

**Cobalt Trust**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31 March 2024**

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**Cobalt Trust**  
**Financial Statements**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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# **Cobalt Trust**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

### **Year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **Financial review**

The Trustees have continued their policy of supporting other charities through grants totalling £715,269 (2023: £473,666). There were donations received in the year of £536,000 (2023: £300,000). Gift aid received totalled £134,000 (2023: £75,000) The Charity received investment income of £5,092 (2023: £2,852). The charity received other income of £1,430.

After taking into account expenses of £1,378 (2023: £1,470) and an unrealised gain on fixed asset investments of £13,595 (2023: £3,458 loss), the funds of the Charity decreased during the year by £26,535 (2023: £100,742).

The Trustees consider the financial position of the funds of the Charity to be satisfactory and they anticipate no difficulty in meeting the obligations of the Charity.

##### **Financial review**

##### **Investment powers**

The Trustees may invest the property of the Charity in such investments as are authorised by the Trustee Act 2000. subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in that Act.

During the year, the Trustees continued to principally use Tilney Asset Management to manage their investment The equity investment was revalued to market value at the year end.

##### **Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity at a level at least sufficient to:

- i. enable the Charity to maintain its regular grant commitments for two years in the event of a substantial fall in the Charity's income or in the value of its investments;
- ii. enable the Charity to respond to emergency applications for grants which arise from time to time; and
- iii. cover management administration and support costs for one year.

Unrestricted funds were maintained at this level throughout the year.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Objects**

The Trustees shall hold the Trust Fund and the income thereof upon Trust to pay or apply the income and all or such part or parts of the capital of the Trust Fund as the Trustees shall think fit for;

- i. The relief of poverty;
- ii. The advancement of education;
- iii. The advancement of religion and/or;
- iv. Such other charitable purposes anywhere in the world as the Trustees may determine.

# **Cobalt Trust**

## **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

### **Objectives and activities** *(continued)*

#### **Significant Activities**

The Trustee Board continued to make grants available to organisations well known to the Trustees or where the Trustees had undertaken a thorough review before deciding to donate.

The grant criteria have recently been reviewed and no further changes were made this year. The grantees will continue to fit into the criteria outlined under the Grant making policy below.

#### **Public benefit**

The Trustees have taken account of the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit in making their decisions about grants. Grants are generally only given to registered charities. The Charity's aims are broad, and we are confident therefore that all grants are consistent with those aims. Any private benefit arising would be incidental and insignificant.

#### **Grant making policy**

The Trustees do not respond to unsolicited applications. Criteria for grants are reviewed on a regular basis. The latest review has led to focusing a substantial proportion of the amounts donated on a small number of larger and regular donations. These are generally to organisations well known to the Trustees or where the Trustees have undertaken a thorough review before deciding to donate.

The trustees are increasing their donations in the area of conservation, locally, nationally and internationally. Another increased element is supporting organisations locally and in the wider south-west region. Both these policies show through in the grants made in the last few years. The trustees are also supporting several fairly new charities with longer-term commitments, subject to satisfactory performance.

These changes in strategy have led to donations continuing at a high level. The increase has been funded by the sale of investments and contributions from the Trust's founders.

The Trustees have a preference in their strategic donations for smaller organisations where they feel their contribution will have a greater impact.

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

#### **Constitution and History**

The charity is governed by a Trust Deed dated 3 December 2002.

#### **Organisation of the Charity**

The Trustees named on page 2 have served throughout the year. 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.

#### **Risk management**

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and have established processes and controls to mitigate those risks.

# **Cobalt Trust**

## **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

### **Reference and administrative details**

**Registered charity name** Cobalt Trust

**Charity registration number** 1096342

**Principal office** Hillside Farm  
Church Lane  
Freshford  
Bath  
BA2 7WD

### **The trustees**

Mrs B Dawson  
Mr S J R Dawson

**Independent examiner** Stacey Squire ACCA  
7-7c Snuff Street  
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The trustees' annual report was approved on ..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr S J R Dawson  
Trustee

# **Cobalt Trust**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Cobalt Trust**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Cobalt Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 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 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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 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.

Stacey Squire ACCA  
Independent Examiner

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Devizes  
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**Cobalt Trust**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

		2024		2023
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments</b>				
Donations and legacies	4	670,000	<b>670,000</b>	375,000
Investment income	5	5,092	<b>5,092</b>	2,852
Other income	6	1,425	<b>1,425</b>	–
<b>Total income</b>		<u>676,517</u>	<u><b>676,517</b></u>	<u>377,852</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Investment management costs	7	(383)	<b>(383)</b>	(547)
Expenditure on charitable activities	8	(716,264)	<b>(716,264)</b>	(474,589)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>(716,647)</u>	<u><b>(716,647)</b></u>	<u>(475,136)</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	13,595	<b>13,595</b>	(3,458)
<b>Net expenditure and net movement in funds</b>		<u>(26,535)</u>	<u><b>(26,535)</b></u>	<u>(100,742)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		314,409	<b>314,409</b>	415,151
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>287,874</u>	<u><b>287,874</b></u>	<u>314,409</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

**Cobalt Trust**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**31 March 2024**

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Fixed Asset Investments	11		79,650	66,054
<b>Current assets</b>				
Current Asset Investments	12	1,814		916
Cash at bank and in hand		207,406		248,363
		209,220		249,279
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	996		924
<b>Net current assets</b>			208,224	248,355
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			287,874	314,409
<b>Net assets</b>			287,874	314,409
<b>Funds of the charity</b>				
Unrestricted funds			287,874	314,409
<b>Total charity funds</b>	14		287,874	314,409

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ....., and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mrs B Dawson  
Trustee

Mr S J R Dawson  
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.



**Cobalt Trust**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net expenditure	<b>(26,535)</b>	(100,742)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<b>(13,595)</b>	3,458
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	<b>(878)</b>	(836)
Other interest receivable and similar income	<b>(4,214)</b>	(2,016)
Accrued expenses	<b>71</b>	—
Cash generated from operations	<b>(45,151)</b>	(100,136)
Interest received	<b>4,214</b>	2,016
Net cash used in operating activities	<b><u>(40,937)</u></b>	<b><u>(98,120)</u></b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	<b>878</b>	836
Purchases of other investments	<b>(898)</b>	(555)
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	<b><u>(20)</u></b>	<b><u>281</u></b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(40,957)</b>	(97,839)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<b><u>248,363</u></b>	<b><u>346,202</u></b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b><u>207,406</u></b>	<b><u>248,363</u></b>

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**Cobalt Trust**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

**1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Hillside Farm, Church Lane, Fresford, Bath, BA2 7WD.

**2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

**3. Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

**Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**Income tax**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

**Incoming resources**

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

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

### Year ended 31 March 2024

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Resources expended

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

##### Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains (losses) on investments' in the SOFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investment and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year. Short-term cash is held at CafBank and this year longer term deposits have been made with a number of banks managed by Flagstone Investment Management.

#### 4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations	536,000	<b>536,000</b>	300,000	300,000
Gift aid	134,000	<b>134,000</b>	75,000	75,000
	<u>670,000</u>	<u><b>670,000</b></u>	<u>375,000</u>	<u>375,000</u>

#### 5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from listed investments	878	<b>878</b>	836	836
Bank interest receivable	4,214	<b>4,214</b>	2,016	2,016
	<u>5,092</u>	<u><b>5,092</b></u>	<u>2,852</u>	<u>2,852</u>

#### 6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Other income	1,425	<b>1,425</b>	—	—

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

### Year ended 31 March 2024

#### 7. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Portfolio management	323	323	475	475
Bank charges	60	60	72	72
	<u>383</u>	<u>383</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>547</u>

#### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants payable	715,269	715,269	473,666	473,666
Support costs	995	995	923	923
	<u>716,264</u>	<u>716,264</u>	<u>474,589</u>	<u>474,589</u>

#### 9. Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>13,595</u>	<u>13,595</u>	<u>(3,458)</u>	<u>(3,458)</u>

#### 10. Trustee remuneration and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### 11. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 April 2023	66,054
Additions	—
Fair value movements	<u>13,596</u>
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<u><b>79,650</b></u>
<b>Impairment</b>	
<b>At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024</b>	
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<u><b>79,650</b></u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>66,054</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

### Year ended 31 March 2024

#### 11. Fixed asset investments *(continued)*

##### Listed investments

The aggregate market value of listed investments is £79,650 (2023: £66,054).

##### Financial assets held at fair value

The total investment value of £79,650 (2023: £66,054) is made up of securities and is primarily held to provide an investment return for the Charity. The values are determined by reference to readily available market prices.

Tilney Asset Management has managed the balance of both the equity and cash investments. The balance held within equities was revalued to market value at the balance sheet date.

Of the equity investments above £79,650 (100%) is in overseas investments.

#### 12. Current asset investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment fund cash	<u>1,814</u>	<u>916</u>

#### 13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>996</u>	<u>924</u>

#### 14. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Gains and losses	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>314,409</u>	<u>676,517</u>	<u>(716,647)</u>	<u>13,595</u>	<u>287,874</u>

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Gains and losses	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>415,151</u>	<u>377,852</u>	<u>(475,136)</u>	<u>(3,458)</u>	<u>314,409</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

### 15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Investments	79,650	<b>79,650</b>
Current assets	209,220	<b>209,220</b>
Creditors less than 1 year	(996)	<b>(996)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>287,874</b>	<b>287,874</b>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Investments	66,054	66,054
Current assets	249,279	249,279
Creditors less than 1 year	(924)	(924)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>314,409</b>	<b>314,409</b>

### 16. Movement in funds

Unrestricted funds - This fund is free to be used in accordance with the charitable objects of the charity.

### 17. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	248,363	(40,957)	<b>207,406</b>
Current asset investments	916	898	<b>1,814</b>
	<b>249,279</b>	<b>(40,059)</b>	<b>209,220</b>

### 18. Related parties

During the year the trustees made donations to the charity totalling £536,000 (2023: £300,000).

**Cobalt Trust**  
**Management Information**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

**The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.**

# Cobalt Trust

## Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	536,000	300,000
Gift aid	134,000	75,000
	<u>670,000</u>	<u>375,000</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Income from listed investments	878	836
Bank interest receivable	4,214	2,016
	<u>5,092</u>	<u>2,852</u>
<b>Other income</b>		
Other income	1,425	—
	<u>1,425</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<u>676,517</u>	<u>377,852</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Investment management costs</b>		
Portfolio management	(323)	(475)
Bank charges	(60)	(72)
	<u>(383)</u>	<u>(547)</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
Legal and professional fees	(995)	(923)
Grants payable	(715,269)	(473,666)
	<u>(716,264)</u>	<u>(474,589)</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>(716,647)</u>	<u>(475,136)</u>
<b>Net gains/(losses) on investments</b>		
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	13,595	(3,458)
	<u>13,595</u>	<u>(3,458)</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(26,535)</u>	<u>(100,742)</u>



# Cobalt Trust

## Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
<b>Grants payable</b>		
<i><b>Activities undertaken directly</b></i>		
Direct charitable activity 1 - grants payable	<u>(715,269)</u>	<u>(473,666)</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Governance costs - accountancy fees	<u>(995)</u>	<u>(923)</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<u><b>(716,264)</b></u>	<u><b>(474,589)</b></u>