

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025  
FOR  
THE JOHN ARMITAGE CHARITABLE TRUST

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THE JOHN ARMITAGE CHARITABLE TRUST

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The Charity's objectives are such exclusively charitable objectives and purposes for the public benefit throughout England and Wales as the trustees may in their discretion think fit.

The Charity furthers its charitable purposes for the benefit of the public by making grants to organisations or groups which undertake activities which are charitable within the meaning of the laws of England and Wales and which fall within the Charity's objectives. This may include support to registered charities, exempt or excepted charities and other non-profit making bodies.

The trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance as to operation of the public benefit requirement when exercising powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant and in their opinion the charity's activities are wholly for the benefit of the public.

The trustees have power to expend capital and income from the Expendable Endowment Fund but while furthering the objectives of the Charity the trustees have regard to ensuring that the Expendable Endowment Fund is maintained.

The guiding principle of the Charity is to help people to help themselves. The focus areas are:

1. disadvantaged children and youth support, including parenting support;
2. education;
3. medical care;
4. arts and culture;
5. prisoners and young offenders and
6. religious organisations.

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## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

## Grantmaking

The Charity has established its grant making policy so as to achieve its objects and donee organisations are selected in accordance with this policy by the trustees.

The trustees do not consider unsolicited requests for funding and have appointed an advisor to review the current grants awarded and to identify and assess additional charities to award grants to. The trustees have implemented a more strategic approach to their grant making policy, focusing on disadvantaged children and youth support, education, medical care and research, arts and culture, prisoners and young offenders and religion.

The Charity's distribution policy in relation to new recipients is to make 3-yearly grants to charitable organisations selected periodically by the trustees. It is anticipated that the majority of grants will be between £30,000 and £40,000 per annum. In certain circumstances grants may be made for a different timescale (including one-off grants) or for a lower or greater amount, as agreed by the trustees. Grants promised to be made for each of 3 successive years are only payable in years 2 & 3 subject to the satisfactory completion of the first and second year's conditions respectively.

The Charity may also provide long-term or repeat funding to existing grant recipients at the discretion of the trustees subject to on-going monitoring and review. The Charity does not generally provide funding for long term capital projects, although exceptionally the trustees may make one off capital grants.

The Trustees carry out appropriate due diligence checks to ensure that funds are used only for charitable activities which further the purposes of the Charity and that proposed grants do not expose the Charity to undue risks. The trustees retain an advisor on an annual basis to assist with the on-going monitoring and vetting of potential grant recipients.

The trustees adopt a risk rated approach to due diligence. Risk factors will include:

1. the size and duration of the proposed grant;
2. the legal status of the proposed recipient;
3. the geographical location in which the grant will be applied;
4. how easily the trustees can verify how the Charity's funds are being spent;
5. the nature of the activity to be funded by the proposed grant and
6. the public profile of the proposed project and/or recipient and the likely media and/or local or public interest.

Where grant recipients are supported for a significant period of time, grants are monitored annually to determine whether any additional due diligence should be undertaken on a change of circumstances that might impact the recipient.

Following a review and recommendation process led by the advisor, the trustees consider whether grants should be made subject to a grant offer letter and the standard terms and conditions or if special conditions should be imposed.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

## Charitable activities

During the year the Charity made grants to charitable causes totalling £7,217,604 (2024 - £7,417,023) as set out in note 7 to these financial statements. The trustees are satisfied that the nature and scope of grants made fully reflect the purposes of the Charity and that the objectives for which it was created continue to be achieved.

The trustees, with the assistance of the advisor, have taken steps to monitor the use of the grants made and verified that they have been applied for the purposes that were agreed. The trustees and advisor have visited grant-funded activities and interviewed individuals involved in running those activities.

## Investment performance

The year under review was a good one for investments both globally and in the UK. The market values of investments (including cash balances) recorded in the financial statements increased by £20,909,630 (2024 - £40,973,713) during the year, after the addition of a further donation of £9,029,569 (2024 - £9,533,194) by the settlor and investment disposals are taken into account.

The realised and unrealised net investment gains for the year are £19,706,213 (2024 - £39,308,680). This represents a positive return of approximately 9.36% (2024 - 23.18%) of the opening market value of the Charity's portfolio and a positive return of approximately 8.97% (2024 - 21.95%) of the opening market value of the Charity's portfolio plus the donation of £9,029,569 (2024 - £9,533,194).

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW

## Principal funding sources

The Charity's work is entirely reliant on income and investment returns from its Expendable Endowment Fund which is invested on a total return basis. The value of the Expendable Endowment Fund at 5 April 2025 was £231,696,131 an increase of £21,120,549 over its £210,575,582 value as at 5 April 2024.

The trustees transferred £7,564,864 (2024 - £7,724,512 ) from the unapplied return of the Expendable Endowment Fund to support its grant making charitable activities.

## Investment policy and objectives

The trustees have a wide power of investment conferred on them by clause 10.2 of the trust deed. The trustees also have the general power of investment conferred upon them by the Trustee Act 2000, which permits them to invest trust assets as if they were absolutely entitled to the assets. In exercise of these powers the trustees operate a total return approach to the investment of the Expendable Endowment Fund. There is no specific income requirement in relation to the Portfolio.

1. When determining the amount of unapplied total return on the Expendable Endowment Fund to transfer to the Unrestricted Fund the trustees have considered the amount of income required to maintain the current level of charitable activity and the likely needs of future beneficiaries; and

2. When reaching their decision as to the unapplied total return to transfer to the Unrestricted Fund, the trustees have had regard to the market outlook, investment trends and the prospect for future capital growth and loss.

The Charity's Portfolio is invested on a long-term basis with no particular regard to social, environmental or ethical considerations. It is anticipated that the Charity will continue after the settlor's lifetime. The trustees' principal objective is to invest for growth in real terms measured in sterling, whilst ensuring sufficient liquidity to maintain distributions of around 3-4% per annum and to fund the administrative costs of running the Charity. The distribution rate is set by reference to the trustees' wish to be able to maintain levels of donations should the Expendable Endowment Fund fall by up to 30% in value. The overall target return is to achieve net growth per annum in sterling in excess of the rate of UK inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

## Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trustees to recognise an unrestricted fund and an unrestricted Expendable Endowment Fund. If resources expended exceed income of the unrestricted fund a transfer is made from the Expendable Endowment fund which is expendable at the discretion of the trustees. The trustees do not, therefore, believe that the Charity needs to hold more significant reserves.

## FUTURE PLANS

The trust will continue to make donations to charitable causes at the discretion of the trustees in accordance with the Charity's grant making policy. There are no specific plans to support any one charity or organisation. Reports from the appointed advisers as to the results of grants made to beneficiaries inform and influence the trustees with respect to future plans and decisions about allocating resources to their best effect.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

## Governing document

The trust is a registered charity, number 1079688, and is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 24 August 1999. The trust was established by an initial gift from John Armitage. Since his initial gift John Armitage has made further substantial gifts to the charity. The Charity does not fundraise but seeks to continue the charitable work desired by the trustees through the careful stewardship of its existing resources.

## Organisational structure

The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out below. Trustees are elected in accordance with the trust deed. The Charity employs only one staff member and that is in the capacity of Charity Administrator.

## Decision making

Decisions are made by the trustees who meet generally three times a year (and must meet at least annually). Investment decisions are made by a sub-committee of the trustees. Grant making decisions are made by the trustees in accordance with the Charity's grant making policy and grants are made to beneficiaries either brought to their attention by the appointed advisor or subsequently researched and then approved by the appointed advisor.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

Any new trustee will receive a comprehensive induction to the Charity and will receive materials to allow them to understand the charitable purposes, the financial position and current issues of the Charity.

The trustees are kept up to date with all matters relating to charities generally by their professional advisers.

Key management remuneration

The trustees consider the Board of Trustees and senior management team as the charity's key management personnel. Total remuneration for key management personnel, including salaries, pensions, and benefits, was £20,000 (2024: £20,000), with no remuneration paid to trustees.

Related parties

The only related parties are the trustees. Details of the related party transactions are given in the notes to the accounts.

Risk management

The major risks to which the trust is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and procedures have been established to manage those risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1079688

Principal address

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Appointed Advisors  
Angela Kail Consulting Ltd  
64 Southwark Bridge Road  
London  
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The trustees have delegated Mike Sampson to perform the day-to-day management of the charitable trust.

The name of the Charity is The John Armitage Charitable Trust and no other name is used.

Registered as a charity with The Charity Commission for England and Wales with Charity Number 1079688.

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).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those 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 business.

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

19 December 2025 | 9:44 PM GMT

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



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J C Armitage - Trustee

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN ARMITAGE CHARITABLE TRUST

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## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The John Armitage Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 5 April 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 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 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 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.

## Other information

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

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

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

## 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 Report of the Trustees 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.



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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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.

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JOHN ARMITAGE CHARITABLE TRUST

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Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We design our procedures so as to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence that the financial statements are not materially misstated due to non-compliance with laws and regulations or due to fraud or error.

We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations - this responsibility lies with management with the oversight of the Trustees.

Based on our understanding of the Charity and the charity sector, discussions with management and trustees we identified financial reporting standards and Charities Act 2011 as having a direct effect on the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

As part of the engagement team discussion about how and where the Charity's financial statements may be materially misstated due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk of fraud.

Our audit procedures included:

- Completing a risk-assessment process during our planning for this audit that specifically considered the risk of fraud;
- Enquiry of management about the Charity's policies, procedures and related controls regarding compliance with laws and regulations and if there are any known instances of non-compliance;
- Examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- Enquiry of management, about litigations and claims and inspection of relevant correspondence;
- Analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- Specific audit testing on and review of areas that could be subject to management override of controls and potential bias, most notably around the key judgments and estimates, including the carrying value of accruals, provisions, investments, grant making and revenue recognition;
- Considering management override of controls outside of the normal operating cycles including testing the appropriateness of journal entries recorded in the general ledger and other adjustments made in the preparation of the financial statements including evaluating the rationale of significant transactions, outside the normal course of charitable activity;

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 sophisticated and carefully organised schemes designed to conceal it, including deliberate failure to record transactions, collusion or intentional misrepresentations being made to us.

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

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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 the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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07 January 2026 | 10:02 AM GMT

Date: .....

Carston ETL is eligible to act as an auditor in accordance with section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

## THE JOHN ARMITAGE CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	-	9,029,569	9,029,569	9,533,193
Investment income	4	-	201,799	201,799	82,967
Total		-	9,231,368	9,231,368	9,616,160
EXPENDITURE ON					
Investment management	5	-	252,169	252,169	217,596
Charitable activities	6				
Grants to institutions		7,416,417	-	7,416,417	7,572,128
Other		148,447	-	148,447	152,384
Total		7,564,864	252,169	7,817,033	7,942,108
Net gains on investments		-	19,706,214	19,706,214	39,308,680
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(7,564,864)	28,685,413	21,120,549	40,982,732
Transfers between funds	16	7,564,864	(7,564,864)	-	-
Net movement in funds		-	21,120,549	21,120,549	40,982,732
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		-	210,575,582	210,575,582	169,592,850
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		-	231,696,131	231,696,131	210,575,582

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE JOHN ARMITAGE CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
5 APRIL 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	13	231,134,354	210,534,966
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments and accrued income		28,312	882
Cash at bank		646,525	141,722
		674,837	142,604
NET CURRENT ASSETS		674,837	142,604
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		231,809,191	210,677,570
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	14	(113,060)	(101,988)
NET ASSETS		231,696,131	210,575,582
FUNDS	16		
Endowment funds		231,696,131	210,575,582
TOTAL FUNDS		231,696,131	210,575,582

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 December 2025 | 9:44 PM GMT and were signed on its behalf by:

*John Armitage*  
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J C Armitage - Trustee

## THE JOHN ARMITAGE CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	20	(7,755,604)	(7,780,415)
Net cash used in operating activities		(7,755,604)	(7,780,415)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(28,617,756)	(12,906,635)
Sale of fixed asset investments		36,754,151	20,774,493
Interest received		61,514	52,293
Dividends received		112,868	30,674
Net cash provided by investing activities		8,310,777	7,950,825
Cash flows from financing activities			
Income attributable to endowment		201,799	82,966
Expenditure attributable to endowment		(252,169)	(217,596)
Net cash used in financing activities		(50,370)	(134,630)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		504,803	35,780
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		141,722	105,942
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		646,525	141,722

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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## 1. ANALYSIS OF AND MOVEMENT IN THE EXPENDABLE ENDOWMENT FUND

	Expendable Endowment	Unapplied Total Return	Total
Expendable Endowment Fund:			
Gift component of Fund	135,295,365	-	135,295,365
Unapplied total return	-	75,280,217	75,280,217
As at 6 April 2024	135,295,365	75,280,271	210,575,582
Year ended 5 April 2025			
Movement in unapplied total return and endowment:			
Donation received	9,029,569	-	9,029,569
Investment Return: dividends and interest	-	201,800	201,800
Investment Return: realised and unrealised gains	-	19,706,213	19,706,213
Investment Management costs	-	(252,169)	(252,169)
Total	9,029,569	19,655,845	28,685,414
Unapplied total return allocated to income	-	(7,564,864)	(7,564,864)
Net Movement in the year	9,029,569	12,090,981	21,120,550
Expendable Endowment at 5 April 2025	144,324,934	87,371,198	231,696,131

## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. 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) effective 1 January 2015 and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant aspect of the Charity that potentially affects its ability to continue is the carrying value of its investments which relates to investment returns and the performance of investment markets (see the investment policy and performance and risk management sections of the trustees' annual report for more information).

## Income

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Cash donations received are recorded gross of taxation recoverable under the gift aid scheme.

Income arising from fixed asset investments held in the expendable endowment fund is credited as investment income to that fund.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

## Income

Gifts of shares to the trust are treated as voluntary income of the endowment fund. Such shares are included at market value on the date of the gift.

## Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

The cost of managing investments is charged against the expendable endowment fund. Any costs associated with the sale or purchase of investments are accounted for as part of the sale or purchase price of the investments.

Management and administration expenses comprise costs incurred for the running of the charity itself as an entity. Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

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

## Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs which are readily identified as specific to a particular activity are allocated accordingly.

Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

## Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

## Fund accounting

The Expendable Endowment Fund is invested on a total return basis as permitted by the Trust Deed.

The power of total return permits the trustees to invest the Expendable Endowment Fund to maximise total return and to apply an appropriate portion of the unapplied total return to income each year by transfer to the unrestricted fund. Until the power is exercised to transfer a portion of unapplied total return to income, it remains invested in the Expendable Endowment Fund.

The power allows the trustees to decide each year how much of the unapplied total return is to be transferred to the unrestricted fund and so available to meet expenditure. Having considered their obligations under the duty of even-handedness, the trustees made a transfer of £7,564,864 (2024 - £7,724,512) (see note 16) unapplied total return to the unrestricted fund. In making this decision the trustees have taken account of the return on investment for the year, the sustainability of the Expendable Endowment Fund and the income needs of the Charity.

The unrestricted fund can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Realised and unrealised capital gains or losses arising on investments are recognised as additions or deductions from the respective fund in which the investment is held.

## Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result except in the case of currency gains or losses which arise from the market valuation of fixed asset investments where the effective currency translation gain or loss is included within total gains or losses on investment assets.

## Fixed asset investments

The Trust invests in certain private equity funds, including hedged funds, which are not traded. Such funds are included at the market value of underlying investments at the balance sheet date which is calculated and provided by the fund service provider or the relevant fund manager.



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## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

## Fixed asset investments

Investments which are listed on a recognised stock exchange are included at the quoted closing mid-market value at the balance sheet date.

Cash and cash equivalents that are held from time to time as part of the fixed asset investment portfolio are included as part of fixed asset investments at the balance sheet date.

Realised and unrealised gains or losses on investments are taken to the Expendable Endowment Fund in the Statement of Financial Activities. Foreign currency gains or losses which arise through the revaluation process are included within the realised and unrealised gains or losses on investments.

## 3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	<u>9,029,569</u>	<u>9,533,193</u>

Donations received during the year amounted to £9,029,569 (2024 - £9,533,194) and consisted of fixed asset investments gifted to the trust at the market value at the date of the gift.

## 4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Call Account Interest	53,109	47,369
Current Account Interest	8,405	4,924
Dividend Income	140,285	30,674
	<u>201,799</u>	<u>82,967</u>

## 5. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

## Investment management costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment management	<u>252,169</u>	<u>217,596</u>

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## 6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Cost of grant making	198,813	155,105
Grants to institutions (see note 7)	7,217,604	7,417,023
	<u>7,416,417</u>	<u>7,572,128</u>

## 7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants to institutions	<u>7,217,604</u>	<u>7,417,023</u>

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption given by section 132(4) Charities Act 2011 not to disclose the names of grant recipients and the amounts of such grants. In the opinion of the trustees, no individual grant made during the year was material in the context of grantmaking. However, in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102), paragraphs 16.17-16.18, the following provides an understanding of the range of institutions the charity has supported.

The five largest donations made to institutions were as follows:

The Tutor Trust	£387,000
Shine	£345,000
The Harris Federation	£330,000
Magic Breakfast	£130,000
Fight for Peace	£125,000

Grants were paid in line with trust policy at the discretion of the trustees. The total of grants payable to institutions during the year were for the following charitable causes:

	2025 £	2024 £
Relief for the poor, handicapped and aged	187,500	192,500
5 Beneficiaries		
Maximum Grant	57,500	
Parenting support	865,000	772,000
19 Beneficiaries		
Maximum Grant	100,000	
Education	1,937,000	3,071,620
19 Beneficiaries		
Maximum Grant	387,000	
Support for former offenders	650,000	407,000
14 Beneficiaries		
Maximum Grant	110,000	
Medical research / medical care	260,000	265,000
9 Beneficiaries		
Maximum Grant	65,000	
Youth support	1,350,000	910,000
24 Beneficiaries		
Maximum Grant	125,000	
Religion	235,000	150,000

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## 7. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued

4 Beneficiaries Maximum Grant	90,000		
Museum + Arts 23 Beneficiaries Maximum Grant	45,000	489,763	474,017
Other 32 Beneficiaries Maximum Grant	104,375	1,243,341	1,174,886
		<u>7,217,604</u>	<u>7,417,023</u>

## 8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Exchange differences £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other resources expended	<u>39,814</u>	<u>108,633</u>	<u>148,447</u>
Other resources expended		2025 £	2024 £
Exchange differences		39,814	75,488
Governance costs		108,633	76,896
		<u>148,447</u>	<u>152,384</u>

Support costs, included in the above are as follows:

Governance costs	2025 £	2024 £
Auditors remuneration	32,400	24,000
Staff costs	20,000	20,000
Accountancy	6,600	7,909
Trust administration	-	-
Legal fees	48,746	24,213
Bank charges	887	774
Bank interest	-	-
	<u>108,633</u>	<u>76,896</u>

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## 9. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	5.4.25	5.4.24
	£	£
Statutory audit	32,400	24,000
Other financial services	6,600	7,909
Total auditors' remuneration	<u>39,000</u>	<u>31,909</u>

## 10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2025 nor for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2025 nor for the year ended 5 April 2024.

## 11. STAFF COSTS

The staff costs for the year ended 5 April 2025 amounted to £20,000 (2024 - 20,000).

The average monthly number of employees during the year ended 5 April 2025 was 1 (2024 - 1). No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

## 12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	-	9,533,193	9,533,193
Investment income	-	82,967	82,967
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>9,616,160</u>	<u>9,616,160</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Investment management	-	217,596	217,596
Charitable activities			
Grants to institutions	7,572,128	-	7,572,128
Other	152,384	-	152,384
Total	<u>7,724,512</u>	<u>217,596</u>	<u>7,942,108</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>-</u>	<u>39,308,680</u>	<u>39,308,680</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(7,724,512)	48,707,244	40,982,732
Transfers between funds	7,724,512	(7,724,512)	-
Net movement in funds	<u>-</u>	<u>40,982,732</u>	<u>40,982,732</u>

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## 12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	-	169,592,850	169,592,850
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	-	210,575,582	210,575,582

## 13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 6 April 2024	210,534,966
Additions	37,647,326
Disposals	(36,754,151)
Revaluations	19,706,213
At 5 April 2025	231,134,354
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 5 April 2025	231,134,354
At 5 April 2024	210,534,966
Analysis of investments:	
Unquoted assets:	
Non-UK	231,134,354
	231,134,354

Unquoted investments comprise units held in collective investment schemes. The investments are held primarily to provide an investment return arising from an increase in market value rather than from income. The investments are sufficiently liquid to allow partial disposals as and when cash funds are required to provide grants to institutions or to settle governance costs.

Cost or valuation at 5 April 2025 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2025	83,731,868
Cost	147,402,486
	231,134,354

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## 14. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	113,060	101,988

## 15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Endowment fund 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Investments	231,448,696	231,448,696
Current assets	674,836	674,836
Current liabilities	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	(113,059)	(113,059)
	<u>231,696,131</u>	<u>231,696,131</u>

	Endowment fund 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investments	210,534,966	210,534,966
Current assets	142,604	142,604
Current liabilities	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	(101,987)	(101,987)
	<u>210,575,582</u>	<u>210,575,582</u>

## 16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5/4/25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	-	(7,564,864)	7,564,864	-
Endowment funds				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	210,575,582	28,685,413	(7,564,864)	231,696,131
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>210,575,582</u>	<u>21,120,549</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231,696,131</u>

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## 16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	-	(7,564,864)	-	(7,564,864)
Endowment funds				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	9,231,368	(252,169)	19,706,214	28,685,413
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,231,368</u>	<u>(7,817,033)</u>	<u>19,706,214</u>	<u>21,120,549</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5/4/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	-	(7,724,512)	7,724,512	-
Endowment funds				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	169,592,850	48,707,244	(7,724,512)	210,575,582
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>169,592,850</u>	<u>40,982,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>210,575,582</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	-	(7,724,512)	-	(7,724,512)
Endowment funds				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	9,616,160	(217,596)	39,308,680	48,707,244
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,616,160</u>	<u>(7,942,108)</u>	<u>39,308,680</u>	<u>40,982,732</u>

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## 16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 6/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5/4/25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	-	(15,289,376)	15,289,376	-
Endowment funds				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	169,592,850	77,392,657	(15,289,376)	231,696,131
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>169,592,850</b>	<b>62,103,281</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>231,696,131</b>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	-	(15,289,376)	-	(15,289,376)
Endowment funds				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	18,847,528	(469,765)	59,014,894	77,392,657
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>18,847,528</b>	<b>(15,759,141)</b>	<b>59,014,894</b>	<b>62,103,281</b>

## Transfers between funds

The Expendable Endowment Fund represents capital which may be expended at the discretion of the trustees. During the year £7,564,864 (2024 - £7,724,512) was transferred from the Expendable Endowment fund to the Unrestricted Fund.

## 17. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At the balance sheet date the trust had committed to pay grants totalling £4,384,454 (2024 - £5,159,188) within 12 months and £3,957,700 (2024 - £3,719,754) after 12 months. These amounts are payable subject to conditional terms which are set out in writing prior to payment of the initial donation. The commitments will be funded by the sale of fixed asset investments.



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## 18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Mrs C Armitage, a trustee of the Charity, is also a member of the Campaign Development Board of Westminster Abbey, a beneficiary of the Charity. During the year the Charity made donations totalling £55,000 (2024 - £50,000) to Westminster Abbey.

Mr W Francklin, a trustee of the Charity, is also a trustee of Independence at Home and the Northamptonshire community foundation, who are both beneficiaries of the Charity. During the year the Charity made donations totalling £75,000 (2024 - £72,000) to Independence at Home and £70,000 (2024 - £70,000) to Northamptonshire community foundation.

Mrs C Francklin, a trustee of the Charity, is also the church warden of St John the Evangelist Church, Wicken (Wicken PCC), a beneficiary of the Charity. During the year the Charity made donations totalling £25,000 (2024 - £25,000) to St John the Evangelist Church, Wicken (Wicken PCC).

Mr H Francklin, son of W Francklin and C Francklin, is a trustee of Mvumi School Trust. During the year the Charity made donations totalling £20,000 (2024 - £16,620) to Mvumi School Trust.

Mr R MacInnes, a trustee of the Charity, is also a volunteer for and his spouse is an employee of Community TechAid, a beneficiary of the Charity. During the year the Charity made donations totalling £22,000 (2024 - £22,000) to Community TechAid.

Harry Freeland set up Standing Voice a charity to which The John Armitage Charitable Trust made donations totalling £45,000 (2024 - £2,500). Mr J C Armitage is a trustee of the John Armitage Charitable Trust and a cousin of Harry Freeland.

In relation to the above, the relevant trustee absented himself or herself from discussions relating to, and the vote on grants to a charity with which he or she also had an active connection.

Trustees gifted investments having a market value at the date of the gifts of £9,029,569 (2024 - £9,533,195) to the Charity during the year without condition.

## 19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The Charity is under the joint control of the trustees.

## 20. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	21,120,549	40,982,732
Adjustments for:		
Gain on investments	(19,706,214)	(39,308,680)
Interest received	(61,514)	(52,293)
Dividends received	(112,868)	(30,674)
Income attributable to endowment	(201,799)	(82,966)
Expenditure attributable to endowment	252,169	217,596
Income attributable to endowment	(9,029,569)	(9,533,194)
Increase in debtors	(27,430)	(93)
Increase in creditors	11,072	27,157
Net cash used in operations	<u>(7,755,604)</u>	<u>(7,780,415)</u>

## 21. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

At 6/4/24	Cash flow	At 5/4/25
£	£	£

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## 21. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS - continued

Net cash			
Cash at bank	141,722	504,803	646,525
	<u>141,722</u>	<u>504,803</u>	<u>646,525</u>
Total	<u>141,722</u>	<u>504,803</u>	<u>646,525</u>

## 22. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The amounts disclosed on the Cash Flow Statement in respect of cash and cash equivalents are in respect of these Balance Sheet amounts:

Year ended 5 April 2025	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>646,525</u>	<u>141,722</u>
Year ended 5 April 2024	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>141,722</u>	<u>105,942</u>

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	9,029,569	9,533,193
Investment income		
Fixed asset investment income	140,285	30,674
Call Account Interest	53,109	47,369
Current Account Interest	8,405	4,924
	<u>201,799</u>	<u>82,967</u>
Total incoming resources	9,231,368	9,616,160
EXPENDITURE		
Investment management costs		
Investment management	252,169	217,596
Charitable activities		
Cost of grant making	198,813	155,105
Grants to institutions	7,217,604	7,417,023
	<u>7,416,417</u>	<u>7,572,128</u>
Support costs		
Exchange differences		
Exchange differences	39,814	75,488
Governance costs		
Wages	20,000	20,000
Auditors' remuneration	32,400	24,000
Accountancy	6,600	7,909
Legal fees	48,746	24,213
Bank charges	887	774
	<u>108,633</u>	<u>76,896</u>
Total resources expended	7,817,033	7,942,108
Net income before gains and losses	1,414,335	1,674,052
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	7,332,431	4,596,744
Net income	<u><u>8,746,766</u></u>	<u><u>6,270,796</u></u>

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