

THE BANISTER CHARITABLE TRUST

Trustees' Report

and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity Number 1102320

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees

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Mr Huw Banister

Ludlow Trust Company Limited, corporate trustee. The directors of the corporate trustee, company no. 12492064, during the year under review:

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011, together with the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Banister Charitable Trust is a registered charity constituted under a trust deed dated 30 January 2004 and registered as a charity 25 February 2004.

The trust is controlled by the trustees (list provided on page 1). Trustees are appointed by the Trustees from time to time in accordance with sections 4.3 and 4.4 of the trust deed.

On agreeing to become a trustee of the charity, the trustees are thoroughly briefed by the existing co-trustees on the history of the trust, the day-to-day management, responsibilities of the trustees, the current objectives and future plans.

The charity is managed by the trustees, with all decisions taken by the trustees.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed. The trustees believe that by ensuring controls exist over key financial systems incorporating Coutts & Co's systems and controls they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's objects are:

- a) to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the United Kingdom; and
- b) to further such other purpose or purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales in such manner as the trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.

The trustees shall apply the income and, in their absolute discretion, the capital of the Trust in promoting the objects. In order to further the charity's objects the trustees apply the income and capital by making grants to charitable organisations for the public benefit. These grants are made to organisations whose core purposes meet the charity's objects and the trustees consider in making these grants the charity is fulfilling its aims.

In determining how the charity should pursue its objects, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year under review the charity made grants in furtherance of the objects amounting to £701,300 (2023: £3,444,982). Applications must be made in writing setting out the project details and either the budgeted cost or the amount being requested. The trustees pledge funds based on the relevance to the trust's aims and the benefit to the environment.

Overall, the charity had a deficit for the year of £628,646 (2023 deficit: £3,389,670) before net gains on investments of £nil (2023 gain: £144,068) giving an overall decrease in funds of £628,646 (2023 decrease: £3,245,602).

At 31 December 2024 the charity's total funds amounted to £45,790 (2023: £674,436) with reserves a deficit of £324,208 (2023 deficit: £1,256,926). The deficit on free reserves at the balance sheet date arises due to the timing of the recognition of liabilities and the transfer of funds from the endowment fund. Given the availability of the expendable endowment fund the trustees do not consider that the charity needs to maintain any significant free reserves although they recognise that such reserves will arise from time to time.

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FUNDRAISING STANDARDS

The charity does not carry out any fundraising activities from the public with grants made from income derived from capital and capital withdrawals.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

At the meeting held on 25 April 2023, the trustees agreed to commence preparations for the winding-up of the charity's activities, this included the liquidation of the charity's investments during in the year ended 31 December 2023. At a subsequent meeting held on 4 June 2024, the trustees reviewed the progress of the winding-up process and confirmed that the process is ongoing, with no fixed date set for final closure at that time.

The trustees intend to continue the charity's grant-making activity in furtherance of the charity's objects from the available funds until closure.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and 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;
- 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 proper 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

During the year under review the charity exceeded the threshold for audit and appointed Blue Spire Limited as auditors to the charity. Blue Spire Limited have expressed their willingness to continue as auditors to the charity for subsequent financial years.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

Joanne Spiceley

Joanne Spiceley on behalf of Ludlow Trust Company Limited
Trustee

Date 28 October 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of The Banister Charitable Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Banister Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the 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 charity'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 Charities Act 2011.

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 charity 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.

Emphasis of matter – financial statements prepared on a basis other than going concern

We draw attention to note 12 to the financial statements, which explains that the trustees have taken the decision to wind-up the charity's activities. As the winding-up process is ongoing, the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a basis other than going concern.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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 trustees' 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.

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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; 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 are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the Charity and the sector in which it operates, we identified that the principal laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements to be the Charities Act 2011. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

As an investment funded grantmaker there is a limitation to areas which could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence if any.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Enquiry of those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims and any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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A further description of our responsibilities is available on the FRC's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for>. This description forms part of our auditor's report..

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Blue Spire limited

Blue Spire Limited, Statutory Auditor

Cawley Priory
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PO19 1SY

Date 28 October 2025

Blue Spire Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investments	1	86,366	-	86,366	93,930
Total		<u>86,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,366</u>	<u>93,930</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds - Investment management fees	2	-	-	-	8,974
Charitable activities	3	715,012	-	715,012	3,474,626
Total		<u>715,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>715,012</u>	<u>3,483,600</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investment assets		-	-	-	144,068
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(628,646)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(628,646)</u>	<u>(3,245,602)</u>
Transfers between funds	11	<u>1,561,364</u>	<u>(1,561,364)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		932,718	(1,561,364)	(628,646)	(3,245,602)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	11	(1,256,926)	1,931,362	674,436	3,920,038
Total funds carried forward	11	<u><u>(324,208)</u></u>	<u><u>369,998</u></u>	<u><u>45,790</u></u>	<u><u>674,436</u></u>

None of the charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the statement of financial activities.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments - managed funds	8	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at hand and in bank		394,240		1,965,711	
Total current assets		394,240		1,965,711	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	348,450		1,241,275	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			45,790		724,436
Total assets less current liabilities			45,790		724,436
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year - grants payable			-		(50,000)
Total assets/(liabilities)			45,790		674,436
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Expendable endowment funds	11		369,998		1,931,362
Unrestricted funds	11		(324,208)		(1,256,926)
Total charity funds			45,790		674,436

The notes on pages 12 to 16 form part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on their behalf:

Joanne Spiceley

Joanne Spiceley on behalf of Ludlow Trust Company Limited
Trustee

Date 28 October 2025

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities (see below)			(1,657,837)		(4,197,173)
Cash flow from investing activities					
Investment income		86,366		93,930	
Payments to acquire investments		-		(376,971)	
Receipts on sale of investments		-		5,682,827	
Net cash flow from investing activities			86,366		5,399,786
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			(1,571,471)		1,202,613
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January			1,965,711		763,098
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December			394,240		1,965,711
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:					
Cash at bank and in hand			394,240		1,965,711
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December			394,240		1,965,711
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities					
		£	£	£	£
Net income			(628,646)		(3,245,602)
Adjusted for:					
Investment income		(86,366)		(93,930)	
Net (gains)/losses on investments		-		(144,068)	
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		(942,825)		(713,573)	
			(1,029,191)		(951,571)
			(1,657,837)		(4,197,173)

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information, scope and basis of the financial statements

The Banister Charitable Trust is an unincorporated charity constituted under a trust deed. The address of the principal office is given in the reference and administrative details section and the nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are given in the trustees' report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a basis other than going concern under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value as necessary. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares. It includes dividends and interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following expenditure headings:

- Raising funds; these include investment management fees charged by the charity's investment managers
- Charitable activities; these include grants to third parties and the costs of administering the charity inclusive of governance costs

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

Support and governance costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs are those incurred in the governance of the charity and primarily associated with the constitution and statutory requirements.

VAT

The charity is not registered for VAT and is unable to recover VAT incurred. On this basis costs are recorded inclusive of VAT within the SOFA.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in sections 521 to 536 Income Tax Act 2007 (ITA 2007), as such no income tax is payable on the charity's activities.

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Investments

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

Where investments are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, transactions are translated at the rate prevailing at the date of the transaction and year end values are calculated using the exchange rate prevailing at the year end.

Investments held in foreign currencies

Where investment assets are held in a foreign currency they are translated at the prevailing rate at the balance sheet date and any gain/loss on exchange rate movements is included in the statement of financial activities in the other recognised gains and losses section.

Debtors receivable and creditors payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Expendable endowment funds are those which are required to be invested to produce income but which may be transferred to unrestricted funds at the discretion of the trustees in order that they may be expended in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

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1. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Income from investments	-	-	-	65,621	-	65,621
Interest on cash deposits	86,366	-	86,366	28,309	-	28,309
	<u>86,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,366</u>	<u>93,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,930</u>

2. Raising funds - investment management charges

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Fees paid to investment managers	-	-	-	-	8,974	8,974
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,974</u>	<u>8,974</u>

3. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Grants (see note 4)	701,300	-	701,300	3,444,982	-	3,444,982
Administrative services	11,610	-	11,610	27,544	-	27,544
Legal fees	2	-	2	-	-	-
Governance costs (see note 5)	2,100	-	2,100	2,100	-	2,100
	<u>715,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>715,012</u>	<u>3,474,626</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,474,626</u>

4. Grants - to institutions to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment

	2024 £	2023 £
Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust	-	50,000
Avon Wildlife Trust	-	Yr1 2023 25,000
Avon Wildlife Trust	-	Yr2 2024 25,000
Beaver Trust	-	10,000
Campaign for National Parks	5,000	-
Cheshire Wildlife Trust: Green Booth Farm	-	167,000
Conservation Education & Research Trust	-	30,000
Cornwall Heritage Trust Limited	3,000	-
Cornwall Wildlife Trust	-	85,000
Cumbria Wildlife Trust Ltd	100,000	-
Durham Wildlife Trust	-	293,500
Groundwork South	-	14,994
Kyle Of Sutherland Fisheries Trust	-	12,500
Langdyke Countryside Trust	-	8,960
Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	-	63,050
Norfolk Wildlife Trust	-	75,000
North Wales Wildlife Trust	-	214,000
<i>Carried forward</i>	<u>108,000</u>	<u>1,074,004</u>

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4. Grants - to institutions to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment (continued)

	2024 £		2023 £
<i>Brought forward</i>	108,000		1,074,004
Plantlife International - The Wild Plant Conservation Trust	-		10,000
Radnorshire Wildlife Trust	-		150,000
RSPB Bempton Cliffs	165,000		150,000
RSPB Northward Hill	-		130,000
RSPB Scotland	-		150,000
RSPB Scotland: Morvern Tree Nursery	300		-
RSPB Vyrnwy	-	Yr1 2023	25,000
RSPB Vyrnwy	-	Yr2 2024	25,000
RSPB Wales	-		21,600
Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust	-		65,000
Sheffield Wildlife Trust	-		90,000
Shropshire Wildlife Trust	145,000		278,000
Somerset Wildlands	-		100,000
Somerset Wildlife Trust: Avalon Marshes	-		150,000
South Downs National Park Trust	-		18,000
Suffolk Wildlife Trust: Martlesham Wilds Nature Reserve	-		185,878
Surrey Wildlife Trust Limited	63,000		10,000
The Landmark Trust	-	Yr1 2023	25,000
The Landmark Trust	-	Yr2 2024	25,000
The Landmark Trust	-	Yr3 2025	25,000
The Springhead Trust Limited	-		7,500
The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire Northamptonshire	-		97,500
The Woodland Trust	-		500,000
The Woodland Trust: Hay hills	220,000		-
The Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust	-		50,000
West Horsley Place Trust	-		5,000
Wilderness Foundation UK	-		77,500
	<u>701,300</u>		<u>3,444,982</u>

5. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Auditor's fees	2,100	-	2,100	2,100	-	2,100
	<u>2,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,100</u>

6. Auditor's fees

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Auditor's fees - audit	2,100	-	2,100	2,100	-	2,100
	<u>2,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,100</u>

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7. Related party transactions

During the year under review, Ludlow Trust Company Limited, a trustee, charged the charity £11,610 (2023: £27,544) for admirative services with £1,700 (2023: £5,988) accrued at the balance sheet date. These fees are authorised under section 6 of the trust deed.

The charity has no employees, with all administration being carried out by the trustees.

Other than the fees noted above, no remuneration nor expenses were paid to or behalf of any trustee during the year under review or the comparative year.

8. Fixed asset investments - managed funds

	2024 £	2023 £
Market value brought forward	-	5,161,788
Additions at cost	-	376,971
Disposals at carrying value	-	(5,387,620)
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation	-	(151,139)
Market value carried forward	-	-
Asset distribution:		
Listed investments	-	-
	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on investments:		
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	-	(151,139)
Realised gain/(loss) on investments	-	295,207
	-	144,068

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Accruals - Auditor's remuneration	2,100	-	2,100	2,100	-	2,100
Accruals - administrative services	1,700	-	1,700	5,988	-	5,988
Accruals - grants payable	344,650	-	344,650	1,233,187	-	1,233,187
	348,450	-	348,450	1,241,275	-	1,241,275

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Current assets	24,242	369,998	394,240	34,349	1,931,362	1,965,711
Current liabilities	(348,450)	-	(348,450)	(1,241,275)	-	(1,241,275)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-	(50,000)	-	(50,000)
	(324,208)	369,998	45,790	(1,256,926)	1,931,362	674,436

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11. Analysis of net movements in funds

	Year ended 31 December 2024					
	Total funds brought resources £	Total incoming resources £	Total resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	Gains/(losses) on investment assets £	Total funds carried forward £
Endowment funds	1,931,362	-	-	(1,561,364)	-	369,998
Unrestricted funds	(1,256,926)	86,366	(715,012)	1,561,364	-	(324,208)
	<u>674,436</u>	<u>86,366</u>	<u>(715,012)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,790</u>

	Year ended 31 December 2023					
	Total funds brought resources £	Total incoming resources £	Total resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	Gains/(losses) on investment assets £	Total funds carried forward £
Endowment funds	6,195,293	-	(8,974)	(4,399,025)	144,068	1,931,362
Unrestricted funds	(2,275,255)	93,930	(3,474,626)	4,399,025	-	(1,256,926)
	<u>3,920,038</u>	<u>93,930</u>	<u>(3,483,600)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,068</u>	<u>674,436</u>

The transfer of funds from the expendable endowment fund to unrestricted general fund was implemented by the trustees in order to provide resources for grant awards in furtherance of the charity's objectives as authorised by clause 2.3 of the trust deed.

12. Going concern and planned cessation of activities

At the meeting held on 25 April 2023, the trustees agreed to wind-up the charity's activities commencing with the liquidation of the charity's investments during the year ended 31 December 2023.

At the subsequent meeting held on 4 June 2024, the trustees confirmed that the winding-up process remains ongoing and no fixed date has been set for the final cessation.

The financial statement have been prepared on a basis other than going concern and no adjustments have been made to these financial statements in respect of the planned cessation.

13. Financial instruments

The carrying amounts of the charity's financial instruments are as follows:

	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
<i>Financial assets</i>		
Measured at fair value through net income/(expenditure):		
Fixed asset investments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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13. Financial instruments (continued)

The income, expense, net gains and net losses attributable to the charity's financial instruments are summarised as follows:

	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
<i>Income and expense</i>		
Financial assets measured at fair value through net income/(expenditure)		
Investment income	-	65,621
Investment management fees	-	(8,974)
	<u>-</u>	<u>56,647</u>
<i>Net gains and losses (including changes in fair value)</i>		
Financial assets measured at fair value through net income/(expenditure)		
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	144,068
	<u>-</u>	<u>144,068</u>

Fixed asset investments are held at fair value with valuations obtained by reference to market prices from the appropriate stock exchange, bid prices and last traded prices where applicable.

14. Comparative statement of financial activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Investments	1	93,930	-	93,930
Total		<u>93,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,930</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds - Investment management fees	2	-	8,974	8,974
Charitable activities	3	3,474,626	-	3,474,626
Total		<u>3,474,626</u>	<u>8,974</u>	<u>3,483,600</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investment assets		-	144,068	144,068
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(3,380,696)</u>	<u>135,094</u>	<u>(3,245,602)</u>
Transfers between funds	11	<u>4,399,025</u>	<u>(4,399,025)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>1,018,329</u>	<u>(4,263,931)</u>	<u>(3,245,602)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	11	(2,275,255)	6,195,293	3,920,038
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>(1,256,926)</u>	<u>1,931,362</u>	<u>674,436</u>

None of the charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the statement of financial activities.