

THE COOKE CHARITABLE TRUST

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1085916

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GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

SETTLEMENT DATED	31 December 2000
SETTLOR	R W C Cooke Esq
TRUSTEES	R W C Cooke Esq Mrs C M Cooke P S Vaines Esq
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1085916
ADDRESS	c/o Nevill Hovey & Co Queens Acre Boyton Launceston PL15 9RJ
OBJECTS	The advancement and support of primary education in Great Britain The relief of poverty anywhere in the world Such other charitable purposes as the trustees shall think fit
ACCOUNTANTS	Nevill Hovey & Co Queens Acre Boyton Launceston PL15 9RJ
BANKERS	Handelsbanken PLC 3 Thomas More Square London E1W 1WY
INVESTMENT MANAGERS	Ruffer Investment Management Limited 80 Victoria Street London SW1E 5JL Church House Investments Limited 50 Grosvenor Street London W1K 3HW

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2025.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Cooke Charitable Trust is a charitable trust for general charitable purposes governed by a Charitable Trust Deed dated 31st December 2000 and constituted as an unincorporated association. Clause 4 of the Charitable Trust Deed provides that the Trustees may apply all property held for the Charity for the purposes of the Charity without distinction between capital and income.

Trustees

The Trustees at the date of this report and during the financial period covered by the financial statements were as follows:

R W C Cooke Esq
Mrs C M Cooke
P S Vaines Esq

The Trustees were appointed by the Charitable Trust Deed. The power to appoint new trustees is vested in the founder Mr R W C Cooke. In the event of his death, such power would pass to the remaining Trustees and may be exercised by a majority thereof.

Trustees are recruited and appointed so as to ensure that the board taken as a whole has a range of competencies and experience appropriate for a grant making charity of this size. New trustees are provided with a full induction to the charity and training is provided where required. The Trustees have received no remuneration or expenses nor has any person connected with them.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees have a duty to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and its income and expenditure for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees confirm that the financial statements comply with statutory requirements, the Charitable Trust Deed and the Charities SORP (FRS102) (Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities) issued in July 2014.

Organisational structure

Decisions are made either by the Trustees as a whole or by a committee of the Trustees.

Risks

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate these risks.

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

It is the object of the charity to apply its resources, at the discretion of the Trustees, to or for:

- i. The advancement and support of primary education in Great Britain.
- ii. The relief of poverty anywhere in the world including but not limited to those in circumstances of extreme need by reason of war or civil conflict.
- iii. Such other charities or charitable purposes as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

Aims

The aims of the Trustees are, taking one year with another, to distribute a substantial proportion of the net income of the charity.

Objectives

The objectives of the Trustees are continually to improve the quality of the Trust's assets and the return therefrom both in terms of annual income and in terms of capital value, so that, over time, increasing donations may be made to charity.

Strategies

The strategies of the Trustees are to:

- Improve the return from the Trust's assets;
- Review the Trust's investments on a regular basis; and
- Consider alternative investments as opportunities arise.

Grant making policies

The grant making policies of the Trustees are to:

- Consider each application for financial assistance on its merits; and
- Support local charities.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Taking fully into account the above objects, aims, objectives, strategies and grant making policies, the Trustees have concluded that the trust meets the public benefit requirement because:

1. The benefits that arise from the trust's aims are that the trust is able to make grants and donations to other charities;
2. The trust's aims intend to benefit other charities;
3. There are no restrictions on who can have the opportunity to benefit; and
4. Nobody receives any private benefit from the trust.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities undertaken

The Trustees have continued their operations of making grants and donations to other charitable bodies.

Investment performance v. investment objectives

The Trustees keep the investment performance of both Ruffer Investment Management Limited and Church House Investments Limited under regular review.

Factors relevant to achievement of objectives

The factors relevant to the achievement of the Trust's objectives include:

- the employment of professional advisers;
- an annual review of targets to improve the return from investments; and
- an updated risk assessment.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of financial position

Income was £56,553 (2024: £57,566). Expenditure totalled £122,311 (2024: £60,171). There were net gains on revaluations and disposals of investment assets totalling £7,508 (2024: (£75,350) due principally to the fluctuation of the stock market.

Reserves

It is the policy of the Trustees that income reserves be kept to a minimum so that donations may be maximised. Total income reserves at 5 April 2025 were £79,281 (2024: £145,039).

Permanent Endowment Fund

The capital account represents investment endowments, together with a profit or loss arising from both revaluation and disposal of these assets.

Unrestricted Fund

Surplus income not distributed during the year is added to the general unrestricted fund and is available for future charitable distributions.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding source of the charity is investment income. Expenditure in the year under review has supported the key objectives of the charity by assisting other charitable bodies.

Investment powers and policy

Clause 5 of the Charitable Trust Deed provides that the Trustees shall have unrestricted powers of investing in all respects as if they were absolutely entitled to the Trust Fund beneficially and subject to no restriction with regard to advice in relation to investment.

In practice, it is the policy of the Trustees to maximise investment income in the long term by investing in a balanced portfolio of investments.

Donations

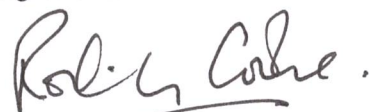
In the year ended 5 April 2025, the Trustees approved donations of £108,800 (2024: £48,000).

Plans for the future

The Trustees' plans for the future are to:

- increase over time the amount of donations to charity; and
- explore further opportunities for investment.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



R W C Cooke Esq

14 December 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Trustees of the Cooke Charitable Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act").

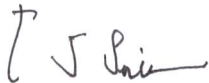
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 15 December 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

		Unrestricted Income Fund	Permanent Endowment Fund	Total Funds Year ended 5 April 2025	Total Funds Year ended 5 April 2024
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:	Notes				
Investments	4	56,553	-	56,553	57,566
TOTAL INCOME		<u>56,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,553</u>	<u>57,566</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Donations	5	108,800	-	108,800	48,000
Other costs	6	13,511	-	13,511	12,171
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>122,311</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,311</u>	<u>60,171</u>
NET GAINS ON INVESTMENTS	7	<u>-</u>	<u>7,508</u>	<u>7,508</u>	<u>75,350</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(65,758)</u>	<u>7,508</u>	<u>(58,250)</u>	<u>72,745</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		145,039	4,614,368	4,759,407	4,686,662
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	9	<u>79,281</u>	<u>4,621,876</u>	<u>4,701,157</u>	<u>4,759,407</u>

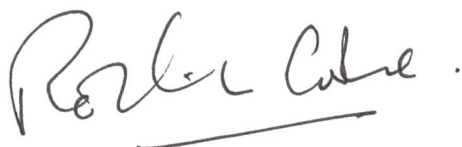
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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	7	4,666,620	4,599,020
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		6,158	4,852
Cash at bank	8	31,279	155,390
		<u>37,437</u>	<u>160,242</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors		<u>2,900</u>	<u>72,600</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		34,537	87,642
NET ASSETS		<u><u>4,701,157</u></u>	<u><u>4,686,662</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY			
Unrestricted funds	10	79,281	147,644
Permanent endowment fund	10	4,621,876	4,539,018
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>4,701,157</u></u>	<u><u>4,686,662</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



R W C Cooke Esq

14 December 2025

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Cooke Charitable 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 notes.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value (closing mid market) at the end of the year. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receivable basis. Incoming resources from endowment funds are not restricted and are accounted for as unrestricted funds. No incoming resources are deferred.

No incoming resources have been included net of expenditure.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised when they arise. Donations are accounted for when approved by the Trustees.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charitable Trust. Endowment funds are expendable funds which represent the capital of the Charitable Trust. Transfers between funds may be made at the discretion of the Trustees without restriction.

2 TAXATION

No charge to taxation arises in respect of any of the activities of the Charitable Trust by reason of its charitable status.

3 EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees during the year was nil (2024 - nil). As such, there were no employees who received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

4 INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Dividends	55,489	49,753
Interest	1,064	7,813
	<u>56,553</u>	<u>57,566</u>

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5	DONATIONS	2025	2024
		£	£
	Medecins Sans Frontieres	50,000	-
	Medical Aid for Palestians	20,000	-
	OCF	10,000	-
	Seenaryo	10,000	10,000
	Water Harvest	10,000	10,000
	Temlua	5,000	-
	Disability Africa	2,000	-
	Homestart Banbury	1,800	-
	Ark T Centre	-	15,000
	Disasters Emergency Committee	-	10,000
	Kids, Hackney	-	3,000
		108,800	48,000
6	OTHER COSTS	£	£
	Accountancy	1,950	1,900
	Independent examination	950	850
	Investment management charges	10,603	9,417
	Bank charges	8	4
		13,511	12,171
7	INVESTMENTS	Cost	Market value
		£	£
	UK Investment and Unit Trusts		
	190,863 Church House UK Equity Growth A Inc	360,473	354,242
	145,562 Church House Balanced Equity Income A Inc	269,352	253,278
	40,510 Church House UK Smaller Companies A Acc	64,692	51,692
	32,535 Church House Esk Global Equity A Inc	115,448	149,111
	500,000 Church House Human Capital	500,000	478,700
	23,000 Murray International Trust	51,032	56,695
	6,400 Monks Investment Trust	61,388	69,376
	5,550 Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	40,728	47,475
	13,000 JPMorgan American Investment Trust	67,511	117,390
	36,700 Mobius Investment Trust	43,730	44,040
	10,570 Blackrock Greater Euro Investment Trust	47,640	53,379
	4,885 Blackrock Smaller Companies	64,707	56,178
	149,053 Church House Investment Grade Fixed Interest	171,426	157,698
	UK Equities		
	120,000 Ethical Property Company	117,200	55,200
	Absolute Return/Hedge Funds		
	419,416 LFRuffer Total Return C Inc	1,467,955	1,382,994
	68,687 LFRuffer Total Return C Acc	395,584	380,443
	50,512 Sanlam Four Multi Strategy Fund	598,261	728,810
	129,184 Church House Tenax Absolute Return	217,996	222,455
	Cash Church House Investment Management	7,464	7,464
	Total investments held at 5 April 2025	4,662,587	4,666,620

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7	INVESTMENTS (continued)	2025	2024
		£	£
	Market Value at 6 April 2024	4,711,908	4,599,020
	Additions at cost	588,279	70,699
	Disposals	(630,435)	(39,124)
	Gains and losses on revaluations and disposals	7,508	75,350
	(Decrease)/increase in cash held for investment	(10,640)	5,963
	Market value at 5 April 2025	<u>4,666,620</u>	<u>4,711,908</u>
	Additions at cost	Quantity	£
12 June 24	LF Ruffer Total Return C Acc	8,970	47,971
3 July 24	Church House Human Capital	500,000	500,000
27 Dec 24	LF Ruffer Total Return C Acc	2,851	15,056
5 Feb 25	LF Ruffer Total Return C Acc	9	51
26 Feb 25	Blackrock Smaller Companies	1,930	25,197
	LF Ruffer Total Return C Acc	1	4
			<u>588,279</u>
	Disposals		
16 Apr 24	Sanlam Four Multi Strategy Fund	9,529	130,738
2 July 24	Sanlam Four Multi Strategy Fund	35,247	499,697
			<u>630,435</u>

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8	CASH ACCOUNTS	2025 £	2024 £
	Handelsbanken PLC - Current Account	31,275	12,094
	Ruffer Investment Management Accumulated Income Account	-	34,706
	Church House Investments Income Account	4	5
		31,279	46,805

9 TRUSTEES' EXPENSES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustee has been paid for services provided to the charity in the year. Nor has any trustee claimed expenses during the year. There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Income Fund £	Permanent Endowment Fund £	Total Funds £
Investments	34,473	4,621,876	4,666,620
Debtors	6,158	-	6,158
Cash at bank	31,279	-	31,279
Creditors	(2,900)	-	(2,900)
	79,281	4,621,876	4,701,157

The Permanent Endowment Fund represents investments donated by the founder of the Charitable Trust, Mr R W C Cooke. There are no restrictions imposed on this capital fund since clause 4 of the Charitable Trust Deed provides that the Trustees may apply all property held for the Charity for the purposes of the Charity without distinction between capital and income.

The Unrestricted Funds represent investment income net of expenditure and fund transfers made at the discretion of the Trustees.