trust deed provides for at least two trustees. The power of appointing new trustees and removing trustees is vested in the children of Moyra and John Horseman.

The chair of trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee, which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new trustee receives copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'.

#### **Risk management**

The trustees annually review the risks that the charity faces.

The trustees are aware of the risks associated with making grants. They continue to review procedures to reduce risk in this area.

#### **Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

Under the trust deed, the trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply the same at such time or times and in such manner to or for the benefit of such exclusively charitable objects and purposes in any part of the world as the trustees may in their discretion think fit.

The trustees currently have a policy of supporting three types of charitable activity which are of practical utility and benefit for the environment, education and local communities.

The trustees confirm they have been given the general guidance provided by the Charity Commission on public benefit, including the guidance "Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)" and are confident that this is achieved through the grants made to charities.

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### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

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##### **Procedures and policy for grant making**

The trustees identify projects and organisations they wish to support and the Trust has a policy of not making grants to people or organisations who apply speculatively.

A formal review meeting of grant applications by all trustees is held once a year. At other times two or more trustees hold informal meetings to make decisions on new grants and to review ongoing regular grants and their effectiveness. In general, these informal meetings occur approximately once per month.

Wherever possible, grants are made to organisations working in the appropriate field, which themselves hold charitable status and therefore have their own accountability procedures. Grants to other organisations, or to overseas non-profit organisations are made only when the Trust has personal contact and is able to verify the correct accountability for the use of the grant.

The Trust makes donations on an annual basis with the majority of donations going out in January. Other grants are made at different times during the year, either as one-off donations, or as annual grants, which as with the January donations are made on the basis of a 5 to 10 year plan.

The charities benefit more from this approach to grant making as it allows them to plan their finances. The trustees have also found that the feedback they receive is more thorough and the grants more effectively used.

##### **Achievements and performance of the Trust**

Clear and effective communication between the trustees and recipients of grants continues to underpin the donation profile for The John Horseman Trust during the year 2021-2022. The trustees were pleased to face the new financial year in a strong position with regard to funds under management ensuring that ongoing annual grants to charities were secure with a good outlook for taking on new donations. The main restriction on being able to expand the number of donations being the limited time available to John and Moyra Horseman to develop the reach of the charitable trust. This issue was addressed by the decision to appoint a Trust Administrator to help with the increasing workload associated with expanding the charity. Sarah Timmis was appointed in November 2021 and the trustees are very pleased to reflect the positive effect of this additional help in the report for this last year.

The impact of COVID continued to be felt across society and reporting from charities supported by the Trust reflected this. The trustees were pleased to be in a position to increase donations to some longstanding charities and extend new donations to more recent applicants. Wise use of furlough schemes, prudent decisions to reduce overheads and evidence of a commitment to specific causes, provided the trustees with confidence to increase regular annual grants to some of the longstanding charities the Trust has supported in some cases for well over a decade. Rising energy and living costs were also a factor in the decision of the trustees to increase grant levels. Farms for City Children, London City Mission, Streatham Youth Club and St Christopher's Hospice were just a few of the charities which benefited from increases in regular donations. Widely reported reliance upon food banks encouraged the trustees to increase the annual donation to FareShare and to provide an additional donation to the Grove Adventure Playground's foodbank through the Big Give. Making donations to the Big Give was easier this year due to the facility that was set up for online pledges. A second donation was made to The North Northumberland Hospice via the Big Give. The pledge system of giving is not something the trustees favour though, so it is unlikely that the trustees will expand their giving via the Big Give.

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##### **Achievements and performance of the Trust** *(continued)*

Trying to readdress inequality in society is way beyond the scope of any one body, but if grant making bodies can offer small amounts of support, then the sum of this effort can start to make a difference. The trustees are delighted to continue with their support to the 'Access to Birmingham' scheme, (formerly A2B), and the various charities working in secondary and primary education such as Place2Be, Shine, Voice 21, and the Polka Theatre's literacy programme. The North Music Trust, (Sage), received a second significant donation from the Trust. This was an unrestricted gift, given on the basis of belief in the importance of the Sage Gateshead in the artistic and creative life of the North East. The outreach programme and support for young musicians thrives and the trustees are proud to be supporting the ongoing work in this area. The opening of the youth hub "NUCASTLE" around the corner from the Newcastle United football ground, was another exciting event for young people in the City. The John Horseman Trust offered finance to this project in the very early days, so it was good to witness the opening of the centre.

Support for the work of hospices and palliative care continues to be a theme for The John Horseman Trust. The trustees will continue to work with Marie Curie in offering an annual contribution towards nursing care, and with the St Michael's Hospice training scheme which operates in tandem with Leeds university school of nursing. It is unlikely that the trustees will expand their hospice programme as it already forms a significant part of our giving.

Many new applications were made to the Trust and some met with success. An application for funding is more likely to succeed if the trustees can see a clear breakdown of why funding is being applied for with a visual breakdown of how the money will be spent through pie charts, graphs, and other representations. A good example of this was a recent application for support for veterans' mental health by the Royal Marines Charity. Another was the application made by the RNLI for equipment in a lifeboat station. The trustees could clearly see in both applications a need in the local community and an immediate offer of relief, or in the case of the RNLI a real opportunity to save lives.

As the financial year came to a close the trustees were very pleased to be able to finally release the first stage payment to the Woodland Trust for the car park project at Langley Vale. This has been a project slowed down by endless planning and local issues, but the Woodland Trust has managed to negotiate through all this with the end result of a sensitively designed car park that will open this beautiful site to many more people. The project is not yet finished so the trustees have held on to the second payment until completion of the work in early May 2022.

Another significant donation which was made towards the end of the financial year was to a disability charity operating in Exeter called ExeAccess. The Trust was delighted to fill the funding gap in the final stage of their appeal for an electric van with a hoist. The charity had everything in place very efficiently and an invitation to visit and see the van in use will be taken up by our Trust Administrator in the summer of 2022.

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##### **Achievements and performance of the Trust** *(continued)*

Donations made abroad are limited due to the difficulty in monitoring. The charities supported by the Trust, such as Brooke Hospital, or Ripple Africa are working in areas where they have strong local representation with UK based Head Offices. The trustees have a good personal contact with the UK based fundraiser for Greenacres Academy in Uganda. KIKN, the charity working with Nepalese orphans, informed us of the sudden death of its founder Lai See Chew. This was very sad for everyone involved as Lai See had been the driving force in this very effective charity. Her husband Stephen Smith has taken over and continues to offer good reporting. The reporting from Cheetah Outreach continues to be excellent and the trustees will keep offering grants for the work with local famers in South Africa. After the withdrawal from Afghanistan a fundraising campaign was launched by the Halo Trust to raise money for mine clearance to make areas safe for communities. The trustees made a one-off donation for this campaign and were so reassured and impressed by the reporting, that the decision was made to increase future donations and extend the brief to support the work of the charity in Ukraine.

The trustees continue to receive postal applications to the registered address and wish to state clearly that their preference is for email enquiries via the contact stated on the Charity Commission website. Postal applications are not turned around as quickly and less likely to be viewed positively as it shows a failure to research the Trust's preferences. The aims and objectives of The John Horseman Trust are clear and if an application fails to provide clarity in their request for money, with a breakdown in costs and likely benefits, the application will not meet with success.

The appointment of a Trust Administrator has enabled the trustees to monitor existing donations more closely, celebrating good reporting and registering concern at poor responses. Moyra and John Horseman have a weekly Zoom meeting with our Trust Administrator and keep in touch via email and Google docs between meetings. As COVID restrictions have been lifted Sarah Timmis will be undertaking more visits to charities. If the trustees pick up a sense that the original charitable mission is being diluted and the direction of the charity being supported by the Trust is going "off task", then the trustees will review the donation and cancel where appropriate. Poor or unreliable reporting and or persistent failure to produce receipts has also resulted in grants being withdrawn. The trustees have started using Eversign, the online signing system, which negates the need to print, sign and scan back terms and conditions. This has improved efficiency for all parties. Our Trust Administrator took on the task of requesting Safeguarding Policies from all the charities supported by the Trust, and we are pleased to report that as the year finishes all the policies are in place.

##### **Financial review**

The Trust's net assets increased by £3,222,087 (2021: £3,772,149) during the year to £28,096,451 (2021: £24,874,364), after grants of £418,546 (2021: £545,880) were made.

Donations of £1,000,000 (2021: £1,000,000), before attributable gift aid, were given to the Trust during the year by Mr J R Horseman.

The finances of The John Horseman Trust are in a healthy state. The charity has no borrowings and is not dependant on outside support to maintain its spending.

The trustees are satisfied with the position of the Trust at the balance sheet date.

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#### Investment policy and performance

There are no restrictions in the trust deed on the trustees' power to invest.

If ever a year can be described as one of two halves, then the year to March 2022 must surely fall into that category. In the first half, roughly to October, investors had a rush of blue sky thinking. The prevailing wisdom was that interest rates would remain low indefinitely, companies would achieve their goals however distant and dreamy, while COVID was unlikely to have any effect on the jobs market as everyone could work from home. As if to reassure any doubters, the 140 or so economists at the American Federal Reserve pronounced that inflation would be a temporary affair.

The outbreak of war in the Ukraine was partly responsible for upending this view but in truth stresses and strains were apparent months before Russia sent in its troops on 24 February. Following the post COVID back to work, companies had been complaining of labour shortages and logistical issues in supply chains. Inflation, far from fulfilling the forecasts of the economists continued to rise and was at 7% by Christmas in America and the UK, the highest it has been for forty years. All of this was not lost on investors who woke up from their dreamy state and began selling their speculative shares in droves.

We mention the above because it provides a useful background as to why the fund pursues a conservative investment policy. It is worth summarising what we mean by this. Broadly, there are five main principles which make up the policy as follows:

- Surplus funds in the John Horseman Trust are invested with the objective of trying to maintain the real value of the Trust after inflation but not including the donations made.
- We invest in larger capitalised companies around the world which we believe have good growth prospects which are not reflected in the price.
- The Trust invests for the long term, realising that it will have up and down years but not shaken out by each shift of sentiment.
- The Trust maintains ample liquidity so that it is never forced to sell a position to meet a commitment.
- Investment decisions are made by the trustees and not devolved to an outside body which may make decisions which run counter to the above principles.

The Trust made three investment decisions during the year. Recognising that resources would play a bigger part in investors' thinking, all three have a resource theme and in the view of the trustees represent good value. The first of these is the Anglo Australian miner Rio Tinto. As the largest iron ore miner in the world, as well as a significant player in copper and aluminium it looks attractive. A dividend yield of at least 6% adds to the attraction.

The second investment is Enbridge. The company is responsible for distributing some 20% of natural gas in the United States through its extensive pipeline system. It also owns significant storage assets in liquid petroleum gas and a growing green energy business. It carries a similar dividend of approximately 6%. The final investment is Archer Daniels or ADM. The company is the world's largest processor of corn and soya as well as being a large trader in these markets. It also has an important flavours business which is showing good growth.

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#### **Investment policy and performance** *(continued)*

After several positive years for the Trust's investments, it seems quite unlikely that we will be treated so kindly during the remainder of 2022 and possibly into 2023. Quite apart from the humanitarian cost, it is rare that conflict of a scale which we are seeing in the Ukraine will have no impact on financial markets, indeed we are already seeing this with shortages in many areas and profit warnings. It is also clear that the era of very low interest rates which was introduced after the global financial crisis in 2008 is drawing to a close. As interest rates rise, this tends to work adversely for investors in equities, at least until investors sense that the top has been reached. At the same time, openings will arise which we hope will allow the Trust to take advantage.

#### **Reserves policy**

The trust deed requires the trustees to use the income of the Trust in promoting its objects. The use of the Trust's reserves is therefore wholly at the discretion of the trustees, with no particular level of reserves required to be maintained.

#### **Plans for future periods**

It is expected that 2022/23 will be a year characterised by consolidation and development of relations with charities on the current schedule, but it is anticipated that new contacts and donations will be made. In previous years the trustees have felt that it was more manageable to make a couple of very big donations each year but not develop the smaller ones. With the need being so great the trustees are of the view that the smaller donations can have more impact. The trustees may be less keen to support big infrastructure projects and work more to maximise the impact in areas where a small amount can go a long way. This has been made easier for us by taking on more help in the administration of the charity. The trustees look forward to developing some areas currently under represented in the giving profile, growing existing relations and forming some new rewarding partnerships.

#### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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**Statement of trustees' responsibilities** *(continued)*

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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

In so far as the board of trustees is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- the board of trustees has taken all the steps that it ought to have taken to make itself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

J R Horseman  
Trustee  
10 September 2022

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The John Horseman Trust, for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**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 auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 Trust'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 other information comprises the information included in the report of the trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST  
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**Other information** *(continued)*

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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the report of the trustees; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on pages 7 and 8, the trustees 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 an auditor's report 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.

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**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements** *(continued)*

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the Trust, discussions with the trustees and those charged with governance, we considered that the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Account and Reports) Regulations 2008 and UK tax legislation.

As part of the engagement team discussion about the susceptibility of the Trust's financial statements to material misstatement due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud, which may have a material effect on the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- enquiry of the trustees and review of any relevant correspondence with legal advisers regarding any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- communicating identified laws and regulations and the risks of fraud with our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance or fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review of the minutes of the board of trustees;
- review of accounting estimates for management override and bias;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual transactions;
- identifying and testing journal entries.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with those charged with governance.

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 auditor's report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
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**Use of the audit report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an independent 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 charity and charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joseph Miller  
Statutory Auditor  
Floor A  
Milburn House  
Dean Street  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE1 1LE

Date: 12 September 2022

Joseph Miller is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

|   | Note | 2022<br>Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | 2021<br>Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ |
|---|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                         |      |                                   |                                   |
| Donations                                   | 2    | 1,250,000                         | 1,250,000                         |
| Investments                                 | 3    | 309,975                           | 268,111                           |
| <b>Total income</b>                         |      | 1,559,975                         | 1,518,111                         |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                      |      |                                   |                                   |
| Charitable activities                       | 5    | 429,693                           | 552,528                           |
| Other                                       | 6    | (3,868)                           | 9,030                             |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                    |      | 425,825                           | 561,558                           |
| Net gains on investments                    |      | 2,087,937                         | 2,815,596                         |
| <b>Net income and net movement in funds</b> |      | 3,222,087                         | 3,772,149                         |
| <b><i>Reconciliation of funds</i></b>       |      |                                   |                                   |
| Total funds brought forward                 |      | 24,874,364                        | 21,102,215                        |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>          |      | 28,096,451                        | 24,874,364                        |

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

|  | <b>Note</b> | <b>2022</b><br><b>£</b> | <b>2021</b><br><b>£</b> |
|--|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                            |             |                         |                         |
| Investments                                    | 8           | <u>19,768,553</u>       | <u>15,558,211</u>       |
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |             |                         |                         |
| Debtors  | 9           | 250,000                 | 250,000                 |
| Cash at bank                                   |             | 8,083,661               | 9,070,731               |
|  |             | <u>8,333,661</u>        | <u>9,320,731</u>        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                             |             |                         |                         |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 10          | (5,763)                 | (4,578)                 |
|  |             | <u>8,327,898</u>        | <u>9,316,153</u>        |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                      |             |                         |                         |
|  |             | <u>28,096,451</u>       | <u>24,874,364</u>       |
| <b>Net assets</b>                              |             |                         |                         |
| <b>Funds of the charity</b>                    |             |                         |                         |
| Unrestricted income fund                       |             | 28,096,451              | 24,874,364              |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                     | 11          | <u>28,096,451</u>       | <u>24,874,364</u>       |

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 10 September 2022 and were signed on their behalf by:-

J R Horseman  
Trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

|   | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>  |             |             |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 825,360     | 688,532     |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>  |             |             |
| Dividends and interest from investments   | 309,975     | 268,111     |
| Purchase of investments   | (2,768,782) | (1,681,029) |
| Proceeds from sale of investments   | 646,377     | -           |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | (1,812,430) | (1,412,918) |
| <b>Change in cash in the year ended 31 March 2022</b>                               | (987,070)   | (724,386)   |
| Cash at 1 April 2021  | 9,070,731   | 9,795,117   |
| <b>Cash at 31 March 2022</b>  | 8,083,661   | 9,070,731   |
| <b>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</b>      |             |             |
| Net income for the year ended 31 March 2022 (per statement of financial activities) | 3,222,087   | 3,772,149   |
| <b>Adjustments for:</b>   |             |             |
| Gains on investments  | (2,087,937) | (2,815,596) |
| Dividends and interest from investments   | (309,975)   | (268,111)   |
| Increase in creditors   | 1,185       | 90          |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>                                    | 825,360     | 688,532     |

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**1 Accounting policies**

**a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless stated otherwise. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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

**b) Preparation of financial statements on a going concern basis**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

**c) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes.

**d) Fixed asset investments**

**Listed investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date, using mid-market prices from the appropriate stock exchange or bid price from the relevant fund manager, or last traded price where applicable.

Gains or losses arising on revaluation or disposal are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the funds in which the investments are held.

**e) Cash at bank**

Cash at bank includes a current account, a 90 day notice account and three foreign currency current accounts.

**f) Foreign currency**

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling and recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date.

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**1 Accounting policies** (*continued*)

**g) Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Trust 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 obligations can be measured or estimated reliably.

**h) Financial instruments**

With the exception of investments described above, the Trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially measured at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**i) Income recognition**

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the donation must only be used in future accounting periods, or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income such as dividends and interest are included when receivable.

**j) Expenditure recognition**

Expenditure is recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable are recorded once the Trust has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant which is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is earliest. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the balance sheet date are noted as a commitment, but not provided as expenditure.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are allocated on the basis of time spent on each activity as shown in note 5 to the financial statements.

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

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| <b>2 Income from donations</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| J R Horseman                   | 1,000,000   | 1,000,000   |
| Gift Aid                       | 250,000     | 250,000     |
|                                | 1,250,000   | 1,250,000   |

| <b>3 Income from investments</b>  | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                   | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Dividends and interest receivable | 309,975     | 268,111     |
|                                   | 309,975     | 268,111     |

**4 Grants**

During the year institutional grants were made for the following charitable purposes:-

|                                    | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                    | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| AGE UK Merton                      | 3,000       | 3,000       |
| Bede House Association             | 5,000       | -           |
| Big Issue Foundation               | 2,000       | 2,000       |
| Blyth Star Enterprises             | -           | 5,000       |
| Brooke Hospital for Animals        | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Cheetah Outreach, South Africa     | 5,586       | 5,140       |
| CHICKs (also known as Go Beyond)   | 2,000       | 2,000       |
| Crisis Newcastle                   | 1,000       | 1,000       |
| Cycle-R                            | -           | 5,000       |
| Ebony Horse Club                   | 5,000       | -           |
| ExeAccess                          | 30,020      | -           |
| FareShare                          | 10,000      | 10,000      |
| Farms for City Children            | 5,000       | 3,000       |
| Francis House Children's Hospice   | 2,000       | 2,000       |
| Great North Museum Hancock         | -           | 10,000      |
| Greenacres Education Trust, Uganda | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Grove Adventure Playground         | 5,300       | 2,000       |
| Halo Trust                         | 10,000      | -           |
| Heel and Toe Children's Charity    | 10,000      | 20,000      |
| Integrated Neurological Services   | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Kids in Kathmandu, Nepal           | 5,000       | 10,000      |
| Leonard Cheshire Disability        | 5,000       | -           |
| Lewis Manning Trust                | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Link Age Southwark                 | 4,000       | 5,000       |
| London City Mission                | 1,000       | 1,000       |
| Loughborough Junction Action Group | 300         | -           |
| Maggs Day Centre                   | 5,000       | 5,000       |
| Marie Curie Cancer Care            | 19,000      | 269,000     |
|                                    | 155,206     | 380,140     |
| Carried forward                    | 155,206     | 380,140     |

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**4 Grants (continued)**

|  | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2021</b>    |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Brought forward  | 155,206        | 380,140        |
| Mind   | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Newcastle United Foundation                            | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| North Music Trust (Sage Gateshead)                     | 25,000         | 10,000         |
| Northumberland Wildlife Trust Limited                  | 1,000          | 1,000          |
| Pelton Youth & Community Centre                        | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Place2Be   | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| Polka Theatre  | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Prison Fellowship                                      | 3,600          | -              |
| Redthread  | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Ripple Africa, Malawi                                  | 5,040          | 5,040          |
| Royal National Lifeboat Institution                    | 9,000          | -              |
| Royal Marines Charity                                  | 3,000          | -              |
| Salvation Army   | -              | 15,000         |
| Shine  | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Shooting Star Chase                                    | 3,000          | 3,000          |
| St Christopher's Hospice                               | 5,000          | 3,000          |
| St Martin-in-the-Fields                                | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| St Michaels and All Angels, Felton                     | 2,200          | 2,200          |
| St Michael's Hospice                                   | 3,000          | 3,000          |
| Stewardship  | 3,000          | 3,000          |
| Streatham Common Co-operative                          | 12,500         | 2,500          |
| Streatham Youth and Community Trust                    | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| The Cowshed  | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| The Woodland Trust                                     | 75,000         | -              |
| The North Northumberland Hospice                       | 3,000          | 3,000          |
| Thomley Hall Centre Limited                            | 5,000          | 10,000         |
| Umbrella Derby & Derbyshire                            | 5,000          | -              |
| University of Birmingham - Access to Birmingham scheme | 35,000         | 35,000         |
| Voice 21   | 5,000          | -              |
| Zoological Society London                              | -              | 10,000         |
|  | <u>418,546</u> | <u>545,880</u> |

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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|   |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>5 Total expenditure:</b>                   | <b>2022</b>         | <b>2021</b>         |
|   | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Unrestricted</b> |
|   | <b>fund</b>         | <b>fund</b>         |
|   | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| <b>i) Charitable activities:</b>              |                     |                     |
| Grants payable (see note 4)                   | 418,546             | 545,880             |
| Support costs:                                |                     |                     |
| Travel and subsistence                        | 1,386               | -                   |
| Administration                                | 2,433               | -                   |
| Printing, postage and stationery              | -                   | 23                  |
| Bank charges                                  | 2,564               | 2,047               |
|   | 424,929             | 547,950             |
| <b>ii) Governance costs</b>                   |                     |                     |
| Audit and accountancy                         | 4,764               | 4,578               |
|   | 429,693             | 552,528             |
| <b>6 Other</b>                                | <b>2022</b>         | <b>2021</b>         |
|   | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| Gain (loss) on foreign exchange retranslation | 3,868               | (9,030)             |
|   |                     |                     |

**7 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no trustees or any persons connected by business to them, have received any remuneration from the charity.

The Trust considers its key management personnel to be the trustees.

The aggregate amount of expenses reimbursed to the trustees during the year was £388 (2021: £23). The number of trustees reimbursed for expenditure relating to travel and subsistence was two (2021: one reimbursed).

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
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**8 Investments**

*Listed investments*

|   | <b>2022</b>       | <b>2021</b>       |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Market value at 1 April 2021                  | 15,558,211        | 11,061,586        |
| Additions at cost                             | 2,768,782         | 1,681,029         |
| Disposals at carrying value                   | (850,000)         | -                 |
| Unrealised gain on revaluation                | 2,291,560         | 2,815,596         |
|   | <u>19,768,553</u> | <u>15,558,211</u> |
| Market value at 31 March 2022                 |                   |                   |
|   | <u>19,768,553</u> | <u>15,558,211</u> |
| Historical cost at 31 March 2022              | 14,738,021        | 12,695,951        |
|   | <u>14,738,021</u> | <u>12,695,951</u> |
| Listed investments at market value comprised: |                   |                   |
| UK equity shares                              | 4,712,341         | 3,545,868         |
| Overseas equity shares                        | 11,737,822        | 8,601,031         |
| Bonds   | 3,318,390         | 3,411,312         |
|   | <u>19,768,553</u> | <u>15,558,211</u> |

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is the mid market value from the appropriate stock exchange or bid price from the relevant fund manager, or last traded price where applicable.

**9 Debtors**

|                      | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2021</b>    |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Gift aid recoverable | 250,000        | 250,000        |
|                      | <u>250,000</u> | <u>250,000</u> |

**10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

|          | <b>2022</b>  | <b>2021</b>  |
|----------|--------------|--------------|
|          | <b>£</b>     | <b>£</b>     |
| Accruals | 5,763        | 4,578        |
|          | <u>5,763</u> | <u>4,578</u> |

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

| <b>11 Analysis of net assets between funds</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|--|-------------|
|  | <b>£</b>    |
| Fixed asset investments                        | 19,768,553  |
| Current assets                                 | 8,333,661   |
| Current liabilities                            | (5,763)     |
|  | 28,096,451  |

*Analysis of net assets between funds - previous year*

|                         | <b>2021</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
|                         | <b>£</b>    |
| Fixed asset investments | 15,558,211  |
| Current assets          | 9,320,731   |
| Current liabilities     | (4,578)     |
|                         | 24,874,364  |

| <b>12 Commitments</b>                     | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Commitments payable in 1 year             | 141,500     | 72,000      |
| Commitments payable in over 1 year        | 263,000     | 291,000     |
| Amount of commitments as at 31 March 2022 | 404,500     | 363,000     |

In addition, at the year end, the charity had annual grant commitments of £181,140 (2021: £114,240).

These grant commitments are not provided as liabilities in the financial statements. The amounts represent future amounts of grants offered at the balance sheet date, which are subject to ongoing reviews and are payable out of future income.

**13 Related party transactions**

During the year a grant of £5,000 (2021: £5,000) was made to Greenacres Education Trust, a charity of which J R Horseman is a trustee.

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1077820

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# Accounts

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**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**31 MARCH 2021**

**Charity Number 1077820**

**JOSEPH MILLER**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Newcastle upon Tyne**

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**31 MARCH 2021**

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# THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

31 MARCH 2021

**Trustees:** J R Horseman (Chair)  
M C S Horseman  
L C S Horseman  
G R Horseman  
W J Horseman

**Registered charity number:** 1077820

**Correspondence address:** Acton Hall Cottage  
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**Auditors:** Joseph Miller  
Milburn House  
Dean Street  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
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**Bankers:** Coutts and Co  
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London  
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## **THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 14 to 15 and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### ***Governing document***

The John Horseman Trust was formed by a declaration of trust on 5 May 1999, and as amended by supplemented deeds dated 17 September 1999 and 16 November 2009. It was registered as a charity on 15 October 1999. The trust deed establishes the objects and powers of the charity under which it is governed.

Both the initial donation from Mr J R Horseman and additional amounts donated since have been under terms which allow the trustees to either retain the amounts as capital or to spend them.

##### ***Management and governance arrangements***

The trust deed provides for at least two trustees. The power of appointing new trustees and removing trustees is vested in the children of Moyra and John Horseman.

The chair of trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee, which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new trustee receives copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'.

#### **Risk management**

The trustees annually review the risks that the charity faces.

The trustees are aware of the risks associated with making grants. They continue to review procedures to reduce risk in this area.

#### **Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

Under the trust deed, the trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply the same at such time or times and in such manner to or for the benefit of such exclusively charitable objects and purposes in any part of the world as the trustees may in their discretion think fit.

The trustees currently have a policy of supporting three types of charitable activity which are of practical utility and benefit for the environment, education and local communities.

The trustees confirm they have been given the general guidance provided by the Charity Commission on public benefit, including the guidance "Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)" and are confident that this is achieved through the grants made to charities.

## **THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

##### **Procedures and policy for grant making**

The trustees identify projects and organisations they wish to support and the Trust has a policy of not making grants to people or organisations who apply speculatively.

A formal review meeting of grant applications by all trustees is held once a year. At other times two or more trustees hold informal meetings to make decisions on new grants and to review ongoing regular grants and their effectiveness. In general, these informal meetings occur approximately once per month.

Wherever possible, grants are made to organisations working in the appropriate field, which themselves hold charitable status and therefore have their own accountability procedures. Grants to other organisations, or to overseas non-profit organisations are made only when the Trust has personal contact and is able to verify the correct accountability for the use of the grant.

The Trust makes donations on an annual basis with the majority of donations going out in January. Other grants are made at different times during the year, either as one-off donations, or as standing orders, which as with the January donations are made on the basis of a 5 to 10 year plan.

The charities benefit more from this approach to grant making as it allows them to plan their finances. The trustees have also found that the feedback they receive is more thorough and the grants more effectively used.

##### **Achievements and performance of the Trust**

The finances and the administration of The John Horseman Trust were in a very strong position as the COVID-19 crisis hit the country. Having invested time the previous year in making visits and exploring new opportunities for grant making, the trustees were able to apply themselves during the months of lockdown to send out terms and conditions in order to tighten up the grant making procedures. The return of these T&C's was generally good, but some were held up by staff having been furloughed, or having no access to printers whilst working from home.

Several charities made appeals to The John Horseman Trust for emergency funding for specific projects. COVID-19 put pressure on family incomes both at home and abroad and the Trust was able to respond with emergency grants. Grants made to charities such as Link Age Southwark, Care Share, and the Big Give were in response to food poverty, isolation and homelessness. Other charities needed additional funding to fill gaps from reduced donations. Heel and Toe for example saw a significant drop in donations from cash generating events such as the annual dinner and Great North Run. The trustees offered additional funding in such cases to offer some financial help and to boost morale. Similar grants were made to charities operating abroad, namely KIKN (Kathmandu) and Brooke Hospital (India).

Our biggest donation of the year made in response to an emergency appeal by Marie Curie was for the sum of £250,000. The trustees were of the view that the charity had a very large funding gap to fill and at that point was not able to supply much beyond basic PPE to its staff. The timing of our gift in response to CEO Matthew Reed's appeal provided a real boost to both finances and morale at the charity, and encouraged others to give. The concept of matched funding was further explored by Marie Curie's fundraising team with the Christmas appeal. The trustees were happy for money to be set aside to offer donors the chance to double their donation over the Christmas period. This was a very successful fundraising programme. As a result of this donation and the success of the appeal, The John Horseman Trust was voted by the staff of Marie Curie as their charity of the year. The trustees felt uplifted and humbled by this vote.

## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

##### **Achievements and performance of the Trust** *(continued)*

The trustees hold an annual meeting at the end of the year where donations are reviewed and three charities chosen by Laura, Guy and William Horseman are selected for additional funding, or a new charity is put forward for consideration. Two new charities were chosen, namely Red Thread and Shine. The Big Give is already supported by the Trust and it was decided to renew this support with a bigger gift. Red Thread operates predominantly at King's College Hospital in South London offering support to victims of knife crime. Shine works in education providing additional support for teachers and pupils. Both these donations were received with an immediate and enthusiastic response from the beneficiaries, and the reporting to date has been excellent.

The trustees were very pleased to see a hugely improved relationship developing with the Salvation Army. The link up with the fundraising department had previously been weak, with little or no reporting. The trustees decided to withdraw the standing order and instead offer donations to specific projects where a funding need is clearly established. So far this change in handling the application of funds has been much more effective as can be shown by the reporting for the hostel bed funding scheme in Gloucester and the part salary funding for the Addiction Officers.

During this year of crisis, the trustees were pleased to be in a position to offer continued support to charities with whom we have long standing relations, offer emergency help when requested and take on some new charities at the beginning of 2021. Via Zoom link ups the trustees were able to keep in touch with charities, and receive useful insights and updates.

##### **Financial review**

The Trust's net assets increased by £3,772,149 (2020: £501,053) during the year to £24,874,364 (2020: £21,102,215), after grants of £545,880 (2020: £371,654) were made.

Donations of £1,000,000 (2020: £1,000,000), before attributable gift aid, were given to the Trust during the year by Mr J R Horseman.

The finances of The John Horseman Trust are in a healthy state. The charity has no borrowings and is not dependant on outside support to maintain its spending.

The trustees are satisfied with the position of the Trust at the balance sheet date.

##### **Investment policy and performance**

There are no restrictions in the trust deed on the trustees' power to invest.

Despite the global pandemic and the associated economic uncertainty, the Trust's investments performed well over the period. This was helped in no small part by the emphasis on companies likely to benefit from the lockdowns and the growth of the digital economy such as Facebook, Alphabet, and Amazon. Overall, about 65% of the Trust's assets are invested, with the remainder in cash. About 80% of the investments are in equities, mostly large companies, which the trustees believe represent good value with clearly visible growth prospects. One new investment was added during the year, the UK online retailer Boohoo. The company is experiencing strong growth even as society returns to some sense of normality, but since our purchase, controversies have arisen surrounding its clothing procurement and pricing. This gives us concern and the investment is subject to review.

## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

##### **Investment policy and performance** *(continued)*

Looking ahead we realise that the level of cash, together with the regular donations received by the Trust are higher than we are likely to donate in a given multi-year time frame, so we could afford to increase our investments. This will depend upon identifying growing companies with reasonable growth prospects, which we can hold over an extended period without having to worry about any month-to-month volatility. The likely returns from such investments will in part depend upon when the monetary authorities in the United States and elsewhere allow interest rates to rise and more 'normal' monetary conditions to prevail. At present it is highly uncertain when this will occur.

##### **Reserves policy**

The trust deed requires the trustees to use the income of the Trust in promoting its objects. The use of the Trust's reserves is therefore wholly at the discretion of the trustees, with no particular level of reserves required to be maintained.

##### **Plans for future periods**

The trustees noted a big increase in applications for funding as the country emerged from the summer of 2020. With the effective vaccination programme kicking in, staff began to return to work and there was a marked increase in applications to the trustees. This reflects the ever increasing need to provide financial support for projects around the UK. With the current administrative support being done on an unpaid basis by two of the trustees, a decision has been made to use the services of a Trust Administrator from November 2021. There are plans to set-up a website with a contact email address so that applications for funding can be made via this email. Once the website is live, no postal applications will be considered.

The majority of the terms and conditions documents had been returned by the year ended 31 March 2021, but some were still outstanding due to staff being on furlough, or technical problems caused by home working. All the terms and conditions are now in place. The very few charities which have failed to send back terms and conditions, have been removed from the list. The trustees apply the terms strictly, and any charity which fails to provide updates or prompt receipts is removed from the list of beneficiaries. There may not be any warning given by the trustees of removal.

From 2021 all charities supported by The John Horseman Trust will be required to supply copies of their safeguarding policy. The new Trust Administrator will undertake this task.

The trustees plan to continue providing funding to the long list of charities supported through standing orders and trial one off donations. Each year the trustees favour a few significant larger donations for specific projects. A successful example of such a donation during 2021 was to the Sage Gateshead to help with the recovery and renewal programme. The reporting provided by the Sage was excellent and the trustees plan to offer a further grant in the Autumn of 2021. The trustees believe that a one-off larger donation can make a significant difference and often encourage other charities to give to the project. The trustees admit to a sense of frustration with some of these larger donations. This is in part due to planning issues, and increased costs associated with building projects. The larger donations often go towards capital projects and typically such schemes are beset with delays. The trustees are reluctant to give pledges in view of the problems which arise from having to carry over pledges into the next financial year.

The trustees look forward to 2021-22 with a sense of optimism about the direction of the Trust, excitement about expanding the numbers of charities supported and consolidating existing relations.

## THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

##### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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

In so far as the board of trustees is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- the board of trustees has taken all the steps that it ought to have taken to make itself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

J R Horseman  
Trustee  
20 November 2021

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The John Horseman Trust, for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**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 auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 Trust'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 other information comprises the information included in the report of the trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

**Other information** *(continued)*

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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the report of the trustees; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the trustees 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 an auditor's report 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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements** *(continued)*

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the Trust, discussions with the trustees and those charged with governance, we considered that the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Account and Reports) Regulations 2008 and UK tax legislation.

As part of the engagement team discussion about the susceptibility of the Trust's financial statements to material misstatement due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud, which may have a material effect on the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- enquiry of the trustees and review of any relevant correspondence with legal advisers regarding any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- communicating identified laws and regulations and the risks of fraud with our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance or fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review of the minutes of the board of trustees;
- review of accounting estimates for management override and bias;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual transactions;
- identifying and testing journal entries.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with those charged with governance.

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 auditor's report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

**Use of the audit report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an independent 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 charity and charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joseph Miller  
Statutory Auditor  
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NE1 1LE

Date: 24 November 2021

Joseph Miller is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

|   | Note | 2021<br>Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | 2020<br>Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ |
|---|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                         |      |                                   |                                   |
| Donations                                   | 2    | 1,250,000                         | 1,250,000                         |
| Investments                                 | 3    | 268,111                           | 305,298                           |
| Other                                       | 6    | -                                 | 1,109                             |
| <b>Total income</b>                         |      | <u>1,518,111</u>                  | <u>1,556,407</u>                  |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                      |      |                                   |                                   |
| Charitable activities                       | 5    | 552,528                           | 378,093                           |
| Other                                       | 6    | 9,030                             | -                                 |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                    |      | <u>561,558</u>                    | <u>378,093</u>                    |
| Net gains (losses) on investments           | 8    | 2,815,596                         | (677,261)                         |
| <b>Net income and net movement in funds</b> |      | 3,772,149                         | 501,053                           |
| <i>Reconciliation of funds</i>              |      |                                   |                                   |
| Total funds brought forward                 |      | 21,102,215                        | 20,601,162                        |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>          |      | <u>24,874,364</u>                 | <u>21,102,215</u>                 |

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form part of these financial statements

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

|  | Note | 2021<br>£         | 2020<br>£         |
|--|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                            |      |                   |                   |
| Investments                                    | 8    | <u>15,558,211</u> | <u>11,061,586</u> |
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |      |                   |                   |
| Debtors  | 9    | 250,000           | 250,000           |
| Cash at bank                                   |      | 9,070,731         | 9,795,117         |
|  |      | <u>9,320,731</u>  | <u>10,045,117</u> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                             |      |                   |                   |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 10   | (4,578)           | (4,488)           |
|  |      | <u>9,316,153</u>  | <u>10,040,629</u> |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                      |      |                   |                   |
|  |      | <u>24,874,364</u> | <u>21,102,215</u> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                              |      |                   |                   |
| <b>Funds of the charity</b>                    |      |                   |                   |
| Unrestricted income fund                       |      | 24,874,364        | 21,102,215        |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                     | 11   | <u>24,874,364</u> | <u>21,102,215</u> |

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 20 November 2021 and were signed on their behalf by:-

J R Horseman  
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form part of these financial statements

**THE JOHN HORSEMAN TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

|  |     | 2021<br>£   | 2020<br>£   |
|--|-----|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>   |     |             |             |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | (a) | 688,532     | 733,896     |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>   |     |             |             |
| Dividends and interest from investments  |     | 268,111     | 305,298     |
| Purchase of investments  |     | (1,681,029) | (3,684,572) |
|  |     | (1,412,918) | (3,379,274) |
| <b>Change in cash in the year ended 31 March 2021</b>                                  |     | (724,386)   | (2,645,378) |
| Cash at 1 April 2020   |     | 9,795,117   | 12,440,495  |
| <b>Cash at 31 March 2021</b>   |     | 9,070,731   | 9,795,117   |
| <br><b>(a) Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</b> |     |             |             |
| Net income for the year ended 31 March 2021 (per statement of financial activities)    |     | 3,772,149   | 501,053     |
| <b>Adjustments for:</b>  |     |             |             |
| (Gains) losses on investments  |     | (2,815,596) | 677,261     |
| Dividends and interest from investments  |     | (268,111)   | (305,298)   |
| Increase (decrease) in creditors   |     | 90          | (139,120)   |
|  |     | 688,532     | 733,896     |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>                                       |     | 688,532     | 733,896     |

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**1 Accounting policies**

**a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless stated otherwise. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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

**b) Preparation of financial statements on a going concern basis**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

**c) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes.

**d) Fixed asset investments**

**Listed investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date, using mid-market prices from the appropriate stock exchange or bid price from the relevant fund manager, or last traded price where applicable.

Gains or losses arising on revaluation or disposal are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the funds in which the investments are held.

**e) Cash at bank**

Cash at bank includes a current account, a 90 day notice account and three foreign currency current accounts.

**f) Foreign currency**

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling and recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date.

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**1 Accounting policies** (*continued*)

**g) Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Trust 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 obligations can be measured or estimated reliably.

**h) Financial instruments**

With the exception of investments described above, the Trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially measured at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**i) Income recognition**

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the donation must only be used in future accounting periods, or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income such as dividends and interest are included when receivable.

**i) Expenditure recognition**

Expenditure is recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable are recorded once the Trust has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant which is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is earliest. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the balance sheet date are noted as a commitment, but not provided as expenditure.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are allocated on the basis of time spent on each activity as shown in note 5 to the financial statements.

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|          |  |             |             |
|----------|--|-------------|-------------|
| <b>2</b> | <b>Income from donations</b>   | <b>2021</b> | <b>2020</b> |
|          |  | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
|          | J R Horseman   | 1,000,000   | 1,000,000   |
|          | Gift Aid   | 250,000     | 250,000     |
|          |  | 1,250,000   | 1,250,000   |
| <br>     |  |             |             |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Income from investments</b>   | <b>2021</b> | <b>2020</b> |
|          |  | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
|          | Dividends and interest receivable  | 268,111     | 305,298     |
|          |  | 268,111     | 305,298     |
| <br>     |  |             |             |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Grants</b>  |             |             |
|          | During the year institutional grants were made for the following charitable purposes:- |             |             |
|          |  | <b>2021</b> | <b>2020</b> |
|          |  | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
|          | AGE UK Merton  | 3,000       | 3,000       |
|          | Ashton School Fund   | -           | 11,300      |
|          | Big Issue Foundation   | 2,000       | 1,000       |
|          | Big Kid Foundation   | -           | 2,000       |
|          | Blue Monarch, USA  | -           | 3,979       |
|          | Blyth Star Enterprises   | 5,000       | 5,000       |
|          | Brooke Hospital for Animals  | 5,000       | -           |
|          | Cheetah Outreach, South Africa   | 5,140       | 5,435       |
|          | CHICKs   | 2,000       | 2,000       |
|          | Crisis Newcastle   | 1,000       | 1,000       |
|          | Cycle-R  | 5,000       | -           |
|          | Dulwich Picture Gallery  | -           | 3,200       |
|          | Ebony Horse Club   | -           | 1,000       |
|          | FareShare  | 10,000      | -           |
|          | Farms for City Children  | 3,000       | 3,000       |
|          | Francis House Children's Hospice   | 2,000       | 2,000       |
|          | Great North Museum Hancock   | 10,000      | 10,000      |
|          | Greenacres Education Trust, Uganda   | 5,000       | 5,000       |
|          | Grove Adventure Playground   | 2,000       | -           |
|          | Heel and Toe Children's Charity  | 20,000      | 10,000      |
|          | Hospice Care NLND  | 3,000       | 2,000       |
|          | Integrated Neurological Services   | 5,000       | 5,000       |
|          | Kids in Kathmandu, Nepal   | 10,000      | 5,000       |
|          | Leonard Cheshire Disability  | -           | 5,000       |
|          | Lewis Manning Trust  | 5,000       | 5,000       |
|          | Link Age Southwark (previously Dulwich Helpline)                                       | 5,000       | 3,000       |
|          | London City Mission  | 1,000       | 1,000       |
|          | Maggs Day Centre   | 5,000       | 5,000       |
|          |  | 114,140     | 99,914      |
|          | Carried forward  |             |             |

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**4 Grants (continued)**

|                                       | <b>2021</b>    | <b>2020</b>    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                       | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Brought forward                       | 114,140        | 99,914         |
| Marie Curie Cancer Care               | 269,000        | -              |
| Mind                                  | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| National Trust, Seaton Delaval Hall   | -              | 25,000         |
| Newcastle United Foundation           | 10,000         | 110,000        |
| North Devon Hospice                   | -              | 7,500          |
| North Music Trust (Sage Gateshead)    | 10,000         | -              |
| Northumberland Wildlife Trust Limited | 1,000          | 1,000          |
| Pelton Youth & Community Centre       | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Place2Be                              | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| Polka Theatre                         | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Redthread                             | 5,000          | -              |
| Ripple Africa, Malawi                 | 5,040          | 5,040          |
| Salvation Army                        | 15,000         | 5,000          |
| Shine                                 | 5,000          | 1,000          |
| Shooting Star Chase                   | 3,000          | 3,000          |
| St Christopher's Hospice              | 3,000          | 3,000          |
| St Martin-in-the-Fields               | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| St Michaels and All Angels, Felton    | 2,200          | 2,200          |
| St Michael's Hospice                  | 3,000          | 3,000          |
| St Peter's, Bentley                   | -              | 50,000         |
| Stewardship                           | 3,000          | 3,000          |
| Streatham Common Co-operative         | 2,500          | -              |
| Streatham Youth and Community Trust   | 5,000          | 3,000          |
| The Cowshed                           | 5,000          | 10,000         |
| Thomley Hall Centre Limited           | 10,000         | 5,000          |
| University of Birmingham - A2B scheme | 35,000         | -              |
| Voice 21                              | -              | 5,000          |
| Zoological Society London             | 10,000         | -              |
|                                       | <u>545,880</u> | <u>371,654</u> |

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| <b>5 Total expenditure:</b>                   | <b>2021</b>         | <b>2020</b>         |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Unrestricted</b> |
|   | <b>fund</b>         | <b>fund</b>         |
|   | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| <b>i) Charitable activities:</b>              |                     |                     |
| Grants payable (see note 4)                   | 545,880             | 371,654             |
| Support costs:                                |                     |                     |
| Travel and subsistence                        | -                   | 448                 |
| Sundry expenses                               | -                   | 100                 |
| Printing, postage and stationery              | 23                  | -                   |
| Bank charges                                  | 2,047               | 1,403               |
|   | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
|   | 547,950             | 373,605             |
|   | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| <b>ii) Governance costs</b>                   |                     |                     |
| Audit and accountancy                         | 4,578               | 4,488               |
|   | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
|   | 4,578               | 4,488               |
|   | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| Total expenditure on charitable activities    | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
|   | 552,528             | 378,093             |
|   | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| <b>6 Other</b>                                |                     |                     |
|   | <b>2021</b>         | <b>2020</b>         |
|   | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| (Loss) gain on foreign exchange retranslation | (9,030)             | 1,109               |
|   | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |

**7 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no trustees or any persons connected by business to them, have received any remuneration from the charity.

The Trust considers its key management personnel to be the trustees.

The aggregate amount of expenses reimbursed to the trustees during the year was £23 (2020: £448). The number of trustees reimbursed for expenditure was one (2020: one reimbursed for travelling).

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**8 Investments**

*Listed investments*

|   | <b>2021</b>       | <b>2020</b>       |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Market value at 1 April 2020                  | 11,061,586        | 8,054,275         |
| Additions at cost                             | 1,681,029         | 3,684,572         |
| Disposals at carrying value                   | -                 | -                 |
| Unrealised gain (loss) on revaluation         | 2,815,596         | (677,261)         |
|   | <u>15,558,211</u> | <u>11,061,586</u> |
| Market value at 31 March 2021                 |                   |                   |
| Historical cost at 31 March 2021              | <u>12,695,951</u> | <u>11,014,922</u> |
| Listed investments at market value comprised: |                   |                   |
| UK equity shares                              | 3,545,868         | 2,442,846         |
| Overseas equity shares                        | 8,601,031         | 5,421,695         |
| Bonds   | 3,411,312         | 3,197,045         |
|   | <u>15,558,211</u> | <u>11,061,586</u> |

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is the market value using the bid price.

**9 Debtors**

|                      | <b>2021</b>    | <b>2020</b>    |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Gift aid recoverable | 250,000        | 250,000        |
|                      | <u>250,000</u> | <u>250,000</u> |

**10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

|          | <b>2021</b>  | <b>2020</b>  |
|----------|--------------|--------------|
|          | <b>£</b>     | <b>£</b>     |
| Accruals | 4,578        | 4,488        |
|          | <u>4,578</u> | <u>4,488</u> |

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| <b>11 Analysis of net assets between funds</b>              | <b>2021</b> |
|---|-------------|
|   | <b>£</b>    |
| Fixed asset investments                                     | 15,558,211  |
| Current assets  | 9,320,731   |
| Current liabilities   | (4,578)     |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | 24,874,364  |
|   | <hr/>       |
| <i>Analysis of net assets between funds - previous year</i> | <b>2020</b> |
|   | <b>£</b>    |
| Fixed asset investments                                     | 11,061,586  |
| Current assets  | 10,045,117  |
| Current liabilities   | (4,488)     |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | 21,102,215  |
|   | <hr/>       |

| <b>12 Commitments</b>                     | <b>2021</b> | <b>2020</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Commitments payable in 1 year             | 72,000      | 27,000      |
| Commitments payable in over 1 year        | 291,000     | 33,000      |
|   | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
| Amount of commitments as at 31 March 2021 | 363,000     | 60,000      |
|   | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |

In addition, at the year end, the charity had annual grant commitments of £114,240 (2020: £36,000).

These grant commitments are not provided as liabilities in the financial statements. The amounts represent future amounts of grants offered at the balance sheet date, which are subject to ongoing reviews and are payable out of future income.

**13 Related party transactions**

During the year a grant of £5,000 (2020: £5,000) was made to Greenacres Education Trust, a charity of which J R Horseman is a trustee.

**13 Post balance sheet events**

Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, there is a potential future loss of investment income and capital value but, at this stage, it is impossible to estimate the longer term financial implications for the charity. The trustees consider that the reserves and financial position of the charity mitigate any immediate risk.