

**THE DAVID TELLING CHARITABLE TRUST**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**Registered charity number - 1091470**

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**THE DAVID TELLING CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

The Trustees present their report along with the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the Charity's governing instrument, 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 (FRS102) applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

**Our Purposes and Activities**

The objects of the Charity are to support general charitable purposes. The Charity's income is derived from interest and dividends generated from donations received. The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the charity in promoting the objects.

**Achievement and Performance**

The Charity continued to fund existing commitments on research and equipment during the year. It is our policy to invest our funds to achieve a balance between longer term growth and current income. As such, the board have decided to not issue any further grants until the existing liabilities have been reduced.

**Public Benefit**

The Trustees have taken account of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in making their decisions about grants. The Charity's aims are broad and we are confident therefore that all grants are consistent with those aims.

**Financial Review**

The attached accounts show the current financial position which the Trustees consider to be healthy, with £820,690 (2022 - £731,396) of unrestricted reserves held at the year end.

**Investment Policy**

The management of investments has been delegated to Evelyn Partners on a discretionary basis, but within the confines of the criteria set out below.

The Trust seeks to produce the best financial total return within an acceptable level of risk. The investment objective is to achieve a balance between longer term growth and current income. Performance will be measured against the Wealth Management Association (WMA) Conservative Total Return Index.

Direct investments in companies that generate more than 10% of their revenue from the following activities should be avoided:

- the production and sale of products and services for strategic military sources, weapon systems, landmines or cluster munitions parts and/or services;
- the production and sale of tobacco;

In addition, direct investment in companies using genetic engineering on animals or providing animal testing services for other organisations should be avoided.

**Risk Management**

The major risks to which the charity is exposed have been reviewed and systems are in place to mitigate these risks.

**Reserves Policy**

The Trust will seek to maintain a minimum reserve in fixed interest securities and cash equivalent to 12 months of future expected grants.

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**Plans for the Future**

The Charity will continue to make grants to Bristol based medical institutions until the Charity's funds have been fully depleted.

Subsequent to the year end, the trustees made the decision to wind up the charity in July 2025. As the charity is scheduled for wind up after more than 24 months as of the date of these accounts, accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 are prepared on a going concern basis.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity was established by trust deed dated 6 March 2002 and is registered with the Charity Commission. Trustees are selected and appointed by the Trustee board. Trustees are inducted and trained by the Trustee Board. All decisions are made by the Trustees.

**Organisation of the Charity**

All of the trustees below have served throughout the year.

**Reference and administrative information**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Charity Name         | The David Telling Charitable Trust  |
| Charity Number       | 1091470   |
| Trustees             | J E L Grant<br>L J S Frescobaldi<br>S J Falk                                  |
| Principal Office     | 4th Floor<br>Portwall Place<br>Portwall Lane<br>Bristol<br>BS1 6NA            |
| Independent Examiner | Burnside<br>Chartered Accountants<br>61 Queen Square<br>Bristol<br>BS1 4JZ    |
| Bankers              | HSBC Bank plc<br>62 George White Street<br>Cabot Circus<br>Bristol<br>BS1 3BA |
| Investment Managers  | Evelyn Partners<br>Portwall Place<br>Portwall Lane<br>Bristol<br>BS1 6NA      |

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**Trustees' Responsibilities Statement**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The laws applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable regulations). Under that 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 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 accounting 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; and
- \* 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 adequate accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by :

**S J Falk**

S J Falk  
Trustee and Secretary  
on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Date: 21 June 2025

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DAVID TELLING CHARITABLE TRUST**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### **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 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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.

### **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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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.

**Stephen Burnside**

Name : Stephen Burnside

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: Burnside Chartered Accountants, 61 Queen Square, Bristol. BS1 4JZ

Date: 21 June 2025

**THE DAVID TELLING CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>2023<br>£ | 2022<br>£      |
|--|-------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>INCOME FROM:</b>  |       |                                    |                |
| Investments  | 2     | 32,868                             | 31,845         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>  |       | <b>32,868</b>                      | <b>31,845</b>  |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>   |       |                                    |                |
| <b>Expenditure on raising funds</b>  |       |                                    |                |
| - Investment management costs  |       | (9,216)                            | (9,772)        |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>   |       |                                    |                |
| - Grants payable   | 3     | 150,396                            | 34,829         |
| - Other costs  | 4     | (12,474)                           | (13,010)       |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>   |       | <b>128,706</b>                     | <b>12,047</b>  |
| <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS</b> |       | <b>161,574</b>                     | <b>43,892</b>  |
| Net Gains/(Losses) on investment assets  | 7     | (72,280)                           | 86,284         |
| Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds   |       | <b>89,294</b>                      | <b>130,176</b> |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>   |       |                                    |                |
| Total funds brought forward  |       | 731,396                            | 601,220        |
| Total funds carried forward  |       | <b>820,690</b>                     | <b>731,396</b> |

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these accounts

**THE DAVID TELLING CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**As at 31 March 2023**

|  | Notes | 2023<br>£        | 2022<br>£        |
|--|-------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>  |       |                  |                  |
| Investments  | 7     | 1,221,782        | 1,424,014        |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>  |       |                  |                  |
| Cash at bank and in hand                                       |       | 50,559           | 17,531           |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>   |       |                  |                  |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>          |       |                  |                  |
| Grants payable   | 8     | (439,351)        | (348,250)        |
| Accruals   |       | (12,300)         | (6,744)          |
| <b>NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS</b>                        |       | <u>(401,092)</u> | <u>(337,463)</u> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                   |       | 820,690          | 1,086,551        |
| <b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b> |       |                  |                  |
| Grants payable   | 8     | -                | (355,154)        |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>  |       | <u>820,690</u>   | <u>731,396</u>   |
| <b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:</b>                               |       |                  |                  |
| Unrestricted funds   | 9     | 820,690          | 731,396          |
| <b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>                                     |       | <u>820,690</u>   | <u>731,396</u>   |

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 21 June 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

**S J Falk**

S J Falk  
Trustee

Charity Number: 1091470

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these accounts



**THE DAVID TELLING CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**For the year to 31 March 2023**

**1. Accounting policies**

**a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) 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) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) 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 Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, although as noted in the Trustees' report, it is the trustees' intention to wind down the charity in July 2025. As there are more than 24 months between the year end date for these accounts and the planned wind down date, these accounts are prepared on a going concern basis.

**b) Income recognition**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Investment income is accounted for on the accruals basis. Consequently interest on investments not yet received is treated as other debtors.

**c) Expenditure recognition and irrecoverable VAT**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is included on the accruals basis.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are met. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

**d) Fund accounting**

The nature and purpose of the whole of the restricted funds is to have sufficient funds for the Charity to meet its objectives. The split of the unrestricted fund between assets and liabilities can be seen from the balance sheet as there are no other types of fund.

**e) Unrestricted funds**

These comprise those funds which are free to be used in accordance with the charitable objects.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

**1. Accounting policies (Cont'd)**

**f) Fixed Asset Investments**

Fixed asset investments are quoted investments that are held in the United Kingdom at market value with unrealised gains or losses forming part of the statement of financial activities.

| <b>2. Investment Income</b>     | 2023<br>£     | 2022<br>£     |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dividends and interest received | 32,868        | 31,845        |
|                                 | <u>32,868</u> | <u>31,845</u> |

**3. Grants Payable**

The grants payable made in the year comprise grants to the following projects:

|                                       | 2023<br>£        | 2022<br>£       |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Research projects undertaken in year  | 36,476           | 34,166          |
| Equipment projects undertaken in year | -                | -               |
| Less Project Write Offs               | (186,872)        | (68,995)        |
|                                       | <u>(150,396)</u> | <u>(34,829)</u> |

Grants payable are all to Bristol based medical institutions to aid their medical research.

**4. Other Costs**

|                              | 2023<br>£     | 2022<br>£     |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Independent examination fees | 2,880         | 2,640         |
| Administration expenses      | 9,594         | 10,370        |
|                              | <u>12,474</u> | <u>13,010</u> |

**5. Trustees' Remuneration**

No trustee received any remuneration from the charity during the year (2022: nil). Trustees incurred no expenses during the year (2022: £Nil). There were no related party transactions with trustees during the year.

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**6. Net Income/(Expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging:

|                              | 2023<br>£ | 2022<br>£ |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Independent examination fees | 2,880     | 2,640     |

**7. Investments**

|                                   | 2023<br>£ | 2022<br>£ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Quoted Investments                |           |           |
| Market value at 1 April 2022      | 1,358,398 | 1,315,429 |
| Additions at cost                 | 274,768   | 261,578   |
| Disposal proceeds                 | (490,563) | (304,839) |
| Gain/(loss) on revaluation        | (60,019)  | 65,665    |
| Realised gain/(loss) on disposals | (12,357)  | 20,565    |
| Market value at 31 March 2023     | 1,070,227 | 1,358,398 |
| Cash                              | 151,555   | 65,616    |
|                                   | 1,221,782 | 1,424,014 |

Included in the above balance is £151,555 (2022 - £65,616) of cash held at the investment manager awaiting investment.

**8. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors**

|                                       | 2023<br>£ | 2022<br>£ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Creditors under 1 year</b>         |           |           |
| Grants payable                        | 439,351   | 348,250   |
| Book-keeping and accounts preparation | 7,020     | 2,340     |
| Independent examination fees          | 5,280     | 4,404     |
| Total                                 | 12,300    | 6,744     |

|   | 2023<br>£ | 2022<br>£ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Creditors over 1 year (including provisions)</b> |           |           |
| Grants payable                                      | -         | 355,154   |

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**8. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors (cont'd)**

| <b>Movement in recognised provisions and funding commitments during the year</b> | <b>Charitable commitments accrued</b> |
|--|---------------------------------------|
|  | £                                     |
| Grant commitments recognised at the start of the year                            | 703,405                               |
| New grant commitments charged to the SoFA in year                                | 36,476                                |
| Grants paid during the year  | (113,658)                             |
| Lapsed Grant Commitments   | (186,872)                             |
| Amount of grant commitments recognised as at 31 March 2023                       | <u>439,351</u>                        |

**9. Analysis of Charitable Funds**

|                    | Balance<br>b/fwd | Income        | Expenditure    | Gains and<br>losses | Balance<br>c/fwd |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | <u>731,396</u>   | <u>32,868</u> | <u>128,706</u> | <u>(72,280)</u>     | <u>820,690</u>   |

**10. Related Party Disclosure**

There were no related party transactions during the year.

**11. Post balance sheet event**

In August 2024 the trustees made the decision to wind up the charity in July 2025. As there are more than 24 months between the year end date for these accounts and the planned wind up date, these accounts were prepared on the going concern basis.

Before wind up the charity plans to sell all of its investments at market value and distribute the resulting proceeds, net of remaining commitments to Bristol medical institutions in line with the charity's objects. The charity doesn't expect any material adjustments to the valuation of its investments as of 31 March 2023 as a result of these transactions.