

COUCH CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

MILNE THOMAS & Co.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

27 SELLER STREET

CHESTER

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1111347

**GERRARD AND AUDREY COUCH CHARITABLE TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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GERRARD AND AUDREY COUCH CHARITABLE TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and policies

In accordance with the trust deed, the fund is held for the trustees to provide assistance and support for charities and charitable purposes connected with animals, rescuers at sea and seafarers, cultivation of medicine and surgery, churches in Merseyside or other such charitable objectives as the trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit, especially the Arts, People and Education:

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Net expenditure for the year, before gains/(losses) on investments, was £13,692. Total unrestricted income funds carried forward as at 31 March 2023 were £1,873,583 (2022: £2,058,057).

FUNDING

The Trust will continue to support projects in line with its objectives and policies.

The trustees are satisfied that the trust's assets are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in relation to those funds.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1111347

Principal address

Aaron & Partners LLP
5-7 Grosvenor Court
Foregate Street
Chester
CH1 1HG

Trustees

P A Walker
C T Pointon

Independent examiner

Milne Thomas & Co
Chartered Accountants
27 Sella Street
Chester
Cheshire
CH1 3NA

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25th July '23 and signed on its behalf by:



P A Walker - Trustee



C T Pointon - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE GERRARD AND AUDREY COUCH CHARITABLE TRUST**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Couch Charitable Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Gerrard and Audrey Couch Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

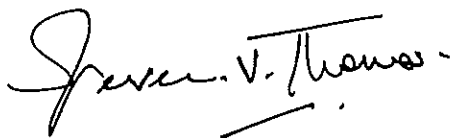
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Direction given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as a part of an independent examination.

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.



Steven Thomas
Milne Thomas & Co.
Chartered Accountants
27 Soller Street
Chester
CH1 3NA

Date: 25 July 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Investment income	2	60476	37117
Other income		27	3486
Total		60503	40603
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Grants to institutions		55750	37450
Other		18445	21091
Total		74195	58541
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(170782)	45344
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(184474)	27406
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		2058057	2030651
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1873583	2058057

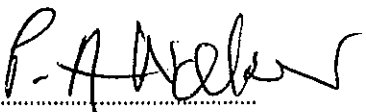
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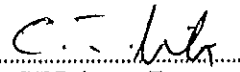
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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	4	1851191	2002031
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		23418	57526
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1026)	(1500)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		22392	56026
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1873583	2058057
NET ASSETS		1873583	2058057
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	6	1873583	2058057
TOTAL FUNDS		1873583	2058057

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 25th July '23 and were signed on its behalf by:


P A Walker - Trustee


C T Pointon - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

GERRARD AND AUDREY COUCH CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Dividends	60460	35525
Interest receivable	16	1592
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	60476	37117
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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

4. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed Investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2022	2002031
Additions	20000
Disposals	-
Revaluations	(170840)
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At 31 March 2023	1851191
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NET BOOK VALUE	
31 March 2023	1851191
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Fixed asset investments can be categorised as follows:

	£
UK	1851191
Overseas	-
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	1851191
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5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued expenses	1026	1400
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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.04.2022 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.03.2023 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2058057	184474	1873583
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TOTAL FUNDS	2058057	184474	1873583
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Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	60503	(74195)	(170782)	(184474)
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7. RELATED PARTY EXPOSURES

During the year, Aaron & Partners LLP invoice the Trust £7864 for legal and professional services. The Trustee, C Pinton, is a partner of Aaron & Partners LLP.

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	60476	37117
Other income	27	3486
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Total incoming resources	60503	40603
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Grants to institutions	55750	37450
Support costs		
Other		
Accountancy fees	1097	900
Legal and professional fees	7864	6861
Investment management fees	9484	13330
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	18445	21091
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Total resources expended	74195	58541
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Net expenditure before gains and losses	(13692)	(17938)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Gains/(losses) on revaluations and disposals of investment assets	(170782)	45344
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Net income/(expenditure)	(184474)	27406
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This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements