

**THE SHANLEY CHARITABLE TRUST  
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

**Charity no: 1103323**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Constitution**

The Shanley Charitable Trust is a registered charity governed by its Charity Constitution. Charity number 1103323 (registered 18 November 2003).

**Trustees**

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

A E Chater  
C A Shanley  
R F Lander  
S J Atkins

**Principal office**

Knowles Benning Solicitors  
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Bedfordshire  
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**Auditors**

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Chartered Accountants  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is constituted under a trust deed dated 18 November 2003.

New Trustees are recommended by existing Trustees. Induction training is provided for all new Trustees, where appropriate, and all Trustees are encouraged to attend courses and conferences that would benefit them as Trustees.

The Trustees have full investment powers and authority for the charity and investment decisions have been made in accordance with the Trustees wishes during the year. The Trustees manage the day-to-day operations of the charity.

A summary of related party transactions is set out in note 9 to the financial statements.

**Risk Policy**

The Trustees have taken steps to identify the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

**Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the charity are the relief of poverty and hardship. The principal activity was the management of the assets of the charity to provide optimum funding to achieve the above objectives.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aim, objectives and future developments.

**Achievements and Performance**

The trust assets generated investment income of £224,053 and a decrease in the value of quoted investments of £630,057 after including realised gains of £114,023.

**Grant making policy**

The Trustees make grants to recognised international charities that operate for the relief of poverty. These are made as and when considered appropriate and when funds permit. The Trust made net grants of £250,000 to other charities in pursuit of its objectives.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

**Financial review**

The income used for the period is set out on page 6. The decrease in funds for the year amounted to £698,820. It is proposed that this is deducted from reserves.

**Reserves policy**

The accumulated funds at 30 April 2025 were £5,843,307 all of which related to unrestricted funds. It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity. This provides sufficient funds to fund future contributions to support trust objectives and to cover management, administration and support costs.

The Trustees' policy is to invest the resources of the trust in bank accounts, Treasury Deposits and in Quoted Investments.

See note 5 for the results of the subsidiary and investment companies.

**Plans for future periods**

The officers do not anticipate that there will be any fundamental change in the development of the charity's operations during the coming year.

**Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

By order of the trustees:



..... Trustee

R F Lander

Date:

20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Shanley Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 30th April 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of 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 30th April 2025, 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.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**Other information**

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

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

**Other information (continued)**

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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.

**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 trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, 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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

**Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charity and the environment in which it operates and considered the risk of acts by the charity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and the financial report (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate entries including journals to overstate revenue or understate expenditure and management bias in accounting estimates.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- discussions with management, including considerations of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- gaining an understanding of management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities; and
- identifying and testing journal entries.


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.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the FRC's website at:

[..WorkingPaper\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.



Steve Robinson,  
for and on behalf of Mercer & Hole LLP, Statutory Auditor  
Chartered Accountants  
170 Midsummer Boulevard  
Milton Keynes  
MK9 1BP

25 February 2026

Date

*Mercer & Hole LLP 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  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	
		2025 £	2024 £
<b>Income</b>			
Income from other trading activities			
Investments	2	224,053	236,603
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>224,053</u>	<u>236,603</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Cost of raising funds			
Investment management costs	3	37,276	29,112
Charitable activities	10	250,000	175,000
Governance costs	4	5,540	4,480
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>292,816</u>	<u>208,592</u>
<b>Other recognised (losses)/gains:</b>			
(Losses)/Gains on investment assets		(630,057)	234,284
<b>Net Movement in Funds for the Year</b>		<u>(698,820)</u>	<u>262,295</u>
<b>Balances Brought Forward at 30 April 2024</b>	7	6,542,127	6,279,832
<b>Balances Carried Forward at 30 April 2025</b>	7	<u>5,843,307</u>	<u>6,542,127</u>

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

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET**

	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investments	5		5,559,341		6,266,737
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>288,946</u>		<u>279,690</u>	
		288,946		279,690	
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>4,980</u>		<u>4,300</u>	
		4,980		4,300	
<b>Net current assets</b>			283,966		275,390
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>5,843,307</u>		<u>6,542,127</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>5,843,307</u>		<u>6,542,127</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>					
General funds include revaluation reserve of	7				
£744,079 (2024: £720,149)					
Unrestricted income funds			5,843,307		6,542,127
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u>5,843,307</u>		<u>6,542,127</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

..... Trustee  
R F Lander

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Accounting Policies**

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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The Shanley Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from including a cashflow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the organisation is small.

**Income**

***Donations and legacies***

Voluntary income from donations for unrestricted purposes is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SoFA) when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities. Income must only be recognised in the accounts of a charity when all of the following criteria are met

- Entitlement- control over the rights or other access to the economic benefit has passed to the charity.
- Probable- it is more likely than not that the economic benefits associated with the transaction or gift will flow to the charity.
- Measurement- the monetary value or amount of the income can be measured reliably and the costs incurred for the transaction and the costs to complete the transaction can be measured reliably.

***Investment income***

Investment income is included when receivable by the charity.

**Expenditure**

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT, which cannot be recovered.

**Fixed asset investments**

Listed investments are stated at market value as at the balance sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Investments in subsidiary and associated undertakings are stated at cost.

**Basis of Consolidation**

The financial statements do not include the profit and loss account and balance sheet of the subsidiary undertakings due to the group meeting the exemption criteria for group accounts.

**Fund Accounting**

Funds held by the charity are unrestricted funds held for the furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

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**Creditors and Provisions**

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

**Financial Instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value, with the exception of listed investments.

**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.

**2. Investment income**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank interest	8,552	8,609
Dividends	<u>215,500</u>	<u>227,994</u>
	<u><u>224,053</u></u>	<u><u>236,603</u></u>

**3. Investment management costs**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank Charges	88	88
Investment management fees	<u>37,188</u>	<u>29,024</u>
	<u><u>37,276</u></u>	<u><u>29,112</u></u>

**4. Other expenditure**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Auditor's remuneration	2,100	2,280
Accountancy fees	<u>3,440</u>	<u>2,200</u>
	<u><u>5,540</u></u>	<u><u>4,480</u></u>

**5. Fixed Assets - Investments**

	<b>Listed Investments at market value £</b>
Carrying value as at 1 May 2024	6,266,737
Additions to investments at cost	2,505,538
Disposals at market value	(2,582,878)
Net (loss) gain on revaluation	<u>(630,057)</u>
Carrying value as at 30 April 2025	<u><u>5,559,341</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

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

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals:		
Audit Fees	2,100	2,100
Accountancy	<u>2,880</u>	<u>2,200</u>
	<u><u>4,980</u></u>	<u><u>4,300</u></u>

**7. Unrestricted funds**

	<b>At 30 April 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Outgoings</b>	<b>Gains and losses</b>	<b>At 30 April 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Movement in funds for the year</b>	<u>6,542,127</u>	<u>224,053</u>	<u>(292,816)</u>	<u>(630,057)</u>	<u>6,542,127</u>

**8. Related parties**

R F Lander received £2,640 (2024 - £2,200) for work done for the charity in his professional capacity as an accountant.

**9. Staff and Trustees' costs**

Trustees' remuneration was nil during the financial year. No re-imbursement of expenditure was paid to the trustees. There were no employees during the year.

**10. Charitable Activities**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grants to Institutions	<u>250,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>

During the year the Trust made distributions of £150,000 to Sabre Education, £30,000 to Water Aid and £70,000 to Disaster Emergency Committee.

During the prior year the Trust made distributions £175,000 to Sabre Education.

**11. Auditor's remuneration**

The auditor's remuneration constituted an audit fee of £2,100 (2024: £2,280).