

Charity Registration No. 1130264

THE HENRY STARNES CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Settlor	Peter Henry Starnes
Trustees	Anthony Simon Palmer (retired 17 March 2023) Brachers Trust Corporation Limited (Christopher Eriksson-Lee representing)
Charity number	1130264
Principal address	59 London Road Maidstone Kent ME16 8JH
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 29 February 2024. 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 published in October 2019.

Objects and activities for the public benefit

The charity's objects are to make donations as the trustees in their discretion think fit to organisations regarded as charitable by the laws of England and Wales, in particular to charities that deal with the health and care of animals. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are in making donations to charities involved in this area.

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 and in the planning of future donations and grants.

Achievements and performance

The charity was successful in maintaining an appropriate level of investments to continue to generate sufficient investment income to maintain current grant making policies.

Review of financial position and activities

The results for the year are set out on page 5.

Total income for the year amounted to £80,960 (2023: £74,515), which included an unrestricted donation of £32,000 (2023: £32,015).

During the year the trust committed £30,000 between the 21 charities it supports in respect of the year ended 29 February 2024 (2023: £14,000). As at 29 February 2024, £9,000 remained unpaid to the Blue Cross.

After accounting for other costs, which amounted to £18,801 for the year (2023: £10,937) and portfolio management fees of £16,653 (2023: £16,228), the funds net surplus of £15,506 (2023: £33,350) before investment portfolio gains and losses is acceptable to the trustees. Realised gains and unrealised losses on the investment portfolio of £56,523 and £39,572 respectively, meant that unrestricted funds increased by £32,457 (2023: £100,333) in total during the year.

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Reserves (including Reserves Policy)

At 29 February 2024, the charity's unrestricted reserves amounted to £2,137,048 (2023: £2,104,591). The unrestricted fund represents the amount available for general charitable purposes at the discretion of the trustees. The trustees' intention is to keep reserves at levels sufficient to continue to provide income which will enable them to provide donations to approved applications, having regard to unforeseen volatility in investment market values. They believe the reserves position at 29 February 2024 was satisfactory.

It is the policy of the charity to ultimately maintain 'free' reserves (being that element of the unrestricted revenue reserve which is not funding investments) of approximately one year's running costs.

As at 28 February the free reserves of the charity amounted to £71,460 (2023: £72,325). The trustees consider the closing level as sufficient to support their anticipated grant making expenditure in the following twelve months, including any unforeseen urgent charitable applications.

Designated funds at 29 February 2024 total £2,065,588 (2022: £2,032,266) - see note 10 for details.

Investment policy

The trustees have wide powers of investment in accordance with the governing instrument (the charitable trust deed) and the provisions of the Charities Acts. In conjunction with the charity's investment advisors, the trustees approach the investment of funds in a cautious manner with the intention of maintaining the real value of the capital of the fund where possible, thus producing a realistic income from the capital which can then be distributed. Where appropriate, the trustees may distribute capital in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The funds invested and those held on deposit are subject to the compliance procedures of both the charity's investment advisors and Brachers LLP.

Going concern

The Trustees have no reason to believe that the charity will be unable to continue operating as a going concern (able to pay its debts and grant commitments as they fall due) for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approving these accounts.

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Structure, governance and management

The charitable settlement is a registered charity, number 1130264, and was established by a charitable trust deed dated 5 November 1996. It was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 22 June 2009.

There is currently one corporate trustee. The trustee consider charitable donations on the basis of the objects of the charity and taking into account appeals received during the year.

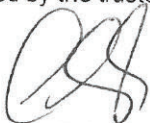
The trustees who served during the year were:

Anthony Simon Palmer (retired (17 March 2023))
Brachers Trust Corporation Limited

The trustees include professionals with appropriate skills to properly manage the trust assets and apply those assets in accordance with the trust deed. Brachers Trust Corporation Limited was appointed trustee, with Christopher Eriksson-Lee taking an active role as assigned trustee representative in his capacity as director of Brachers Trust Corporation Limited.

The original settlor has the power to appoint additional or new trustees during his lifetime. After the settlor's death, additional or new trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The trust deed provides for a maximum of five trustees.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Christopher Eriksson-Lee
on behalf of Brachers Trust Corporation Limited
Trustee

Dated: 2nd December 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HENRY STARNES CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Henry Starnes Charitable Settlement for the year ended 29 February 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

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 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

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 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 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.



James Francis
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Dated:

2nd December 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
		Year ended 29 February 2024	Year ended 28 February 2023
	Notes	£	£
Income from			
Legacies & donations	2	32,000	32,015
Dividends & interest	3	48,960	42,500
Total income		<u>80,960</u>	<u>74,515</u>
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities	4	30,000	14,000
Costs of raising funds		16,653	16,228
Other costs		18,801	10,937
Total expenditure		<u>65,454</u>	<u>41,165</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		15,506	33,350
Other recognised gains and losses			
Net gains on investments	7	16,951	66,983
Net movement in funds		32,457	100,333
Total funds brought forward		2,104,591	2,004,258
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>2,137,048</u></u>	<u><u>2,104,591</u></u>

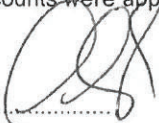
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

		29 February 2024	28 February 2023
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	7	2,065,588	2,032,266
Current assets			
Debtors	8	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		82,350	74,125
		<u>82,350</u>	<u>74,125</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(10,890)	(1,800)
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Net current assets		71,460	72,325
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Total assets less current liabilities		2,137,048	2,104,591
		<u></u>	<u></u>
Represented by			
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>			
Designated funds	10	2,065,588	2,032,266
General funds		71,460	72,325
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Total unrestricted funds		2,137,048	2,104,591
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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 2nd December 2024



Christopher Eriksson-Lee
on behalf of Brachers Trust Corporation Limited
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The Henry Starnes Charitable Settlement is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in the United Kingdom (England & Wales) (N° 1130264). The address of the registered office is Somerfield House, 59 London Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 8JH.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared 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 (FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by the SORP.

The charity has opted not to prepare a cash flow statement for the financial period, as permitted by the 2019 Statement of Recommended Practice.

The 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 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) issued in October 2019.

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 presented 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 Income recognition

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as income when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Income from investments is recognised when receivable.

1.3 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.

Grant expenditure is recognised when awarded to the recipient. The expense is included on an accruals basis in the year in which a legal or constructive obligation to pay the grant arises.

Costs of raising funds are those investment management fees for both income generation and capital maintenance.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the making of grants and donations and include both the direct costs and indirect costs relating to these activities, on an accruals basis.

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1.3 Expenditure recognition (continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resource expended for which it was incurred.

1.4 Investments

Investments are recognised at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains/(losses) on investments' in the SoFA if shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably.

Realised gains or losses arising on disposal are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the proceeds are receivable.

1.5 Fund accounting

The funds held by the charity are unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustee for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.6 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.

1.7 Taxation

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.

1.8 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. They believe the anticipated expenditure will be adequately funded given the existing level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.9 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.

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2 Legacies and donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrestricted funds:		
Donations	32,000	32,015

3 Dividends and interest

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from listed investments	46,772	42,268
Interest receivable	2,188	232
	48,960	42,500

4 Expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Grants to institutions:		
The Society for Protection of Animals Abroad	1,000	5,000
Blue Cross	10,000	9,000
University of Cambridge Veterinary School Trust	1,000	-
Greenpeace Charitable Trust	1,000	-
Hearing Dogs for the Deaf	1,000	-
Kent Wildlife Trust	1,000	-
League Against Cruel Sports	1,000	-
PDSA	1,000	-
People for Animal Care	1,000	-
RSPB	1,000	-
RSPCA	1,000	-
Royal Veterinary College Animal Care Trust	1,000	-
Dogs For Good	1,000	-
Sight Savers International	1,000	-
The Brooke Hospital for Animals	1,000	-
The Dogs' Trust	1,000	-
World Animal Protection UK	1,000	-
WWF - UK	1,000	-
Endangered Species Protection Agency Limited	1,000	-
Songbird Survival	1,000	-
PETA Foundation	1,000	-
	30,000	14,000

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4 Expenditure (continued)	2024 £	2023 £
Reconciliation of grants payable		
Commitments unpaid at 1 March	-	19,000
Commitments made in the year (above)	30,000	14,000
Grants paid during the year	(21,000)	(33,000)
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Commitments unpaid at 29 February (Note 9)	9,000	-
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Costs of raising funds		
Investment managers' fees	16,553	16,228
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	16,553	16,228
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Other costs		
Management, administration and accountancy fees	16,911	9,050
Independent examination:		
Independent examination fees	1,890	1,800
Irrecoverable withholding tax	-	87
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	18,801	10,937
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5 Trustees and related party transactions

None of the trustees (nor any persons connected with them) personally received any remuneration or expenses reimbursed during the year, in accordance with the trust deed.

In addition, the charity was charged management, administration and accountancy services by Brachers LLP amounting to £16,911 (2023: £9,050). During a previous year an associated undertaking of Brachers LLP, Brachers Trust Corporation Limited, was appointed a trustee of the charity. Fees are charged at commercial rates by Brachers.

During the year the charity received unconditional donations amounting to £32,000 (2023: £32,015) from Peter Henry Starnes who retired as a trustee on 18 October 2022.

6 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

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7 Fixed asset investments	2024	2023
	£	£
Listed investments:		
Market value at 1 March	1,996,956	1,904,112
Additions at cost	174,919	213,520
Disposal proceeds	(164,143)	(187,658)
Realised gains on disposals	56,523	79,867
Unrealised losses on revaluation	(39,572)	(12,885)
	<u>16,951</u>	<u>66,982</u>
	2,024,683	1,996,956
Cash	<u>40,905</u>	<u>35,310</u>
Market value at year end	<u><u>2,065,588</u></u>	<u><u>2,032,266</u></u>
Historical cost of investments at year end	<u><u>1,996,956</u></u>	<u><u>1,362,828</u></u>
The portfolio was comprised as follows:		
Equities	1,359,520	1,356,840
Fixed Interest Securities	154,819	148,512
Alternative Assets	365,184	442,553
Open Ended Investment Unit Trust	145,161	49,051
Cash	40,905	35,310
	<u>2,065,588</u>	<u>2,032,266</u>

Investments representing more than 5% of the total market value of the listed investments portfolio were as follows:

Blackrock Liquidity Premier	145,161
Fidelity European Trust Plc Ord GBP0.025	110,550
ishares Oil & Gas	102,516
ishares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF NAV	94,500
ishares S&P500 UCITS ETF NAV	132,358

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

8 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	-	-
	-	-

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants payable (note 4)	9,000	-
Other creditors	1,890	1,800
	10,890	1,800

10 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	1 March 2023 £	New designations £	Designations released £	29 February 2024 £
Investment fund	2,032,266	197,465	(164,143)	2,065,588

	1 March 2022 £	New designations £	Designations released £	28 February 2023 £
Investment fund	1,946,423	273,501	(187,658)	2,032,266

Investment fund - these funds are invested to maximise total return and generate income.