

THE PACK FOUNDATION
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Registered charity number: 1118301

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Gerald N Pack Carol A Pack Elisabeth Hirlemann Matthew Pack Simon Pack Jeremy Pack Hannah Aylett
Key Management Personnel	Trustees as above, and Simon Whitehouse
Principal address	37 St Margaret's Street Canterbury Kent CT1 2TU
Independent examiner	Samantha Rouse FCCA DChA Kreston Reeves LLP Chartered Accountants 37 St Margaret's Street Canterbury Kent CT1 2TU
Bankers and Investment Managers	Coutts & Co 440 Strand London WC2R 0QS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity'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 (FRS102) (effective January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Under the Declaration of Trust the stated objective of the Charity is to:

"hold the Trust Fund and its income upon trust for such purposes which are exclusively charitable under the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees may decide from time to time".

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance in the year

The main activities of the charity fall into three categories;

1. Obtaining or raising charitable donations
2. Maximising long term investment returns from funds of the charity to enable funding for future grants or donations to
3. Identifying, evaluating and determining the levels of grants or donations appropriate, if any, to local, national and international charitable causes.

The strategies adopted for meeting the Charity's stated objectives are to:

- a) Seek charitable donations to fund the charity.
- b) Maximise long term income from existing funds through frequent review alongside active and regular communication with the appointed investment manager.
- c) Actively seek charitable causes.

Historic charitable donations in excess of £1m have been secured previously which provide funds for the charity from which to make future grants or donations and generate a long term investment income stream.

Surplus funds have been invested in a reputable, actively managed investment fund specifically tailored to the requirements of the charity sector. Whilst investment performance has proved volatile at times, the Trustees continue to be of the view that such an investment strategy is appropriate to fulfil the requirements of the charity regarding an optimum long term income stream.

Total income during the year was £65,832 (2024: £41,615). Expenditure totalled £112,890 (2024: £112,533). This resulted in net expenditure before gains on investments of £47,058 (2024: net expenditure £70,918).

Charitable contributions

During the period charitable grants and donations of £101,427 (2024: £101,979) were made. The Trustees continue to actively investigate charitable causes with the aim of making further grants in the coming year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Reserves policy

The Trustees maintain reserves at a level they deem sufficient to meet the maximum anticipated funds required for gifting in the following two-three months.

Therefore, as immediately subsequent to the period ends Trustee meetings were anticipated which were expected to result in significant distributions, additional funds were held at the period end.

Therefore, at 31 March 2025, unrestricted reserves amounted to £62,140 (2024: £68,187), which were higher than would be otherwise usually be maintained during most of the periods.

Designated funds at 31 March 2025 amounted to £1,829,990 (2024: £1,850,512) and these comprise the charity's fixed asset investments.

Investment policy

All of the charity's investments are managed by Coutts & Co, who have complete authority to invest the charity's funds in institutions which suits the charity's requirement for optimum long term returns on funds invested alongside assessing the risk strategy jointly with the trustees. The Trustees are presently satisfied the charity is receiving a reliable and economic service.

Investment performance

The intention is to distribute funds over an extended period meaning the adopted investment strategy can be more aggressive. In the longer term this is anticipated to generate increased returns, however in the short run this can often result in greater volatility. This has been the case at the end of March 2025, where a high exposure to equity markets has impacted portfolio performance, especially in the final quarter of the year.

The cumulative investment returns on funds held in the Coutts & Co investment portfolio during the current year was 4.6% (2024: 16.9%) which compared well with benchmarks of overall portfolio returns with a similar risk mandate. The cumulative returns of the first three quarters was 10%, so the impact of market volatility in the final quarter is material to cumulative returns. However, as noted above, the Trustees are of the view that such short term volatility is a price worth paying for longer term increased returns and maintain sufficient non-invested funds to minimise the impact of such volatility.

Grant making policy

The Trustees consider a broad range of local, national and international charitable causes and consider which the charity is best placed to assist with funding.

Pay policy for key management personnel

The trustees consider themselves and Simon Whitehouse, who is an external consultant, as the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year.

Risk assessment

The trustees have considered the risks relevant to the charity and are of the opinion that currently they are low and procedures are in place to identify and control these and new risks as they arise.

Charity's plans for the future

The Trustees consider the plans of the charity to be;

- Maximise the long term returns of the investments of the charity and seek further incoming donations
- Identify and evaluate local, national and international charitable causes
- Utilise charity funds to further those causes identified

Structure

The charity, which is registered with the Charity Commission under number 1118301, is established under a Declaration of Trust dated 9 February 2007.

New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The Trust Deed provides for a minimum of 3 trustees.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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 and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which 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. The trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the

Carol Pack
Trustee

Date: 31-10-2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PACK FOUNDATION YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 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 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.

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 this report.



Samantha Rouse FCCA DChA

**Kreston Reeves LLP
Chartered Accountants
Canterbury**

Date: 1 November 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	
		2025	2024
		£	£
Income from:			
Investment income		46,676	41,343
Donations received		19,156	250
Other income		-	22
Gift Aid		-	-
Total income		65,832	41,615
Expenditure on:			
Cost of raising funds			
Investment management fees		8,945	8,418
Charitable expenditure	2	101,427	101,979
Other expenditure	3	2,518	2,136
Total expenditure		112,890	112,533
Net income before gains on investments		(47,058)	(70,918)
Realised and unrealised gains on investments	5.2	20,851	204,576
Exchange rate movements on cash held as investment		(362)	113
Net movement in funds		(26,569)	133,771
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		1,918,699	1,784,928
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		1,892,130	1,918,699

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

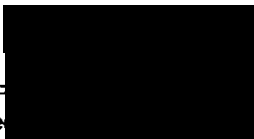
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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	5	1,829,990		1,850,512	
Current assets					
Debtors	6	-		-	
Cash at bank	7	64,962		70,727	
		<u>64,962</u>		<u>70,727</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(2,822)</u>		<u>(2,540)</u>	
Net current assets		62,140		68,187	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,892,130</u>		<u>1,918,699</u>	
Funds					
Unrestricted funds		62,140		68,187	
Designated funds	10	<u>1,829,990</u>		<u>1,850,512</u>	
		<u>1,892,130</u>		<u>1,918,699</u>	

Approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on

Carol F
Trustee



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

1.1 General information and basis of preparation

The Pack Foundation is a registered charity with the Charity Commission in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to "hold the Trust Fund and its income upon trust for such purposes which are exclusively charitable under the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees may decide from time to time".

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: 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 - Effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

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

1.2 Funds accounting

Unrestricted general funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Designated funds represent funds invested in fixed assets which are held to earn returns to enable the charity to achieve its charitable aims.

1.3 Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

- Income from investments and deposits is taken to revenue in the period in which the income is received.
- Donations and gift aid are accounted for on a receivable basis.
- Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of donation.

1.4 Financial instruments accounting policy

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and in non-puttable ordinary and preferences shares are measured:

- At fair value with changes recognised in the statement of financial activities and are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1.5 Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by a charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes.
- Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its charitable activities.

1.6 Investments

Investments (including cash or other highly liquid and/or short term investments within the portfolio) are included at market value at the year end. Gains and losses on the revaluation and disposal of investments are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.7 Grants

The charity has or may make charitable donations or grants in the form of specific donations to local, national or international charitable causes. Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient 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.

1.8 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.

1.9 Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

1.10 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believes that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees has considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.11 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. There are no areas of judgements or estimation uncertainty.

1.12 Cash at bank and in hand

Balances held in current account or deposit accounts immediately available to the Trustees are shown as cash.

Cash or other highly liquid and/or short term investments held within the investment portfolio managed by Investment Managers are not deemed as cash, as only held for the purpose of optimising outcomes from the investment portfolio - see also note 1.6

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2	Direct charitable expenditure	2025	2024
		£	£
	General grants;		
	Demelza	11,253	7,500
	Porchlight	11,000	5,000
	Kent Community Foundation	10,350	2,000
	World Land Trust	10,000	20,000
	Prostate Cancer	6,000	10,000
	Young Lives Foundation	6,000	10,000
	Evie Dove Foundation	5,700	5,000
	The Sports Trust	5,000	5,000
	The Good Grief Project	5,000	1,000
	Fareshare Ashford	5,000	
	Canterbury Foodbank	5,000	
	British Royal Legion	5,000	
	UNHCR		20,000
	Chamber Orchestra		5,500
	Other sundry grants below £5,000	16,124	10,979
		<u>101,427</u>	<u>101,979</u>
3	Other expenditure	2025	2024
		£	£
	Accountants remuneration	1,614	1,518
	Professional fees	904	618
		<u>2,518</u>	<u>2,136</u>
	Included within 'Accountants remuneration' are Independent Examiners fees of £1,614 (2024: £1,518).		
4	Trustees' remuneration		
	The Trustees received no remuneration or reimbursement during the year (2024: None).		
	The Trustees consider that themselves and Simon Whitehouse comprise the Key Management Personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year. Simon Whitehouse is an external consultant.		
	As noted above no Trustees received any remuneration during the year (2024: £nil) and amounts due to Key Management Personnel in the year amounted to £904 (2024: £618).		
5	Fixed assets investments	2025	2024
5.1	Quoted investments comprise:	£	£
	Bank and cash deposits	41,425	79,379
	Coutts Bank Charity Portfolio (note 5.2)	1,788,565	1,771,133
		<u>1,829,990</u>	<u>1,850,512</u>
5.2	Quoted investments	2025	2024
		£	£
	At 1 April 2024	1,771,133	1,729,954
	Additions	1,299,903	1,204,816
	Disposals	(1,303,322)	(1,368,213)
	Net realised and unrealised investment (losses) / gains	20,851	204,576
	At 31 March 2025	<u>1,788,565</u>	<u>1,771,133</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5	Fixed assets investments	2025	2024
		£	£
5.3	Cost at 31 March	1,735,393	1,599,889
	Holdings in investments at 31 March, which are material in value are:		
	Coutts North America ESG Insights Equity Fund Shares -C- GBP	313,679	
	Coutts Actively Managed US Equity Fund GBP-C	220,828	243,376
	Coutts US ESG Insights Equity Fund C GBP	169,501	259,977
	Coutts US and Canada Enhanced Index Govt Bond Fund C GBP Dist	149,172	30,385
	Coutts US ESG Insights Equity Fund (hedged)	108,102	66,517
	JP Morgan ICVC Class S Global Focus Fund	107,251	
	Amundi Funds SICAV Shares -J14- / Europe ex UK Equity Distribution	98,918	
	Coutts Europe Enhanced Index Government Bond Fund C GBP Dist	82,848	45,254
	Capital International Fund SICAV Shares -LD- / Group New Perspective F	73,053	
	HSBC Index Tracker Investment Fund S Japan Index Fund GBP	72,054	17,613
	Coutts Global Credit ESG Insights Bond Fund Shares -C- GBP	64,047	
	Coutts actively managed global investment grade credit fund C GBP	59,018	51,501
	Polar Capital SX2 GBP Emerging Market Stars Fund	46,070	
	Artemis UK Select Fund GBP	43,011	19,116
	Robeco Capital growth - Emerging Stars K3ED	40,080	
	Coutts Europe ex UK Equity Index Fund GBP-C	33,005	108,401
	Coutts UK ESG Insights Equity Fund		351,441
	Coutts Europe Actively Managed UK Equity Index Fund		123,462
	UBAM SICAV Global High Yield Solution Shares		88,714
	Capital International Fund New Perspective Fund		74,785
	HSBC ETFs Plc Shares USD / HSBC MSCI WORLD UCITS ETF		46,302
	Invesco Physical Markets Plc Structured Instrument Gold		45,130
6	Debtors	2025	2024
		£	£
	Gift Aid	-	-
7	Cash at bank	2025	2024
		£	£
	Bank and money market deposits	64,962	70,727
8	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
		£	£
	Accruals and deferred income	2,822	2,540
9	Financial instruments	2025	2024
		£	£
	Financial assets measured at fair value	1,788,565	1,771,133
	Financial assets measured at fair value comprise investments.		

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10 Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds - current year

	As at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Unrealised gains £	Transfer between funds £	As at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted						
- General fund	68,187	20,184	(103,945)	-	77,714	62,140
Designated fund						
- Fixed asset investment	1,850,512	45,648	(8,945)	20,489	(77,714)	1,829,990
	<u>1,918,699</u>	<u>65,832</u>	<u>(112,890)</u>	<u>20,489</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,892,130</u>

Unrestricted funds - prior year

	As at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Unrealised losses £	Transfer between funds £	As at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted						
- General fund	23,725	836	(104,115)	-	147,741	68,187
Designated fund						
- Fixed asset investment	1,761,203	40,779	(8,418)	204,689	(147,741)	1,850,512
	<u>1,784,928</u>	<u>41,615</u>	<u>(112,533)</u>	<u>204,689</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,918,699</u>

Transfer between funds

The transfer between the designated and general funds represents the transfer of the movements on the fixed asset funds for the year.

Purpose of designated fund

The fixed asset investments fund is held to earn returns to enable the charity to achieve its charitable aims.

11 Related party transactions

During the year C Pack, a trustee, donated £15,275 in cash (2024: no donations were received from trustees), shown as donations received in the Statement of Financial Activities. No donations were received subsequent to the period end.