

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1113220

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2006-03-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THAT ONE HALF OF THE CAPITAL AND INCOME OF THE TRUST SHALL BE APPLIED IN SUCH PROPORTIONS IN SUCH MANNER AND SUBJECT TO SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY IN THEIR UNCONTROLLED DISCRETION DETERMINE FOR:- CHARITIES THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS RELIEF FUND OF PO BOX 2880, BATH, BA2 6WR (FORMERLY THE HOME WORKERS FUND OF 130 WOOD STREET, LONDON) CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF NEEDY ELDERLY PEOPLE PRIMARILY THOSE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF EVANGELICAL OR CHRISTIAN BRETHREN CHURCHES. THAT ONE HALF OF THE CAPITAL AND INCOME OF THE TRUST SHALL BE APPLIED IN SUCH PROPORTIONS IN SUCH MANNER AND SUBJECT TO SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY IN THEIR UNCONTROLLED DISCRETION DETERMINE FOR:- THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND UK OF PANDA HOUSE, WEYSIDE HOUSE, GODALMING, SURREY GU7 1XR THE BRITISH RED CROSS OF 44 MOORFIELDS, LONDON EC2Y 9AL

Activities: To distribute capital and income as the Trustees may determine: As to one half for (a) The Christian Workers Relief Fund (b) for the benefit of needy elderly people primarily those who are members of Evangelical or Christian Brethren Churches As to one half for (a) WWF - UK (b) the British Red Cross Society

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£271,356	£305,405	-	-
2024-04-05	£264,086	£303,965	-	-
2023-04-05	£245,173	£271,901	-	-
2022-04-05	£250,838	£257,033	-	-
2021-04-05	£179,408	£198,338	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Martin Hewitt		2018-07-03
Dr Jenny Elspeth Barker		2014-10-24
IAN MICHAEL JENKINSON		2019-01-10
Paul Christopher Cookson		2018-07-03
SUZANNE JANE BARRON		2024-06-27
William Michael Corin		2014-10-24

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England & Wales - Charity number 1113220

Accounts

Charity registration number 1113220 (England and Wales)

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Dr J E Barker Mr W M Corin Mr P C Cookson Mr A M Hewitt Mr I M Jenkinson Mrs S J Barron	(Appointed 27 June 2024)
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Charity number	1113220
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Principal address	29 Kentrigg Kendal Cumbria LA9 6EE
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Independent examiner	Darren Little FCA Saint & Co Chartered Accountants The Old Police Station Church Street Ambleside Cumbria LA22 0BT
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Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 9 Highgate Kendal Cumbria LA9 4DA CCLA Fund Managers PO Box 12892 Dunhow Essex CH6 9DL
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Investment advisors	Walker Crips Stockbrokers Finsbury Tower 103-105 Bunhill Row London EC1Y 8LZ
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Property managers	GSC Grays Unit 9 Underley Business Centre Kearstwick Kirkby Lonsdale Cumbria LA6 2DY
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THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the trust's governing document, 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).

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects set out in the governing document

All of the property and investments of the charity are held and have been acquired in accordance with the powers available to the trustees. The trustees hold the capital and income of the charity upon trust to apply such parts, and in such proportions, of the income and capital as they may in their own uncontrolled discretion determine: -

One half for: -

The Christian Workers Relief Fund (formerly the Homeworkers' Fund) and for the benefit of needy elderly people, primarily those who are members of Evangelical or Christian Brethren Churches

One half for: -

World Wildlife Fund (W.W.F. - UK) and the British Red Cross Society (British Red Cross)

Charity's aims

The trustees aim to maintain an appropriate level of distributions to benefit charities within the prescribed list whilst, at the same time, doing their best to safeguard the value of the assets entrusted to them.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the trust should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

Distributions

During the financial year under review, the trustees made, in accordance with the objectives of the charity, distributions totalling £130,000, a detailed breakdown is shown in the notes to the financial statement.

Investment property

All the trusts' properties have been let throughout the year with a few, but limited, voids on changes in tenancy.

Given the age of the Trust's properties the annual repairs are likely to continue to fluctuate significantly from year to year.

The painting of Bridge Street and Central Buildings was due to be completed Autumn 2023 but due to adverse conditions in the Autumn 2023 the work was only partially completed and work to finalise the painting will recommenced in the late Spring 2024. These costs are therefore spread across both the current and previous years financial figures.

Portfolio investments

The Trusts Portfolio values have slightly reduced whilst dividend payments have increased slightly on the previous year.

The investment portfolio has dropped in value with a net loss of £44,837. (2024: performed well with a net gain of £43,028)

Summary of main difference that the charity's work has made for its beneficiaries during the year

Reports are received each year from each of the charities supported - these set out the activities undertaken by those charities with funds provided to them.

The two large international charities supported by HLMLT were affected by challenges such as warfare, pandemic, climate change etc and they were grateful for the help the Trust was able to give this year. The cost of living pressures caused serious funding problems for all charities and for individual recipients. The beneficiaries were grateful for the Trust's continuing support.

Financial review

Annual performance review

During the year under review, the gross rental income from property investments was £236,672.

The total costs attributable to the freehold properties paid from unrestricted funds amounted to £151,391 of which £91,555 was for general repairs and maintenance, £29,090 was for insurance and £29,236 for rent collection and management of the properties.

Transfers to reserves of £50,000 for the cost of current and future painting of the properties and £12,000 for extraordinary repairs have been included in this year's financial statements.

Investment portfolios review

All the Trust's investments continue to be managed by Walker Crips. The portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis, medium risk, balanced return, with an annual client suitability review.

The Trustees noted the portfolio decreased in value to £909,226 from £964,219 in the course of the year. This represents a net loss of £54,993 (2024: £43,028 net gain). The Trust has received dividends of £25,671 (2024: £23,361) during the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Reserves policy

1) The policy of the trustees is to maintain

- a cash reserve of £60,000 at each year end inflation linked from 5th April 2009
- a portfolio of investments of £360,000 inflation linked from 5th April 2009 and subsequently increased by £400,000 in 2022/23 following the disposal of a rental property.

The index linked figure of the cash reserve at 5th April 2025 is calculated at £112,248. The cash reserve at the year-end was £98,274, £13,974 below the index linked figure.

The index linked figure for the portfolio of investments at 5th April 2025 is calculated at £1,104,146. The portfolio of investments at the year-end was £909,226, £194,920 less than the index linked figure.

2) The trustees shall consider making extra distributions when the value of investments is shown to be higher than this reserve after considering any surplus or deficit in the cash free unrestricted reserve. This shall only be considered if the reserves have been maintained for a period of 2 years.

3) The trustees have continued their policy of making transfers to the Extraordinary Repairs Reserve and to the Painting Reserve.

Principal financial management policies adopted

The trustees meet on a regular basis during the year and monitor the cash reserve and financial position of the charity. The trustees have enlisted professionals for key tasks such as the management of the properties and the investment portfolios.

Principal funding sources and how expenditure in the year under review has supported the key objectives of the charity

The income is generated from the following sources:

- Rental income from the investment properties
- Dividend income from the investment portfolios
- Bank interest

Plans for future periods

The trustees will continue their work to realise the aims of the charity. In particular, following the recent review of all the trust's operations, they will work to try to ensure that the potential for increasing the Trust's net income and distribution levels is secured in the longer term.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is a registered charity, number 1113220, formed by a trust deed dated 22nd February 2006. All assets of the Muriel Lawson 1983 Charitable Trust and assets of an equal value from the Henry Herd Charitable Trust were transferred to the charity in March 2006. The assets include freehold property in Bridge Street and Central Buildings in Ambleside and two portfolios of investments. In November 2014 the trustees transferred the freehold of all their properties to the Official Custodian for Charities.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr J E Barker

Mr W M Corin

Mr P C Cookson

Mr A M Hewitt

Mr I M Jenkinson

Mrs S J Barron

(Appointed 27 June 2024)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

When there is a need for new trustees the existing trustees look to select suitable candidates who, through past experience and qualification, would continue the policy of enabling a broad input to their decision making.

Organisational structure

The structure of the trust consists of a board of trustees supported by an administrator. Key tasks such as the management of the properties and the investment portfolios is undertaken by specialist professionals appointed by the trustees and reporting to them on a regular basis.

Induction and training of trustees

New trustees are provided with information about and the opportunity to discuss any aspects of the trust's operations including its background, recent activities, current financial position and control documents. Trustees also have the opportunity for meetings with the property and investment managers and the accountants to the trust, as well as meetings and liaising with the other trustees. Background and development information from the Charity Commission is also provided.

Other matters

Risk management: The principal risk faced by the trust lies in the performance of the freehold investment property. The trustees have appointed ESC Grays, professional chartered surveyors, to manage the properties. The trustees have also considered the variability of the investment performance of the share portfolios. This is mitigated by retaining professional investment managers and having a diversified investment policy.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr P C Cookson

Trustee

4 July 2025

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust (the trust) for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the trust you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the trust's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as 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 financial statements to be reached.

Darren Little FCA

Saint & Co Chartered Accountants

The Old Police Station

Church Street

Ambleside

Cumbria

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Date:

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	1,000	1,000
Charitable activities	4	236,672	231,195
Investments	5	33,684	31,891
Total income		271,356	264,086
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	6	305,405	303,965
Total expenditure		305,405	303,965
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	(44,837)	43,028
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(78,886)	3,149
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 6 April 2024		2,920,877	2,917,728
Fund balances at 5 April 2025		2,841,991	2,920,877

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investment property	14		1,744,181		1,744,181
Investments	15		909,226		964,219
			<u>2,653,407</u>		<u>2,708,400</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	16	97,027		65,953	
Cash at bank and in hand		98,273		161,013	
		<u>195,300</u>		<u>226,966</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(6,716)		(14,489)	
Net current assets			<u>188,584</u>		<u>212,477</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>2,841,991</u>		<u>2,920,877</u>
The funds of the trust					
Unrestricted funds	18		2,841,991		2,920,877
			<u>2,841,991</u>		<u>2,920,877</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 4 July 2025

Mr P C Cookson
Trustee

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 14 Church Street, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 0BT.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

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

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income is represented by investment income receivable and rent collected from tenants of Central Buildings and Bridge Street, Ambleside.
- Dividends are included on a receipts basis, whilst bank and building society interest is included on an accruals basis.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Charitable distributions are decided by trustees at a general meeting and payment is then made to the charitable institutions.

1.6 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the trust's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	1,000	1,000
Donations and gifts		
Chiltern Charitable Trust	1,000	1,000
	1,000	1,000

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Property rental		
Charitable rental income	236,672	231,195

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Dividend income receivable	25,671	23,361
Interest receivable	8,013	8,530
	33,684	31,891

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Property rental expenditure	Investment portfolio expenditure	Total	Property rental expenditure	Investment portfolio expenditure	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs						
General repairs and maintenance	91,555	-	91,555	95,616	-	95,616
Property insurance	29,090	-	29,090	26,135	-	26,135
Property management fees	29,236	-	29,236	39,098	-	39,098
Legal fees	1,510	-	1,510	1,419	-	1,419
Portfolio management	-	10,250	10,250	-	9,129	9,129
	<u>151,391</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>161,641</u>	<u>162,268</u>	<u>9,129</u>	<u>171,397</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	130,000	-	130,000	120,500	-	120,500
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)						
Support	11,844	-	11,844	10,148	-	10,148
Governance	1,920	-	1,920	1,920	-	1,920
	<u>295,155</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>305,405</u>	<u>294,836</u>	<u>9,129</u>	<u>303,965</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	<u>295,155</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>305,405</u>	<u>294,836</u>	<u>9,129</u>	<u>303,965</u>

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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7 Grants payable

	Property rental expenditure 2025 £	Property rental expenditure 2024 £
Grants to institutions:		
British Red Cross	32,500	30,000
World Wide Fund for Nature	32,500	30,000
Christian Workers Relief Fund	22,800	21,600
Hospice at Home West Cumbria	15,600	14,900
Hospice of St Mary of Furness	10,800	9,600
Spring Mount Christian Fellowship	3,600	3,600
Ambleside Welfare Charity	3,600	3,600
Sight Advice South Lakes	2,400	2,400
Sandhills Lane Christian Brethren Church	1,200	1,200
Parr Street, Evangelical Church	-	3,600
St John's Hospice	5,000	-
	<u>130,000</u>	<u>120,500</u>

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8 Support costs allocated to activities

	Property rental expenditure 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Staff costs	6,361	5,532
Office heat and light	430	779
Insurance	1,231	1,327
Accountancy fees	2,594	1,254
Cost of meetings	440	228
Telephone	173	523
Other office costs	237	342
Stationery, postages and IT support	378	163
Governance	1,920	1,920
	<u>13,764</u>	<u>12,068</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

8	Support costs allocated to activities	(Continued)	
		2025	2024
		£	£
	Governance costs comprise:		
	Audit fees	1,920	1,920
		<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,920</u>
		<u><u>1,920</u></u>	<u><u>1,920</u></u>
9	Net movement in funds	2025	2024
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,920	1,920
		<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,920</u>
10	Trustees		
	None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the trust during the year.		
11	Employees		
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was:		
		2025	2024
		Number	Number
		1	1
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	Employment costs	2025	2024
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	6,361	5,532
		<u>6,361</u>	<u>5,532</u>
	There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.		
12	Gains and losses on investments		
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		2025	2024
		£	£
	Gains/(losses) arising on:		
	Revaluation of investments	(44,837)	43,028
		<u>(44,837)</u>	<u>43,028</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

14 Investment property

2025

£

Fair value

At 6 April 2024 and 5 April 2025

1,744,181

The freehold property is treated as an investment property and is included at fair value.

The property in Central Buildings and Bridge Street, Ambleside was transferred on 05 April 2006 from The Henry Herd Charitable Trust and The Muriel Lawson 1983 Charitable Trust.

In the opinion of the trustees, assisted by information from Mr Oliver Bateman MRICS FAAV from Carter Jonas who is independent of the charitable trust, the value of the trust's freehold investment property at 06 April 2022 was £1,800,000 an increase on the previous valuation at 05 April 2018 which was £1,302,372. The basis of the valuation of the investment properties was a Net Rental Basis to get an open-market valuation, subject to the existing tenancies and leases. The £1,800,000 valuation is adjusted for the disposal of Rose Cottage which was included in the original valuation at £55,819 to leave £1,744,181.

At the end of the current financial year end, in the opinion of the trustees, the value is unchanged.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Freehold	1,744,181	1,744,181

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15 Fixed asset investments

	Investment portfolio	Cash in portfolio	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 6 April 2024	893,795	70,424	964,219
Additions	66,403	-	66,403
Fair value movements	(49,056)	-	(49,056)
Change in cash held on portfolio	-	(63,240)	(63,240)
Disposals	(9,100)	-	(9,100)
	<u>902,042</u>	<u>7,184</u>	<u>909,226</u>
At 5 April 2025	902,042	7,184	909,226
	<u>902,042</u>	<u>7,184</u>	<u>909,226</u>
Carrying amount			
At 05 April 2025	902,042	7,184	909,226
	<u>902,042</u>	<u>7,184</u>	<u>909,226</u>
At 05 April 2024	893,795	70,424	964,219
	<u>893,795</u>	<u>70,424</u>	<u>964,219</u>

16 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	89,371	59,049
Prepayments and accrued income	7,656	6,904
	<u>97,027</u>	<u>65,953</u>
	<u>97,027</u>	<u>65,953</u>

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	600	-
Trade creditors	2,605	3,299
Other creditors	-	7,883
Accruals and deferred income	3,511	3,307
	<u>6,716</u>	<u>14,489</u>
	<u>6,716</u>	<u>14,489</u>

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18 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 5 April 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Painting reserve	14,818	-	(61,409)	50,000	-	3,409
Extraordinary repairs reserve	33,900	-	(11,970)	12,000	-	33,930
General funds	2,872,159	271,356	(232,026)	(62,000)	(44,837)	2,804,652
	<u>2,920,877</u>	<u>271,356</u>	<u>(305,405)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(44,837)</u>	<u>2,841,991</u>
Previous year:	At 6 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 5 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Painting reserve	32,434	-	(67,616)	50,000	-	14,818
Extraordinary repairs reserve	37,563	-	(15,663)	12,000	-	33,900
General funds	2,847,731	264,086	(220,686)	(62,000)	43,028	2,872,159
	<u>2,917,728</u>	<u>264,086</u>	<u>(303,965)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,028</u>	<u>2,920,877</u>

The specific purposes for which funds are to be applied are as follows:

General funds

Funds are to be available to provide a productive return over time in support of the trust's aims.

Designated fund - painting reserve

Funds are reserved each year so that resources are available to meet the cost of painting the trusts properties which is undertaken every 6 years.

Designated fund - extraordinary repairs reserve

Funds are reserved each year so that sufficient resources are available to meet the costs of extraordinary repairs arising on the trust's properties.

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1113220

Accounts

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Dr J E Barker Mr W M Corin Mr P C Cookson Mr A M Hewitt Mr I M Jenkinson
Charity number	1113220
Principal address	Garburn 14 Church Street Ambleside Cumbria LA22 0BT
Independent examiner	Darren Little FCA Saint & Co Chartered Accountants The Old Police Station Church Street Ambleside Cumbria LA22 0BT
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 9 Highgate Kendal Cumbria LA9 4DA CCLA Fund Managers PO Box 12892 Dunhow Essex CH6 9DL
Investment advisors	Walker Crips Stockbrokers Finsbury Tower 103-105 Bunhill Row London EC1Y 8LZ
Property Managers	Carter Jonas LLP Chartered Surveyors 52 Kirkland Kendal Cumbria LA9 5AP

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THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the trust's governing document, 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).

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects set out in the governing document

All of the property and investments of the charity are held and have been acquired in accordance with the powers available to the trustees. The trustees hold the capital and income of the charity upon trust to apply such parts, and in such proportions, of the income and capital as they may in their own uncontrolled discretion determine: -

One half for: -

The Christian Workers Relief Fund (formerly the Homeworkers' Fund) and for the benefit of needy elderly people, primarily those who are members of Evangelical or Christian Brethren Churches

One half for: -

World Wildlife Fund (W.W.F. - UK) and the British Red Cross Society (British Red Cross)

Charity's aims

The trustees aim to maintain an appropriate level of distributions to benefit charities within the prescribed list whilst, at the same time, doing their best to safeguard the value of the assets entrusted to them.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the trust should undertake.

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

Distributions

During the financial year under review, the trustees made, in accordance with the objectives of the charity, distributions totalling £120,500, a detailed breakdown is shown in the notes to the financial statement.

Investment property

All the trusts' properties have been let throughout the year with a few, but limited, voids on changes in tenancy.

Repair works during the pandemic had been at a much reduced level. Following the lifting of all restrictions the level of repairs during the year had increased considerably and continued to be increased. Following the painting of Bridge Street, painting work had commenced on Central Buildings in late October. Due to adverse conditions in the Autumn the work was only partially completed and work to finalise the painting will recommence in the late Spring.

Given the age of the Trust's properties the annual repairs are likely to continue to fluctuate significantly from year to year.

Portfolio investments

Despite geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and Far East most of the developed economies have demonstrated notable resilience which has resulted in recent solid performances.

US economy is still performing well and the UK appears to have turned a corner regarding inflation.

The Trusts Portfolio values have slightly increased whilst dividend payments have more than doubled for 2023/24.

The investment portfolio had performed well with a net gain of £43,028.

Summary of main difference that the charity's work has made for its beneficiaries during the year

Reports are received each year from each of the charities supported - these set out the activities undertaken by those charities with funds provided to them.

The two large international charities supported by HLMLT were affected by challenges such as warfare, pandemic, climate change etc and they were grateful for the help the Trust was able to give this year. The cost of living pressures caused serious funding problems for all charities and for individual recipients. The beneficiaries were grateful for the Trust's continuing support.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Financial review

Annual performance review

During the year under review, the gross rental income from property investments was £231,195.

The total costs attributable to the freehold properties paid from unrestricted funds amounted to £162,268 of which £95,616 was for general repairs and maintenance, £26,135 was for insurance and £39,098 for rent collection and management of the properties.

Transfers to reserves of £50,000 for the cost of future painting of the properties and £12,000 for extraordinary repairs have been included in this year's financial statements.

Investment portfolios review

All the Trust's investments continue to be managed very well by Walker Crips following the changes reported last year. The portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis, medium risk, balanced return, with an annual client suitability review.

The Trustees noted the portfolio increased in value to £964,219 in the course of the year. This represents a net gain of £43,028 (2023: £79,169 net loss). The Trust has received dividends of £23,361 (2023: £11,324) during the year.

Reserves policy

1) The policy of the trustees is to maintain

- a cash reserve of £60,000 at each year end inflation linked from 5th April 2009
- a portfolio of investments of £360,000 inflation linked from 5th April 2009 and subsequently increased by £400,000 in 2022/23 following the disposal of a rental property.

The index linked figure of the cash reserve at 5th April 2024 is calculated at £108,755. The cash reserve at the year-end was £161,013, £52,258 in excess of the index linked figure.

The index linked figure for the portfolio of investments at 5th April 2024 is calculated at £1,069,790. The portfolio of investments at the year-end was £964,219, £105,571 less than the index linked figure.

2) The trustees shall consider making extra distributions when the value of investments is shown to be higher than this reserve after considering any surplus or deficit in the cash free unrestricted reserve. This shall only be considered if the reserves have been maintained for a period of 2 years.

3) The trustees have continued their policy of making transfers to the Extraordinary Repairs Reserve and to the Painting Reserve.

Principal financial management policies adopted

The trustees meet on a regular basis during the year and monitor the cash reserve and financial position of the charity. The trustees have enlisted professionals for key tasks such as the management of the properties and the investment portfolios.

Principal funding sources and how expenditure in the year under review has supported the key objectives of the charity

The income generated from the following sources:

- Rental income from the investment properties
- Dividend income from the investment portfolios
- Bank interest

Plans for future periods

The trustees will continue their work to realise the aims of the charity. In particular, following the recent review of all the trust's operations, they will work to try to ensure that the potential for increasing the Trust's net income and distribution levels is secured in the longer term.

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is a registered charity, number 1113220, formed by a trust deed dated 22nd February 2006. All assets of the Muriel Lawson 1983 Charitable Trust and assets of an equal value from the Henry Herd Charitable Trust were transferred to the charity in March 2006. The assets include freehold property in Bridge Street and Central Buildings in Ambleside and two portfolios of investments. In November 2014 the trustees transferred the freehold of all their properties to the Official Custodian for Charities.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr B Herd

(Retired 30 November 2023)

Dr J E Barker

Mr W M Corin

Mr P C Cookson

Mr A M Hewitt

Mr I M Jenkinson

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

When there is a need for new trustees the existing trustees look to select suitable candidates who, through past experience and qualification, would continue the policy of enabling a broad input to their decision making.

Organisational structure

The structure of the trust consists of a board of trustees supported by an administrator. Key tasks such as the management of the properties and the investment portfolios is undertaken by specialist professionals appointed by the trustees and reporting to them on a regular basis.

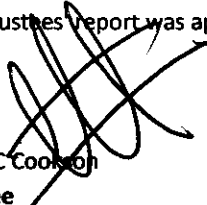
Induction and training of trustees

New trustees are provided with information about and the opportunity to discuss any aspects of the trust's operations including its background, recent activities, current financial position and control documents. Trustees also have the opportunity for meetings with the property and investment managers and the accountants to the trust, as well as meetings and liaising with the other trustees. Background and development information from the Charity Commission is also provided.

Other matters

Risk management: The principal risk faced by the trust lies in the performance of the freehold investment property. The trustees have appointed Carter Jonas LLP, professional chartered surveyors, to manage the properties. The trustees have also considered the variability of the investment performance of the share portfolios. This is mitigated by retaining professional investment managers and having a diversified investment policy.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr P C Cookson
Trustee

27 June 2024

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust (the trust) for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the trust you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

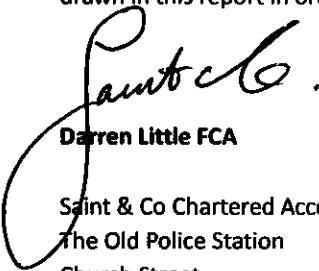
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 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 financial statements to be reached.



Darren Little FCA

Saint & Co Chartered Accountants
The Old Police Station
Church Street
Ambleside
Cumbria
LA22 0BT

Dated: 27 June 2024.

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	1,000	1,000
Charitable activities	4	231,195	228,316
Investments	5	31,891	15,857
Total income		264,086	245,173
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	6	303,965	271,901
Total expenditure		303,965	271,901
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	43,028	837,570
Net income and movement in funds		3,149	810,842
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 6 April 2023		2,917,728	2,106,886
Fund balances at 5 April 2024		2,920,877	2,917,728

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

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investment property	14		1,744,181		1,744,181
Investments	15		964,219		929,406
			<u>2,708,400</u>		<u>2,673,587</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	16	65,953		45,130	
Cash at bank and in hand		161,013		211,705	
		<u>226,966</u>		<u>256,835</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(14,489)		(12,694)	
Net current assets			<u>212,477</u>		<u>244,141</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>2,920,877</u>		<u>2,917,728</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>2,920,877</u>		<u>2,917,728</u>
			<u><u>2,920,877</u></u>		<u><u>2,917,728</u></u>
The funds of the trust					
Unrestricted funds			<u>2,920,877</u>		<u>2,917,728</u>
			<u>2,920,877</u>		<u>2,917,728</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27 June 2024


 Mr P C Cookson
 Trustee

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 14 Church Street, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 0BT.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

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

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income is represented by investment income receivable and rent collected from tenants of Central Buildings and Bridge Street, Ambleside.
- Dividends are included on a receipts basis, whilst bank and building society interest is included on an accruals basis.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Charitable distributions are decided by trustees at a general meeting and payment is then made to the charitable institutions.

1.6 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the trust's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	1,000	1,000
Donations and gifts		
Chiltern Charitable Trust	1,000	1,000
	1,000	1,000

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Property rental		
Charitable rental income	231,195	228,316

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Dividend income receivable	23,361	11,324
Interest receivable	8,530	4,533
	31,891	15,857

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Property rental expenditure 2024 £	Investment portfolio expenditure 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Property rental expenditure 2023 £	Investment portfolio expenditure 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Direct costs						
General repairs and maintenance	95,616	-	95,616	70,775	-	70,775
Property insurance	26,135	-	26,135	24,657	-	24,657
Property management fees	39,098	-	39,098	35,878	-	35,878
Legal fees	1,419	-	1,419	1,248	-	1,248
Portfolio management	-	9,129	9,129	-	6,256	6,256
	<u>162,268</u>	<u>9,129</u>	<u>171,397</u>	<u>132,558</u>	<u>6,256</u>	<u>138,814</u>
 Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	 120,500	 -	 120,500	 120,500	 -	 120,500
 Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)						
Support	10,148	-	10,148	10,667	-	10,667
Governance	1,920	-	1,920	1,920	-	1,920
	<u>294,836</u>	<u>9,129</u>	<u>303,965</u>	<u>265,645</u>	<u>6,256</u>	<u>271,901</u>
 Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	<u>294,836</u>	<u>9,129</u>	<u>303,965</u>	<u>265,645</u>	<u>6,256</u>	<u>271,901</u>

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

7 Grants payable

	Property rental expenditure 2024 £	Property rental expenditure 2023 £
Grants to institutions:		
British Red Cross	30,000	30,000
World Wide Fund for Nature	30,000	30,000
Christian Workers Relief Fund	21,600	22,800
Hospice at Home West Cumbria	14,900	15,600
Hospice of St Mary of Furness	9,600	10,800
Spring Mount Christian Fellowship	3,600	3,600
Ambleside Welfare Charity	3,600	3,600
Sight Advice South Lakes	2,400	2,400
Sandhills Lane Christian Brethren Church	1,200	1,200
Parr Street, Evangelical Church	3,600	-
Cumbria Wildlife Trust	-	500
	<u>120,500</u>	<u>120,500</u>

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	Property rental expenditure 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	5,532	5,504
Office heat and light	779	1,059
Insurance	1,327	1,590
Accountancy fees	1,254	1,378
Cost of meetings	228	58
Telephone	523	485
Other office costs	342	442
Stationery, postages and IT support	163	151
Governance	1,920	1,920
	<u>12,068</u>	<u>12,587</u>

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8	Support costs allocated to activities	(Continued)	
		2024	2023
		£	£
	Governance costs comprise:		
	Audit fees	1,920	1,920
		<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,920</u>
9	Net movement in funds	2024	2023
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,920	1,920
	Loss/(profit) on disposal of investment property	-	(419,111)
		<u>-</u>	<u>(419,111)</u>
10	Trustees		
	None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the trust during the year.		
11	Employees		
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was:		
		2024	2023
		Number	Number
		1	1
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	Employment costs	2024	2023
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	5,532	5,504
		<u>5,532</u>	<u>5,504</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

12 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	43,028	(79,169)
Revaluation of investment properties	-	497,628
Sale of investment properties	-	419,111
	<u>43,028</u>	<u>837,570</u>

During the previous year a long term rental property was disposed of by the trustees, The £419,111 gain on sale relates to the trust receiving proceeds in excess of the valuation of the property held in the charity's balance sheet which are under a net rental basis. Before the long term rental property was disposed the trustees obtained an updated valuation of the properties held in the charity's balance sheet under the net rental basis. This led to an increase in the balance sheet value of £497,628 to £1,800,000 overall prior to the disposal.

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

14 Investment property

	2024 £
Fair value	
At 6 April 2023 and 5 April 2024	<u>1,744,181</u>

The freehold property is treated as an investment property and is included at fair value.

The property in Central Buildings and Bridge Street, Ambleside was transferred on 05 April 2006 from The Henry Herd Charitable Trust and The Muriel Lawson 1983 Charitable Trust.

In the opinion of the trustees, assisted by information from Mr Oliver Bateman MRICS FAAV from Carter Jonas who is independent of the charitable trust, the value of the trust's freehold investment property at 06 April 2022 was £1,800,000 an increase on the previous valuation at 05 April 2018 which was £1,302,372. The basis of the valuation of the investment properties was a Net Rental Basis to get an open-market valuation, subject to the existing tenancies and leases. The £1,800,000 valuation is adjusted for the disposal of Rose Cottage which was included in the original valuation at £55,819 to leave £1,744,181.

At the end of the current financial year end, in the opinion of the trustees, the value is unchanged.

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14	Investment property	(Continued)	
		2024	2023
		£	£
	Freehold	1,744,181	1,744,181
15	Fixed asset investments		
		Investment portfolio	Cash in portfolio
		£	£
	Cost or valuation		Total
		£	£
	At 6 April 2023	529,406	400,000
	Additions	321,361	-
	Fair value movements	43,028	-
	Change in cash held on portfolio	-	(329,576)
	At 5 April 2024	893,795	70,424
	Carrying amount		
	At 05 April 2024	893,795	70,424
	At 05 April 2023	529,406	400,000
16	Debtors		
		2024	2023
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Other debtors	59,049	38,384
	Prepayments and accrued income	6,904	6,746
		65,953	45,130
17	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2024	2023
		£	£
	Trade creditors	3,299	1,600
	Other creditors	7,883	7,555
	Accruals and deferred income	3,307	3,539
		14,489	12,694

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18 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 5 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Painting reserve	32,434	-	(67,616)	50,000	-	14,818
Extraordinary repairs reserve	37,563	-	(15,663)	12,000	-	33,900
General funds	2,847,731	264,086	(220,686)	(62,000)	43,028	2,872,159
	<u>2,917,728</u>	<u>264,086</u>	<u>(303,965)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,028</u>	<u>2,920,877</u>
Previous year:	At 6 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Painting reserve	75,000	-	(57,566)	15,000	-	32,434
Extraordinary repairs reserve	25,563	-	-	12,000	-	37,563
General funds	2,006,323	245,173	(214,335)	(27,000)	837,570	2,847,731
	<u>2,106,886</u>	<u>245,173</u>	<u>(271,901)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>837,570</u>	<u>2,917,728</u>

The specific purposes for which funds are to be applied are as follows:

General funds

Funds are to be available to provide a productive return over time in support of the trust's aims.

Designated fund - painting reserve

Funds are reserved each year so that resources are available to meet the cost of painting the trusts properties which is undertaken every 6 years.

Designated fund - extraordinary repairs reserve

Funds are reserved each year so that sufficient resources are available to meet the costs of extraordinary repairs arising on the trust's properties.

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1113220

Accounts

**The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson
Charitable Trust**

**Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended
5 April 2023**

Charity Registration Number: 1113220

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Dr B Herd Dr J E Barker Mr W M Corin Mr P C Cookson Mr A M Hewitt Mr I M Jenkinson
Charity number	1113220
Principal address	Garburn 14 Church Street Ambleside Cumbria LA22 0BT
Independent examiner	Darren Little FCA Saint & Co Chartered Accountants The Old Police Station Church Street Ambleside Cumbria LA22 0BT
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 9 Highgate Kendal Cumbria LA9 4DA CCLA Fund Managers One Angel Lane London EC4R 3AB
Investment advisors	Walker Crips Stockbrokers Finsbury Tower 103-105 Bunhill Row London EC1Y 8LZ
Property Managers	Carter Jonas LLP Chartered Surveyors 52 Kirkland Kendal Cumbria LA9 5AP

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the trust's governing document, 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).

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects set out in the governing document

All of the property and investments of the charity are held and have been acquired in accordance with the powers available to the trustees. The trustees hold the capital and income of the charity upon trust to apply such parts, and in such proportions, of the income and capital as they may in their own uncontrolled discretion determine: -

One half for: -

The Christian Workers Relief Fund (formerly the Homeworkers' Fund) and for the benefit of needy elderly people, primarily those who are members of Evangelical or Christian Brethren Churches

One half for: -

World Wildlife Fund (W.W.F. - UK) and the British Red Cross Society (British Red Cross)

Charity's aims

The trustees aim to maintain an appropriate level of distributions to benefit charities within the prescribed list whilst, at the same time, doing their best to safeguard the value of the assets entrusted to them.

Public Benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the trust should undertake.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Distributions

The investment portfolio had not performed as well as in the previous year with a net loss of £79,021. The Trustees were aware of the exceptional financial difficulties faced by their beneficiaries and had reluctantly agreed to reduce the level of distributions to the normal £120,000 after the increase to £150,000 in 2021/22.

During the financial year under review, the trustees made, in accordance with the objectives of the charity, distributions totalling £120,500, a detailed breakdown is shown in the notes to the financial statement.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Achievements and performance

Summary of main achievements of the charity during the year

Investment property

All the trusts' properties have been let throughout the year with a few, but limited, voids on changes in tenancy.

Repair works during the pandemic had been at a much reduced level. Following the lifting of all restrictions the level of repairs during the year had increased considerably. The postponed painting of Bridge Street had been completed during the year. Given the age of the Trust's properties the annual repairs are likely to continue to fluctuate significantly from year to year. Further details are included in the performance review.

A long term rental property had been vacated. The trustees considered that the level of repair was substantial and the rental income could not warrant the cost of refurbishment. It was decided reluctantly to sell the property and a sale was completed in late December 2022. The net proceeds of the sale had been invested to cover any major future repairs of the properties.

Portfolio investments

2022/23 was a turbulent year for the Stock Markets throughout the world. The Russian invasion of Ukraine had a profound effect. Soaring wide-spread inflation, the cost of living crisis and Brexit had continued to take its toll. The UK is the only member of the G7 with an economy smaller than prior to the pandemic.

The UK market suffered from political instability. The Trust's portfolio had lost value and by the end of the end of the 2022/23 financial year the portfolio had shown a loss of 12.9%. The balance in the portfolio at the year end was inflated by the £400,000 introduced following the sale of the long term rental.

Summary of main difference that the charity's work has made for its beneficiaries during the year

Reports are received each year from each of the charities supported - these set out the activities undertaken by those charities with funds provided to them.

The two large international charities supported by HLMLT were affected by challenges such as warfare, pandemic, climate change etc and they were grateful for the help the Trust was able to give this year. Lock down restrictions and cost of living pressures caused serious funding problems for all charities and for individual recipients. The beneficiaries were grateful for the Trust's continuing support.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Financial review

Review of financial position of the charity

Annual performance review

During the year under review, the gross rental income from property investments was £228,316.

The total costs attributable to the freehold properties paid from unrestricted funds amounted to £132,558 of which £70,775 was for general repairs and maintenance, £24,657 was for insurance and £35,878 for rent collection and management of the properties.

Transfers to reserves of £15,000 for the cost of future painting of the properties and £12,000 for extraordinary repairs have been included in this year's financial statements.

Investment portfolios review

All the Trust's investments continue to be managed very well by Walker Crips following the changes reported last year. The portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis, medium risk, balanced return, with an annual client suitability review.

The Trustees noted the portfolio increased in value to £929,406 in the course of the year but this included the £400,000 from the sale of the long term rental. This represents a net loss of £79,169 (2022: £26,086 net loss). The Trust has received dividends of £11,324 (2022: £9,931) during the year.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

1) The policy of the trustees is to maintain a cash reserve of £60,000 at each year end inflation linked from 5th April 2009 and a portfolio of investments of £360,000 inflation linked from 5th April 2009. The index linked figure of the cash reserve at 5th April 2023 is calculated at £104,269 and the index linked figure for the portfolio of investments at 6th April 2023 is calculated at £625,613.

The cash reserve at the year-end was £211,704, £107,435 in excess of the index linked figure.

The portfolio of investments at the year-end was £929,406, £303,793 in excess of the index linked figure.

2) The trustees shall consider making extra distributions when the value of investments is shown to be higher than this reserve after considering any surplus or deficit in the cash free unrestricted reserve. This shall only be considered if the reserves have been maintained for a period of 2 years.

3) The trustees have continued their policy of making transfers to the Extraordinary Repairs Reserve and to the Painting Reserve.

Principal financial management policies adopted

The trustees meet on a regular basis during the year and monitor the cash reserve and financial position of the charity. The trustees have enlisted professionals for key tasks such as the management of the properties and the investment portfolios.

Principal funding sources and how expenditure in the year under review has supported the key objectives of the charity

The income is generated from the following sources:

- Rental income from the investment properties
- Dividend income from the investment portfolios
- Bank interest

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Plans for future periods

The trustees will continue their work to realise the aims of the charity. In particular, following the recent review of all the trust's operations, they will work to try to ensure that the potential for increasing the Trust's net income and distribution levels is secured in the longer term.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is a registered charity, number 1113220, formed by a trust deed dated 22nd February 2006. All assets of the Muriel Lawson 1983 Charitable Trust and assets of an equal value from the Henry Herd Charitable Trust were transferred to the charity in March 2006. The assets include freehold property in Bridge Street and Central Buildings in Ambleside and two portfolios of investments. In November 2014 the trustees transferred the freehold of all their properties to the Official Custodian for Charities.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr B Herd
Dr J E Barker
Mr W M Corin
Mr P C Cookson
Mr A M Hewitt
Mr I M Jenkinson

Methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

When there is a need for new trustees the existing trustees look to select suitable candidates who, through past experience and qualification, would continue the policy of enabling a broad input to their decision making.

Organisational structure

The structure of the trust consists of a board of trustees supported by an administrator. Key tasks such as the management of the properties and the investment portfolios is undertaken by specialist professionals appointed by the trustees and reporting to them on a regular basis.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

New trustees are provided with information about and the opportunity to discuss any aspects of the trust's operations including its background, recent activities, current financial position and control documents. Trustees also have the opportunity for meetings with the property and investment managers and the accountants to the trust, as well as meetings and liaising with the other trustees. Background and development information from the Charity Commission is also provided.

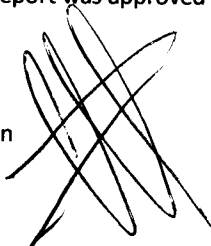
Risk management

The principal risk faced by the trust lies in the performance of the freehold investment property. The trustees have appointed Carter Jonas LLP, professional chartered surveyors, to manage the properties. The trustees have also considered the variability of the investment performance of the share portfolios. This is mitigated by retaining professional investment managers and having a diversified investment policy.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr P C Cookson
Trustee

22 June 2023



THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust (the trust) for the year ended 5 April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the trust you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 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 financial statements to be reached.



Darren Little FCA

Saint & Co Chartered Accountants
The Old Police Station
Church Street
Ambleside
Cumbria
LA22 0BT

Dated: 22 June 2023

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations and legacies	3	1,000	6,500
Charitable activities	4	228,316	234,286
Investments	5	15,857	10,052
Total income		245,173	250,838
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Charitable activities	6	271,901	257,033
 Net gains/(losses) on investments	 11	 837,570	 7,674
 Net movement in funds		 810,842	 1,479
 Fund balances at 6 April 2022		 2,106,886	 2,105,407
Fund balances at 5 April 2023		2,917,728	2,106,886

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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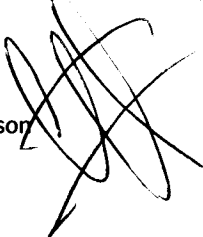
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investment property	13		1,744,181		1,302,372
Investments	14		929,406		608,575
			<u>2,673,587</u>		<u>1,910,947</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	15	45,130		27,174	
Cash at bank and in hand		211,705		182,015	
		<u>256,835</u>		<u>209,189</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(12,694)		(13,250)	
Net current assets			<u>244,141</u>		<u>195,939</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>2,917,728</u>		<u>2,106,886</u>
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	17	69,997		100,563	
General unrestricted funds		<u>2,847,731</u>		<u>2,006,323</u>	
			<u>2,917,728</u>		<u>2,106,886</u>
			<u>2,917,728</u>		<u>2,106,886</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22 June 2023

Mr P C Cookson
Trustee



THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 14 Church Street, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 0BT.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

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

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income is represented by investment income receivable and rent collected from tenants of Central Buildings and Bridge Street, Ambleside.
- Dividends are included on a receipts basis, whilst bank and building society interest is included on an accruals basis.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Charitable distributions are decided by trustees at a general meeting and payment is then made to the charitable institutions.

1.6 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the trust's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Donations and gifts	1,000	6,500
Donations and gifts		
Chiltern Charitable Trust	1,000	1,000
The Henry Herd Charitable Trust	-	5,500
	1,000	6,500

4 Charitable activities

	Property rental 2023 £	Property rental 2022 £
Charitable rental income	228,316	234,286

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Dividend income receivable	11,324	9,931
Interest receivable	4,533	121
	15,857	10,052

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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6 Charitable activities

	Property rental expenditure 2023 £	Investment portfolio expenditure 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Property rental expenditure 2022 £	Investment portfolio expenditure 2022 £	Total 2022 £
General repairs and maintenance	70,775	-	70,775	22,620	-	22,620
Property insurance	24,657	-	24,657	22,318	-	22,318
Property management fees	35,878	-	35,878	36,880	-	36,880
Legal fees	1,248	-	1,248	210	-	210
Portfolio management	-	6,256	6,256	-	7,288	7,288
	<u>132,558</u>	<u>6,256</u>	<u>138,814</u>	<u>82,028</u>	<u>7,288</u>	<u>89,316</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	120,500	-	120,500	155,500	-	155,500
Share of support costs (see note 8)	10,667	-	10,667	10,297	-	10,297
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,920	-	1,920	1,920	-	1,920
	<u>265,645</u>	<u>6,256</u>	<u>271,901</u>	<u>249,745</u>	<u>7,288</u>	<u>257,033</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

7 Grants payable

	Property rental expenditure 2023 £	Property rental expenditure 2022 £
Grants to institutions:		
British Red Cross	30,000	37,500
World Wide Fund for Nature	30,000	37,500
Christian Workers Relief Fund	22,800	28,900
Hospice at Home West Cumbria	15,600	19,800
Hospice of St Mary of Furness	10,800	13,800
Spring Mount Christian Fellowship	3,600	4,500
Ambleside Welfare Charity	3,600	4,500
Sight Advice South Lakes	2,400	3,000
Sandhills Lane Christian Brethren Church	1,200	1,500
Parr Street, Evangelical Church	-	4,500
Cumbria Wildlife Trust	500	-
	<u>120,500</u>	<u>155,500</u>

8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £
Staff costs	5,504	-	5,504	5,503	-	5,503
Office heat and light	1,059	-	1,059	629	-	629
Insurance	1,590	-	1,590	1,022	-	1,022
Accountancy fees	1,378	-	1,378	2,038	-	2,038
Cost of meetings	58	-	58	38	-	38
Telephone	485	-	485	658	-	658
Other office costs	442	-	442	259	-	259
Stationery, postages and IT support	151	-	151	150	-	150
Audit fees	-	1,920	1,920	-	1,920	1,920
	<u>10,667</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>12,587</u>	<u>10,297</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>12,217</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>10,667</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>12,587</u>	<u>10,297</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>12,217</u>

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the trust during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	5,504	5,503
	<u>5,504</u>	<u>5,503</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	(79,169)	7,674
Revaluation of investment properties	497,628	-
Gain/(loss) on sale of investment properties	419,111	-
	<u>837,570</u>	<u>7,674</u>

During the year a long term rental property was disposed of by the trustees, The £419,111 gain on sale relates to the trust receiving proceeds in excess of the valuation of the property held in the charity's balance sheet which are under a net rental basis.

Before the long term rental property was disposed the trustees obtained an updated valuation of the properties held in the charity's balance sheet under the net rental basis. This led to an increase in the balance sheet value of £497,628 to £1,800,000 overall prior to the disposal.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

13 Investment property

	2023
	£
Fair value	
At 6 April 2022	1,302,372
Disposals	(55,819)
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	497,628
At 5 April 2023	1,744,181

The freehold property is treated as an investment property and is included at fair value.

The property in Central Buildings and Bridge Street, Ambleside was transferred on 05 April 2006 from The Henry Herd Charitable Trust and The Muriel Lawson 1983 Charitable Trust.

In the opinion of the trustees, assisted by information from Mr Oliver Bateman MRICS FAAV from Carter Jonas who is independent of the charitable trust, the value of the trust's freehold investment property at 06 April 2022 was £1,800,000 an increase on the previous valuation at 05 April 2018 which was £1,302,372. The basis of the valuation of the investment properties was a Net Rental Basis to get an open-market valuation, subject to the existing tenancies and leases.

At the end of the current financial year end, in the opinion of the trustees, the value is unchanged from the valuation at the start of the financial year after taking into account the disposal of Rose Cottage which was included in the original valuation at £55,819.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Freehold	1,744,181	1,302,372
Long leasehold	-	-
Short leasehold	-	-

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

14 Fixed asset investments

	Investment portfolio £
Cost or valuation	
At 6 April 2022	608,575
Fair value movements	(79,169)
Change in cash held on portfolio	400,000
At 5 April 2023	929,406
Carrying amount	
At 05 April 2023	929,406
At 05 April 2022	608,575

Investments at fair value comprised: -

U.K. equities	504,065
Unit Trusts	25,341
Cash	400,000
	929,406

Investments in individual entities held at 5 April 2023 which are over 5% of the portfolio by value are:

Herald Investment Trust	46,277
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	43,697
JP Morgan Global Growth & Income	36,960
Fund Smith LLP Equity	33,077
	160,011

All investments are held to provide an investment return for the charity.

15 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	38,384	21,163
Prepayments and accrued income	6,746	6,011
	45,130	27,174

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	1,600	1,700
Other creditors	7,555	8,026
Accruals and deferred income	3,539	3,524
	<u>12,694</u>	<u>13,250</u>

17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 6 April 2021 £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Painting reserve	60,000	-	15,000	75,000	(57,566)	15,000	32,434
Extraordinary repairs reserve	18,357	(4,794)	12,000	25,563	-	12,000	37,563
	<u>78,357</u>	<u>(4,794)</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>100,563</u>	<u>(57,566)</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>69,997</u>

The specific purposes for which funds are to be applied are as follows:

General funds

Funds are to there to be available to provide a productive return over time in support of the trust's aims.

Designated fund - painting reserve

Funds are reserved each year so that resources are available to meet the cost of painting the trusts properties which is undertaken every 6 years.

Designated fund - extraordinary repairs reserve

Funds are reserved each year so that sufficient resources are available to meet the costs of extraordinary repairs arising on the trust's properties.

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1113220

Accounts

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended
5 April 2022

Charity Registration Number: 1113220

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Financial Statements

Year ended 5 April 2022

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The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 5 April 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2022.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust
Charity registration number	1113220
Principal office	The Estate Office 14 Church Street Ambleside Cumbria

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The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 5 April 2022

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The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 5 April 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Trust is a registered charity, number 1113220, formed by a trust deed dated 22nd February 2006. All assets of the Muriel Lawson 1983 Charitable Trust and assets of an equal value from the Henry Herd Charitable Trust were transferred to the charity in March 2006. The assets include freehold property in Bridge Street and Central Buildings in Ambleside and two portfolios of investments.

In November 2014 the trustees transferred the freehold of all their properties to the Official Custodian for Charities.

Methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

When there is a need for new trustees the existing trustees look to select suitable candidates who, through past experience and qualification, would continue the policy of enabling a broad input to their decision making.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

New trustees are provided with information about and the opportunity to discuss any aspects of the trust's operations including its background, recent activities, current financial position and control documents. Trustees also have the opportunity for meetings with the property and investment managers and the accountants to the trust, as well as meetings and liaising with the other trustees. Background and development information from the Charity Commission is also provided.

Organisational structure

The structure of the trust consists of a board of trustees supported by an administrator. Key tasks such as the management of the properties and the investment portfolios is undertaken by specialist professionals appointed by the trustees and reporting to them on a regular basis.

Risk management

The principal risk faced by the trust lies in the performance of the freehold investment property. The trustees have appointed Carter Jonas LLP, professional chartered surveyors, to manage the properties.

The trustees have also considered the variability of the investment performance of the share portfolios. This is mitigated by retaining professional investment managers and having a diversified investment policy.

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 5 April 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects set out in the governing document

All of the property and investments of the charity are held and have been acquired in accordance with the powers available to the trustees. The trustees hold the capital and income of the charity upon trust to apply such parts, and in such proportions, of the income and capital as they may in their own uncontrolled discretion determine: -

One half for: -

The Christian Workers Relief Fund (formerly the Homeworkers' Fund) and for the benefit of needy elderly people, primarily those who are members of Evangelical or Christian Brethren Churches

One half for: -

World Wildlife Fund (W.W.F. - UK) and the British Red Cross Society (British Red Cross)

Charity's aims

The trustees aim to maintain an appropriate level of distributions to benefit charities within the prescribed list whilst, at the same time, doing their best to safeguard the value of the assets entrusted to them.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Distributions

The investment portfolio performed very well in the year 20/21, with a net gain of £155,391. The Trustees were aware of the exceptional financial difficulties faced by their beneficiaries. It was decided to liquidise £30,000 of the portfolio gain. This enabled an increase in distributions to be made, from a total of £120,000 to £150,000. A 25% increase was made to each donation. It was explained to the beneficiaries the increase was unlikely to be sustainable.

The Trustees are responsible for a closely related Trust, the Henry Herd Trust, (HHT). HHT owns a church and has an investment portfolio managed by Rathbones. The terms of HHT are identical to those of the original Herd Lawson Trust. A capital drawdown of £13,000 was made from the HHT portfolio and each of its distributions were increased by 25%. The surplus of the drawdown, namely £5,500, was transferred to the HLML Trust. This was added to the distributions to the Christian Workers Relief Fund and the two Hospice charities.

During the financial year under review, the trustees made, in accordance with the objectives of the charity, distributions totalling £155,500, as follows:

British Red Cross	37,500
World Wide Fund for Nature	37,500
Christian Workers Relief Fund	28,900
Hospice at Home West Cumbria	19,800
Hospice of St Mary of Furness	13,800
Spring Mount Christian Fellowship	4,500
Ambleside Welfare Charity	4,500
Sight Advice South Lakes	3,000
Sandhills Lane Christian Brethren Church	1,500
Parr Street Evangelical Church	4,500
Ambleside Baptist Church	—

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 5 April 2022

Public Benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the objectives and in planning for future activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of main achievements of the charity during the year

Investment property

All the trusts' properties have been let throughout the year with a few, but limited, voids on changes in tenancy. The total rental income has returned to pre Covid-19 pandemic levels.

After recent high levels of repair costs, totals this year have been at much reduced levels. Given the age of the Trusts' properties however, the annual repair bills are likely to continue to fluctuate significantly from year to year. Further details are included in the annual performance review.

Investments

The domestic economy picked up following a partial relaxation of the lockdown measures. The portfolio grew steadily for the first seven months, with a gain of 12% by November 2021. A slow decline followed. On 24th February 2022 the Russian army invaded Ukraine and fierce fighting followed. The portfolio fell sharply to - 6%. By the end of the 2021/22 financial year it showed a gain of 1.67%, compared to a gain of 26% in the 2020/21 financial year.

Summary of main difference that the charity's work has made for its beneficiaries during the year

Reports are received each year from each of the charities supported - these set out the activities undertaken by those charities with funds provided to them.

The two large international charities supported by HLMLT were affected by challenges such as warfare, pandemic, climate change etc and they were grateful for the increased help the Trust was able to give this year. Lock down restrictions and cost of living pressures caused serious funding problems for all charities and for individual recipients. The beneficiaries were grateful for the Trust's continuing support.

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 5 April 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of financial position of the charity

Annual performance review

During the year under review, the gross rental income from property investments was £234,286.

The total costs attributable to the freehold properties paid from unrestricted funds amounted to £82,029 of which £22,621 was for general repairs and maintenance, £22,318 was for insurance and £36,880 for rent collection and management of the properties.

There were no capital improvements during the year.

Transfers to reserves of £15,000 for the cost of future painting of the properties and £12,000 for extraordinary repairs have been included in this year's financial statements.

Investment portfolios review

All the Trust's investments continue to be managed very well by Walker Crips following the changes reported last year. The portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis, medium risk, balanced return, with an annual client suitability review.

The trustees noted the portfolios had decreased in value to £608,575 in the course of the year. This represents a net loss of £26,086 (2021: £131,381 net profit). The Trust has received dividends of £9,931 (2021: £8,604) during the year.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

1) The policy of the trustees is to maintain a cash reserve of £60,000 at each year end inflation linked from 5th April 2009 and a portfolio of investments of £360,000 inflation linked from 5th April 2009. The index linked figure of the cash reserve at 5th April 2021 is calculated at £91,860 and the index linked figure for the portfolio of investments at 6th April 2021 is calculated at £551,159.

The cash reserve at the year-end was £182,015, £90,155 in excess of the index linked figure.

The portfolio of investments at the year-end was £608,575, £57,416 in excess of the index linked figure.

2) The trustees shall consider making extra distributions when the value of investments is shown to be higher than this reserve after considering any surplus or deficit in the cash free unrestricted reserve. This shall only be considered if the reserves have been maintained for a period of 2 years.

3) The trustees have continued their policy of making transfers to the Extraordinary Repairs Reserve and to the Painting Reserve.

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 5 April 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW *(continued)*

Principal financial management policies adopted

The trustees meet on a regular basis during the year and monitor the cash reserve and financial position of the charity. The trustees have enlisted professionals for key tasks such as the management of the properties and the investment portfolios.

Principal funding sources and how expenditure in the year under review has supported the key objectives of the charity

The income is generated from the following sources:

- Rental income from the investment properties
- Dividend income from the investment portfolios
- Bank interest

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The trustees will continue their work to realise the aims of the charity. In particular, following the recent review of all the trust's operations, they will work to try to ensure that the potential for increasing the Trust's net income and distribution levels is secured in the longer term.

COVID-19 implications

Following removal of Covid-19 restrictions for virus control measures on the Charity's operations, all tenants are now paying full rent. Trustees have now implemented full maintenance issues postponed during the pandemic. Painting of Bridge Street properties will be commenced in May 2022. Central Buildings properties will be painted in 2023. Rent reviews postponed during restriction issues will now be undertaken.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 16 June 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


Mr P C Cooks
Trustee

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Year ended 5 April 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 5 April 2022.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 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.


Mr Darren Little FCA
Independent Examiner

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23 June 2022.

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 5 April 2022

		2022		2021
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	6,500	6,500	1,000
Charitable activities - rental income	5	234,286	234,286	169,677
Investment income	6	10,052	10,052	8,731
Total income		<u>250,838</u>	<u>250,838</u>	<u>179,408</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Property expenses	7	82,029	82,029	59,664
Investment management costs	8	7,288	7,288	6,098
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	167,716	167,716	132,576
Total expenditure		<u>257,033</u>	<u>257,033</u>	<u>198,338</u>
 Net gains on investments	 10	 7,674	 7,674	 155,391
 Net income and net movement in funds		 <u>1,479</u>	 <u>1,479</u>	 <u>136,461</u>
 Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		2,105,407	2,105,407	1,968,946
Total funds carried forward		<u>2,106,886</u>	<u>2,106,886</u>	<u>2,105,407</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 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Statement of Financial Position

5 April 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	15	1,302,372	1,302,372
Investments	16	608,575	634,661
		<u>1,910,947</u>	<u>1,937,033</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	17	27,175	24,125
Cash at bank and in hand		182,015	154,548
		<u>209,190</u>	<u>178,673</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	18	13,251	10,299
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>195,939</u>	<u>168,374</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,106,886</u>	<u>2,105,407</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted funds		2,106,886	2,105,407
Total charity funds	19	<u>2,106,886</u>	<u>2,105,407</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 16 June 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr P C Cookson
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 5 April 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 14 Church Street, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 0BT.

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 Charities Act 2011.

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.

The trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

GOING CONCERN

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

FUND ACCOUNTING

The charity was formed by a trust deed dated 22 February 2006. All the assets of the Muriel Lawson 1983 Charitable Trust and assets of an equal value from the Henry Herd Charitable Trust were transferred to the charity in March 2006. The assets include freehold property in Bridge Street and Central Buildings Ambleside and two portfolios of investments.

- 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.

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 5 April 2022

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

INCOMING RESOURCES

All income is 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 is represented by investment income receivable and rent collected from tenants of Central Buildings and Bridge Street, Ambleside.
- Dividends are included on a receipts basis, whilst bank and building society interest is included on an accruals basis.

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 consists of property costs associated with the investment property and stockbrokers' fees for management of the investment portfolios.
- 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 the distributions made to the charitable institutions and those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity.

Charitable distributions are decided by trustees at a general meeting and payment is then made to the charitable institutions.

TANGIBLE ASSETS

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Investment property is initially recorded at cost, which includes purchase price and any directly attributable expenditure.

Investment property is revalued to its fair value at each reporting date and any changes in fair value are recognised in income or expenditure.

If a reliable measure of fair value is no longer available without undue cost or effort for an item of investment property, it shall be transferred to tangible assets and treated as such until it is expected that fair value will be reliably measurable on an on-going basis.

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3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

INVESTMENTS

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the trust and their measurement basis are as follows:

Financial assets – trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

4. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
DONATIONS				
Chiltern Charitable Trust	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
The Henry Herd Charitable Trust	5,500	5,500	–	–
	<u>6,500</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - RENTAL INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Rental income receivable	<u>234,286</u>	<u>234,286</u>	<u>169,677</u>	<u>169,677</u>

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6. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	121	121	127	127
Dividend income receivable	9,931	9,931	8,604	8,604
	<u>10,052</u>	<u>10,052</u>	<u>8,731</u>	<u>8,731</u>

7. PROPERTY EXPENSES

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
General repairs and maintenance	22,621	22,621	14,595	14,595
Property insurance	22,318	22,318	20,097	20,097
Property management fees	36,880	36,880	24,972	24,972
Legal fees	210	210	–	–
	<u>82,029</u>	<u>82,029</u>	<u>59,664</u>	<u>59,664</u>

8. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Portfolio management	<u>7,288</u>	<u>7,288</u>	<u>6,098</u>	<u>6,098</u>

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9. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2022	Total fund 2021
	£	£	£	£
British Red Cross	37,500	—	37,500	30,000
World Wide Fund for Nature	37,500	—	37,500	30,000
Christian Workers Relief Fund	28,900	—	28,900	21,600
Hospice at Home West Cumbria	19,800	—	19,800	14,400
Hospice of St Mary of Furness	13,800	—	13,800	10,100
Spring Mount Christian Fellowship	4,500	—	4,500	3,600
Ambleside Welfare Charity	4,500	—	4,500	3,600
Sight Advice South Lakes	3,000	—	3,000	2,400
Sandhills Lane Christian Brethren Church	1,500	—	1,500	1,200
Parr Street, Evangelical Church	4,500	—	4,500	3,600
Governance costs	—	12,216	12,216	12,076
	<u>155,500</u>	<u>12,216</u>	<u>167,716</u>	<u>132,576</u>

Governance - management and administration

Secretarial salaries	—	5,503	5,503	5,500
Office heat and light	—	629	629	506
Insurance	—	1,022	1,022	884
Accountancy fees	—	2,038	2,038	1,373
Independent examiners fee	—	1,920	1,920	1,710
Cost of meetings	—	38	38	—
Telephone	—	658	658	614
Other office costs	—	259	259	194
Stationery, postages and IT support	—	149	149	1,295
	<u>—</u>	<u>12,216</u>	<u>12,216</u>	<u>12,076</u>

10. NET GAINS ON INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Gains/(losses) on other investment assets	<u>7,674</u>	<u>7,674</u>	<u>155,391</u>	<u>155,391</u>

11. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION FEES

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,710</u>

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12. STAFF COSTS

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>5,503</u>	<u>5,500</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2021: 1).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

13. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The Trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2021: £Nil).

Expenses paid to Trustees in the year were £Nil (2021: £Nil), made up of travel costs and other out of pocket expenses.

14. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

The trustees agreed to transfer the sum of £15,000 from unrestricted funds to the designated Painting Reserve fund and the sum of £12,000 from unrestricted funds to the designated Extraordinary Repairs fund.

15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
Cost	
At 6 April 2021 and 5 April 2022	<u>1,302,372</u>
Depreciation	
At 6 April 2021 and 5 April 2022	<u>—</u>
Carrying amount	
At 5 April 2022	<u>1,302,372</u>
At 5 April 2021	<u>1,302,372</u>

Investment property

The freehold property is treated as an investment property and is included at fair value.

The property in Central Buildings and Bridge Street, Ambleside was transferred on 05 April 2006 from The Henry Herd Charitable Trust and The Muriel Lawson 1983 Charitable Trust.

In the opinion of the trustees, assisted by information from Robert J R Allan, Property Consultant who is independent of the charitable trust, the value of the trust's freehold investment property at 05 April 2018 was £1,302,372. The basis of the valuation of the investment properties was a Net Rental Basis to get an open-market valuation, subject to the existing tenancies and leases.

At the current financial year end in the opinion of the trustees, the value is unchanged.

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16. INVESTMENTS

	Investment portfolios £
Cost or valuation	
At 6 April 2021	634,661
Additions	29,657
Disposals	(24,706)
Fair value movements	9,339
Change in cash held on portfolio	(40,376)
At 5 April 2022	<u>608,575</u>
Impairment	
At 6 April 2021 and 5 April 2022	<u>—</u>
Carrying amount	
At 5 April 2022	<u>608,575</u>
At 5 April 2021	<u>634,661</u>
All investments shown above are held at valuation.	
Analysis of investments at 5 April 2022 between portfolios	
Walker Crips Stockbrokers Portfolio	<u>608,575</u>
Investments at fair value comprised: -	
U.K. equities	590,251
Non U.K Investments	18,324
	<u>608,575</u>

Investments in individual entities held at 5 April 2022 which are over 5% of the portfolio by value are:

Herald Investment Trust	50,985
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	70,176
JP Morgan Global Growth & Income	38,157
Fundsmith LLP Equity	32,495
	<u>191,813</u>

All investments are held to provide an investment return for the charity.

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Year ended 5 April 2022

17. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	6,012	5,302
Tenants rents receivable	1,386	10,819
Other debtors	19,777	8,004
	<u>27,175</u>	<u>24,125</u>

18. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,701	1,400
Property management fees	8,026	5,796
Accountancy / independent examiners fees	3,524	3,103
	<u>13,251</u>	<u>10,299</u>

19. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Unrestricted funds

	At 6 Apr 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 5 Apr 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,027,050	250,838	(252,239)	(27,000)	7,674	2,006,323
Designated Fund - Painting Reserve	60,000	–	–	15,000	–	75,000
Designated Fund - Extraordinary Repairs Reserve	18,357	–	(4,794)	12,000	–	25,563
	<u>2,105,407</u>	<u>250,838</u>	<u>(257,033)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>7,674</u>	<u>2,106,886</u>

	At 6 Apr 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 5 Apr 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,914,939	179,408	(195,688)	(27,000)	155,391	2,027,050
Designated Fund - Painting Reserve	45,000	–	–	15,000	–	60,000
Designated Fund - Extraordinary Repairs Reserve	9,007	–	(2,650)	12,000	–	18,357
	<u>1,968,946</u>	<u>179,408</u>	<u>(198,338)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>155,391</u>	<u>2,105,407</u>

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19. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS *(continued)*

The specific purposes for which funds are to be applied are as follows:

General funds

Funds are to be available to provide a productive return over time in support of the trust's aims.

Designated fund - painting reserve

Funds are reserved each year so that resources are available to meet the cost of painting the trusts properties which is undertaken every 6 years.

Designated fund - extraordinary repairs reserve

Funds are reserved each year so that sufficient resources are available to meet the costs of extraordinary repairs arising on the trust's properties.

20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,302,372	1,302,372
Investments	608,575	608,575
Current assets	209,190	209,190
Creditors less than 1 year	(13,251)	(13,251)
Net assets	2,106,886	2,106,886

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,302,372	1,302,372
Investments	634,661	634,661
Current assets	178,673	178,673
Creditors less than 1 year	(10,299)	(10,299)
Net assets	2,105,407	2,105,407

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1113220

Accounts

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

**Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended
5 April 2021**

Charity Registration Number: 1113220

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

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The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 5 April 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2021.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust
Charity registration number	1113220
Principal office	14 Church Street Ambleside Cumbria LA22 0BT

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 5 April 2021

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The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 5 April 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Trust is a registered charity, number 1113220, formed by a trust deed dated 22nd February 2006. All assets of the Muriel Lawson 1983 Charitable Trust and assets of an equal value from the Henry Herd Charitable Trust were transferred to the charity in March 2006. The assets include freehold property in Bridge Street and Central Buildings in Ambleside and two portfolios of investments.

In November 2014 the trustees transferred the freehold of all their properties to the Official Custodian for Charities.

Methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

When there is a need for new trustees the existing trustees look to select suitable candidates who, through past experience and qualification, would continue the policy of enabling a broad input to their decision making.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

New trustees are provided with information about and the opportunity to discuss any aspects of the trust's operations including its background, recent activities, current financial position and control documents. Trustees also have the opportunity for meetings with the property and investment managers and the accountants to the trust, as well as meetings and liaising with the other trustees. Background and development information from the Charity Commission is also provided.

Organisational structure

The structure of the trust consists of a board of trustees supported by an administrator. Key tasks such as the management of the properties and the investment portfolios is undertaken by specialist professionals appointed by the trustees and reporting to them on a regular basis.

Risk management

The principal risk faced by the trust lies in the performance of the freehold investment property. The trustees have appointed Carter Jonas LLP, professional chartered surveyors, to manage the properties.

The trustees have also considered the variability of the investment performance of the share portfolios. This is mitigated by retaining professional investment managers and having a diversified investment policy.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects set out in the governing document

All of the property and investments of the charity are held and have been acquired in accordance with the powers available to the trustees. The trustees hold the capital and income of the charity upon trust to apply such parts, and in such proportions, of the income and capital as they may in their own uncontrolled discretion determine: -

One half for: -

The Christian Workers Relief Fund (formerly the Homeworkers' Fund) and for the benefit of needy elderly people, primarily those who are members of Evangelical or Christian Brethren Churches

One half for: -

World Wildlife Fund (W.W.F. - UK) and the British Red Cross Society (British Red Cross)

Charity's aims

The trustees aim to maintain an appropriate level of distributions to benefit charities within the prescribed list whilst, at the same time, doing their best to safeguard the value of the assets entrusted to them.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Distributions

During the financial year under review, the trustees made, in accordance with the objectives of the charity, distributions totalling £120,500, as follows:

British Red Cross	30,000
World Wide Fund for Nature	30,000
Christian Workers Relief Fund	21,600
Hospice at Home West Cumbria	14,400
Hospice of St Mary of Furness	10,100
Spring Mount Christian Fellowship	3,600
Ambleside Welfare Charity	3,600
Sight Advice South Lakes	2,400
Sandhills Lane Christian Brethren Church	1,200
Parr Street Evangelical Church	3,600
Ambleside Baptist Church	—

Public Benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the objectives and in planning for future activities.

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Year ended 5 April 2021

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of main achievements of the charity during the year

Investment property

All the trusts' properties have been let throughout the year with a few, but limited, voids on changes in tenancy. The total rental income has remained static during the year.

After recent high levels of repair costs, totals this year have been at much reduced levels. Given the age of the Trusts' properties however, the annual repair bills are likely to continue to fluctuate significantly from year to year. Further details are included in the annual performance review.

Investments

Despite continuing uncertainties concerning Brexit, the stock market remained buoyant until March 2020 when, in response to coronavirus pandemic, there was a worldwide major stock market crash. Markets fell by about a third and then followed a recovery.

In the 2019/20 financial year the portfolio value fell by 12% but has increased by 26% during the 2020/21 financial year.

Summary of main difference that the charity's work has made for its beneficiaries during the year

Reports are received each year from each of the charities supported - these set out the activities undertaken by those charities with funds provided to them.

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 5 April 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of financial position of the charity

Annual performance review

During the year under review, the gross rental income from property investments was £169,677.

The total costs attributable to the freehold properties paid from unrestricted funds amounted to £59,664 of which £14,595 was for general repairs and maintenance, £20,097 was for insurance and £24,972 for rent collection and management of the properties.

There were no capital improvements during the year.

Transfers to reserves of £15,000 for the cost of future painting of the properties and £12,000 for extraordinary repairs have been included in this year's financial statements.

Investment portfolios review

At the start of the year the Trust's portfolio managers were Walker Crips stockbrokers and Hargreaves Lansdown. Both portfolios were managed on a discretionary basis. After a thorough appraisal, the Trustees decided to close the Hargreaves Lansdown portfolios because of high charges, poor returns and dissatisfaction with their approach to the Woodford Equity Income Fund.

The Trustees decided to liquidise the portfolios and transfer the proceeds to Walker Crips. The Walker Crips portfolio has been very successfully managed over the last 13 years. The sales took place in early March (before the main part of the stock market fall). The cash was transferred to Walker Crips, for reinvestment at an appropriate time.

The trustees noted the portfolios had increased in value to £634,661 over the course of the year. This represents a net gain of £131,381. The Trust has received dividends of £8,604 (2020: £12,502) during the year.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

- 1) The policy of the trustees is to maintain a cash reserve of £60,000 at each year end inflation linked from 5th April 2009 and a portfolio of investments of £360,000 inflation linked from 5th April 2009. The index linked figure of the cash reserve at 5th April 2021 is calculated at £84,107 and the index linked figure for the portfolio of investments at 6th April 2021 is calculated at £505,840.

The cash reserve at the year-end was £154,548, £70,241 in excess of the index linked figure.

The portfolio of investments at the year-end was £643,661, £128,821 in excess of the index linked figure.

- 2) The trustees shall consider making extra distributions when the value of investments is shown to be higher than this reserve after considering any surplus or deficit in the cash free unrestricted reserve. This shall only be considered if the reserves have been maintained for a period of 2 years.
- 3) The trustees have continued their policy of making transfers to the Extraordinary Repairs Reserve and to the Painting Reserve.

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 5 April 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW *(continued)*

Principal financial management policies adopted

The trustees meet on a regular basis during the year and monitor the cash reserve and financial position of the charity. The trustees have enlisted professionals for key tasks such as the management of the properties and the investment portfolios.

Principal funding sources and how expenditure in the year under review has supported the key objectives of the charity

The income is generated from the following sources:

- Rental income from the investment properties
- Dividend income from the investment portfolios
- Bank interest

Plans for future periods

The trustees will continue their work to realise the aims of the charity. In particular, following the recent review of all the trust's operations, they will work to try to ensure that the potential for increasing the Trust's net income and distribution levels is secured in the longer term.

COVID-19 implications

The trustees have considered the impact of the pandemic / virus control measures on the charity's operations. The trustees made the decision to offer all the commercial tenants a three-month rent holiday for April, May and June 2020. This was accepted by all but one of the commercial tenants. A decision was made by the trustees not to undertake any non-essential work to the properties. In July the trustees reinstated the rent collections for all the commercial properties and from July onwards, considering any maintenance issues.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 5 April 2021

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

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 and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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 applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, 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.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 23 September 2021 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr P C Cookson
Trustee

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Year ended 5 April 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 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.



Mr Darren Little ACA
Independent Examiner

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27 September 2021

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 5 April 2021

		2021		2020
		Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
	Note			
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	1,000	1,000	1,000
Charitable activities - rental income	5	169,677	169,677	233,890
Investment income	6	8,731	8,731	13,425
Total income		<u>179,408</u>	<u>179,408</u>	<u>248,315</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Property expenses	7	59,664	59,664	114,009
Investment management costs	8	6,098	6,098	6,066
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	132,576	132,576	131,661
Total expenditure		<u>198,338</u>	<u>198,338</u>	<u>251,736</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	155,391	155,391	(67,071)
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		<u>136,461</u>	<u>136,461</u>	<u>(70,492)</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		1,968,946	1,968,946	2,039,438
Total funds carried forward		<u>2,105,407</u>	<u>2,105,407</u>	<u>1,968,946</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 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Statement of Financial Position

5 April 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	1,302,372	1,302,372
Investments	16	634,661	503,280
		<u>1,937,033</u>	<u>1,805,652</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	17	24,125	79,347
Cash at bank and in hand		154,548	95,987
		<u>178,673</u>	<u>175,334</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	10,299	12,040
Net current assets		<u>168,374</u>	<u>163,294</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,105,407</u>	<u>1,968,946</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		2,105,407	1,968,946
Total charity funds	19	<u>2,105,407</u>	<u>1,968,946</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 23 September 2021, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr P C Cookson
Trustee



The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

The Herd Lawson and Muriel Lawson Charitable Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 5 April 2021

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 14 Church Street, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 0BT.

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 Charities Act 2011.

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.

The trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

The charity was formed by a trust deed dated 22 February 2006. All the assets of the Muriel Lawson 1983 Charitable Trust and assets of an equal value from the Henry Herd Charitable Trust were transferred to the charity in March 2006. The assets include freehold property in Bridge Street and Central Buildings Ambleside and two portfolios of investments.

- 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.

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3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All income is 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 is represented by investment income receivable and rent collected from tenants of Central Buildings and Bridge Street, Ambleside.
- Dividends are included on a receipts basis, whilst bank and building society interest is included on an accruals basis.

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 consists of property costs associated with the investment property and stockbrokers' fees for management of the investment portfolios.
- 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 the distributions made to the charitable institutions and those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity.

Charitable distributions are decided by trustees at a general meeting and payment is then made to the charitable institutions.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Investment property

Investment property is initially recorded at cost, which includes purchase price and any directly attributable expenditure.

Investment property is revalued to its fair value at each reporting date and any changes in fair value are recognised in income or expenditure.

If a reliable measure of fair value is no longer available without undue cost or effort for an item of investment property, it shall be transferred to tangible assets and treated as such until it is expected that fair value will be reliably measurable on an on-going basis.

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Year ended 5 April 2021

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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.

Financial instruments

The trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the trust and their measurement basis are as follows:

Financial assets – trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

4. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations				
Chiltern charitable trust	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - RENTAL INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Rental income receivable	<u>169,677</u>	<u>169,677</u>	<u>233,890</u>	<u>233,890</u>

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6. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	127	127	923	923
Dividend income receivable	8,604	8,604	12,502	12,502
	<u>8,731</u>	<u>8,731</u>	<u>13,425</u>	<u>13,425</u>

7. PROPERTY EXPENSES

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
General repairs and maintenance	14,595	14,595	60,258	60,258
Property insurance	20,097	20,097	19,539	19,539
Property management fees	24,972	24,972	32,808	32,808
Legal fees	–	–	1,404	1,404
	<u>59,664</u>	<u>59,664</u>	<u>114,009</u>	<u>114,009</u>

8. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Portfolio management	<u>6,098</u>	<u>6,098</u>	<u>6,066</u>	<u>6,066</u>

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Year ended 5 April 2021

9. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2021	Total fund 2020
	£	£	£	£
British Red Cross	30,000	–	30,000	30,000
World Wide Fund for Nature	30,000	–	30,000	30,000
Christian Workers Relief Fund	21,600	–	21,600	21,600
Hospice at Home West Cumbria	14,400	–	14,400	14,400
Hospice of St Mary of Furness	10,100	–	10,100	9,600
Spring Mount Christian Fellowship	3,600	–	3,600	3,600
Ambleside Welfare Charity	3,600	–	3,600	3,600
Sight Advice South Lakes	2,400	–	2,400	2,400
Sandhills Lane Christian Brethren Church	1,200	–	1,200	1,200
Parr Street, Evangelical Church	3,600	–	3,600	3,600
Governance costs	–	12,076	12,076	11,661
	<u>120,500</u>	<u>12,076</u>	<u>132,576</u>	<u>131,661</u>

Governance - management and administration

Secretarial salaries	–	5,500	5,500	5,500
Office heat and light	–	506	506	558
Insurance	–	884	884	654
Accountancy fees	–	1,373	1,373	1,415
Independent examiners fee	–	1,710	1,710	1,680
Cost of meetings	–	–	–	118
Telephone	–	614	614	603
Other office costs	–	194	194	241
Trustees' expenses	–	–	–	522
Stationery, postages and IT support	–	1,295	1,295	370
	<u>–</u>	<u>12,076</u>	<u>12,076</u>	<u>11,661</u>

10. NET (LOSSES)/GAINS ON INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Gains/(losses) on other investment assets	<u>155,391</u>	<u>155,391</u>	<u>(67,071)</u>	<u>(67,071)</u>

11. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION FEES

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,710</u>	<u>1,680</u>

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12. STAFF COSTS

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2020: 1).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: Nil).

13. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The Trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2020: £Nil).

Expenses paid to Trustees in the year were £Nil (2020: £522), made up of travel costs and other out of pocket expenses.

14. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

The trustees agreed to transfer the sum of £15,000 from unrestricted funds to the designated Painting Reserve fund and the sum of £12,000 from unrestricted funds to the designated Extraordinary Repairs fund.

15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
Cost	
At 6 April 2020 and 5 April 2021	<u>1,302,372</u>
Depreciation	
At 6 April 2020 and 5 April 2021	<u>–</u>
Carrying amount	
At 5 April 2021	<u>1,302,372</u>
At 5 April 2020	<u>1,302,372</u>

Investment property

The freehold property is treated as an investment property and is included at fair value.

The property in Central Buildings and Bridge Street, Ambleside was transferred on 05 April 2006 from The Henry Herd Charitable Trust and The Muriel Lawson 1983 Charitable Trust.

In the opinion of the trustees, assisted by information from Robert J R Allan, Property Consultant who is independent of the charitable trust, the value of the trust's freehold investment property at 05 April 2018 was £1,302,372. The basis of the valuation of the investment properties was a Net Rental Basis to get an open-market valuation, subject to the existing tenancies and leases.

At the current financial year end in the opinion of the trustees, the value is unchanged.

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16. INVESTMENTS

	Investment portfolios £
Cost or valuation	
At 6 April 2020	503,280
Additions	203,468
Disposals	(56,047)
Fair value movements	149,977
Change in cash held on portfolio	(166,017)
At 5 April 2021	634,661
Impairment	
At 6 April 2020 and 5 April 2021	—
Carrying amount	
At 5 April 2021	634,661
At 5 April 2020	503,280
 Analysis of investments at 5 April 2021 between portfolios	
Walker Crips Stockbrokers Portfolio	634,661
 Investments at fair value comprised:-	
U.K. equities	576,017
Non U.K Investments	18,268
Cash	40,376
	634,661

Investments in individual entities held at 5 April 2021 which are over 5% of the portfolio by value are:

Herald Investment Trust	55,773
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	79,152
JP Morgan Global Growth & Income	34,155
	169,080

All investments are held to provide an investment return for the charity.

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17. DEBTORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	5,302	5,075
Tenants rents receivable	10,819	12,670
Other debtors	8,004	61,602
	<u>24,125</u>	<u>79,347</u>

18. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,400	1,375
Property management fees	5,796	7,500
Accountancy / independent examiners fees	3,103	3,163
Other creditors	–	2
	<u>10,299</u>	<u>12,040</u>

19. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Unrestricted funds

	At 06 Apr 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 05 Apr 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,914,939	179,408	(195,688)	(27,000)	155,391	2,027,050
Designated Fund - Painting Reserve	45,000	–	–	15,000	–	60,000
Designated Fund - Extraordinary Repairs Reserve	9,007	–	(2,650)	12,000	–	18,357
	<u>1,968,946</u>	<u>179,408</u>	<u>(198,338)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>155,391</u>	<u>2,105,407</u>

	At 06 Apr 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 05 Apr 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,970,532	248,315	(209,837)	(27,000)	(67,071)	1,914,939
Designated Fund - Painting Reserve	30,000	–	–	15,000	–	45,000
Designated Fund - Extraordinary Repairs Reserve	38,906	–	(41,899)	12,000	–	9,007
	<u>2,039,438</u>	<u>248,315</u>	<u>(251,736)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(67,071)</u>	<u>1,968,946</u>

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19. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS (continued)

The specific purposes for which funds are to be applied are as follows:

General funds

Funds are to be available to provide a productive return over time in support of the trust's aims.

Designated fund - painting reserve

Funds are reserved each year so that resources are available to meet the cost of painting the trusts properties which is undertaken every 6 years.

Designated fund - extraordinary repairs reserve

Funds are reserved each year so that sufficient resources are available to meet the costs of extraordinary repairs arising on the trust's properties.

20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,302,372	1,302,372
Investments	634,661	634,661
Current assets	178,673	178,673
Creditors less than 1 year	(10,299)	(10,299)
Net assets	2,105,407	2,105,407

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,302,372	1,302,372
Investments	503,280	503,280
Current assets	175,334	175,334
Creditors less than 1 year	(12,040)	(12,040)
Net assets	1,968,946	1,968,946