

THE HERD LAWSON AND MURIEL LAWSON CHARITABLE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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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
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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 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.

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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)

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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.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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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.

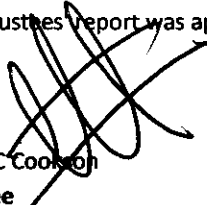
Induction and training of trustees

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

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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
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Cumbria
LA22 0BT

Dated: 27 June 2024.

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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.

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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

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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)

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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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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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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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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>

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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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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).