

Charity registration number 1095850 (England and Wales)

**THE ERNEST HECHT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

THE ERNEST HECHT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Ms B Jungr
Mr R Ward
Mr B Barkow

Charity number (England and Wales) 1095850

Independent examiner

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published in July 2014.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to raise and distribute funds for the following purposes;

The advancement of education, the relief of poverty and the advancement of religion with the primary object of providing help to a variety of disadvantaged people in need of support, including the mentally and physically disabled and the aged, to help them live a full and satisfying life in the community.

The charity carries out these objectives by making grants to charities in the sectors of advancement of education, sports, the arts, and towards the relief of poverty and advancement of religion throughout England and Wales, and there has been no change in these policies during the year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The trustees have continued to support a wide range of charities by awarding grants that benefit the disadvantaged and promote the advancement of the arts and education.

Achievements and performance

The trustees are confident that their activities as detailed above in 2024 have "made a difference" to the vulnerable, young and elderly.

Financial review

The transactions and financial position of the Charity are as set out in the attached financial statements and in the opinion of the trustees the state of the Charity's affairs is satisfactory.

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain reserves at an adequate level in order to meet the cost of management, to meet agreed commitments for grants and to be able to respond to additional requests for assistance as received.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

It is the intention of the trustees that the charity's remaining funds be distributed during the ensuing year and the charity subsequently be wound up.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established by a charitable trust deed dated 18 November 2002.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Ms B Jungr

Mr R Ward

Mr B Barkow

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Charity's trust deed. A new trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the trustees recorded in the minutes and signed by a trustee.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)


FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Applications are made to the Charity using an application form available on its website. The applications are summarised and circulated to the trustees monthly. The trustees meet quarterly to agree which grants should be made.

The trustees intend to continue to make grants in the manner described on the Charity Commission's website.

There are no connected charities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


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Ms B Jung
Trustee

Date: 25/5/2025
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Mr R Ward
Trustee

THE ERNEST HECHT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ERNEST HECHT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Ernest Hecht Charitable Foundation (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Glazers

843 Finchley Road

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Date: 25 MAR 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes		
Income from:			
Investments	3	130,520	110,839
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	2,266,186	894,219
Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds		(2,135,666)	(783,380)
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		4,450,930	5,234,310
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		2,315,264	4,450,930

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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THE ERNEST HECHT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	10		-		471,645
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		2,316,499		3,980,490	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,230)		(1,200)	
Net current assets			2,315,269		3,979,290
Total assets less current liabilities			2,315,269		4,450,935
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(5)		(5)
Net assets			2,315,264		4,450,930
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	13		2,315,264		4,450,930
			2,315,264		4,450,930

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 25/5/25

Ms B Jung
Trustee

Mr R Ward
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	16		(2,266,156)		(894,699)
Investing activities					
Proceeds on disposal of investments		507,837		177,339	
Investment income received		94,328		75,427	
Net cash generated from investing activities			602,165		252,766
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(1,663,991)		(641,933)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			3,980,490		4,622,423
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			2,316,499		3,980,490

THE ERNEST HECHT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

The Ernest Hecht Charitable Foundation is an unincorporated charity, established by a charitable trust dated 18 November 2002, and with a principal address of 843 Finchley Road, London NW11 8NA.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements 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 the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 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. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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 and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting 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.

3 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from listed investments	53,226	35,806
Interest receivable	77,294	75,033
	<u>130,520</u>	<u>110,839</u>

Investment income includes £39,877 (2023 £36,192) gain on disposal and £nil unrealised loss (2023 £16,091) on valuation.

4 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 5)	2,234,484	864,447
Share of support costs (see note 6)	30,442	28,452
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	1,260	1,320
	<u>2,266,186</u>	<u>894,219</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>2,266,186</u>	<u>894,219</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5 Grants payable

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants to institutions		
Access Sport	170,000	-
Adur Special Needs Project	-	25,000
Age UK	500	500
Ataxia	1,000	1,000
Arts 4 Dementia	15,000	-
Aylesbury Food Bank	-	25,000
BLESMA	500	500
British Dyslexia UK	1,000	1,000
Cardboard Citizens	1,000	1,000
Centrepont	80,000	150,000
Chilterns Neuro Centre	77,684	63,667
Chineke! Foundation	25,000	-
Corby Community Arts	300,000	50,000
Crisis UK	31,000	30,000
Cruse Bereavement Care	500	500
Electric Storm Youth	-	10,000
Holocaust Centre North (HSFA)	640,000	66,000
Lindengate	37,500	55,000
Little Angel Theatre	310,000	55,000
Lucy Cavendish College	-	125,000
Macmillan Cancer Support	2,000	2,000
Marie Curie Cancer Care	1,000	1,000
Mid Surrey Dementia Care Trust	500	500
Mildmay Mission Hospital	1,000	1,000
Mylor Sailability	-	5,000
Nightingale Hammerson	1,000	1,000
Nishkam Swat	-	48,780
Opera Circus	120,000	5,000
Paths Hardship Fund	-	25,000
Polka Theatre	180,000	27,500
RAF Benevolent Fund	500	500
React	500	500
Royal British Legion	1,000	1,000
Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability	500	500
Royal Surgical Aid Society	57,500	-
RNLI	500	500
Ruth Hayman Trust	25,000	25,000
Salvation Army	1,000	1,000
St John Ambulance	1,000	1,000
St John & Elizabeth	1,000	1,000
St Mungo's Broadway	1,000	11,000
Salaam Shalom Kitchen	-	1,000
The Fire Fighters Charity	500	500
The Food Chain	500	500
Trelya	115,000	-
Trinity Hospice	500	500
University of Westminster	12,300	-
Wintercomfort for the Homeless	20,000	10,000
Worthing Food Bank	-	25,000

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5 Grants payable

(Continued)

2,234,484 864,447

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
External administration costs	26,049	-	26,049	23,868	
Investment management fees	3,583	-	3,583	3,893	
Website costs	221	-	221	198	
Bank charges	60	-	60	60	
Sundry expenses	529	-	529	433	
Independent examiners fee	-	1,260	1,260	1,320	Governance
	30,442	1,260	31,702	29,772	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	30,442	1,260	31,702	29,772	

7 Net movement in funds

2024 2023
£ £

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements

1,260 1,320

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Expenses totalling £212 (2023 £10) were paid to the trustees in the year.

9 Employees

The charity had no employees during this or the previous year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

10 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024	471,645
Disposals	(471,645)
At 31 December 2024	-
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	-
At 31 December 2023	471,645

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,230	1,200

12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trustees' capital	5	5

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	4,450,930	130,520	(2,266,186)	2,315,264
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	5,234,310	110,839	(894,219)	4,450,930

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

15 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

16 Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
Deficit for the year	(2,135,666)	(783,380)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(130,520)	(110,839)
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	-	780
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	30	(480)
Cash absorbed by operations	(2,266,156)	(893,919)