

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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

Objectives and aims

The Objectives of the charity are:

- 1) the advancement of education, in particular:
 - a) of the public in relation to the physical and natural environment and heritage assets on the Doddington Estate; and
 - b) of young people in connection with the environment;
- 2) the advancement of health and recreation of the public in the interests of social welfare, in particular by providing public access to parts of the Doddington Estate;
- 3) the advancement of community development in the vicinity of the Doddington Estate;
- 4) the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science for the public benefit, in particular by the conservation, protection and improvement of heritage assets on the Doddington Estate; and
- 5) the advancement of environmental protection or improvement for the public benefit, in particular of the natural environment on the Doddington Estate.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

In September 2023 the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) confirmed a grant of £1.9m to the Doddington Hall Conservation Charity for the Wilder Connections project. After dealing with pre- contract legals, the formal permission to start was confirmed on 14th March 2024.

Wilder Connections is being run by the Doddington Hall Conservation Charity in partnership with Doddington Farms LLP. In order to ensure that the charity's interests (and those of Lottery players and the Lottery Heritage Fund) are protected, the following agreements were adopted:

- Framework agreement between DHCC and Doddington Farms LLP
- 30 year leases and licences for capital spend and activities on Doddington Farms' land

In the period to 31 March 2025, the following activity in furtherance of the Charity Objectives. These activities evidence the Trustees compliance to their duty relating to public benefit.

- Recruitment of Project Manager; Engagement & Learning lead; Education Delivery Officer; Project Support Officer; Conservation Adviser.
- New 2.5km of walking trails created across the estate
- A new wetland habitat has been created impacting some 200 acres through blocking of ditches and removal of field drains. This will provide rich mosaic habitats, resilience for wildlife in extreme weather, natural flood management and an important educational resource for schools and adult groups.
- An outdoor classroom built in estate woodland by volunteers providing a quiet and reflective and meeting place for a range of small groups.
- A Forest School has been established in another estate woodland which provides an alternative learning environment for young people.
- Progress has been made in the delivery of the main Wilder Connections visitor and education hub, the Wild House, which will provide classrooms, volunteer hub, lab and offices for the Wilder Connections team. The building should be the first commercial Passiv Haus Premium building in England demonstrating the highest sustainability credentials. A rendering process was undertaken in the winter of 2024/25 and following receipt of tenders in January 2025, discussion was held with NLHF for an uplift in grant from £1.98M to £2.43M. This was agreed on 14th April 2025.
- Funding was confirmed from Anglian Water Group of £250K to support project objectives and additional smaller funding contributions were secured from a range of rural and environmental organisations. Further funding applications have been submitted and subsequent to the year end additional funding secured.
- There were 15 school visits in the year with another 15 booked in to visit in summer 2025. Additionally a residential "Young Darwin" course was delivered at Doddington in autumn 2024 for 15 scholars working diverse backgrounds supported by the Field Studies Council.
- A range of community groups has visited Wilder Doddington across a range of ages and backgrounds delivering on the Charity's EDI objectives.
- Work started on building the Charity's Alternative Provision offer with a number of pilots arranged for summer 2025.
- The volunteer programme has flourished with some 85 volunteers supporting environmental work and also education delivery

Future Activity

The Trustees anticipate the following happening in YE 31st March 2026:

- Completion and launch of the Wild House
- Further wetland creation through the construction of 25 ponds
- Establish additional outdoor learning space through procurement of a Tipi
- School and community group visits to increase in number, using alternative facilities until Wild House complete.
- Development into delivery of Alternative Provision and SEND programmes
- Project Evaluation for Charity and project funders
- Expansion and refinement of the volunteer programme
- Delivery of interpretation for the trails built in 2024/25
- Transfer of Charity to CIO
- Further work fundraising for the digitisation and display of the Edwin Jarvis ceramics and antiquities collections and his astonishingly beautiful hand-illustrated catalogues of them at Doddington.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Over the year the charity received total income of £539,456 (2024: £67,657) including £465,776 (2024: £49,926) of grants towards the Wilder Connections project. Total expenditure during the period was £314,451 (2024: £70,570).

The charity has total funds carried forward of £229,415 (2024: £4,410) including £583 (2024: (£1,665)) of unrestricted funds. This includes £89,458 (2024: £66) cash at bank.

Significantly, the charity gained National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) permission to start the Wilder Connections project, just prior to the commencement of the 2023/24 year with a grant over the project period (to 31 December 2027) of £1.9M. In the last quarter of the year discussions were held with NLHF regarding increased funding which was agreed post year end in April 2025 with an increase in funding to £2.4M. Funding of £250K was secured from Anglian Water (AWG) to support the Wilder Connections project.

The initial funding, NLHF uplift and AWG support provided the required revenue and capital funding for the Wilder Connections project.

The charity's risk register is monitored and updated regularly. The main risk in the year was securing the necessary funding for the main capital investment of the Wild House. The uplift in NLHF funding, AWG support and securing funding from Linbury post year end has mitigated this risk.

Ongoing performance will rely upon developing activities and visitor events which will generate revenues to support revenue costs going forward.

Reserves policy

The Charity is supported financially by the commercial business Doddington Farms LLP and has to date relied upon this vehicle as a reserves policy. The Trustees decided at the Annual General Meeting held on January 26th 2026 that a more detailed reserve policy would be prepared and reviewed by Trustees for future adoption.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

The unincorporated Charity continues to be governed by the original Trust Deed dated 5th May 2006 as amended by the Trust Deed dated 23rd November 2023.

In January 2024 Trustees agreed to apply to the Charity Commission to Incorporate the Charity in order to provide more robust Governance and to reflect the increased liabilities arising from the Wilder Connections project. Forsters ultimately submitted the application on 9th January 2025. The Charity Commission confirmed the registration of The Doddington CIO No. 1215435 on 21 October 2025, and work has started to transfer the assets across to the CIO including the funding arrangements supporting the Wilder Connections project.

The Charity has a Property Committee consisting of three Trustees who are responsible for oversight of property works including the building of the Wild House - the Charity's visitor and education centre.

Jason O'Rourke continued as Trustee responsible for Safeguarding.

Risk management

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The minimum number of trustees as set out in the Charity's Articles is three. There are currently six trustees. Future trustees will be recruited based on their skills and experience and will receive appropriate training regarding their trustees responsibilities as well as being provided with the relevant Charity Commission Guidance.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration levels

All staff have been recruited in the past two years, and the remuneration levels reflected market salaries and benefits. An annual review is undertaken with reference to inflation and comparable positions in the larger Doddington Farms LLP organisation.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1114539

DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Principal address

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Trustees

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Ms Lucy Lapwing
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Mr Harry Buscall (resigned 15.5.25)

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs Claire Victoria Birch - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Doddington Hall Conservation Charity

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Doddington Hall Conservation Charity (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement - material uncertainty identified

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can 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.

I have completed my examination.

I draw your attention to a material uncertainty relating to the going concern of the charity following the registration of a CIO which the trustees intend to assume the activities of the charity. Further detail is given in note 13.

I confirm that no other matters have come to my attention that give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Niall Kingsley FCA

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30 January 2026

DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**


		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds as restated
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	70,160	-	70,160	16,731
Charitable activities	5				
Wilder Connections Project		2,517	465,776	468,293	49,926
Tapestry rental income		1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Investment income	4	3	-	3	-
Total		<u>73,680</u>	<u>465,776</u>	<u>539,456</u>	<u>67,657</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Wilder Connections Project		44,512	265,439	309,951	70,570
Other		4,500	-	4,500	-
Total		<u>49,012</u>	<u>265,439</u>	<u>314,451</u>	<u>70,570</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		24,668	200,337	225,005	(2,913)
Transfers between funds	17	<u>(22,420)</u>	<u>22,420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		2,248	222,757	225,005	(2,913)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward					
As previously reported		2,568	-	2,568	7,323
Prior year adjustment	12	<u>(4,233)</u>	<u>6,075</u>	<u>1,842</u>	<u>-</u>
As restated		<u>(1,665)</u>	<u>6,075</u>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>7,323</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>583</u></u>	<u><u>228,832</u></u>	<u><u>229,415</u></u>	<u><u>4,410</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY**BALANCE SHEET****31 MARCH 2025**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds as restated
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	1,546	147,860	149,406	9,868
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	89,243	107,827	197,070	23,341
Cash at bank		116,313	(26,855)	89,458	66
		<u>205,556</u>	<u>80,972</u>	<u>286,528</u>	<u>23,407</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(206,519)	-	(206,519)	(28,865)
		<u>(963)</u>	<u>80,972</u>	<u>80,009</u>	<u>(5,458)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>583</u>	<u>228,832</u>	<u>229,415</u>	<u>4,410</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>583</u>	<u>228,832</u>	<u>229,415</u>	<u>4,410</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)					
		<u>583</u>	<u>228,832</u>	<u>229,415</u>	<u>4,410</u>
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				583	(1,665)
Restricted funds				228,832	6,075
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>229,415</u>	<u>4,410</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs Claire Victoria Birch - Trustee

DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 as restated £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	233,952	(74,945)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		233,952	(74,945)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(144,563)	(10,027)
Interest received		3	-
Net cash used in investing activities		(144,560)	(10,027)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		89,392	(84,972)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		66	85,038
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		89,458	66

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1.	RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2025	2024 as restated
		£	£
	Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	225,005	(2,913)
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation charges	5,025	159
	Interest received	(3)	-
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(173,729)	82,661
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	177,654	(154,852)
	Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>233,952</u>	<u>(74,945)</u>

2.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS	At 1.4.24	Cash flow	At 31.3.25
		£	£	£
	Net cash			
	Cash at bank	<u>66</u>	<u>89,392</u>	<u>89,458</u>
		<u>66</u>	<u>89,392</u>	<u>89,458</u>
	Total	<u>66</u>	<u>89,392</u>	<u>89,458</u>

DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Doddington Hall Conservation Charity is an unincorporated charity in England. The charity's registered number is 1114539. The charity's principal address is Doddington Hall, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN6 4RU.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £.

The entity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements cover the individual entity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these accounts are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 relevant version of 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) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Income

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

The charity receives grants in respect of the charitable activities it carries out as detailed in the trustees' report. Income from grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Long leasehold	- over the length of the lease
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued****Fund accounting**

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

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024 as restated
	£	£
Donations	70,160	16,731

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024 as restated
	£	£
Deposit account interest	3	-

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2025	2024 as restated
	Activity	£	£
Other income	Wilder Connections Project	2,517	-
Grants	Wilder Connections Project	465,776	49,926
Tapestry Rent	Tapestry rental income	1,000	1,000
		469,293	50,926

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024 as restated
	£	£
National Lottery Heritage Fund	312,776	49,926
CLA Charitable Trust	3,000	-
Anglian Water	150,000	-
	465,776	49,926

Included within grants received is the following amount which is defined as a Government Grant in the SORP:
National Lottery Heritage Fund £312,776 (2024: £49,926)

DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Wilder Connections Project	<u>298,314</u>	<u>11,637</u>	<u>309,951</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Other resources expended	4,500
Wilder Connections Project	<u>11,637</u>
	<u>16,137</u>

8. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

	2025	2024 as restated
	£	£
VAT advisory services	4,750	-
Independent Examination and preparation of accounts	<u>3,250</u>	<u>-</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024 as restated
	£	£
Wages and salaries	156,971	17,430
Social security costs	16,111	-
Other pension costs	<u>2,653</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>175,735</u>	<u>17,430</u>

Staff costs are allocated to the restricted and unrestricted funds in the proportion to the donations and grants received towards these costs.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024 as restated
Employees	5	1
Trustees	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds as restated
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	16,731	-	16,731
Charitable activities			
Wilder Connections Project	-	49,926	49,926
Tapestry rental income	1,000	-	1,000
Total	<u>17,731</u>	<u>49,926</u>	<u>67,657</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Wilder Connections Project	<u>26,719</u>	<u>43,851</u>	<u>70,570</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(8,988)	6,075	(2,913)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	7,323	-	7,323
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>(1,665)</u>	<u>6,075</u>	<u>4,410</u>

12. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

During the year ended 31 March 2024, the charity received grants totalling £44,926 towards the Wilder Connections project.

Upon review, the trustees have agreed retrospectively that these grants were restricted towards this project, and therefore a presentational prior year adjustment has been made to present these grants as restricted.

In 2025, it has been noted that £7,550 of expenditure towards the Wilder Connections Project were omitted from the prior year income and expenditure summary total, therefore a further prior year adjustment has been made, increasing the prior year expenditure, and reducing brought forward funds by this amount.

It has also been noted that two invoices in the prior year, towards the Wilder Connections Project were expensed in 2024, totalling £9,392. The trustees have subsequently agreed that the nature of these costs were capital, and therefore, a prior year adjustment has been made to capitalise these items, increasing the long leasehold cost brought forward, and total reserves brought forward by this amount.

13. GOING CONCERN - TRANSFER OF OPERATIONS

In October 2025, a new CIO registration was granted for The Doddington CIO, registered charity number 1215435.

It is the intention of the trustees to transfer all activities of the charity to this new CIO when Charity Commission approval is given, which is expected to be within 12 months.

The activities of the charity will be unaffected, and all assets and liabilities will be transferred at their carrying value. Therefore, no adjustments will be required as a result of this.

Accordingly, the trustees have chosen to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

However, the trustees note a material uncertainty exists.

DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Long leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024	9,392	-	635	10,027
Additions	132,469	7,157	4,937	144,563
At 31 March 2025	141,861	7,157	5,572	154,590
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	-	-	159	159
Charge for year	1,843	1,789	1,393	5,025
At 31 March 2025	1,843	1,789	1,552	5,184
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	140,018	5,368	4,020	149,406
At 31 March 2024	9,392	-	476	9,868

Heritage Fixed Assets

The charity owns the two sets of 17th century Flemish tapestries on display in Holly and Yellow bedrooms of Doddington Hall that were donated at the inception of the charity. These are rented to Doddington Farm LLP and are on display for the public to view in Doddington Hall.

Given the unique nature of these tapestries, the trustees believe that the cost and practicality of forming a reliable estimate of the value outweighs the benefits to the users of the financial statements of including this figure, and as such the value of these heritage assets has not been quantified in these financial statements.

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024 as restated
	£	£
Other debtors	75,294	15,581
VAT	11,949	7,760
Prepayments and accrued income	109,827	-
	197,070	23,341

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024 as restated
	£	£
Trade creditors	37,738	16,919
Other creditors	163,731	11,946
Accruals and deferred income	5,050	-
	206,519	28,865

DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**
17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Prior year adjustment £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	2,568	(4,233)	24,668	(22,420)	583
Restricted funds					
Wilder Connections Project	-	6,075	200,337	22,420	228,832
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,568</u>	<u>1,842</u>	<u>225,005</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>229,415</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	73,680	(49,012)	24,668
Restricted funds			
Wilder Connections Project	465,776	(265,439)	200,337
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>539,456</u>	<u>(314,451)</u>	<u>225,005</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	7,323	(8,988)	(1,665)
Restricted funds			
Wilder Connections Project	-	6,075	6,075
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,323</u>	<u>(2,913)</u>	<u>4,410</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,731	(26,719)	(8,988)
Restricted funds			
Wilder Connections Project	49,926	(43,851)	6,075
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>67,657</u>	<u>(70,570)</u>	<u>(2,913)</u>

DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Wilder Connections Project

The Wilder Connections Project fund contains restricted grants received from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Anglian Water and CLA Charitable Trust, towards the Wilder Connections Project.

Transfers between funds

During the year £22,420 was transferred from the unrestricted fund to the Wilder Connections Project fund. This relates to monies received which were unrestricted, but subsequently spent towards the costs of long leasehold assets, which are restricted by the terms of the National Lottery Heritage Funding received towards this project. As the asset and depreciation thereon is and will continue to be reflected within the Wilder Connections restricted fund, a transfer has been made of the original unrestricted income to the restricted fund to match.

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The chair of trustees of the charity is a member of Doddington Farms LLP.

At the year end £163,731 (2024: £11,946) was owed by the charity to Doddington Farms LLP, and £75,294 (2024: £6,604) was owed by Doddington Farms LLP to the charity.

During the year, Doddington Farms LLP paid £231,945 expenses on behalf of the charity and was repaid £80,224.

Doddington Farms LLP donated £64,061 (2024: £15,841) to the charity, and paid £1,000 (2024: £1,000) to rent the charity's tapestries, which are heritage assets whose value cannot be reliably estimated.

The charity rents the land for the Wilder Connections project from Doddington Farms LLP for a peppercorn rent.

Doddington Farms LLP has agreed in principle to cover any budget overruns on the Wilder Connections project.

DODDINGTON HALL CONSERVATION CHARITY**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025	2024 as restated
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	70,160	16,731
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	3	-
Charitable activities		
Other income	2,517	-
Tapestry Rent	1,000	1,000
Grants	465,776	49,926
	<u>469,293</u>	<u>50,926</u>
Total incoming resources	539,456	67,657
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	156,971	17,430
Social security	16,111	-
Pensions	2,653	-
Wilder Connections Project	117,554	36,927
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,025	159
	<u>298,314</u>	<u>54,516</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Independent Examiner's Remuneration	8,000	-
Legal and Professional fees	8,137	16,054
	<u>16,137</u>	<u>16,054</u>
Total resources expended	314,451	70,570
Net income/(expenditure)	225,005	(2,913)

Doddington Hall Conservation Charity

To: Duncan & Toplis Ltd

Dear Sirs

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your independent examination of the charity's financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

General

- 1 We acknowledge that the work performed by you is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and that you do not express an audit opinion.
- 2 We confirm that the charity was entitled to exemption under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 the requirement to have its financial statements for the financial year ended 31st March 2025 audited.
- 3 We have fulfilled our responsibilities as trustees as set out in the terms of your engagement letter dated 10th December 2025, under the Charities Act 2011 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (SORP FRS102) for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
- 4 All the transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
- 5 All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charity, and with all other records and related information requested, and confirm that there are no matters in the minutes of all management and trustee meetings or correspondence with The Charity Commission which would affect the independent examination.
- 6 The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

Assets and liabilities

- 7 The charity has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charity's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
- 8 All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.
- 9 We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
- 10 We have assessed the liabilities outstanding at the period end and can settle them as and when they fall due.

Accounting estimates

- 11 The methods, data and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement and disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

Legal claims

- 12 We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for, and disclosed in, the financial statements.

Laws and regulations

- 13 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

Related parties

- 14 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

Subsequent events

- 15 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

Going concern

- 16 We believe that the charity's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

Grants and donations

- 17 All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

Restricted income and expenditure

- 18 All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

- 19 Details of restricted grants and donations are as follows:


- National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)
- Anglian Water
- CLA

We are satisfied these are all funding towards the Wilder Connections Project and therefore the grouping in the financial statements is appropriate.

Specific representations

- 20 We are satisfied that the going concern material uncertainty in respect of transferring the operations to the newly formed CIO is adequately disclosed in the financial statements.
- 21 We confirm there are no matters contained in any meeting minutes which we have not disclosed which are likely to impact these financial statements or the independent examination.
- 22 We confirm that all transactions in the period have been recorded in these financial statements and no further transactions occurred which would need to be recorded or disclosed in these financial statements.
- 23 We confirm there were no prepayments in the period.

Yours faithfully

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Signed on behalf of the board of trustees