

THE COLTSTAPLE TRUST

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees:	Matthew Oakeshott (Chairman) Prof Pippa Oakeshott Lord Stoneham of Droxford Mrs Elaine Colville Joseph Oakeshott Lord Newby of Rothwell
Hon. Treasurer:	J P Thornton FCA
Principal Office:	15 Queen Anne's Gate London SW1H 9BU United Kingdom
Charity Number:	1085500
Bankers:	Svenska Handelsbanken AB (pub) 5 th Floor 13 Charles II Street London SW1Y 4QU
Stockbrokers:	Rathbone Brothers Plc George House 50 George Square Glasgow G2 1EH
Auditors:	Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Limited 25 St Thomas Street Winchester SO23 9HJ

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Legal and administrative information set out on the information page forms part of this report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts 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 published in October 2019.

Objectives and Activities

The Trust was established under a Trust Deed dated 26th February 2001. The objective of the Trust is to provide relief to persons in need, poverty or distress in developing countries and relief to persons who are homeless or in housing need in the UK or any other part of the world. The Charity aims to meet the running costs of its grant making objectives from investment income. The Trustees meet annually to review the strategy and performance of the Charity and to set the level of grants to be awarded.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the donations policy for the year. The benefit that arises is the provision of funding to organisations that promote the above objectives.

Achievements and Performance

Grants amounting to £1,000,000 were made to 5 institutions in the year (2024: £975,000). The grants awarded are detailed in the notes to the financial statements.

Financial Review

The Trustees received £949,191 in investment income in the current year (2024: £977,119 including rents from investment properties of £195,182). Net outgoing resources amounted to £(48,714). Total funds at 31st March 2025 were £14,330,963 (2024: £13,893,686).

Investment Policy

The trustees' investment policy is to maximise long term total return, taking income and capital gains together without undue risk. During the year to 31st March 2025 the total return on the charity's investment portfolio was 10.4%, in line with the FTSE All Share Index. Net investment income totalled £949,191 compared with £977,119 in the previous year, which included property rents. The Retail Price Index rose by 3.2% over the year to 31st March 2025 and the CPI by 2.6%.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Continued)

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Risk Management

The Trustees have carried out a review of the charity's activities and the risks to which it is exposed and confirm that controls are in place to mitigate those risks.

The main risk to the Charity concerns the investments held. The Chairman, Matthew Oakeshott, has extensive experience in investment management and on behalf of the Trustees and with advice from Rathbones, he manages and reviews the investment portfolio. Rathbones are responsible for safe custody and valuations of the portfolio.

Reserves Policy

It is the intention of the Trustees to sustain the unrestricted funds at a level which will provide sufficient funds to continue the level of grants paid to that in previous years and to cover the Charity's management and administration costs.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is unincorporated and its powers are set out in its Trust Deed.

The Trustees of the charity are listed on the information page. New Trustees may be appointed by the existing Trustees. The Trust Deed provides for a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 9 Trustees. Mr Oakeshott and Professor Oakeshott are entitled to hold office for life. Other Trustees are appointed for 5 year terms which are renewable. Induction and training for Trustees is provided where relevant.

The Trustees meet at least once a year to discuss and implement policy. Decisions are made by a simple majority of votes cast at a meeting of the Trustees.

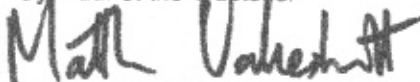
The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Trust for promoting the charitable purpose. The Trustees have agreed that each year, in addition to distributing substantially all the Trust's income, they will distribute any real capital growth in the Trust's investments. Capital growth is measured as any excess over the increase in the retail price index.

Future Plans

The Charity's objectives are to ensure funds are available for grants to be made to eligible organisations. It is envisaged that funding requirements will remain the same.

The Trustees do not envisage any material change to the operation of the Charity in the long-term and the investments will continue to be managed on a similar basis as they are now. Since the year end the Trustees have decided to sell the Charity's investment properties.

By order of the Trustees:



MATTHEW OAKESHOTT

2nd December 2025

Date

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO
THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

The law applicable to charities in England and 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 period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- 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 2016 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.

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

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Coltstaple Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31st March 2025 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including 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).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st March 2025, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; 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 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 other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, 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.

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 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 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; 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 but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 1443 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.

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:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charity via discussions with the trustees and our previous knowledge of the charity. This identified that the most significant laws and regulations relate to the form and content of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011, the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and Financial Reporting Standard 102. The charity complies with these laws and regulations by using appropriately qualified professionals to prepare the financial statements.

As part of our planning process, we assessed susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatements, including how fraud might occur by making an assessment of the key risks. The key risks identified in respect of The Coltstaple Trust are revenue recognition and eligibility of charitable giving. The trustees confirmed no actual, suspected, or alleged cases of fraud.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE COLTSTAPLE TRUST**

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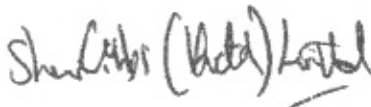
Based on this assessment we designed our audit procedures to address these key risk areas with an emphasis on testing the income and gains on the investments, the income on investment property and the charitable donations made.

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

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the FRC's website at:
<https://www.frc.org.uk/library/standards-codes-policy/audit-assurance-and-ethics/auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit/>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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 auditor's 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.



Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
25 St Thomas Street
Winchester
Hampshire
SO23 9HJ

Date:



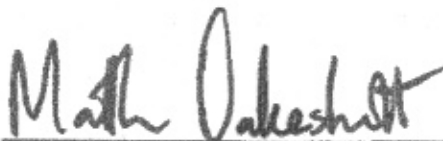
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Endowment Fund	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Investments	3	949,191	-	949,191	977,119
Other Income	4	2,099	-	2,099	1,950
Total		£ 951,290	-	£ 951,290	£ 979,069
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5	1,000,204	-	1,000,204	975,287
Total		£ 1,000,204	£ -	£ 1,000,204	£ 975,287
Net Income		(48,914)	-	(48,914)	3,782
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	-	486,191	486,191	(1,433,167)
Net movement in funds		(48,914)	486,191	437,277	(1,429,385)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,122,507	12,771,179	13,893,686	15,323,071
Total funds carried forward		£ 1,073,593	£ 13,257,370	£ 14,330,963	£ 13,893,686

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	Note	£	2025	£	£	2024	£
FIXED ASSETS							
Investments	9			14,262,980			13,001,670
CURRENT ASSETS							
Cash at bank	10		14,845			112,368	
Cash at investment managers	11		53,138			778,484	
Debtors	12		-			6,946	
			<u>67,983</u>			<u>897,798</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13		-			5,782	
NET CURRENT ASSETS				<u>67,983</u>			<u>892,016</u>
NET ASSETS				<u>£ 14,330,963</u>			<u>£ 13,893,686</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY							
CAPITAL FUNDS							
Endowment Funds	14			13,257,370			12,771,179
INCOME FUNDS							
Unrestricted Fund	14			<u>1,073,593</u>			<u>1,122,507</u>
				<u>£ 14,330,963</u>			<u>£ 13,893,686</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 2nd December 2025 and signed on its behalf by



MATTHEW OAKESHOTT



PROF PIPPA OAKESHOTT

The notes on pages 12 to 16 form part of these financial statements

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31st March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash generated from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) operations	15	<u>£ (999,040)</u>	<u>£ (995,077)</u>
Cash flow from other sources:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		951,290	979,069
Proceeds from sale of investments		2,083,594	4,016,464
		<u>£ 3,034,884</u>	<u>£ 4,995,533</u>
Application of cash:			
Purchase of investments		<u>(2,858,713)</u>	<u>(3,695,486)</u>
		<u>£ (2,858,713)</u>	<u>£ (3,695,486)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash		(822,869)	304,970
Cash at bank at beginning of the year		<u>890,852</u>	<u>585,882</u>
Cash at bank at year end		<u>£ 67,983</u>	<u>£ 890,852</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Statutory Information

The Coltstaple Trust is a registered charity. The registered number and principal office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity, 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) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1st January 2019. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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 (FRS102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1st April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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

2.2 Income

Income is recognised in the Statement to Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred in delivering the charity's principal objectives.

2.4 Investments and Investment Gains and Losses

Stocks and shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange are included in the balance sheet at their market value at the year end. The differences between the market value and the original cost of the investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Profits and losses arising on the disposal of investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

2.5 Taxation

The Charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

2.6 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Endowment funds are expendable. The Trust Deed allows this fund to be spent as income or retained as capital at the Trustees' discretion. The income arising from this fund is unrestricted.

2.7 Significant Judgement and Estimation

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

3. Investment Income

	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
Income from investments	944,004	769,429
Bank deposit interest	6,555	10,213
Rent from investment property	-	195,182
Insurance recharge to tenant	-	12,286
Property insurance	(1,368)	(9,991)
	<u>£949,191</u>	<u>£977,119</u>

4. Other Income

VAT recovered	<u>£2,099</u>	<u>£1,950</u>
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5. Charitable Activities

Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support Costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
<u>£1,000,000</u>	<u>£204</u>	<u>£1,000,204</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

6. Direct costs of Charitable Activities

	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
Grants made:		
Oxfam	600,000	600,000
St Mungo's	100,000	125,000
Emmaus UK	75,000	50,000
Shelter	175,000	175,000
Christian Aid	50,000	-
Alive and Kicking	-	25,000
	<u>£1,000,000</u>	<u>£975,000</u>

7. Support Costs

	Year ended 31.3.25 £	Year ended 31.3.24 £
Management:		
Bank charges and nominee fees	204	287
	<u>£204</u>	<u>£287</u>

The sum of £ 4,260 has been paid by Lord Oakeshott on behalf of the Trustees in respect of the audit for 2025. (2024: £4,080).

8. Staff Costs and Trustees' Remuneration

The Trustees received no remuneration or reimbursed expenses in the years ended 31st March 2025 or 31st March 2024. There are no employees so consequently no staff costs have been incurred.

9. Fixed Asset Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Fair value at 1 st April 2024	13,001,670	12,845,815
Additions	2,858,713	3,695,486
Disposals at carrying value	(2,070,859)	(1,844,997)
Revaluations in the year	473,456	(1,694,634)
Fair value at 31 st March 2025	<u>£14,262,980</u>	<u>£13,001,670</u>

The values at 31st March 2025 are in accordance with a valuation by Rathbone Brothers Plc.

The historical book cost of investments held at 31st March 2025 was £17,667,451.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	2025 £	2024 £	
10. Cash at Bank			
Workman LLP	-	2,418	
Handelsbanken account	14,845	109,950	
	<u>£14,845</u>	<u>£112,368</u>	
11. Cash at Investment Managers			
Monies held by Investment Manager on deposit: Cash	<u>£53,138</u>	<u>£778,484</u>	
12. Debtors			
Insurance paid in advance	-	5,782	
VAT repayment due	-	1,164	
	<u>£-</u>	<u>£6,946</u>	
13. Creditors: Amounts Falling due within One Year			
Insurance from tenant in advance	-	5,782	
	<u>£-</u>	<u>£5,782</u>	
14. Funds	Unrestricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total Funds £
Balance at 1 st April 2024	1,122,507	12,771,179	13,893,686
Surplus/(Deficit) of income for year	(48,914)	-	(48,914)
Revaluation/(devaluation) during the year	-	486,191	486,191
Balance at 31 st March 2025	<u>£1,073,593</u>	<u>£13,257,370</u>	<u>£14,330,963</u>

Unrestricted funds of the charity may be applied for any charitable purpose at the discretion of the Trustees.

The expendable endowment and additions thereto are to be invested and the income used for any charitable purpose at the discretion of the Trustees. The expendable endowment may also be spent at the absolute discretion of the Trustees.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

15. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from Operating Activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income/(expenditure) (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(48,914)	3,782
Adjustments for:		
Dividends, interest, rent from investment	(951,290)	(979,069)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	6,946	(3,218)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(5,782)	(16,572)
Net cash provided by/(used in) Operating Activities	£(999,040)	£(995,077)

16. Contingent Liabilities

There were no outstanding contingent liabilities or grant commitments as at the balance sheet date.