

**Registered Company No. 04738794 (England and Wales)**  
**Registered Charity No: 1100869**

**Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company**

**Group Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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## **Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company**

### **General information**

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<b>Directors</b>	RS Broadhurst (Chairman) DRW Harrison A Cropley JW Gardiner KR McDiarmid
<b>Company secretary</b>	DJ Hill
<b>Company registration number</b>	04738794
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1100869
<b>Registered and principal office</b>	Eling Estate Office Hermitage Thatcham Berkshire RG18 9UF
<b>Solicitors</b>	Blandy & Blandy One Friar Street Reading Berkshire RG1 1DA
<b>Stockbrokers and investment managers</b>	CCLA Investment Management Ltd Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4ET
<b>Auditors</b>	Saffery LLP 71 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4BE
<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank PLC 30 Market Place Newbury Berkshire RG14 5AG

## **Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company**

### **Directors' report**

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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The Directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the parent company and its subsidiary undertaking for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The report is prepared in accordance with the small company regime (Section 419(2)) of the Companies Act 2006.

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

#### **Background**

Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company is the legal entity which owns and manages a rural estate situated near Newbury in Berkshire which was bequeathed to charity on the death of the late Gerald Palmer Esq. It consists of farm land, forestry and residential and commercial properties. The Estate maintains a number of listed buildings and significant public access to open spaces. Net income is part reinvested or distributed in charitable donations.

#### **Incorporation**

Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company was incorporated on 17 April 2003 and registered with the Charity Commission on 24 November 2003. Eling Developments Ltd, the wholly owned subsidiary, was incorporated on 12 August 2014.

#### **Constitution**

Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company is a charitable trust company (registered in England and Wales) for general charitable purposes governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 17th April 2003 and constituted as a private company limited by guarantee and having no share capital. Eling Developments Ltd is a 100% owned subsidiary.

#### **Directors**

Directors are recruited and appointed in order to ensure that the board taken as a whole has a range of competencies and experience appropriate for a charitable company of this size having a landed estate. New directors are provided with a full induction to the charitable company and training is provided where required. The Directors are appointed by the members in general meeting. The Directors, or any person connected, have not received any remuneration nor expenses during the year. The Directors who served during the year were as follows:

R S Broadhurst  
D R W Harrison  
A Cropley  
J W Gardiner  
K R McDiarmid

#### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities – charitable company**

The trustees (who are also directors of Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law 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 charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources

and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group 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 (FRS 102);
- 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; 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Organisational structure**

Major decisions relating to the strategy and policies of the charitable company are made by the Directors as a board. The Directors have appointed managing agents in order to delegate day to day decisions. The Managing Agent is Hills and Country Limited. The fee for Managing Agent for the year was £70,000 (2023: £60,000).

#### **Related parties**

D J Hill, who was appointed company secretary of Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company and Eling Developments Limited on 14 June 2018, is a Director of Hills and Country Limited, which has been appointed as Managing Agent by the Directors. Other related parties are the Directors and the wholly owned subsidiary company, Eling Developments Ltd.

#### **Risks**

The major risks to which the Group is exposed, as identified by the Directors, have been reviewed and systems have been established to manage these risks.

Health and safety risks due to forestry and building operations are reviewed through bi-annual health and safety forums including all members of staff and regular contractors. Financial risks due to unforeseen events are mitigated by the unrestricted reserves being held at a level sufficient to fund at least six months of operating expenditure.

Whilst the financial impacts from the Covid19 pandemic have subsided, operational impacts such as availability of materials and contractors continue to frustrate progress of maintenance and improvements across the rural estate. Turbulence in agricultural markets following the invasion of Ukraine as well as uncertainty surrounding domestic agricultural policy causes some instability in the land market and on land rents. This instability can be mitigated to some extent through long-term letting arrangements.

**Directors' report (continued)**

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**Objectives and activities**

**Objects**

The objects of the Group are to:

- advance the Christian religion, more particularly according to the teaching and usage of the Orthodox Churches of the East;
- advance medical research and the study of medicine;
- relieve sickness and/or poverty; and
- such other general charitable purposes as are exclusively charitable under the laws of England and Wales including, in particular, the long-term maintenance of the character and qualities of the landed estate – the Eling Estate – being the principal asset of the original endowment, and the protection and sustenance of its environment.

The Directors achieve the first three of these objects by making grants to other charities in response to specific requests for assistance. Grant funding is made available from the surplus generated from the Estate portfolio. The Directors achieve the long-term maintenance of the character and qualities of the Eling Estate by operating and where possible enhancing the landed estate as well as authorising expenditure on the conservation of Heritage Properties and landscape which would be difficult if not impossible to justify in purely commercial terms.

**Aims**

The aims of the Directors are:

- to distribute a substantial proportion of the net income in charitable donations;
- to manage the woodlands and other features of the estate for the public benefit and to facilitate public access where appropriate; and
- to improve the quality of the Group's assets and the return therefrom, both in terms of annual income and of capital value so that, over time, increasing donations may be distributed to charity.

**Strategies**

The strategies of the Directors are to:

- invest carefully in the fabric of the estate buildings, land and woodlands;
- maintain public access where appropriate;
- improve the return from the Group's assets;
- review the Group's investments on a regular basis; and
- consider alternative investments as opportunities arise.

**Grant-making policies**

It is the policy of the Directors to make grants in response to specific requests, giving particular emphasis to:

- advancing the Christian religion;
- advancing medical research;
- relieving sickness and poverty; and
- supporting local charities.

Applicants for grants find information about the charity either from its inclusion in a number of directories of grant-giving organisations or directly from public information held by the Charity Commission.

**Directors' report (continued)**

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**Investment policy and objectives**

Recognising that the principal asset of the charitable Group is a landed estate, it is the policy of the Directors, who have unrestricted powers of investment, to maximise long term growth of both income and capital while maintaining a suitable balance between stock market investments and property. In relation to stock market investments, it is the policy of the Directors to invest in a balanced portfolio of investments weighted in favour of equities. The increase in the value of the investments over the year is due to the fluctuation of the stock market.

**Public benefit**

Taking fully into account the above objects, aims, objectives, strategies, significant activities and grant-making policies, the Directors have concluded that Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company meets the public benefit requirement because:

1. the benefits that arise from the company's aims are that:
  - the company is able to make substantial grants and donations to other charities; and
  - the company is able to ensure the long-term maintenance of the character of the landed estate through the conservation of heritage properties and the natural environment.
2. the company's aims intend to benefit other charities and those who are able to enjoy the environmental benefits of parts of the company's landed estate.
3. there are no restrictions on who can have the opportunity to benefit.
4. nobody receives any private benefit from the company.

In so concluding, the Directors have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

**Achievements and performance**

**Charitable activities undertaken**

During the year the Directors have continued their operation of managing the Eling Estate and other interests concerned with Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company. An on-going programme of repairs has maintained the built environment and charitable grants of £272,023 (2023: £304,255) have been made. In addition, the company makes available and maintains the Estate's woodland to the public for free access as well as providing space for schools and other user groups to utilise some of the Estate land for education or wellbeing uses. Although the benefit and costs of these provisions are difficult to quantify financially, they provide significant public benefit in accordance with the aims of the charity.

**Property Maintenance**

Global trade and business interruption caused by the continuing conflict in Ukraine as well as in the Middle East has had a significant impact on material prices and availability. This in turn has caused a significant increase in costs of property maintenance. Whilst the delays to works experienced during the Covid lockdown have eased, availability of contractors and complexities in dealing with utility providers remains challenging.

**Investment performance v. investment objectives**

The comparator against which the performance of the COIF Charities Investment Fund representing 80.23% of the portfolio is measured, is MSCI \$ World. It comprises Overseas Equities 65.55%, Infrastructure and operating assets 9.41%, UK Equities 6.63%, Fixed Interest 8.23%, Cash 1.62%, Property 3.96%, Contractual & other income 1.15%, Private Equity 3.42% and Derivatives 0.02%. The total gross return on this fund in the year to 31 March 2024 was a gain of 12.16% against 16.72% for the comparator.

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The comparator against which the performance of the COIF Charities Global Equity Income Fund representing 15% of the portfolio is measured, is MSCI \$ World. The total gross return on this fund in the year to 31st March 2023 was a gain of 18.10% against 22.45% for the comparator.

The comparator against which the performance of the COIF Charities Property Fund (CPF) representing 4.77% of the portfolio is measured, is MSCI/AREF Other Balanced Property Fund Index. The total gross return on this fund in the year to 31st March 2024 was a loss of 0.04% against a loss of 1.75% for the comparator.

Continuing conflict in Ukraine and the Middle East remains a significant factor in limiting growth on investment portfolios. Whilst the early half of the year saw modest growth, this was tempered in the latter part of the year.

**Property income**

Across the Group, gross rental and other income from property for the year was £1,855,272 (2023: £1,756,413).

**Factors relevant to achievement of objectives**

There were no exceptional factors which affected the performance of the Group during the year.

**Fundraising**

The Directors take their responsibility under the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 seriously and have considered the implications on their activities. The charity does not raise funds directly from the public and does not actively solicit donations. Therefore, the Directors do not consider it necessary to have a formal fundraising policy in place.

The Directors are not aware of any complaints made in respect of fundraising during the period.

**Financial review**

**Review of financial position**

The surplus of income over expenditure for the year and net movement in the unrestricted funds before the transfer to the endowment fund was £646,212 (2023: £579,371). The net movement in the endowment fund comprises a gain on revaluation of investments of £454,726 (2023: loss on revaluation of £512,618), a gain on revaluation of the properties of £13,949,755 (2023: £nil) and a transfer from the unrestricted fund to the endowment fund of £626,655 (2023: transfer of £167,299) representing property improvements that cannot be separated from the endowment net of movements in borrowing to fund capital works.

**Reserves**

It is the policy of the Directors to maintain sufficient income reserves to fund unforeseen revenue expenditure on the Estate for a period of three to six months ahead. Because of the Group's diverse income stream income is relatively predictable whereas cash flows on expenditure is more sporadic, meaning it is not possible strictly to adhere to a self-imposed formula. The level of expected expenditure is approximately £1,200,000 per annum. The Directors do not wish to hold this level of funding in cash within the unrestricted reserves, given the scale and liquidity of the investment portfolio should additional funding be required. At 31 March 2024, the level of unrestricted reserves held was a surplus of £351,974 (2023: surplus £332,417).



**Directors' report (continued)**  
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**Endowment fund**

In the long term it is the Directors' intention that the capital account should represent property and financial investments at market value.

**Unrestricted fund**

Surplus income not distributed during the year is transferred to the unrestricted fund, and is available for both the long-term maintenance of the character and qualities of the landed estate and for future charitable distributions.

**Transfers between funds**

There was a transfer of £626,655 from the unrestricted fund to the endowment fund in the year ended 31 March 2024 (2023: £167,299). This transfer represents the costs of maintenance which have been capitalised, net of repayments on bank loans attached to the properties and new loans taken out.

**Principal funding sources**

The principal funding sources of the charitable Group are property and investment income.

**Eling Developments Ltd**

This 100% owned subsidiary was incorporated on 12 August 2014. Its principal activity is letting residential property. Any profit made in the year is then passed back up to the Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company.

**Plans for the future**

The Directors' plans for the future are to:

- increase over time the amount of donations to charity;
- find a satisfactory solution to the future use of redundant scheduled buildings;
- improve the rental yield and capital value of the Estate through improvement of buildings and exploration of further opportunities for development; and
- seek to improve the viability of the woodlands in keeping with maintaining the character of the Estate.

On behalf of the Directors



RS Broadhurst  
Director

4/11/2024

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the group statement of financial activities, the group and company balance sheets, the group statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the group and the parent charitable company as at 31 March 2024 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

**Independent auditors' report (continued)**  
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Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report which includes the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report which includes the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charitable company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and to take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Strategic Report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on pages 2 and 3, the trustees (who are also the directors of the parent charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Independent auditors' report (continued)**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the group and parent financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the group and parent charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the trustees, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the group and parent charitable company by discussions with management and trustees and updating our understanding of the sector in which the group and parent charitable company operate.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the group and parent charitable company include The Companies Act 2006 and guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the parent charitable company's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the parent charitable company's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

**Independent auditors' report (continued)**  
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There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the parent charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the parent charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the parent charitable company and the parent charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

  
**Cara Turtington (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**For and on behalf of Saffery LLP**

*4 December 2024*

Statutory Auditors

71 Queen Victoria Street  
London  
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Saffery LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company

Group statement of financial activities (including an income and expenditure account)  
For the year ended 31 March 2024

		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Endowment	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds-	Funds	Funds	Funds
Notes		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>						
Investment income	2	2,086,006	-	-	2,086,006	1,963,708
Charitable Activities	2	-	-	121,482	121,482	-
<b>Total income</b>		2,086,006	-	121,482	2,207,488	1,963,708
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Estate maintenance	3	1,092,656	-	45,281	1,137,937	996,570
Grant making	4	347,138	-	-	347,138	387,767
<b>Total expenditure</b>		1,439,794	-	45,281	1,485,075	1,384,337
Net gain/(loss) on investments	6	-	454,726	-	454,726	(512,618)
<b>Net income in the year</b>		646,212	454,726	76,201	1,177,139	66,753
Transfer between funds	14	(626,655)	626,655	-	-	-
Tax paid		-	-	-	-	(15,233)
Net gain on revaluation of property	7	-	13,949,755	-	13,949,755	-
<b>Net movements in funds</b>		19,557	15,031,136	76,201	15,126,894	51,520
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		332,417	89,414,897	-	89,747,314	89,695,794
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		351,974	104,446,033	76,201	104,874,208	89,747,314

The notes on pages 16 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

# Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company

## Group balance sheet As at 31 March 2024

			2024		2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Land and buildings	6		100,000,000		85,679,736
Investments	7		5,427,506		4,972,780
Tangible assets	8		55,849		62,828
			105,483,355		90,715,344
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		2,603		2,848	
Debtors	9	451,828		285,448	
Cash at bank		231,991		253,990	
		686,422		542,286	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due within one year	10	(584,177)		(562,088)	
<b>Net current (liabilities)/assets</b>			102,245		(19,802)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			105,585,600		90,695,542
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due After more than one year	11		(711,392)		(948,228)
<b>Net assets</b>			104,874,208		89,747,314
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Restricted fund	13		76,201		-
Endowment fund	13		104,446,033		89,414,897
Unrestricted fund	13		351,974		332,417
<b>Total funds</b>			104,874,208		89,747,314

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the directors on

4/11/ 2024



R S Broadhurst  
Director

The notes on pages 16 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

# Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company

## Company balance sheet As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Land and buildings	6		100,000,000		85,679,736
Investments	7		5,427,606		4,972,880
Tangible assets	8		55,849		62,828
			<u>105,483,455</u>		<u>90,715,444</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		2,603		2,848	
Debtors	9	489,722		300,217	
Cash at bank		73,278		88,388	
		<u>565,603</u>		<u>391,453</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due within one year	10	(577,697)		(543,796)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			(12,094)		(152,373)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>105,471,361</u>		<u>90,563,101</u>
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(711,392)		(948,228)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>104,759,969</u>		<u>89,614,873</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Restricted fund			76,201		-
Endowment fund			104,446,033		89,414,897
Unrestricted fund			237,735		199,976
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>104,759,969</u>		<u>89,614,873</u>

No separate SOFA has been presented for the Charity alone, as permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The income of the Charity for the year was £2,554,034 (2023: £1,935,468) and its net income was £114,239(2023: £51,327).



R S Broadhurst

Director

4/11/2024

The notes on pages 16 to 31 form part of these financial statements.



**Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company**

**Group cash flow statement  
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	Notes	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
<b>Cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>20</b>	(1,595,065)	(1,537,985)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest, dividends and rents from investments		2,207,488	1,963,708
Property improvements		(370,509)	(688,370)
Purchase of fixed assets		(7,760)	(30,123)
<b>Cash provided by investing activities</b>		1,829,219	1,245,215
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of loan		(256,153)	(144,325)
New loan received		-	1,000,000
		(256,153)	855,675
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		(21,999)	562,905
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		253,990	(308,915)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		231,991	253,990
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<b>21</b>	(21,999)	562,905

The notes on pages 16 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

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**1. Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

**1.1 Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP(FRS102)"), Financial Reporting Standard 102, and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties and other investments.

**1.2 Going concern**

After reviewing the group's forecasts and projections, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The group therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements as outlined in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities on pages 2 and 3.

**1.3 Company status**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. At 31 March 2024 the total of such guarantees was £5 (2023: £5).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

**1.4 Basis of consolidation**

The financial statements present the consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA), the consolidated cash flow statement and the consolidated and Charity balance sheets comprising the consolidation of the Charity and with its wholly owned subsidiary Eling Developments Limited (company number 9172446).

**1.5 Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be reliably measured.

Donations, legacies, and grants, are accounted for as and when entitlement arises, the amount can be reliably quantified and the economic benefit to the Charity is considered probable. Where the donor or an appeal has imposed trust law restrictions, voluntary income is credited to the relevant restricted fund and incoming endowments are accounted for as permanent trust capital or expendable trust capital, according to whether the donor intends retention is to be permanent or not. Gifts in kind are valued at estimated open market value at the date of gift, in the case of assets

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for retention or consumption, or at the value to the Charity in the case of donated services or facilities.

Investment income from dividends, bank balances and fixed interest securities is accounted for on an accruals basis. Income from investment properties is accounted for in the period to which the rental income relates. Dividend income is accounted for on the basis of when it is received.

**1.6 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

The direct costs incurred in preserving the estate are shown as a charitable activity distinct from that of donation making. Irrecoverable VAT is included with the item of expenditure to which it relates.

Governance costs comprise the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Intra-group sales and charges between the Charity and its subsidiary are excluded from income and expenditure.

No provision has been made for holiday that staff have accrued, but not taken, from the beginning of the holiday year (1 January) to the financial year end (31 March), as the amounts involved are considered to be trivial.

**1.7 Tangible fixed assets**

Expenditure on the acquisition of individual fixed assets costing more than £1,000 is capitalised at cost. In certain circumstances, where the original costs of assets are not ascertainable, a reasonable estimate of the cost, if material, has been used. Other expenditure on items incurred in the normal day-to-day running of the Group and its subsidiary is charged to the SOFA as incurred.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of all relevant tangible fixed assets less estimated residual value based on current market prices, in equal instalments over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Motor vehicles, plant & machinery	4-5 years on a straight-line basis
Office equipment	4 years on a straight-line basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the SOFA.

**1.8 Investments**

Investment properties are valued as individual investments at their market values as at the balance sheet date. Purchases and sales of investment properties are recognised on exchange of contracts. Listed investments are valued at mid-market value as at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains and losses arising on the revaluation of investments are credited or charged to the SOFA and are allocated to the appropriate Fund according to the "ownership" of the underlying assets.

The investment in the subsidiary undertaking is shown at cost on the charity balance sheet.

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**1.9 Stock**

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. No value is attributed to standing timber. Provisions are made for obsolete or slow-moving stock.

**1.10 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.11 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**1.12 Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the group has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**1.13 Financial instruments**

The group only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.14 Fund accounting**

The charitable trust funds of the Charity and its subsidiary are accounted for as unrestricted or endowment capital, in accordance with the terms of charity. Endowment funds are further subdivided into the revaluation reserve and general reserve.

**1.14.1 Unrestricted fund**

Surplus income not distributed during the year is available for both the long term maintenance of the character and qualities of the landed estate and for future charitable distributions. This expenditure is done on the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

**1.14.2 Endowment fund**

The endowment fund represents property and investment endowments, together with any profit or loss arising from the disposal and replacement of these assets, and sums transferred to the endowment fund from the unrestricted fund in recognition of the fact that surplus income has been capitalised by way of property improvement.

**1.14.3 Restricted fund**

Restricted funds are those which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions of the donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The purpose for which restricted funds are held is analysed in notes 13 and 14 to the accounts.

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**1.15 Pension costs**

Retirement benefits to employees of the group are provided through a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs charged to the SOFA are the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

**1.16 Key estimates and judgements**

In 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 experiences and other factors considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

**2. Income**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Group</b>	<b>Group</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Estate income</b>		
Rent and other property income	1,855,252	1,756,413
Income from woodlands	70,726	49,378
	<u>1,925,978</u>	<u>1,805,791</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Dividends	148,872	148,872
Interest	1,924	3,145
Income from royalties	9,232	5,900
	<u>160,028</u>	<u>157,917</u>
<b>Total investment income</b>	<u>2,086,006</u>	<u>1,963,708</u>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>		
Income from woodlands	<u>121,482</u>	<u>-</u>

The income represents the restricted grant that was received from the Department of Environment Food & Rural Affairs with the objective of the grant to fund activities towards the maintain of the woodland to support biodiversity, access and landscape value.

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3. Estate maintenance

	2024 Group £	2023 Group £
Repairs	517,767	357,794
Insurance and other property costs	87,919	68,345
Estate maintenance costs	42,228	35,898
Woodlands costs	45,281	56,559
Net cost of yard	-	-
Management charge	69,167	60,417
Support costs (Note 5)	375,575	417,558
	<u>1,137,937</u>	<u>996,571</u>

4. Grant making

	2024 Group £	2023 Group £
Grants to institutions	272,023	329,855
Grants returned	-	(25,600)
	<u>272,023</u>	<u>304,255</u>
Support costs (Note 5)	75,115	83,512
	<u>347,138</u>	<u>387,767</u>

This year the following recipients received grants over £5,000 which made up 73% (2023: 57%) of the total donations made by the charity.

ABC to Read	3,000	3,000
Action for the River Kennet	5,000	-
Alexander Devine Hospice	5,000	5,000
Berkshire County Blind Society	5,000	-
Brendoncare	-	25,000
Bridge for Young People	5,000	-
Brightwalton & Catmore PCC	-	5,000
Corn Exchange Newbury	5,000	5,000
Daisys Dream	3,000	3,000
Enham Trust	-	5,000
Helen & Douglas House	-	5,000
Hypo Hounds	-	5,000
Independence at Home	5,000	10,000
Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies	25,000	-
IPSEA	-	5,000
Launchpad Reading	5,000	-
Listening Books (2 donations)	3,000	1,500

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Maggie Keswick Jencks Cancer Caring Centres Trust	3,000	3,000
Newlife	5,000	-
Newbury Soup Kitchen	-	5,000
Parkinsons Disease	3,000	3,000
Priors Court Foundation	10,000	10,000
Prospect Hospice	5,000	5,000
Rainbow Trust	5,000	-
Recovery In Mind	-	15,000
Response Organisation	-	5,000
Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution	-	5,000
Salisbury Cathedral	2,000	2,000
St Andrew's Church Boxford	5,000	-
St James Church Leckhampstead	-	5,000
Support Through Court	5,000	5,000
Swings & Smiles	5,000	27,000
Thames Valley Air Ambulance	5,000	5,000
The John Simonds Trust	5,000	-
The Living Forest	10,000	-
The Old Library (Corn Exchange)	5,000	-
The St Gregory's Foundation	5,000	10,000
The Porch Limited	3,000	-
Time to Talk West Berkshire	3,000	3,000
Treloar's	5,000	5,000
Ufton Court Education Trust	5,000	5,000
West Berkshire Therapy Centre	5,000	-
Woodland Centre Trust	5,000	-
Willow Foundation (2 donations)	6,000	3,000
Yeldall Manor	20,000	15,000

Grants totalling £18,000 were made during the year in support of one individual (2023: £18,000 in support of one individual).

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**5. Support costs**

<b>Current year</b>	<b>Estate expenditure £</b>	<b>Donations £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Office premises costs	60,991	12,198	73,189
Staff costs	95,399	19,080	114,479
Estate office running costs	194,021	38,804	232,825
Legal and financial costs	5,262	1,053	6,315
Governance costs	19,902	3,980	23,882
	<b>375,575</b>	<b>75,115</b>	<b>450,690</b>

Support costs have been apportioned 5/6 Estate Expenditure and 1/6 to Donations.

The audit fee for the year ending 31 March 2024 was £14,450 (2023: £14,000).

The auditor's fee for tax compliance services was £1,500 (2023: £1,250) and for accountancy services was £3,625 (2023: £3,340).

<b>Comparative year</b>	<b>Estate expenditure £</b>	<b>Donations £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Office premises costs	36,063	7,213	43,276
Staff costs	100,544	20,109	120,653
Estate office running costs	227,918	45,584	273,502
Legal and financial costs	29,129	5,826	34,955
Governance costs	23,903	4,781	28,684
	<b>417,558</b>	<b>83,512</b>	<b>501,069</b>



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6. Land and buildings

	2024 Group and Company	2023 Group and company
<b>Freehold properties</b>		
At valuation 1 April 2023	85,679,736	84,991,366
Additions	370,509	688,370
Revaluation in the year	13,949,755	-
<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>	<b>85,679,736</b>

A full external valuation of the properties in the sum of £100 million was carried out as at 31 March 2024 by Carter Jonas, independent chartered surveyors. The basis of valuation was "the estimated amount for which an asset or liability should exchange on the valuation date between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction after proper marketing and where the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion".

The Trustees consider the fair value of investment property each year and believe it is not materially different from the carrying value disclosed above.

7. Investments

	2024 Group £	2024 Company £	2023 Group £	2023 Company £
<b>Market value</b>				
1 April 2023	4,972,780	4,972,780	5,485,496	4,611,496
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Net (loss)/gain on revaluation	454,726	454,826	(512,618)	361,384
<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>5,427,506</b>	<b>5,427,606</b>	<b>4,972,780</b>	<b>4,972,880</b>
<b>Historical cost at end of year</b>	<b>2,508,389</b>	<b>2,508,489</b>	<b>2,508,389</b>	<b>2,508,489</b>
COIF Charities Investment Fund	4,354,393	4,354,393	3,992,959	3,992,959
COIF Charities Global Equity Income Fund	813,906	813,906	706,524	706,524
COIF Charities Property Fund	259,054	259,054	273,144	273,144
CCLA Charity Deposit accounts	2	2	2	2
Investment in subsidiary	-	100	-	100
Unquoted investments	151	151	151	151
	<b>5,427,506</b>	<b>5,427,606</b>	<b>4,972,780</b>	<b>4,972,880</b>

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All investment assets including investment properties are held in the UK.

The charity holds 100% of the share capital of its subsidiary Eling Developments Limited (company number 09172446)

The results of the company for the year are shown in note 22

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Reconciliation of unrealised gains and losses on investments</b>		
Unrealised gains at beginning of year	1,650,832	2,163,450
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	454,726	(512,618)
<b>Unrealised gains at end of year</b>	<b>2,105,558</b>	<b>1,650,832</b>

**8. Tangible fixed assets**

	Vehicles plant and machinery £	Group and Company Office Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
1 April 2023	146,569	7,607	154,176
Additions	7,760	-	7,760
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>154,329</b>	<b>7,607</b>	<b>161,936</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
1 April 2023	87,210	4,138	91,348
Charge for year	14,045	694	14,739
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>101,255</b>	<b>4,832</b>	<b>106,087</b>
<b>Net book value</b>			
31 March 2024	53,074	2,775	55,849
31 March 2023	59,359	3,469	62,828

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**9. Debtors**

	<b>2024 Group £</b>	<b>2024 Company £</b>	<b>2023 Group £</b>	<b>2023 Company £</b>
Trade debtors	201,203	212,922	106,718	106,518
Development costs	152,882	152,882	118,963	118,963
Amounts owed by EDL	-	33,040	-	19,474
Prepayments and accrued income	94,058	87,193	35,325	30,820
HM Revenue and Customs	-	-	8,352	8,352
Sundry debtors	3,685	3,685	16,090	16,090
	<u>451,828</u>	<u>489,722</u>	<u>285,448</u>	<u>300,217</u>

**10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024 Group £</b>	<b>2024 Company £</b>	<b>2023 Group £</b>	<b>2023 Company £</b>
Bank loans (note 11)	270,078	270,078	289,395	289,395
Trade creditors	159,852	169,072	142,624	139,924
Amounts owed to EDL	-	-	-	-
Rents received in advance	-	-	-	-
Tenant deposits refundable	118,642	105,990	115,724	103,072
Accruals	26,545	23,497	42,081	39,141
HM Revenue & Customs	8,400	8,400	-	-
Sundry creditors	660	660	(27,736)	(27,736)
	<u>584,177</u>	<u>577,697</u>	<u>562,088</u>	<u>543,796</u>

For both years, rents received in advance relate to the subsequent financial year.

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11. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group and Company	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans payable after more than one year	711,392	948,228
Expected repayments are as follows:		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Within 1-2 years	183,621	185,059
Within 2-5 years	527,771	499,744
After more than 5 years	-	263,425
	711,392	948,228
Within 1 year	270,078	289,395
	981,470	1,237,623

The charity has an original bank loan which was taken out in and is unsecured although the Bank Loans are unsecured, the Directors have signed a letter of negative pledge in respect of the Charity's investment properties.

An additional loan was taken out in the year ended 31 March 2023. The loan attracts interest at 2.25% over base rate and the loan is repayable over 7 years with repayments beginning in June 2023. No additional security was required by the bank.

12. Provisions for commitments: intentions

At 31 March 2024, the Directors had approved donations of £16,500 payable in the year ended 31 March 2025. These donations are subject to conditions within the control of the Trustees.

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13. Funds

Current year	Unrestricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Total funds brought forward	332,417	89,414,897	-	89,747,314
Income	2,086,006	-	121,482	2,207,488
Expenditure	(1,439,794)	-	(45,281)	(1,485,075)
(Loss)/Gain on revaluation	-	454,726	-	454,726
(Loss)/Gain on revaluation of property	-	13,949,755	-	13,949,755
Transfer between funds	(626,655)	626,655	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>351,974</b>	<b>104,446,033</b>	<b>76,201</b>	<b>104,874,208</b>

The transfer from the unrestricted fund to the endowment fund represents the costs of maintenance which have been capitalised, net of repayments on bank loans attached to the properties.

Current year	Unrestricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Total funds brought forward	(399,019)	90,094,814	-	89,695,793
Income	1,963,708	-	-	1,963,708
Expenditure	(1,399,570)	-	-	(1,399,570)
(Loss)/Gain on investments	-	(512,618)	-	(512,618)
Transfer between funds	167,299	(167,299)	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>332,417</b>	<b>89,414,897</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,747,314</b>

The restricted fund was set up in the year ended 31 March 2024 and it represents the grant that was received from the Department of Environment Food & Rural Affairs with the objective of the grant to fund activities towards the maintain of the woodland to support biodiversity, access and landscape value.

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Current year	Unrestricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Land and buildings	-	100,000,000	-	100,000,000
Investments	-	5,427,506	-	5,427,506
Tangible fixed assets	55,849	-	-	55,849
Current assets	610,221	-	76,201	686,422
Current liabilities	(314,096)	(270,081)	-	(584,177)
Long term liabilities	-	(711,392)	-	(711,392)
	<u>351,974</u>	<u>104,446,033</u>	<u>76,201</u>	<u>104,874,208</u>

Comparative year	Unrestricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total £
Land and buildings	-	85,679,736	85,679,736
Investments	-	4,972,780	4,972,780
Tangible fixed assets	62,828	-	62,828
Current assets	542,286	-	542,286
Current liabilities	(272,693)	(289,395)	(562,088)
Long term liabilities	-	(948,228)	(948,228)
	<u>332,421</u>	<u>89,414,893</u>	<u>89,747,314</u>

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#### 15. Staff costs

The group employed 1 full time and 3 part-time (2023: 1 full time and 3 part-time) staff during the year at a cost of £114,479.

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	101,646	101,595
Social security costs	4,426	6,704
Pension contributions (Note 16)	8,407	12,354
	<u>114,479</u>	<u>120,653</u>

There are no employees with emoluments above £60,000 (2023: none).

No remuneration was paid to trustees during the current or prior year. The trustees received reimbursement of travel expenses totalling £Nil during the year (2023: £Nil)

The trustees outsource the management of the group to a third-party organisation providing professional services and has no employees making management decisions. They therefore do not consider there to be any remuneration paid to key management personnel. The amount paid by the group to the managing agent was £70,000 (2023: £60,000).

#### 16. Pension Scheme

The group operates a defined contribution scheme to which contributions of £8,407 (2023: £12,354) were paid during the year.

#### 17. Financial commitments

##### 17.1 Operating Leases

The group had no annual commitments during the year.

##### 17.2 Capital commitments

At 31 March 2024, the Trustees have not committed any capital spend on property developments (2023: £Nil).

#### 18. Related party transactions

During the year Gerald Palmer Eling Trust charged a ground rent to Eling Developments Ltd. For the year ended 31 March 2024 this was £12,020 (2023: £11,903).

Eling Developments Ltd made a gift aid payment of £94,307 during the year (2023: £78,882).

As at 31 March 2024, Eling Developments Ltd owed Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company £52,501 (2023: Eling Developments Ltd owed Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company £19,474).

There were no other related party transactions during the year.

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19. Operating lease receipts

The total of rents receivable from investment properties expected in the next financial year is £1,837,757 (2023: £1,635,727). Leases on farm land are a mixture of Farm Business Tenancies and Agricultural Holding Act (AHAs) Tenancies. Successions rights of the AHAs mean there is no way of knowing when this lease will terminate. Other tenancies are of varying length and subject to periodic rent reviews.

FRS 102 s20.30 requires disclosure of lease receipts due in 2-5 years and over 5 years based on the expiration date of current leases. The trustees consider that the level of variables involved mean that including any figure for this would be misleading to users of the accounts.

20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net movement in funds	15,126,894	51,520
Add back depreciation	14,739	8,923
Less gain on revaluation of properties	(13,949,755)	-
Less interest income, dividends and rents from investments	(2,207,488)	(1,963,708)
Losses/(gains) on investments	(454,726)	512,618
Decrease/(Increase) in stock	245	9,542
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(166,380)	(47,212)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	41,406	(109,668)
	<u>(1,595,065)</u>	<u>(1,537,985)</u>

21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flows £	Other non cash changes £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash	253,990	(21,999)	-	231,991
Overdraft	-	-	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>253,990</u>	<u>(21,999)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231,991</u>
Loans falling due within one year	(289,395)	19,317	-	(270,078)
Loans falling due after one year	(948,228)	236,836	-	(711,392)
	<u>(983,633)</u>	<u>234,154</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(749,479)</u>



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#### 22. Taxable benefits

The charitable company is a registered charity and therefore generally is not liable to corporation tax on its net income for the year, or on its capital gains.

#### 23. Trading activities

Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company is the sole shareholder of Eling Developments Ltd (company number 9172446), a company incorporated in 2014. The following results of Eling Developments Ltd have been included in the group results.

	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover	120,200	119,026
Property Costs	(40,823)	(20,306)
	<u>79,377</u>	<u>98,720</u>
Overheads	(3,273)	(4,413)
	<u>76,104</u>	<u>94,307</u>
Profit before tax		
Taxation	-	(15,233)
Profit after tax	<u>76,104</u>	<u>79,074</u>
Share capital	100	100
Profit and loss reserves	<u>114,238</u>	<u>132,441</u>
Capital and reserves	<u>114,338</u>	<u>132,541</u>

#### 24. Ultimate controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and, as such, is effectively controlled by its directors.

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25. Group statement of financial activities – comparative year

	Unrestricted fund	Endowment fund	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Investment income	1,963,708	-	1,963,708
<b>Total income</b>	1,963,708	-	1,963,708
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Estate maintenance	996,570	-	996,570
Grant making	387,767	-	387,767
<b>Total expenditure</b>	1,384,337	-	1,384,337
Net (loss)/ gain on investments	-	(512,618)	(512,618)
<b>Net income in the year</b>	579,371	(512,618)	66,753
Transfer between funds	167,299	(167,299)	-
Tax paid	(15,233)	-	(15,233)
Net gain on revaluation of property	-	-	-
<b>Net movements in funds</b>	731,437	(679,917)	51,520
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	(399,020)	90,094,814	89,695,794
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	332,417	89,414,897	89,747,314