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Company registration number 4907189 (England and Wales)

STANSTED PARK FOUNDATION (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Company number	4907189
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their consolidated report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 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) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The Charity was set up in 1983 by the 10th Earl of Bessborough to preserve Stansted Park in perpetuity for the benefit of the public. The Objects of the Charity are :

1. The preservation and conservation for the public benefit of the buildings and their grounds and surrounding parkland, farmland and forest known as Stansted Park in the County of Sussex (hereinafter called "Stansted Park").
2. The preservation for the public benefit of furniture and pictures and chattels of any description connected with Stansted Park, the Ponsonby Family or otherwise appropriate to be kept at Stansted Park.
3. The provision at Stansted Park or such part of it as shall be appropriate in the interests of social welfare and for the purpose of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the same are intended of facilities for physical recreation which will be available to members of the public at large.
4. The facilitation and encouragement of the use and occupation of the whole or part of Stansted Park and the use of such chattels as aforesaid for charitable educational purposes or for such other charitable purposes as the Trustees may determine.
5. The furtherance for the public benefit of such other purposes which are charitable under the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees think fit from time to time.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission from time to time.

Strategic report

The description under the headings "Achievements and performance" and "Financial review" meet the company law requirements for the Trustees to present a strategic report.

Achievements and performance

Previous years have seen significant capital expenditure directed at revenue generating and key infrastructure projects. In the short term there will be a more limited operating surplus available with which to undertake future projects.

The Charity is now in a period of financial consolidation with emphasis on rigorous control over expenditure and management of overheads.

Projects completed in 2024 included repairs to the Mansion and the residential refurbishment projects were completed in early 2024.

The Annual Work Programme was approved by Trustees in the budget at the beginning of the Financial Year. Management Accounts were produced by the Accounts Department through the year to enable close monitoring of income against expenditure to ensure that the Charity operated within its financial resources.

The Charity continued to enjoy wide support at a local and regional level. The Friends of Stansted Park maintained their membership at around 500 members through the year and there is a strong level of volunteer support, with a regular team of 12 volunteers in the Grounds and a further 50 stewards who enable the Mansion to open through the summer months.

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The Charity delivers public benefit in the following ways:-

- The Mansion opens to the public at a charge through the summer months
- Educational tours of the mansion and grounds
- The grounds and Arboretum open to the public at no charge through the summer months
- Friends of Stansted Park – as stated, an association with around 500 paid up members who enjoy organised walks, talks and outings, using the Mansion extensively
- The Mansion is periodically used as a venue for local fund raising lunches and other events
- The Charity supports a range of local community events
- There is extensive public access to footpaths and bridleways across the estate.

Financial review

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for a specific use, should be set aside to maintain the fabric of the buildings. It is also a policy of the Trustees that the minimum unrestricted reserves held (excluding fixed assets and investments) is at least £300,000.

The Charity's policy in recent years has been to ensure that revenue is generated from a diverse range of income sources across the Estate. The Charity undertakes a range of operational activities, including forest and parkland management, and maintaining, managing and letting buildings of all types for residential and commercial use. Although much of the estate is open for the public to enjoy at no charge, visitor income is further sourced from admissions, donations, grants, and also fundraising by the Friends of Stansted Park. Through Stansted Park Events Limited, the Charity raises revenue from events and functions, weddings and corporate days, the net proceeds of which are donated by Gift Aid to the Charity.

The Trustees consider that the financial position of the Charity remains manageable.

Reserves held at the balance sheet date are £49,663,148. £695,058 held in unrestricted funds (of which £11,470 relate to non-charitable trading funds), £0 held in restricted funds and £48,968,090 held in endowment funds.

In the year to 31 December 2024 the Charity continued its programme of long term repair and maintenance, and improvements to the facilities for visitors.

Through the year principal sources of revenue came from rents in the Estate's residential and commercial portfolios. These are regularly reviewed.

Investments consist of managed investment portfolios (note 19) and the investment property (note 18). Income generated from listed investments increased to £41,028 and the overall return including revaluation gains was 7.78%. Income generated by investment properties increased by 8.6% to £1,140,592 (2023 - £1,050,548).

Stansted Park Events Limited has a turnover for the year ended 31 December 2024 of £248,088 (2023 - £165,840) and a profit of £44,325 (2023 - £37,398).

The Trustees receive regular reports on finance and liquidity from the Director, which are reviewed at the quarterly meetings.

Risk review

The main risks to the Foundation are reviewed annually or more frequently as matters dictate. A risk register is maintained. We have exposure to a number of external factors that impact on the running of the Foundation.

The Trustees ensure that they are well briefed on such factors and generally adopt a cautious approach. Sound financial planning particularly around the maintenance of our property portfolio on the Estate and the potential for reputational risks are regularly reviewed.

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Plans for the future

Almost all businesses will continue to be affected by the rising cost of living and the Charity is no exception. The situation, particularly in regard to costs of maintenance & repairs as well as Visitor numbers, remains uncertain; the Foundation remains cautious.

The situation regarding the occupation of commercial offices by small businesses remains fragile given that companies are labouring under the burden of Business Rates, increased NIERs and employment costs leading some to vacate their offices and others to wish to downsize. In order to retain full occupancy, the Foundation continues to implement a programme of office re-configuration in order to make a series of smaller commercial units which allow for reduced overheads and which fall beneath the threshold for the levying of Business Rates. The Foundation is also pursuing schemes for Biodiversity Net Gain which reduce the amount of land available for agricultural production on the Estate but which will be suitable for planting of trees and the creation of meadows which will convert into Biodiversity Units for sale to developers. The Foundation is also seeking to increase its income generation activity through a full programme of events using the House and Grounds to optimum effect.

Ash die back disease continues to be a concern of the Trustees, affecting our forestry operations.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The governing document is the Articles of Association dated 15 May 2017. The Charity's objects are set out above.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Roger Davies

Viscount Duncannon

Mr C D Nickolds

(Deceased 28 October 2024)

Mr Yanni Petsopoulos

Mrs C F Daniel

Mr R J A Wates

Miss C Webster

Mr A M D Lanza

Mr J R Bailie

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Charity. All of the Trustees are members of Stansted Park Foundation and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of its winding up.

When a vacancy on the Board arises a number of methods can be identified to recruit replacements both from within the family, albeit within the laid down restriction on numbers, as well as the wider community. Any such post can be advertised in order to attract suitable candidates for interview who can then be appointed on the basis of their qualifications, skills, attributes and knowledge and particular expertise required by the Board. The competencies range from charity involvement, heritage and architecture, visitor attractions, legal background, project management, financial and investment experience, governance, business and commerce including retail, rural estates, event management, land and property management and business in general.

The Trustees approved and adopted a Governance Code at the Board Meeting on 17th July 2020. This code sets out the Trustees' acceptance of their responsibility to maintain high standards of governance, leadership, integrity, decision-making and compliance in order to achieve the Foundation's Charitable Objects.

The Trustees together provide a combination of experience and skills appropriate for the operations of the Charity.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Charity is administered by the Trustees who meet at least 4 times a year, but delegate their day to day management responsibilities, including the management of the assets and the general administration, to Mr D M Bennett, the Director of the Charity. The Finance Committee has been superseded by a Financial Briefing to the Chairman and select Trustees prior to each Board Meeting. This Briefing examines the Budget and the overall financial situation prior to presentation to the Board.

The remuneration for senior staff is set by reference to remuneration for comparable jobs in similar organisations. Staff are normally awarded an inflationary increase. Remuneration above that is assessed on merit following a rigorous process of staff appraisal.

Under the Articles of Association the Charity has the power to make investments to achieve the Charity's objectives in such a manner as the Trustees may decide and at the Trustees' absolute discretion.

The Charity owns two subsidiary companies: Stansted Park Events Limited is a trading company and Stansted Park Limited is dormant.

Asset cover for funds

Note 29 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the various funds. These assets are sufficient to meet the Charity's obligations on a fund by fund basis.

In accordance with the requirements of the Charities SORP (FRS 102), it is considered that the carrying value of all investment and freehold property does not differ materially from their fair value at 31 December 2024.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Sumer Audit be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Viscount Duncannon

Chairman of the Trustees

Dated: 30 September 2025

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Stansted Park Foundation (Limited by guarantee) for the purpose 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 Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF STANSTED PARK FOUNDATION (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Stansted Park Foundation (Limited by guarantee) (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the summary income and expenditure account, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the 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 FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable group's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 charitable group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts 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'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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report, which includes the directors' report and the strategic report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the consolidated financial statements are prepared is consistent with the consolidated financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report included within the Trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF STANSTED PARK FOUNDATION (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable group and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included within the Trustees' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the consolidated 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.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the Group for the purpose 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 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'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 charitable group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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.

Identification and assessment of irregularities including fraud

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 extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements and operations;
- Obtaining an understanding of the charity's policies and procedures on fraud risks, including knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Discussing among the engagement team how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud through our knowledge and understanding of the company and our sector-specific experience.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the association for fraud. We are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. As a result of performing the above, we identified the following areas as those most likely to have an impact on the financial statements: health & safety and employment law, as well as compliance with the UK Companies and Charities Acts.

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In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- Making enquiries of management about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of the board and senior management.
- Reading correspondence with regulators
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates; and
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.

Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). For instance, the further removed non-compliance is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the auditor is to become aware of it or to recognise the non-compliance.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://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 charitable group'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 charitable group's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 charitable group and the charitable group's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jordan Abbott BSc ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Sumer Audit

28 October 2025

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STANSTED PARK FOUNDATION (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	24,543	-	24,543	24,834
Charitable activities	4	213,952	-	213,952	403,223
Other trading activities	5	248,503	-	248,503	165,843
Investments	6	1,378,940	41,028	1,419,968	1,280,347
Other income	7	79,361	-	79,361	13,439
Total income and endowments		1,945,299	41,028	1,986,327	1,887,686
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds					
Investment property costs	8	521,019	-	521,019	447,429
Events expenditure	8	166,881	-	166,881	109,023
Investment management	8	-	4,176	4,176	3,878
		687,900	4,176	692,076	560,330
<u>Charitable activities</u>					
House and gardens	9	930,616	-	930,616	896,179
Forestry	9	187,145	-	187,145	235,025
Wood fuel production	9	13,548	-	13,548	15,111
Total charitable expenditure		1,131,309	-	1,131,309	1,146,315
Total resources expended		1,819,209	4,176	1,823,385	1,706,645
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	-	182,156	182,156	85,028
Gross transfers between funds	15	(59,645)	59,645	-	-
Net incoming resources		66,445	278,653	345,098	266,069
<u>Other recognised gains and losses</u>					
Revaluation of heritage assets		-	(214,341)	(214,341)	-
Net movement in funds		66,445	64,312	130,757	266,069
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		628,613	48,903,778	49,532,391	49,266,322
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		695,058	48,968,090	49,663,148	49,532,391

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

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Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes			
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>				
Donations and legacies	3	24,834	-	24,834
Charitable activities	4	403,223	-	403,223
Other trading activities	5	165,843	-	165,843
Investments	6	1,251,542	28,805	1,280,347
Other income	7	13,439	-	13,439
Total income and endowments		1,858,881	28,805	1,887,686
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Raising funds				
Investment property costs	8	447,429	-	447,429
Events expenditure	8	109,023	-	109,023
Investment management	8	-	3,878	3,878
		556,452	3,878	560,330
<u>Charitable activities</u>				
House and gardens	9	896,179	-	896,179
Forestry	9	235,025	-	235,025
Wood fuel production	9	15,111	-	15,111
Total charitable expenditure		1,146,315	-	1,146,315
Total resources expended		1,702,767	3,878	1,706,645
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	-	85,028	85,028
Net incoming resources before transfers		156,114	109,955	266,069
Gross transfers between funds	15	(187,967)	187,967	-
Net incoming resources		(31,853)	297,922	266,069
Other recognised gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		(31,853)	297,922	266,069
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		660,466	48,605,856	49,266,322
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		628,613	48,903,778	49,532,391

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

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SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	All income funds	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross income	1,945,299	1,858,881
Transfer to endowment funds	(59,645)	(187,967)
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Total income in the reporting period	1,885,654	1,670,914
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Total expenditure from income funds	1,819,209	1,702,767
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Net income/(expenditure) for the year	<u><u>66,445</u></u>	<u><u>(31,853)</u></u>

STANSTED PARK FOUNDATION (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	16	9,106,890		9,030,843	
Heritage assets	17	9,021,250		9,235,591	
Investment properties	18	29,544,690		29,424,266	
Investments	19	2,949,230		2,869,222	
		<u>50,622,060</u>		<u>50,559,922</u>	
Current assets					
Stocks	21	-		181	
Debtors	22	126,477		130,434	
Cash at bank and in hand		654,940		604,245	
		<u>781,417</u>		<u>734,860</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	23	<u>(388,314)</u>		<u>(327,182)</u>	
Net current assets		393,103		407,678	
Total assets less current liabilities		51,015,163		50,967,600	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	24	(1,352,015)		(1,435,209)	
Net assets		<u>49,663,148</u>		<u>49,532,391</u>	
Capital funds					
<u>Endowment funds - general</u>					
General endowment funds		16,671,913		16,509,630	
Revaluation reserve		32,296,177		32,394,148	
		<u>48,968,090</u>		<u>48,903,778</u>	
Expendable endowment		48,968,090		48,903,778	
	28	48,968,090		48,903,778	
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		684,314		617,143	
Funds retained within non-charitable subsidiaries		10,744		11,470	
		<u>695,058</u>		<u>628,613</u>	
		<u>49,663,148</u>		<u>49,532,391</u>	

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

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 30 September 2025

Viscount Duncannon
Trustee

Company Registration No. 4907189

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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	34	(1,173,828)		(1,056,289)	
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(111,519)		(37,331)	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		20,000		-	
Purchase of investment property		(120,424)		(388,266)	
Purchase of other investments		(287,277)		(224,927)	
Proceeds on disposal of other investments		389,425		42,000	
Investment income received		1,419,968		1,280,347	
Net cash generated from investing activities			1,310,173		671,823
Financing activities					
Repayment of borrowings		-		(13,520)	
Repayment of bank loans		(74,983)		(49,278)	
Payment of obligations under finance leases		(10,667)		(10,667)	
Net cash used in financing activities			(85,650)		(73,465)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			50,695		(457,931)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			604,245		1,062,176
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			654,940		604,245
Relating to:					
Bank balances and short term deposits			654,940		604,245

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1 Accounting policies

Company information

Stansted Park Foundation (Limited by guarantee) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Stansted Park, Hampshire, Rowlands Castle, PO9 6DX.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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.

The consolidation is done on a line by line basis. Stansted Park Events Limited is included in the consolidation but Stansted Park Limited is not as the company ceased trading in July 1992 and the results are not considered material for the purpose of giving a true and fair view. The investment in Stansted Park Limited is stated at cost in these consolidated accounts.

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 as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

The trustees have the power to convert the capital endowment into expendable income. The capital is therefore an unrestricted expendable endowment rather than a permanent endowment. The proceeds of any sale, again at the discretion of the trustees, may be applied either as capital endowment, to produce an income for the purposes of the charity, or as an income applied to one or more of the charitable objects.

1.4 Incoming resources

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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Grants receivable are credited to the Statement Of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to them after any performance conditions have been met. Grants relating to the development of investment property are posted to grants receivable for core activities (part of voluntary income). Grants relating to country and parkland restoration and Forestry Commission grants are included in forestry charitable activity. Grants relating to Renewable Heat Incentive are included in wood fuel production charitable activity.

Service charge income is shown net of recharges expenditure. This expenditure is recharged in full to the tenants and is only incurred on behalf of the tenants and is therefore not expenditure relating to the Foundation.

Income, which excludes VAT, comprises sales to third parties, rents receivable, investment income and income derived from house opening.

1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised when the activity giving rise to the liability has been incurred.

Expenditure is included net of VAT where applicable. Expenditure is allocated between costs of raising funds and charitable expenditure which also includes support and governance costs. Included in costs of raising funds are investment property costs and events expenditure. Included in charitable expenditure undertaken directly are costs relating to house and garden opening which also includes grounds and mansion expenditure and forestry. Support costs re charitable activities for house and garden opening include Estate management costs. Governance costs consist of audit and accountancy fees.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold Land and buildings	Nil
Plant and machinery	15% Reducing balance
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	15% Reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% Reducing balance

No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings and heritage assets as the estimated useful life and residual values of the properties and heritage assets would render a depreciation charge immaterial.

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 net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is measured using the fair value model and stated at its fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation and realised gains or losses on property sold are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.8 Heritage assets

Heritage assets are capitalised in the year of acquisition. The measurement basis adopted for their inclusion in the accounts is the value for insurance purposes.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.9 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.

Investments in subsidiaries are all held at cost in the separate financial statements of the company.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the Charity. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

1.10 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.11 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.12 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.

1.13 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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.

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1 Accounting policies

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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.

1.14 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.

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.

1.15 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.16 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

1.17 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is written off to the Statement Of Financial Activities in the year it arises.

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.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Valuation of Investment property, Freehold property and Heritage assets

Investment properties, Freehold properties and Heritage assets are included at fair value by reference to their market value. Professional valuations are obtained periodically. Given the nature of fair values however, there is a risk that the actual market value may differ from the estimated market value included in the financial statements.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	15,663	17,356
Friends of Stansted Park subscriptions	8,880	7,478
	<u>24,543</u>	<u>24,834</u>

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4 Charitable activities

	House and garden opening 2024 £	Forestry 2024 £	Game income 2024 £	Wood fuel production 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Sales within charitable activities	88,975	53,820	1,500	9,688	153,983	249,668
Performance related grants	-	39,129	-	20,840	59,969	153,555
	<u>88,975</u>	<u>92,949</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>30,528</u>	<u>213,952</u>	<u>403,223</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	<u>88,975</u>	<u>92,949</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>30,528</u>	<u>213,952</u>	<u>403,223</u>
Performance related grants						
Forestry Commission	-	18,958	-	-	18,958	-
Country and parkland restoration - RPA	-	6,286	-	-	6,286	134,561
Renewable Heat Incentive	-	-	-	20,840	20,840	18,994
Sylva Nova SPRL	-	13,885	-	-	13,885	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>39,129</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,840</u>	<u>59,969</u>	<u>153,555</u>

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	House and garden opening £	Forestry £	Game income £	Wood fuel production £	Total 2023 £
Sales within charitable activities	67,823	169,689	1,500	10,656	249,668
Performance related grants	-	134,561	-	18,994	153,555
	<u>67,823</u>	<u>304,250</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>29,650</u>	<u>403,223</u>
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds	<u>67,823</u>	<u>304,250</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>29,650</u>	<u>403,223</u>
Performance related grants					
Country and parkland restoration - RPA	-	134,561	-	-	134,561
Renewable Heat Incentive	-	-	-	18,994	18,994
	<u>-</u>	<u>134,561</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,994</u>	<u>153,555</u>

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5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Non-charitable trading activities	248,503	165,843

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds general 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds general 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Rental income	1,140,592	-	1,140,592	1,050,548	-	1,050,548
Income from listed investments	-	41,028	41,028	-	28,805	28,805
Service charge income	209,838	-	209,838	180,995	-	180,995
Water income	5,678	-	5,678	5,569	-	5,569
Interest receivable	22,832	-	22,832	14,430	-	14,430
	1,378,940	41,028	1,419,968	1,251,542	28,805	1,280,347

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	18,770	-
Other income	12,830	13,439
Insurance claim received	47,761	-
	79,361	13,439

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8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds general	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds general	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Investment property costs</u>						
Repairs and maintenance	163,886	-	163,886	128,611	-	128,611
Premises costs	143,492	-	143,492	130,742	-	130,742
Other costs	69,316	-	69,316	50,611	-	50,611
Staff costs	143,468	-	143,468	136,456	-	136,456
Depreciation and impairment	857	-	857	1,009	-	1,009
	<u>521,019</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>521,019</u>	<u>447,429</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>447,429</u>
<u>Events expenditure</u>						
Operating trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	129,752	-	129,752	78,692	-	78,692
Other costs	2,497	-	2,497	2,488	-	2,488
Staff costs	34,632	-	34,632	27,843	-	27,843
	<u>166,881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,881</u>	<u>109,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,023</u>
<u>Investment management</u>	-	4,176	4,176	-	3,878	3,878
	<u>687,900</u>	<u>4,176</u>	<u>692,076</u>	<u>556,452</u>	<u>3,878</u>	<u>560,330</u>

Included in Investment property other costs is bank loan interest payable of £26,041 (2023 - £27,423).

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9 Expenditure on charitable activities

	House and gardens 2024 £	Forestry 2024 £	Wood fuel production 2024 £	Total 2024 £	House and gardens 2023 £	Forestry 2023 £	Wood fuel production 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Direct costs								
Staff costs	138,556	89,037	-	227,593	102,430	85,383	-	187,813
Depreciation and impairment	23,537	2,798	-	26,335	27,311	3,537	-	30,848
Repairs and maintenance	192,647	61,458	-	254,105	187,749	109,478	-	297,227
Premises costs	39,256	1,465	-	40,721	21,632	-	-	21,632
Other costs	24,126	32,387	13,548	70,061	39,208	36,627	15,111	90,946
	<u>418,122</u>	<u>187,145</u>	<u>13,548</u>	<u>618,815</u>	<u>378,330</u>	<u>235,025</u>	<u>15,111</u>	<u>628,466</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 10)								
Support	495,494	-	-	495,494	506,619	-	-	506,619
Governance	17,000	-	-	17,000	11,230	-	-	11,230
	<u>930,616</u>	<u>187,145</u>	<u>13,548</u>	<u>1,131,309</u>	<u>896,179</u>	<u>235,025</u>	<u>15,111</u>	<u>1,146,315</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds	<u>930,616</u>	<u>187,145</u>	<u>13,548</u>	<u>1,131,309</u>	<u>896,179</u>	<u>235,025</u>	<u>15,111</u>	<u>1,146,315</u>

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10 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	223,299	216,987
Depreciation	6,324	6,984
Repairs and maintenance	18,822	7,569
Premises costs	104,479	81,610
Other costs	142,570	193,469
Governance costs	17,000	11,230
	<u>512,494</u>	<u>517,849</u>
Analysed between:		
House and gardens	<u>512,494</u>	<u>517,849</u>
	2024	2023
	£	£
Governance costs comprise:		
Audit fees	10,920	5,000
Accountancy	6,080	6,230
	<u>17,000</u>	<u>11,230</u>

Included in Support other costs is bank loan interest payable of £41,666 (2023 - £41,666) and other loan interest payable of £0 (2023 -£- 2,313).

In addition to the audit and accountancy fees above, there are audit fees relating to the subsidiary of £3,035 (2023 - £1,500) and accountancy fees for the subsidiary of £1,535 (2023 - £1,500). These costs are included in Events expenditure in Raising funds.

11 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

During the year, the Foundation charged Aleramo Lanza, a trustee, rent of £16,598 (2023 - £16,098), electric recharges of £1,672 (2023 - £1,554) and service recharges of £684 (2023 - £1,556). Included in Trade debtors is £897 (2023 - £1,227) owed by A Lanza.

During the year, the Foundation charged Mrs Caroline Daniel, a trustee, rent of £22,940 (2023 - £20,065), service recharges of £155 (2023 - £140) and water recharges of £160 (2023 - £160).

During the year, the Foundation made timber sales of £0 (2023 - £2,561) to Mr Yanni Petsopoulos, a trustee.

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12 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Management	1	1
Administration	2	2
Other - full time	7	7
Other - part time	6	4
	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>

Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	497,479	445,698
Social security costs	48,082	43,286
Other pension costs	16,585	14,210
Housing costs and expenses for the Director of the Foundation	45,984	48,443
Stewards', volunteers' and staff expenses and training	20,862	17,462
	<u>628,992</u>	<u>569,099</u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
£120,000 - £130,000	1	-
£130,000 - £140,000	-	1
	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

Contributions totalling £3,382 (2023: £3,216) were made to defined contribution pension schemes, healthcare and life insurance on behalf of employees whose emoluments exceed £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	<u>132,730</u>	<u>136,873</u>

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13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Endowment funds general 2024 £	Endowment funds general 2023 £
Revaluation of investments	173,997	84,775
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	8,159	253
	<u>182,156</u>	<u>85,028</u>

14 Taxation

Stansted Park Foundation is a registered charity (number 1101251).

As a result of its charitable status no liability to taxation arises on the Foundation's investment income.

Profits on Stansted Park Events Limited are transferred to Stansted Park Foundation by way of gift aid.

15 Transfers

The transfer between funds is made up of the following:-

- £59,645 transferred from unrestricted to endowment funds due to a net transfer of money of £138,998 out of the investment portfolio, freehold and investment property improvements funded out of unrestricted funds of £135,549 and the net reduction in Bank loans funded from unrestricted funds of £63,094.

- (2023: £187,967 transferred from unrestricted to endowment funds due to a net transfer of money of £158,000 into the investment portfolio and £29,967 of unrestricted funds used to fund the refurbishment and improvement of investment property).

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16 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, Motor vehicles fittings & equipment		Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2024	8,828,612	646,230	206,498	111,455	9,792,795
Additions	15,125	3,850	7,544	85,000	111,519
Disposals	-	(507)	-	(44,400)	(44,907)
At 31 December 2024	8,843,737	649,573	214,042	152,055	9,859,407
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 January 2024	-	534,622	140,666	86,664	761,952
Depreciation charged in the year	-	17,278	11,007	5,957	34,242
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(243)	-	(43,434)	(43,677)
At 31 December 2024	-	551,657	151,673	49,187	752,517
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2024	8,843,737	97,916	62,369	102,868	9,106,890
At 31 December 2023	8,828,612	111,608	65,832	24,791	9,030,843

The net carrying value of tangible fixed assets includes the following in respect of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts. The depreciation charge in respect of such assets amounted to £4,998 (2023 - £6,260) for the year.

	2024 £	2023 £
Plant and machinery	14,616	17,195
Motor vehicles	7,256	9,675
	21,872	26,870

The Land and buildings included in Tangible fixed assets were valued at 30 September 2022 at £8,833,000 by The Earl of Bessborough, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees (as permitted by the SORP 2018) with advice from Mr R M Davies, a Trustee. The valuation was made on an open market value basis by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties. The following factors will have affected market values in the years since the previous valuation in 2011:- capital repairs and improvements expenditure to many properties on the Estate; development of new enterprises on the Estate; movements in the values of commercial and residential property. There has been no valuation done by an independent valuer who holds a recognised and relevant professional qualification. Additions and disposals for the years since then have been included. The trustees are not aware of any other material changes in the value since the last valuation. The historical cost of these assets is £4,611,302.

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17 Heritage assets

	£
At 1 January 2024	9,235,591
Revaluation	(214,341)
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At 31 December 2024	9,021,250
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In common with many historic houses, the Heritage assets consist of furniture and furnishings, carpets and rugs, tapestries, collectors items, clocks, silver and plated wares, objects of vertu, European and Oriental ceramics, works of art, garden statuary, pictures and books.

The Trustees maintain the collection relevant to the history of the house and to the Ponsonby family. From time to time there are acquisitions and disposals of the collection. The collection is catalogued and valued by a major valuation Auction House. Visitors to the house have access to the public rooms. Other areas can be visited by prior arrangement.

During the past five years there have been additions of heritage assets of £6,260 (£6,260 in 2020 and none in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024). No heritage assets have been sold during the past five years.

The Heritage assets were valued at 31 December 2024 by specialist valuers Sothebys, Quastel Associates and Spink & Son for insurance purposes at £9,021,250.

The historical cost of these assets is £3,339,186.

18 Investment property

	2024
	£
Fair value	
At 1 January 2024	29,424,266
Additions through external acquisition	120,424
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At 31 December 2024	29,544,690
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The investment property portfolio was revalued as at 30 September 2022 to a figure of £29,036,000 by The Earl of Bessborough, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees (as permitted by the SORP 2018) with advice from Mr R M Davies, a Trustee. The valuation was made on an open market value basis by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties. The following factors will have affected market values in the years since the previous valuation in 2011:- capital repairs and improvements expenditure to many properties on the Estate; development of new enterprises on the Estate; movements in the values of commercial and residential property. There has been no valuation done by an independent valuer who holds a recognised and relevant professional qualification.

Additions and disposals for the years since the valuation have been included. The trustees are not aware of any other material changes in the value since the last valuation.

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18 Investment property

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If investment properties were stated on an historical cost basis rather than a fair value basis, the amounts would have been included as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost	7,711,796	7,591,372
Accumulated depreciation	-	-
Carrying amount	<u>7,711,796</u>	<u>7,591,372</u>

19 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments	Liquidity Fund	Cash in portfolio	Other investments	Total
	£	£			£
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2024	2,635,910	200,000	33,310	2	2,869,222
Additions	36,248	250,000	-	-	286,248
Valuation changes	173,997	-	-	-	173,997
Movement in cash balances	-	-	1,029	-	1,029
Disposals	(261,766)	(119,500)	-	-	(381,266)
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,584,389</u>	<u>330,500</u>	<u>34,339</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2,949,230</u>
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,584,389</u>	<u>330,500</u>	<u>34,339</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2,949,230</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,635,910</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>33,310</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2,869,222</u>

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other investments comprise:		
Investments in subsidiaries	33	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Fixed asset investments revalued

The listed investments are valued at their market value at 31 December 2024 of £2,584,389. The historical cost of the listed investments is £2,035,606.

Fixed asset investments not carried at market value

The Liquidity Fund, cash in the portfolio and the shares held in subsidiaries are stated at cost.

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20 Financial instruments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,584,389	2,635,910

21 Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stock of guide books	-	181

22 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	103,974	87,866
Other debtors	3,700	6,752
Prepayments and accrued income	18,803	35,816
	126,477	130,434

23 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Bank loans	25	53,800	49,600
Obligations under finance leases	26	5,900	10,667
Other taxation and social security		49,171	71,953
Trade creditors		140,725	84,771
Other creditors		79,549	47,936
Accruals and deferred income		59,169	62,255
		388,314	327,182

24 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Bank loans	25	1,352,015	1,429,309
Obligations under finance leases	26	-	5,900
		1,352,015	1,435,209

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25 Loans and overdrafts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	1,405,815	1,478,909
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Payable within one year	53,800	49,600
Payable after one year	1,352,015	1,429,309
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Amounts included above which fall due after five years:		
Payable by instalments	93,200	142,500
Payable other than by instalments	502,563	502,188
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>595,763</u>	<u>644,688</u>

The long-term bank loans are secured by fixed charges over certain Freehold investment property of the company which have a total value in the accounts of £6,353,610.

The company has two fixed rate, interest only, long term bank loans of equal amounts. The first loan has a fixed rate of interest of 3.86% per annum, with the one off capital repayment being in February 2028 and the second loan has a fixed rate of interest of 4.35% per annum, with the one off capital repayment being in February 2038.

The company also took out two new long term bank loans in 2022. The first loan has a fixed rate of interest of 4.38% per annum, with capital and interest repayments being made monthly, with the final instalment being paid in April 2032. The second loan has a variable rate of interest of 2.5% above the Bank of England base rate, with capital and interest repayments being made monthly, with the final instalment being paid in November 2032.

The group also has a government backed bounce back loan of £15,000 which has interest at 2.5% per annum and will be repaid by monthly instalments totalling £10,000 per annum.

26 Finance lease obligations

Future minimum lease payments due under finance leases:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	5,900	10,667
Within two and five years	-	5,900
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>5,900</u>	<u>16,567</u>

The company has hire purchase obligations on a motor vehicle and an item of plant and machinery. In addition to the obligations provided for in the accounts there are also future finance charges payable of £579 (2023 - £1,617). During the year there have been finance charges incurred of £1,038 (2023 - £1,038).

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27 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £16,585 (2023 - £14,210).

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28 Endowment funds

The capital funds of the charity include unrestricted expendable endowment funds comprising the following:

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds					
	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Investments gains/losses1	Balance at January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Investments gains/losses	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expendable endowments											
Freehold land & buildings	8,833,000	-	-	(4,388)	-	8,828,612	-	-	15,125	-	8,843,737
Heritage assets including cash fund	9,235,591	-	-	-	-	9,235,591	-	-	-	(214,341)	9,021,250
Investment property including cash fund	29,036,000	-	-	388,266	-	29,424,266	-	-	120,424	-	29,544,690
Quoted investments including cash fund	2,585,186	28,805	(3,878)	(59,232)	85,028	2,635,909	41,028	(4,176)	(270,528)	182,156	2,584,389
Cash in investment portfolio including Liquidity Fund	16,077	-	-	217,232	-	233,309	-	-	131,530	-	364,839
Short term loans	(48,768)	-	-	9,168	-	(39,600)	-	-	(4,200)	-	(43,800)
Long term loans	(1,051,230)	-	-	(363,079)	-	(1,414,309)	-	-	67,294	-	(1,347,015)
	48,605,856	28,805	(3,878)	187,967	85,028	48,903,778	41,028	(4,176)	59,645	(32,185)	48,968,090

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29 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	263,153	8,843,737	9,106,890
Heritage assets	-	9,021,250	9,021,250
Investment properties	-	29,544,690	29,544,690
Investments	2	2,949,228	2,949,230
Current assets/(liabilities)	436,903	(43,800)	393,103
Long term liabilities	(5,000)	(1,347,015)	(1,352,015)
	<u>695,058</u>	<u>48,968,090</u>	<u>49,663,148</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	202,233	8,828,610	9,030,843
Heritage assets	-	9,235,591	9,235,591
Investment properties	-	29,424,266	29,424,266
Investments	2	2,869,220	2,869,222
Current assets/(liabilities)	447,278	(39,600)	407,678
Long term liabilities	(20,900)	(1,414,309)	(1,435,209)
	<u>628,613</u>	<u>48,903,778</u>	<u>49,532,391</u>

30 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

At the reporting end date the Charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases of £12,331 (2023 - £0).

The total expenditure in the year relating to operating leases is £1,427 (2023 - £7,046).

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30 Operating lease commitments

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Lessor

The leases consist of residential assured tenancies and commercial leases.

At the reporting end date the Charity had contracted with tenants for the following minimum lease payments:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	919,220	900,329
Between two and five years	1,368,836	1,392,040
In over five years	1,247,301	1,388,201
	<u>3,535,357</u>	<u>3,680,570</u>

31 Capital commitments

2024
£

2023
£

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:

Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	-	134,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>134,000</u>

32 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charitable group entered into the following transactions with related parties:

The Earl and Countess of Bessborough are directors of Broadreed Limited. During the year the Foundation charged rent to Broadreed Limited of £6,710 (2023 - £6,710). Included in Trade debtors is £283 (2023 - £432) owed by Broadreed Limited.

The Earl of Bessborough's son, Viscount Duncannon, who is also a trustee, is a shareholder in Sam and Fred's Fine Food Company Ltd. During the year there was rent receivable from Sam and Fred's Fine Food Company Ltd of £32,500 (2023 - £32,500), electric recharged to them of £17,831 (2023 - £11,098), water charged of £100 (2023 - £100), services recharged of £276 (2023 - £326) and heating recharged of £396 (2023 - £80). Included in Trade debtors is £6,814 (2023 - £4,520) owed by Sam and Fred's Fine Food Company Ltd. There was also sundry expenditure incurred of £168 (2023 - £550) from Sam and Fred's Fine Food Company Ltd and included in Trade creditors is £202 owed to them.

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33 Subsidiaries

These financial statements are consolidated charitable group financial statements for Stansted Park Foundation group.

Details of the Charity's subsidiaries at 31 December 2024 are as follows:

Name of undertaking and country of incorporation or residency	Nature of business	Class of shareholding	% Held	
			Direct	Indirect
Stansted Park Events Limited - Company no. 03435921	Functions at Stansted Park	Ordinary	100.00	-
Stansted Park Limited - Company no. 2017292	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00	-

The aggregate capital and reserves and the result for the year of these subsidiaries were as follows:

Name of undertaking	Profit/(Loss)	Capital and Reserves
	£	£
Stansted Park Events Limited - Company no. 03435921	44,325	10,746
Stansted Park Limited - Company no. 2017292	-	(64,592)

Both of these subsidiaries have the same registered office as the parent.

Stansted Park Events Limited is included in the Consolidated accounts of Stansted Park Foundation, however, Stansted Park Limited is not included in the Consolidated accounts as the company ceased trading in July 1992 and the results are not considered material for the purpose of giving a true and fair view. The investment in Stansted Park Limited is stated at cost in these consolidated accounts.

The principal activity of Stansted Park Events Limited is that of providing services and facilities for functions at Stansted Park. The aggregate amount of assets at 31 December 2024 is £134,783, liabilities is £124,037 and has funds of £10,746. The company's turnover is £248,088, other income is £416, expenditure is £204,179 and profit for the year is £44,325.

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34	Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £	
	Surplus for the year	345,098	266,069	
	Adjustments for:			
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,419,968)	(1,280,347)	
	(Gain)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(18,770)	111	
	Tangible fixed asset written off to Legal and professional fees	-	7,593	
	Gain on disposal of investments	(8,159)	(253)	
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	(173,997)	(84,775)	
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	34,242	39,584	
	Movements in working capital:			
	Decrease in stocks	181	3,129	
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	3,957	(9,130)	
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	61,699	(243)	
	(Increase)/decrease in loan set up fee prepaid	1,889	1,973	
	Cash absorbed by operations	(1,173,828)	(1,056,289)	
35	Analysis of changes in net (debt)/funds			
		At 1 January 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2024 £
	Cash at bank and in hand	604,245	50,695	654,940
	Loans falling due within one year	(49,600)	(4,200)	(53,800)
	Loans falling due after more than one year	(1,429,309)	77,294	(1,352,015)
	Obligations under finance leases	(16,567)	10,667	(5,900)
		(891,231)	134,456	(756,775)