

**The David and Claudia Harding Foundation**

**Unaudited Financial Statements**

**For the year ended  
31 December 2023**

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**Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2023**

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# The David and Claudia Harding Foundation

## Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The David and Claudia Harding Foundation
Charity registration number	1120878
Principal office	One Hooper's Court Knightsbridge London SW3 1AF
The trustees	Mr D W Harding Mrs C Harding Mr S Lindley
Independent examiner	Susan Seaman BA FCA CIOT Sagars Accountants Ltd Gresham House 5-7 St Pauls Street Leeds LS1 2JG

### Structure, governance and management

#### Governing document

The David and Claudia Harding Foundation (the "Foundation") is governed by a trust deed date 10 August 2007, as varied from time to time, (the "Trust Deed") and is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission with effect from 17 September 2007.

#### Appointment of trustees

Mr and Mrs Harding have the power to appoint new trustees at any time.

#### Trustee induction and training

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the Trust Deed, the committee and decision making processes and recent financial performance of the Foundation.

#### Organisation structure

The board of Trustees (the "Trustees"), which can have up to 10 members, administers the charity with assistance, as required.

#### Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Foundation is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finance of the Foundation, such as fraud and error, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks.

#### Objectives and activities

The objects of the Foundation are to make donations out of income and/or capital, at the discretion of the Trustees, which are exclusively for charitable purposes in any part of the world. The Trustees may, at their discretion, for the period of 21 years from the date of the Trust Deed, accumulate income generated by the Foundation without prejudice to their right to apply the accumulated income in any subsequent year. The aims and objectives of the Foundation are to provide financial support to charitable causes that the Trustees express a wish to support. Decisions are made by the Trustees in accordance with the Trust Deed. The Trustees have considered and have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

#### Achievements and performance

In the last period the Foundation has made donations to approximately twenty charities with diverse purposes totalling £1,143,331 with a focus on science, education, culture and the arts.

The Trustees are of the opinion that the donations have contributed to the objectives of the relevant charities and have, therefore, benefited society as a whole.

## The David and Claudia Harding Foundation

### Trustees' Annual Report (*continued*)

Year ended 31 December 2023

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#### Financial review

During the year the Foundation made donations of £1,143,331 (2022: £688,088). Overall a deficit of £405,809 was made (2022: £927,322) and the Foundation has net funds of £887,898 (2022: £1,293,707) available for future donations at the year end. This constitutes free reserves as all funds of the charity are unrestricted.

#### Investment policy

With regards to investment, the Trustees may apply any money to be invested in the purchase of or at least upon the security of such shares, stocks, funds, securities, land, building, chattels or other investments or property of whatever nature and wherever situate and whether involving liabilities or producing income or not as they think fit, so that they shall have the same powers to apply money to be invested as if they were an absolute beneficial owner.

At the year end the funds were held in cash.

#### Reserves policy

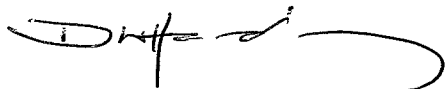
It is the policy of the Foundation that unrestricted funds which have not been committed for a specific use should be positive at all times. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that they will be able to continue the Foundation's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. As at the year end unrestricted funds which had been committed to future donations totalled £632,303 (included with creditors).

Income currently comes from Mr and Mrs Harding and this funding is expected to continue. Mr and Mrs Harding will provide funds to meet all future donations and charity running costs if required.

#### Plans for future periods

The Foundation's grant making activities for future periods will focus on charitable donations in support of science, education, life-long learning, culture and the arts.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 30/9/24 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr D W Harding  
Trustee

## **The David and Claudia Harding Foundation**

### **Trustees' Responsibilities Statement**

**Year ended 31 December 2023**

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## The David and Claudia Harding Foundation

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The David and Claudia Harding Foundation

Year ended 31 December 2023

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The David and Claudia Harding Foundation ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Susan Seaman BA FCA CIOT  
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Independent Examiner

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**The David and Claudia Harding Foundation**

**Statement of Financial Activities**

**Year ended 31 December 2023**

		2023		2022
		Unrestricted	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	funds	£	£
		£		
<b>Income and endowments</b>				
Donations and legacies	4	885,000	885,000	–
Investment income	5	46,689	46,689	15,088
Other income	6	–	–	2,646
<b>Total income</b>		<u>931,689</u>	<u>931,689</u>	<u>17,734</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	1,337,498	1,337,498	945,056
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,337,498</u>	<u>1,337,498</u>	<u>945,056</u>
<b>Net expenditure and net movement in funds</b>		<u>(405,809)</u>	<u>(405,809)</u>	<u>(927,322)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		1,293,707	1,293,707	2,221,029
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>887,898</u>	<u>887,898</u>	<u>1,293,707</u>

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

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

**The David and Claudia Harding Foundation**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**31 December 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	15	15,547	11,878
Cash at bank and in hand		1,537,971	1,775,042
		<u>1,553,518</u>	<u>1,786,920</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	(465,620)	(431,238)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1,087,898</u>	<u>1,355,682</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,087,898</u>	<u>1,355,682</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	17	(200,000)	(61,975)
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>887,898</u>	<u>1,293,707</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds		887,898	1,293,707
<b>Total charity funds</b>	19	<u>887,898</u>	<u>1,293,707</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 30/9/24, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr D W Harding  
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

**The David and Claudia Harding Foundation**

**Statement of Cash Flows**

**Year ended 31 December 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net expenditure	(405,809)	(927,322)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Other interest receivable and similar income	(46,689)	(15,088)
Accrued expenses	360	960
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	(3,669)	(11,813)
Trade and other creditors	172,047	(242,234)
Cash generated from operations	(283,760)	(1,195,497)
Interest received	46,689	15,088
Net cash used in operating activities	(237,071)	(1,180,409)
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(237,071)	(1,180,409)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	1,775,042	2,955,451
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	1,537,971	1,775,042

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

# The David and Claudia Harding Foundation

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

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### 1. General information

The David and Claudia Harding Foundation is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the principal office is One Hooper's Court, Knightsbridge, London, SW3 1AF.

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

### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts 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 Charities SORP (FRS102) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

### 3. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### Going concern

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

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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

#### Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

#### Fund accounting

All the charity's funds are unrestricted, the trustees being free to use these funds in accordance with the charitable objects.

#### Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured.

Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income from investments is recognised when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity.

## The David and Claudia Harding Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2023

#### 3. Accounting policies (continued)

##### Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT.

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

Charitable donations are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the foundation. Single or multi-year donations are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a donation and the trustees have agreed to pay the donation without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a donation and any condition attaching to the donation is outside the control of the foundation.

Where donations are payable after more than one year and the effect is material, a discount rate based on the appropriate UK government bonds is applied. The unwinding of this discount rate is shown as a finance cost and is included within support costs.

Governance costs comprise costs for the running of the charity itself as an organisation.

##### Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

##### Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

#### 4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations	885,000	885,000	—	—

#### 5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	46,689	46,689	15,088	15,088

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**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**Year ended 31 December 2023**

**6. Other income**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Salaries recharged	—	—	2,646	2,646

**7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Charitable donations	1,143,331	1,143,331	688,088	688,088
Support costs	194,167	194,167	256,968	256,968
	<u>1,337,498</u>	<u>1,337,498</u>	<u>945,056</u>	<u>945,056</u>

**8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type**

	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Charitable donations	1,143,331	175,569	1,318,900	888,439
Events	—	—	—	21,706
Governance costs	—	18,598	18,598	34,911
	<u>1,143,331</u>	<u>194,167</u>	<u>1,337,498</u>	<u>945,056</u>

**9. Analysis of support costs**

	Office costs £	Staff costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
General office	3,580	171,989	175,569	222,057

**10. Analysis of grants**

The charity undertakes its charitable activities through making donations and awarded donations to the following institutions during the period:

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Grants to individuals</b>		
Science Philanthropy Alliance	—	193,946
University of Potsdam	—	177,370
Bute House	100,000	—
IntoUniversity	100,000	—
University of Edinburgh	—	50,000
University of Cambridge	—	100,000
DEC Earthquake	50,000	—
Policy Exchange	600,000	—
Pharos Foundation	100,000	—
British Red Cross	50,000	—
Harvard College	100,000	—
Other donations to institutions (under £50,000)	43,331	119,142
Ukraine Appeal	—	100,000
University of Bradford	—	50,000
Foundation for the History of Totalitarianism	—	75,000
	<u>1,143,331</u>	<u>865,458</u>
Total grants	<u>1,143,331</u>	<u>865,458</u>

## The David and Claudia Harding Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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#### 10. Analysis of grants (continued)

The following donations included above were committed to by the Foundation, but had not been paid at the year end as they relate to payments committed for future periods:

	2023	2022
	£	£
University of Potsdam	173,398	354,740
Policy Exchange Limited	400,000	–
Science Philanthropy Alliance	58,904	123,951
	<u>632,302</u>	<u>478,691</u>

#### 11. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Foreign exchange differences	(2,726)	22,519

#### 12. Independent examination fees

Fees payable for the independent examination (2022 - audit) of the financial statements were £4,980 and £6,100 respectively.

#### 13. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year comprises wages and salaries of £148,921 (2022: £170,095), employers NI of £18,827 (2022: £22,478) and employers pension contributions of £3,513 (2022: £5,075) and an apprentice levy of £728 (2022: £845).

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2022: 2).

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
£130,000 to £139,999	–	1
£140,000 to £149,999	1	–
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

#### Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Executive Director. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the charity was £171,989 (2022: £155,110).

#### 14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits in respect of services provided to the charity were received by the Trustees from the Foundation or a related entity (2022 - £nil). Trustees expenses of £nil were incurred by and reimbursed to one trustee, in respect of donations and event costs, during the year (2022 - £1,500).

**The David and Claudia Harding Foundation**

**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**Year ended 31 December 2023**

**15. Debtors**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	14,325	11,878
Other debtors	1,222	–
	<u>15,547</u>	<u>11,878</u>

**16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	7,920	7,560
Social security and other taxes	18,184	5,385
Donations payable	432,303	416,716
Other creditors	7,213	1,577
	<u>465,620</u>	<u>431,238</u>

**17. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations payable	<u>200,000</u>	<u>61,975</u>

Movements in recognised grant commitments during the year:

	2023
	£
Grant commitments recognised at 1 January 2023	478,691
New grant commitments	400,000
Grants and donations paid during the year	(246,388)
Grant commitments recognised at 31 December 2023	<u>632,303</u>

**18. Pensions and other post retirement benefits**

**Defined contribution plans**

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £3,513 (2022: £5,075).

**19. Analysis of charitable funds**

**Unrestricted funds**

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>1,293,707</u>	<u>931,689</u>	<u>(1,337,498)</u>	<u>887,898</u>

	At 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>2,221,029</u>	<u>17,734</u>	<u>(945,056)</u>	<u>1,293,707</u>

## The David and Claudia Harding Foundation

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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**19. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)***

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

**20. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	At 1 Jan 2023	Cash flows	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,775,042</u>	<u>(237,071)</u>	<u>1,537,971</u>

**21. Related party transactions**

During the year, professional fees of £5,118 (2022 - £5,146) were charged by Gibson Booth Chartered Accountants, a firm in which Mr S Lindley is a partner. A balance of £4,494 was also owed to Winton Capital Management Ltd (2022 - £1,094), relating to expenses incurred on behalf of the David and Claudia Harding Foundation. Mr D W Harding has significant influence over this company. A balance of £1,222 was also owed to Mrs C Harding. This has been repaid after the year end.