

**Charity registration number 1088642**

**The John Browne Charitable Trust**

**Trustees' annual report and financial statements  
Year ended 5 April 2023**

## **The John Browne Charitable Trust**

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## **The John Browne Charitable Trust**

### **Legal and administrative information**

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<b>Registered Charity No.</b>	1088642
<b>Trustees</b>	Lord Browne of Madingley (Founder Trustee) Chris Farmer (Appointed 4 February 2023) Lord Hennessy of Nympsfield (Resigned 4 February 2023) Angela Hunter (Appointed 4 February 2023) Dr Hayaatun Sillem (Appointed 4 February 2023) Michael Lynas Antonia Romeo Farrer & Co Trust Corporation Limited
<b>Principal Address</b>	Farrer & Co 65-66 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LH
<b>Bankers</b>	C Hoare and Co 37 Fleet Street London EC4P 4DQ
<b>Investment Managers</b>	Stanhope Capital LLP 35 Portman Square London W1H 6LR
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Cara Turtington FCA DChA Saffery LLP 71 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4BE
<b>Solicitors</b>	Farrer and Co LLP 66 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LH

## **The John Browne Charitable Trust**

### **Trustees' report**

**For the year ended 5 April 2023**

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The trustees present their report, together with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2023.

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

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

The trustees are listed on page 1.

New trustees are appointed by the Founder, with the maximum number of trustees at any time being six. No trustee shall be remunerated by the charity for their services, other than payment of any reasonable expenses incurred in their duties, nor shall they have any financial interest in transactions with, or property held by the charity. Trustees may however be paid for any work undertaken in their professional capacity, when directed and authorised by the other trustees to undertake such work.

Decisions are taken at duly constituted meetings of the trustees by majority vote, though informal decisions can be made, subject to ratification at the next trustees' meeting.

The Founder trustee has the power to decide in his own right, which institutions receive grants.

The Founder trustee currently has the power to appoint a successor Founder trustee.

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### **Trustees' report (continued) For the year ended 5 April 2021**

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#### **Objectives and activities**

The John Browne Charitable Trust was established by Trust Deed dated 14 May 2001 and registered on 27 September 2001. The original Trust Deed was amended on 24 February 2012.

The primary purpose of the charity is to make grants to charitable institutions.

The trustees may also:

- Promote research and publish the useful results of such research;
- Commission, promote, publish, distribute and sell facsimiles, photographs, models and publications of every description and;
- Provide, promote, sponsor and organise lectures, discussions, exhibitions and other like events.

The trustees' intention for the immediate future is to retain the major part of the charity's income to generate a future realistic endowment. This is expected to be achieved over the next ten years and is also provided for in the Founder's estate.

The mission statement of the Trust is:

"To support exceptional people and organisations (and the applicable infrastructure) to fuel progress in engineering, the environment and the performing arts."

#### **Grant-making policy**

Grants are made to exceptional individuals and organisations with the aim furthering the mission statement of the trust. Applications are received from unsolicited organisations, individuals and personal contacts.

Applications are reviewed by the trustees and a formal appraisal is made of each application. Each case is judged against five criteria before decisions are made to approve funding. These criteria are as follows:

- Geographic Focus (priority is given to UK based organisations and individuals); and
- Engineering science and practice, the natural environment, the visual & performing arts; and
- A commitment that those supported go on to further the mission of the Trust; and
- Supporting underrepresented groups (including those from low income households, women, LGBT); or
- Supporting brilliant people with a commitment to excellence or excellence widely stated.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The charity's principal activity during the year has been the donation of funds in the form of grants to individuals and organisations; in line with the objects of the charity. Grants were awarded in the year totalling £178,201 (2022: £2,795,238), which included a £50,000 to Chelsea Physic Garden and a £25,000 to the Holocaust Memorial Trust. The previous included a gift of £2million to Murray Edwards College for the creation of a new building and the Trust continues to support scholars at the College.

Other grants were made to the applicants that the Trustees felt would best promote the overall objectives of the trust, as detailed in note 2 to the financial statements.

Through these grants the Trustees are furthering their mission statement effectively.

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### **Trustees' report (continued) For the year ended 5 April 2021**

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#### **Financial review**

The net expenditure for the year after unrealised losses on investments was £69,544 (2021: Net expenditure of £2,428,664).

There were £952,076 of free reserves held at 5 April 2023 (2022: £1,021,620).

The principal funding sources were donations which in turn were used to make charitable grants. The net expenditure during the year represents the spending of funds received during the 2021 financial year.

Grants were made to a variety of organisations as listed in note 2 to the financial statements.

#### **Risk management**

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. The main risk to the Charity is that income is insufficient to allow the Trustees to fulfil their grant making obligations. However, at the moment this risk is mitigated by the active involvement of the Founder in the Foundation's activities.

#### **Investment Policy**

The trustees are responsible for the safekeeping of all assets of the charity and may invest funds as they see fit.

#### **Aims and objectives for future periods**

We intend to continue to support educational, artistic, environmental and engineering projects through scholarships and grants of capital or revenue.

#### **Fundraising**

The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities under the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 in relation to fundraising. The charity does not engage in any active fundraising activities and no approaches are made to the general public in order to raise funds. The charity has received no complaints in the period regarding its fundraising activities.

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### Trustees' report (continued) For the year ended 5 April 2021

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#### Reserves Policy

The current activities of the charity are funded by regular contributions from the Founder that are intended to be applied directly to charitable purposes rather than building up a capital base. As such the Trustees have limited requirements for free reserves as the ongoing costs of administering the Foundation are not substantial.

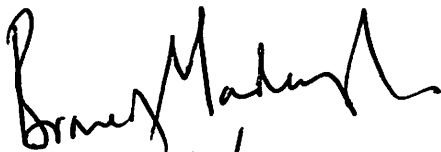
During the year the reserves of the charity were decreased significantly by an enhanced programme of giving.

#### Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to all guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The trustees are mindful of the need for all grants to be made for public benefit. As such this criteria is considered whilst determining which grants to make each year.

For and on behalf of the trustees



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LORD BROWNE OF MADINGLEY

## **The John Browne Charitable Trust**

### **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of John Browne Charitable Trust**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the John Browne Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2023.

#### **Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.



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**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of John Browne Charitable Trust**

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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.

Cara Turtington

Saffery LLP

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors  
71 Queen Victoria Street  
London  
EC4V 4BE  
Date:

**The John Browne Charitable Trust**

**Statement of financial activities  
For the year ended 5 April 2023**

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		Unrestricted funds	
	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Income from</b>			
Donations	1	125,000	377,250
Investment income		10,281	4,397
<b>Total income</b>		<u>135,281</u>	<u>381,647</u>
<b>Expenditure on</b>			
Charitable activities	2	197,228	2,802,672
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>197,228</u>	<u>2,802,672</u>
Realised (losses) on investments		-	-
Unrealised (losses) on investments		(7,597)	(7,639)
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		<u>(69,544)</u>	<u>(2,428,664)</u>
 Fund balance brought forward at 6 April 2022		<u>1,021,620</u>	<u>3,450,284</u>
 <b>Fund balance carried forward at 5 April 2023</b>		<u>952,076</u>	<u>1,021,620</u>

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All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

There are no other recognised gains or losses.

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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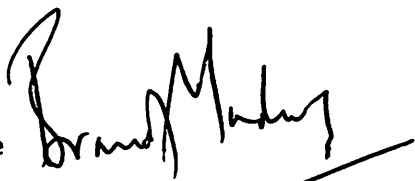
**Balance Sheet  
As at 5 April 2023**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	7	344,570	343,920
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and on deposit		611,006	614,700
Debtors	4	-	75,000
		<u>611,006</u>	<u>689,700</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors due in less than one year	5	(3,500)	(12,000)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>607,506</u>	<u>677,700</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>952,076</u>	<u>1,021,620</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>952,076</u>	<u>1,021,620</u>

Approved by the board of Trustees on

and signed on its behalf

Trustee



LORD BROWNE OF MADINGLEY

Trustee



DIRECTOR, FARRER & CO TRUST CORPORATION

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements

**The John Browne Charitable Trust**

**Statement of cash flows**

**As at 5 April 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>a</b>	(5,728)	(2,250,048)	
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Investment income received		10,281	4,397	
Investment purchases		(92,624)		
Proceeds from disposals of investments		-	-	
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the period</b>		(88,071)	(2,245,651)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		741,703	2,987,354	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period		653,632	741,703	
<b>a) Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities</b>				
		2023 £	2022 £	
<b>Net income / (expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>		(2,428,664)	(2,428,664)	
Investment income		(4,397)	(4,397)	
Loss/ (Gain) on investments		7,639	7,639	
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors		675,000	675,000	
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors		(499,626)	(499,626)	
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities</b>		(2,250,048)	2,266,980	
<b>b) Reconciliation of net debt</b>				
	As at 6 April 2022	Cash flows	Other non-cash changes	As at 5 April 2023
Cash and cash equivalents				
Cash at bank	614,700	(3,694)	-	611,006
Cash held by investment managers	127,003	(84,377)	-	42,626
<b>Total</b>	741,703	(88,071)	-	653,632

## **The John Browne Charitable Trust**

### **Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 5 April 2023**

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The principal accounting policies which are adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below;

**A. Basis of accounting**

The accounts (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) (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts (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: 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) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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

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

**B. Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity has substantial reserves and retains control over its annual expenditure. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

**C. Income**

Donations receivable are accounted for as soon as their amount and receipt are reasonably certain. In the case of unsolicited donations this is usually only accounted for when they are received. All other income is accounted for under the accruals concept.

**D. Expenditure**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to each category.

Charitable expenditure consists of the charitable grants made during the year.

Governance costs comprise all costs incurred in running the charity as a legal entity that cannot be directly allocated.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**For the year ended 5 April 2023**

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**E. Investments**

Fixed asset investments are valued at the current market value at the balance sheet date. Any unrealised gains or losses are credited/charged to the Statement of Financial Activities. Realised gains or losses on disposal of investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

**F. Taxation**

The Charity is registered as a charity under the Charities Act 2011 and is not liable to UK tax on its charitable activities.

The Charity is not registered for VAT. Accordingly, expenses include VAT where applicable.

**G. Fund accounting**

Funds held by the charity are unrestricted general funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

**H. Financial instruments**

The charity has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are recognised initially in the accounts at transaction price, including any transaction costs. At the end of each accounting period, basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. For debt instruments this is calculated using the effective interest rate method.

**I. Critical estimates and judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**  
**For the year ended 5 April 2023**

**1. Donations**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donation from founder	100,000	302,000
Gift aid	25,000	75,000
Other donations	-	250
	<b>125,000</b>	<b>377,250</b>

**2. Charitable activities**

**Grant Making**

Grants were made to the following institutions:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Murray Edwards College	38,101	2,031,308
Holocaust Educational Trust	25,000	25,000
Donmar Warehouse Projects Ltd	4,720	100,000
St John's College Cambridge		80,000
Guggenheim UK Trust	5,400	-
The Courtauld Institute of Art	-	-
Stanford Trust	-	-
Art Fund	-	-
Royal Opera House	15,250	5,250
Horatio's Garden	-	-
Tate Gallery	15,000	-
Tate Foundation	10,680	10,680
International Rescue Ukraine	-	38,000
Chelsea Physic Garden	50,000	500,000
Other grants of less than £10,000	14,050	5,000
	<b>178,201</b>	<b>2,795,238</b>
Governance and support costs (note 3)	19,027	7,434
	<b>197,228</b>	<b>2,802,672</b>

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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**  
**For the year ended 5 April 2023**

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**3. Support and governance costs**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent examination	2,500	2,500
Other amounts payable to auditors	1,300	2,000
Legal fees	14,268	2,195
Insurance	285	302
Bank and investment management charges	674	437
	<u>19,027</u>	<u>7,434</u>

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenditure during the year (2022: £Nil). The charity is run by volunteers and the Founder's office at no cost.

**4. Debtors**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gift aid receivable	-	75,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>75,000</u>

**5. Creditors**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	3,500	12,000
	<u>3,500</u>	<u>12,000</u>

**6. Related party transactions**

Total donations received from 1 (2022: 1) trustee amounted to £100,000 (2021: £302,000). There were no other related party transactions in the year (2022: none).



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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**  
**For the year ended 5 April 2023**

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**7. Fixed asset investments**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Market value</b>		
At 6 April 2022	343,920	847,162
Additions	92,624	4,397
Disposals	-	(500,000)
Movement in investment cash	(84,377)	-
Net investment gains/(losses)	<u>(7,597)</u>	<u>(7,639)</u>
<b>At 5 April 2023</b>	<u>344,570</u>	<u>343,920</u>
<b>Invested in:</b>		
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash	42,626	127,003
Bonds	<u>301,944</u>	<u>216,917</u>
<b>At 5 April 2023</b>	<u>344,570</u>	<u>343,920</u>