

THE PUBLIC INTEREST FOUNDATION

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Trustees	Lord T T M Agnew Lady C M Agnew Mr D C Tibble
Charity registered number	1114949
Principal office	Burnley Hall East Somerton Great Yarmouth Norfolk NR29 4DZ
Accountants	MA Partners LLP Chartered Accountants 7 The Close Norwich Norfolk NR1 4DJ
Bankers	C Hoare & Co 37 Fleet Street London EC4P 4DQ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year 6 April 2022 to 5 April 2023.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The charitable objectives are to support such charitable purposes or charitable institutions or foundations at such time and in such manner as the Trustees shall determine.

b. Grant-making policies

The Trustees' grant making policy is generally to make donations to registered charitable organisations (not individuals) which support a wide range of causes.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Charity

During the year the Charity made grants totalling **£93,704** (2022 - £154,250).

b. Investment policy and performance

Investment advisors authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority advise the Trustees on the approach to the Charity's portfolio of investments, in particular on asset allocation so as to achieve a wide diversification within the portfolio in order to spread risk. The current investment policy is to adopt a balanced return from income and capital growth.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have not set a reserves policy but monitor reserves when assessing grant awards. As at 5 April 2023 the Charity had free reserves of **£1,659,751**.

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees have considered the major risks that the Charity may face and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

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

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Public Interest Foundation is a registered charity, number 1114949, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed. Under the Trust deed there must be at least 3 Trustees. Each new Trustee is appointed by special resolution of the Trustees for a period of 2 years.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Trustees meet to assess grant applications.

Plans for future periods

It is the Trustees' intention to continue to receive and review grant applications and make donations where they see fit.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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 & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Lord T T M Agnew

Date:

18/9/23

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'L' followed by a series of loops and a final vertical stroke.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Public Interest Foundation ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 the accounts in accordance with 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) 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 been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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 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.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:



Dated: 27 September 2023

Frank Shippam BSc FCA DChA

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	-	-	25,000
Investments	4	56,026	56,026	54,076
Total income		<u>56,026</u>	<u>56,026</u>	<u>79,076</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	2,985	2,985	3,595
Charitable activities	7	95,225	95,225	155,918
Total expenditure		<u>98,210</u>	<u>98,210</u>	<u>159,513</u>
Net expenditure before net (losses)/gains on investments		(42,184)	(42,184)	(80,437)
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(95,249)	(95,249)	121,085
Net movement in funds		<u>(137,433)</u>	<u>(137,433)</u>	<u>40,648</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		1,797,184	1,797,184	1,756,536
Net movement in funds		(137,433)	(137,433)	40,648
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>1,659,751</u></u>	<u><u>1,659,751</u></u>	<u><u>1,797,184</u></u>

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

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 5 APRIL 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	1,457,059	1,595,216
		<u>1,457,059</u>	<u>1,595,216</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		203,842	203,228
		<u>203,842</u>	<u>203,228</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,150)	(1,260)
		<u></u>	<u></u>
Net current assets		202,692	201,968
Total net assets		<u>1,659,751</u>	<u>1,797,184</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	12	1,659,751	1,797,184
Total funds		<u>1,659,751</u>	<u>1,797,184</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Lord T T M Agnew

Date:

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1. General information

The Public Interest Foundation is a charitable trust registered in England and Wales.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Public Interest Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

Based on the Charity's level of net current assets and total net assets, the Trustees do not consider there to be any material uncertainties regarding the Charity's going concern status.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

2.4 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 on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and comprise investment management fees.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.8 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	-	-	25,000

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Listed investments	56,026	56,026	54,076
	<u>56,026</u>	<u>56,026</u>	<u>54,076</u>

5. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Investment management fees	509	509	508
Irrecoverable tax	2,476	2,476	3,087
Total 2023	<u>2,985</u>	<u>2,985</u>	<u>3,595</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>3,595</u>	<u>3,595</u>	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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6. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Grants, Arts and culture	40,250	40,250	22,500
Grants, Community care	-	-	7,500
Grants, Education	28,454	28,454	114,500
Grants, Health	25,000	25,000	9,750
Total 2023	<u>93,704</u>	<u>93,704</u>	<u>154,250</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>154,250</u>	<u>154,250</u>	

The Charity has made the following material grants to institutions during the year:

	2023 £	<i>2022 £</i>
Name of institution		
Inspiration Trust	-	53,000
Beeston Foundation	-	30,000
UK Onward	-	25,000
Norwich Cathedral Trust	25,000	-
East Coast Hospice	25,000	-
Policy Exchange	20,000	-
	<u>70,000</u>	<u>108,000</u>
Other grants to institutions	23,704	46,250
	<u>93,704</u>	<u>154,250</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Arts and culture	40,250	40,250	22,500
Community care	-	-	7,500
Education	28,454	28,454	114,500
Health	25,000	25,000	9,750
Expenditure on governance	1,204	1,204	1,278
Bank charges	317	317	390
Total 2023	<u>95,225</u>	<u>95,225</u>	<u>155,918</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>155,918</u>	<u>155,918</u>	

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	<i>2022 £</i>
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	<u>1,204</u>	<u>1,278</u>

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 5 April 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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10. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 6 April 2022	1,595,216
Additions	252,574
Disposals	(284,307)
Revaluations	(106,424)
At 5 April 2023	<u>1,457,059</u>
Net book value	
At 5 April 2023	<u>1,457,059</u>
At 5 April 2022	<u>1,595,216</u>

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,260</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	1,797,184	56,026	(98,210)	(95,249)	1,659,751
	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 5 April 2022 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	1,756,536	79,076	(159,513)	121,085	1,797,184
	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	1,457,059	1,457,059
Current assets	203,842	203,842
Creditors due within one year	(1,150)	(1,150)
Total	<u><u>1,659,751</u></u>	<u><u>1,659,751</u></u>

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13. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Fixed asset investments	1,595,216	1,595,216
Current assets	203,228	203,228
Creditors due within one year	(1,260)	(1,260)
Total	1,797,184	1,797,184

14. Related party transactions

During the year the Charity received no donations from any of the Trustees' (2022 - £25,000).

Trustee Lord T T M Agnew is a Director of the Inspiration Trust. During the year, the Charity paid no grants to the Inspiration Trust (2022 - £53,000).