

**ERSKINE MUTON TRUST FUND
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

Charity Number 1130199

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Corporate Trustee	HSBC Trust Company (UK) Limited
Current Directors of Corporate Trustee	J Coyle P M Spencer J Hewitson
Trust Manager	A Mellish
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The Trustee presents this report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023, which have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution and applicable law.

The purchase and sale of investments results from the day to day management of the investment portfolio by the Investment Manager. In accordance with the Charities Act, the financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis given that the definition of gross income excludes the receipt of any endowment, loans and proceeds from the sale of investments or fixed assets.

Reference and administration

The Erskine Muton Trust Fund is an unincorporated Trust and is constituted under the terms of the trust deed dated 27 May 2009. The Trust is a registered charity (no.1130199).

The Corporate Trustee has appointed a designated Trust Manager to look after the affairs of the charity. The Investment Manager reviews the performance and provides recommendations on the structure of the investment portfolio.

The power to appoint additional Trustees is vested in the current Trustee and is exercisable in writing. Should new Trustees be appointed, the existing Trustee would take responsibility for their induction.

The Trustee has examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces, and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. The main risk in the year was considered to be the variability of investment returns.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England, as carried out in any church or churches in Dorset (excluding St. Peter's Church, Eype), but with discretion to distribute in other areas. This is pursued through the awarding of grants, in accordance with the terms of the governing document.

Achievements and performance

During the year 37 grants totalling £561,583 (2022: 37 grants totalling £253,000) were awarded to charitable institutions. No grants were awarded to individuals in either year. Details of these grants are set out in Appendix 1 to the financial statements.

Where grant payments are not banked by the beneficiary they are credited against grants paid in the period that the grant becomes stale.

Financial review

The fund generated income of £179,041 (2022: £177,157) in the year, which facilitated the expenditure on charitable activities of £609,918 (2022: £377,243) of which £561,583 (2022: £253,000) was direct charitable expenditure in the form of grants to charitable institutions. The beneficiaries are disclosed in Appendix 1 of the financial statements.

Investment policy

In accordance with the governing document, the Trustee has the power to invest in such stocks, shares, investments and property as it sees fit. The Trustee engaged HSBC UK Bank plc as Investment Manager. The policy is to adopt a low to medium risk investment strategy to protect, in absolute terms, the capital value of the fund whilst producing a sustainable and growing level of income, and also providing the potential for longer term growth of capital in real terms.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE cont. FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Reserves policy

The unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, and which are represented by the income arising are paid over to beneficiaries throughout the year. The balance of unrestricted funds held at 5 April 2023 is £31,825 (2022: £68,999). It is not the policy of the charity to maintain specific reserves and the Trustee is reviewing potential beneficiaries to whom these funds may be distributed in the next financial year.

The expendable endowment funds represent those assets which are held permanently by the charity, principally investments. Income arising on the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objectives of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. The Trustee has the power to convert this fund into income.

Public benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the Trustee considers how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Plans for the future

The Trustee intends to continue providing grants in a similar way to the recent past whilst retaining flexibility as to the timing and scale of grant making.

Related parties

The Corporate Trustee and the Investment Manager are both wholly owned subsidiaries of HSBC Holdings plc.

In addition to the fees shown on page 6, as a result of the acquisition and disposal of investments, the charity pays transaction charges to HSBC Bank plc. The charges are calculated on a sliding scale at a percentage of the transactions value plus VAT and are added to or deducted from the cost of the investments or the disposal proceeds in accordance with UK standard accounting practice.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE cont. FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustee 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 financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustee should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. This enables them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) 2008 Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed.

The Trustee is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf by:

Andrea Mellish
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HSBC Trust Company (UK) Limited

Date: 24/01/2024
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF ERSKINE MUTON TRUST FUND

I report to the Trustee on my examination of the financial statements of Erskine Muton Trust Fund for the year ended 5 April 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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 reasonable 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 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 financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Frances Millar

Frances Millar ACA
Chartered Accountant
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

On behalf of RSM UK Tax and Accounting Limited
Chartered Accountants
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Chandlers Ford
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Date:..... 29-Jan-2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts				
Investment income	179,041	-	179,041	177,157
	<u>179,041</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>179,041</u>	<u>177,157</u>
Investment sale proceeds				
Proceeds from the sale of investments	-	3,582,874	3,582,874	7,647,111
Total receipts	<u>179,041</u>	<u>3,582,874</u>	<u>3,761,915</u>	<u>7,824,268</u>
Payments				
Cost of generating funds				
Investment service charge	-	62,044	62,044	49,675
Charitable activities				
Grants paid	561,583	-	561,583	253,000
Other allocated costs	48,335	-	48,335	124,243
Governance costs				
Independent examiner's fee	3,120	-	3,120	3,072
	<u>613,038</u>	<u>62,044</u>	<u>675,082</u>	<u>429,990</u>
Investment purchases				
Payments for purchases of investments	-	3,347,912	3,347,912	7,304,033
Total payments	<u>613,038</u>	<u>3,409,956</u>	<u>4,022,994</u>	<u>7,734,023</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	(433,997)	172,918	(261,079)	90,245
Transfers between funds	396,823	(396,823)	-	-
Cash invested at 6 April 2022	68,999	240,124	309,123	218,878
Cash invested at 5 April 2023	<u>31,825</u>	<u>16,219</u>	<u>48,044</u>	<u>309,123</u>

These unaudited financial statements have been subjected to independent examination. See report on page 5.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 5 APRIL 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Investments				
UK equities	-	420,916	420,916	348,168
UK fixed interest securities	-	1,023,104	1,023,104	1,745,160
Overseas fixed interest securities	-	3,332,537	3,332,537	3,217,145
Overseas equities and unit trusts	-	2,685,501	2,685,501	2,842,729
Alternative investments	-	245,425	245,425	147,389
Other trust assets	-	1	1	1
Cash	31,825	16,219	48,044	309,123
Total assets	<u>31,825</u>	<u>7,723,703</u>	<u>7,755,528</u>	<u>8,609,715</u>
Liabilities				
Professional fees payable	<u>3,397</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,397</u>	<u>3,235</u>

Approved by the Trustee and authorised for issue on24/01/2024..... and signed on its behalf by:

Andrea Mellish
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HSBC Trust Company (UK) Limited

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APPENDIX 1 BREAKDOWN OF CHARITABLE GRANTS

Institutions	Number of Grants	Amount £
All Saints Church, Wyke Regis	1	5,000
Canford Magna	1	4,500
Charmouth: St Andrew	1	348,083
Church of Good Shepherd, Brighton	1	5,000
Cranborne St Mary & St Bartholomew	1	3,000
Ecclesiastical Parish of Lytchett Minster	1	10,000
Holy Trinity, Godmanstone	1	1,000
Iwerne Minster	1	11,000
PCC of Motcombe	1	12,000
PCC of Shillingstone	1	10,000
PCC of Wareham	1	5,000
PCC of Ashmore Fabric Fund	1	7,000
PCC of Winfrith	1	5,000
Parish of Rapidole and Melcombe Regis	1	5,000
St Andrew, Bloxworth	1	1,000
St Andrew, Okeford Fitzpaine	2	10,000
St Andrew and St Peter, Blofield	1	5,000
St Andrew, Milbourne St	1	5,000
St Barnabas, Stock Gaylard	1	8,000
St Bartholomew, Shapwick	1	5,000
St John's Church Broadstone	1	5,000
St John's PCC Wimborne	1	10,000
St Marks, Highcliffe Church	1	5,000
St Mary's District Church	1	20,000
St Mary's Church, Frome St Quintin	1	5,000
St Mary's Church, Stoke Abbott	1	1,500
St Nicholas, Myra Worth	1	10,000
St Mary's Magladene Church	1	3,000
St Michael and All Angels Church	1	3,000
St Nicholas Church, Bincombe	1	5,000
St Nicholas Church, Silton	1	5,000
St Pauls PCC	1	3,500
St Peter, Chetnole	1	1,500
St Peter, Portesham	1	5,000
St Phillips, Church West Howe	1	6,500
Whitchurch Canoncorum	1	7,000
	37	561,583

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