GEORGE BESSELL D.F.M. TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1089910

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2001-12-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Tolhurst Fisher Trafalgar House 8-10 Nelson Street Southend-On-Sea SS1 1EF
Phone	01702352511

Activities

Objects: FOR ALL OR SUCH ONE OR MORE EXCLUSIVELY OF THE OTHERS OF THE BENEFICIARIES AT TIME OR RESPECTIVE TIMES AND IF MORE THAN ONE IN SUCH SHARES AND WITH SUCH TRUSTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE BENEFIT AND SUCH PROVISION AND SUCH PROVISION FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE ADVANCEMENT FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

Activities: GRANT MAKING TO OTHER SELECTED CHARITABLE BODIES ON A CLOSED LIST

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-25	£109,021	£110,654	-	-
2024-03-25	£28,354	£8,650	-	-
2023-03-25	£28,188	£47,875	-	-
2022-03-25	£21,873	£9,476	-	-
2021-03-25	£22,855	£7,247	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charlotte Louise Bishop		2021-06-18
PETER HARRY COLE		2018-09-21
STEPHEN WILLIAM TYRIE COLE		

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G.E. BESSELL DFM SETTLEMENT

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Date:…………………

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Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 25 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts:		
Dividends	26,928.77	26,502.09
Interest	3,814.67	1,831.01
Donations	-	21.23
	30,743.44	28,354.33
Proceeds from sale of investments	78,278.10	39,814.25
Total receipts	109,021.54	68,168.58
Payments:		
Legal Fees	900.00	900.00
Accountancy Fees	720.00	714.00
Cost of purchases of investments	41,468.83	69,934.36
Management fees	7,565.95	7,036.38
Donations	60,000.00	40,000.00
Total payments	110,654.78	118,584.74
Net receipts/(payments)	(1,633.24)	(50,416.16)
Cash funds b/fwd	27,906.57	78,322.73
Cash funds c/fwd	26,273.33	27,906.57

G.E. BESSELL DFM SETTLEMENT

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 25 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Monetary assets:		
TSB deposit account	8,183.07	9,803.07
Cash on deposit – JM Finn & Co	9,314.71	981.10
Income account – JM Finn & Co	8,775.55	17,122.40
	26,273.33	27,906.57
Non-Monetary assets and liabilities:		
Investments		
United Kingdom Treasury	35,014.35	30,685.71
United Kingdom Treasury 4.5%	35,588.35	-
CG Portfolio Fund PLC – The Dollar D Inc	47,214.90	47,862.00
SVS Church House Inv Grade	38,727.50	38,920.00
M&G Securities Corporate Bond	45,227.00	46,488.00
Mercantile Investment Trust	81,550.00	78,225.00
Murray Income Trust	70,890.00	70,550.00
Finsbury Growth & Income Trust	53,040.00	51,360.00
Law Debenture Corp	89,800.00	78,600.00
Artemis – UK Special Situations Fund	107,241.20	94,806.80
North Atlan SM CO	31,280.00	30,600.00
Findlay Americal USD Inc	88,704.44	89,787.28
Blackrock Fund Managers	53,062.24	52,978.24
Henderson – European Capital Growth Fund	66,576.00	63,456.00
Aberdeen New India Inv Trust	-	25,600.00
Pacific Horizon Investment Trust	35,700.00	34,380.00
JPMorgan Japanese Investment Trust	37,895.00	35,165.00
Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust	43,650.00	38,200.00
Herald Investment Trust	31,200.00	31,575.00
Foreign & Col Investment Trust	56,000.00	79,440.00
Monks Investment Trust	61,100.00	56,500.00
Alliance Trust Ordinary	60,300.00	61,400.00
Mid Wynd Intern Invest	26,180.00	26,985.00
M&G Securities Ltd Global Dividend	52,747.50	46,989.00
Blackrock Wild Mining Trust	11,880.00	12,216.00
Greencoot UK Wind	19,040.00	22,916.00
Caledonia Investments Ord	37,600.00	32,700.00
Aberdeen Diversified Inc & Gth	-	15,752.00
Personal Assets Trust	63,000.00	59,750.00
	1,380,208.48	1,353,887.03

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 25 March 2025 Cont.

Liabilities

Accountancy fees	720	660
Legal Fees	-	-
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	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts:		
Dividends	26,502.09	24,471.14
Interest	1,831.01	4,710.91
Donations	21.23	6.41
	28,354.33	28,188.46
Proceeds from sale of investments	39,814.25	65,137.43
Total receipts	68,168.58	93,325.89
Payments:		
Legal Fees	900.00	-
Accountancy Fees	714.00	642.00
Cost of purchases of investments	69,934.36	-
Management fees	7,036.38	7,233.50
Donations	40,000.00	40,000.00
Total payments	118,584.74	47,875.50
Net receipts/(payments)	(50,416.16)	45,450.39
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Artemis – UK Special Situations Fund	94,806.80	81,308.70
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Donations	6.41	5.00
	28,188.46	21,873.66
Proceeds from sale of investments	65,137.43	187,595.63
Total receipts	93,325.89	209,474.29
Payments:		
Legal Fees	-	900.00
Accountancy Fees	642.00	618.00
Cost of purchases of investments	-	176,969.73
Management fees	7,233.50	7,958.36
Donations	40,000.00	50,000.00
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Tax refund due	-	-

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Liabilities

Accountancy fees	660	642
Legal Fees	-	-
	660	642