

**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 5156430**  
**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1105821**

**The Little Gidding Trust Limited**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31 March 2024**

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# **The Little Gidding Trust Limited**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Reference and administrative details**

<b>Registered charity name</b>	The Little Gidding Trust Limited
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1105821
<b>Company registration number</b>	5156430
<b>Registered office</b>	23 Cottingham Way Thrapston, Northants NN14 4PL

#### **The trustees**

The Very Revd Dr PJW Buckler  
Mr SF Pott  
Dr TK Carne  
Dr JC Simmonds  
Ms AP Mather  
Rev OC Maxfield-Coote  
Rev Canon TM Alban Jones

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

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The board of trustees, who meet as and when required to conduct the charity's business, administers the charity.

The trustees are listed on this page.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Little Gidding Trust Limited was incorporated on the 17 June 2004 as a company limited by guarantee and is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission. The affairs of the Company are governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

The objects of the charity are "to further the advancement of religion particularly by pilgrimages to the church at Little Gidding".

#### **Strategic report**

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

#### **Achievements and performance**

Income from the portfolio of investment properties held up well and in addition the charity received donations which maintained total income for the year. The Trust continues to review its portfolio of investment properties with a view to optimising the return it makes. The current levels of income allow only limited levels of grants to be made in furtherance of the charity's objectives. The Trust's long term aim is to increase the levels of return on investments to allow more substantial grants to be made.

#### **Financial review**

Total revenue for the year was £134,978 (2023: £115,305) comprising, in the main, property rental of £69,478 (2023: £76,887). Total expenditure for the year was £155,437 (2023: £117,604) which included significant expenditure to repair and maintain the charity's properties.

The trustees have not thought it necessary or desirable to procure a fresh valuation of the Trust's portfolio of the charity's properties, which at balance sheet date is £1.6m (2023: £1.6m).

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 1 November 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



The Very Revd Dr PJW Buckler  
Trustee

1 November 2024

# **The Little Gidding Trust Limited**

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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Little Gidding Trust Limited**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Little Gidding Trust Limited ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

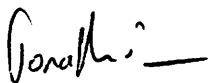
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jonathan Essam ACA  
Chartered Accountant

Independent Examiner

23 Cottingham Way  
Thrapston, Northants,  
NN14 4PL

28 October 2024

**The Little Gidding Trust Limited**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(including income and expenditure account)**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

			2024	2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>				
Donations and legacies	4	7,741	7,741	958
Charitable activities - shop	5	56,810	56,810	37,460
Investment income	6	70,427	70,427	76,887
<b>Total income</b>		<u>134,978</u>	<u>134,978</u>	<u>115,305</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Shop purchases	7	8,331	8,331	4,857
Investment management costs	8	38,828	38,828	23,595
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	108,278	108,278	89,152
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>155,437</u>	<u>155,437</u>	<u>117,604</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds</b>		<u>(20,459)</u>	<u>(20,459)</u>	<u>(2,299)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		1,471,281	1,471,281	1,473,580
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>1,450,822</u>	<u>1,450,822</u>	<u>1,471,281</u>

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

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Financial Position**

**31 March 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	12		670,000	670,000
Investments	13		953,639	953,639
			<u>1,623,639</u>	<u>1,623,639</u>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	14	1,500		1,500
Cash at bank and in hand		23,645		52,264
		<u>25,145</u>		<u>53,764</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	(26,982)		(12,519)
<b>Net current assets</b>			(1,837)	41,245
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>1,621,802</u>	<u>1,664,884</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	16		(170,980)	(193,603)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>1,450,822</u>	<u>1,471,281</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>				
Unrestricted funds:				
Revaluation reserve		(60,000)		(60,000)
Other unrestricted income funds		1,510,822		1,531,281
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<u>1,450,822</u>		<u>1,471,281</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	17		<u>1,450,822</u>	<u>1,471,281</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2024, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

**The Little Gidding Trust Limited**  
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**Statement of Financial Position** *(continued)*

**31 March 2024**

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 1 November 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P J W Buckler', with a horizontal line underneath.

The Very Revd Dr PJW Buckler  
Trustee

1 November 2024

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# **The Little Gidding Trust Limited**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

#### **1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 23 Cottingham Way, Thrapston, Northants, NN14 4PL.

#### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **3. Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of preparation**

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

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

##### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Fund accounting**

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

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

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

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

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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

##### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable, and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable, and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

##### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

##### **Tangible assets**

All fixed assets are recorded at cost.

##### **Investments**

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

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

#### Year ended 31 March 2024

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

#### Investment property

Investment property is recorded at cost or valuation. The trustees have not thought it necessary or desirable to produce a fresh valuation of the Trust's portfolio of investment properties

#### Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

#### 4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations and grants	7,741	7,741	958	958

#### 5. Charitable activities - shop

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Shop sales	56,810	56,810	37,460	37,460

#### 6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Investment properties and interest	70,427	70,427	76,887	76,887

#### 7. Shop purchases

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Shop costs - purchases	8,331	8,331	4,857	4,857

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

Year ended 31 March 2024

#### 8. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Portfolio management	8,533	8,533	10,190	10,190
Property repairs and maintenance charges	30,295	30,295	13,405	13,405
	<u>38,828</u>	<u>38,828</u>	<u>23,595</u>	<u>23,595</u>

#### 9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Support costs	106,538	106,538	87,412
Governance costs	1,740	1,740	1,740
	<u>108,278</u>	<u>108,278</u>	<u>89,152</u>

#### 10. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	15,978	150

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2023: 1).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

#### 11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

#### 12. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>670,000</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	—
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	<u>670,000</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>670,000</u>

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

Year ended 31 March 2024

#### 13. Investments

	Investment properties £
<b>Valuation</b>	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>953,639</u>
<b>Impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	<u>953,639</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>953,639</u>

#### Freehold land and buildings

	2024 £	2023 £
Historical cost – Land & buildings	670,000	670,000
Historical cost – Investment properties	1,013,639	1,013,639
Revaluation	<u>(60,000)</u>	<u>(60,000)</u>
	<u>953,639</u>	<u>953,639</u>

Ferrar House which is used as a functional property within The Little Gidding Trust Limited, is included within land and buildings above. All other properties used within the company are included within investment properties.

The valuations were carried out by TJ Lawson (previously a director) a chartered surveyor, on 6 July 2010.

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**14. Debtors**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>26,982</u>	<u>12,519</u>

**16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Loans	<u>170,980</u>	<u>193,603</u>

**17. Analysis of charitable funds**

<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>At 1 April 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,531,281	134,978	(155,437)	1,510,822
Revaluation reserve	<u>(60,000)</u>	-	-	<u>(60,000)</u>
	<u>1,471,281</u>	<u>134,978</u>	<u>(155,437)</u>	<u>1,450,822</u>

**The Little Gidding Trust Limited**  
**Schedule to the Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Period Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Incoming Resources from generated funds</b>				
<b>Voluntary Income</b>				
Grants, legacies and donations				
Non government and non public bodies				
Incoming revenue - grants, donations and legacies				
Donations and legacies	7,741	-	7,741	958
<b>Total Voluntary Income</b>	<b>7,741</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,741</b>	<b>958</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>				
Shop sales	56,810	-	56,810	37,460
<b>Total of activities for generating funds</b>	<b>56,810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,810</b>	<b>37,460</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Rent received from investment properties	69,478	-	69,478	76,887
Investment account income	949	-	949	-
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>70,427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,427</b>	<b>76,887</b>
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>134,978</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,978</b>	<b>115,305</b>

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**Schedule to the Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Period Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>				
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>				
Cost of fundraising activities	8,331	-	8,331	4,857
<b>Total costs of generating voluntary income</b>	<b>8,331</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,331</b>	<b>4,857</b>
 <b>Investment management costs</b>				
Investment management costs	38,828	-	38,828	23,595
	<b>38,828</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,828</b>	<b>23,595</b>
 <b>Charitable expenditure</b>				
<i>Staff costs in support of charitable activities</i>				
Administrative staff costs	40,442	-	40,442	34,780
	<b>40,442</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,442</b>	<b>34,780</b>
<i>Indirect costs</i>				
<i>Premises Costs</i>				
Rates, water and service charges	4,246	-	4,246	4,752
Insurance	5,156	-	5,156	4,829
Light and heat	12,611	-	12,611	8,369
Premises repairs and maintenance charges	22,262	-	22,262	20,821
	<b>44,275</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,275</b>	<b>38,771</b>
<i>General administrative expenses:</i>				
Telephone and fax	1,742	-	1,742	1,336
Postage, stationery and printing	2,753	-	2,753	934
Interest payable	16,722	-	16,722	10,396
Bank charges	144	-	144	863
	<b>21,361</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,361</b>	<b>13,529</b>
<i>Professional fees in support of charitable activities</i>				
Legal and professional fees	460	-	460	332
	<b>460</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>332</b>
 <b>Total Support costs</b>	<b>106,538</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,538</b>	<b>87,412</b>
 <b>Total Expended on Charitable Activities</b>	<b>106,538</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,538</b>	<b>87,412</b>



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**Schedule to the Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Prior Period Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b><i>Governance costs that are not direct management functions inherent in generating funds, service delivery and programme or project work</i></b>				
<b><i>Specific governance costs</i></b>				
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,740	-	1,740	1,740
<b>Total governance costs</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>1,740</b>