

# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1137778

## Details

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**Other names** NONE

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2010-09-03

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** Stubhampton House  
Stubhampton  
Blandford Forum  
DT11 8JU

**Phone** 01258830135

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE CHARITY IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS OR CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION THINK FIT. "CHARITABLE" MEANS CHARITABLE UNDER THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

**Activities:** The Trust will have an emphasis towards 3rd World needs and development.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- Dorset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£313,665	£356,002	-	-
2024-04-05	£321,722	£421,113	-	-
2023-04-05	£311,340	£418,000	-	-
2022-04-05	£305,069	£535,900	-	-
2021-04-05	£104,692	£342,700	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>GEOFFREY HUGH ROPER</b>	Chair	
KATHERINE ANNE ROPER		
LESTER ALDRIDGE TRUST COMPANY		2016-02-22
PAULINE HELENA ROPER		

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1137778**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025  
FOR  
THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

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## THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objects and activities for public benefit

The objects of the trust are to apply its funds for such exclusively charitable purposes as the trustees may think fit in accordance with the trust deed. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the trusts aims and objectives and in planning future activities and in setting grant making policy for the year.

##### Grantmaking

The trustees continue to make grants supporting many charities within specified grant making criteria. The trustees endeavour to support charities who operate long term development, health and welfare programmes in the third world, charities who operate health and welfare programmes in the UK and environmental charities.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

##### Achievements and performance

During the year to 5 April 2025, the charity received income (as detailed in note 2 to the accounts) and donations totalling £313,665. After allowing for the costs of administering the charity the trustees made charitable donations in accordance with the terms of the constitution totalling £356,002 (2024 - £404,000) as shown in note 4 to the accounts, leaving unspent resources of £5,110,239 at the year end.

##### Fundraising activities

The trust does not carry out any significant fundraising activities.

##### Investment performance

The trust's investment portfolio is managed by Cazenove. Funds are invested to provide a balanced return of growth and income for the charity, but with the various difficulties in global financial markets in recent years the investment portfolio has suffered significant volatility in market value. Despite the active management of the portfolio, the value of investments decreased in the year ended 5 April 2025. The portfolio is held as an expendable endowment fund in accordance with the trust deed. The cash held as part of the investment portfolio decreased to £70,362 due to the purchase and disposal of capital investments where deemed appropriate by the investment managers.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Financial position

As a result of the activities and investment performance mentioned above, the total funds decreased to £5,110,239 (2024 - £5,405,945) as at 5 April 2025.

##### Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain the capital value of the endowment fund, and the level of income it produces, at least in line with inflation. Cash reserves of approximately one-half of the previous year's income are held to provide a 'cushion' against unforeseen expenditure and against sharp fluctuations in income. Subject to this, it is the trustees' policy to distribute by way of grants the whole of the trust's surplus income after administration expenditure.

#### FUTURE PLANS

The trustees are continuing to look into the various areas of interest as a grantmaking body, with consideration to the primary objectives of the trust, a broadening of the spectrum of donations is being considered.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Structure, governance & management

The Hugh Symons Charitable Trust was established as a charity by a declaration of trust dated 29 June 2010. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 3 September 2010.

##### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The power of appointment of new trustees rests with the settlors G H Roper and Mrs P H Roper jointly or, if incapable, by the trustees. Trustees are appointed by deed.

## THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Organisational structure

All decisions relating to the organisation and operation of the charity are made by the trustees, taking professional advice from advisers and third parties where it is deemed appropriate. This includes the appointment of Cazenove to manage the charity's investment portfolio in accordance with performance criteria set by the board.

##### Induction and training of new trustees

On appointment, new trustees sign a model trustee declaration statement committing them to giving their time and expertise. The new trustee goes through an induction process, which includes meetings with the trustees. Training is also provided to the trustee as required.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Charity number

1137778

##### Principal address

Stubhampton House  
Stubhampton  
Blandford Forum  
DT11 8JU

##### Trustees

Mr G H Roper  
Mrs P H Roper  
Ms K A Roper  
L Aldridge

Directors of Lester Aldridge Trust Corporation Limited:

T C E Alder - appointed 18 March 2025  
M R Barrow - resigned 18 March 2025  
Mrs J E Clarke  
Mrs P Jones  
K R Lee  
Mrs M Naidoo-Ogle  
O C Phipps  
J P Townsend - appointed 18 March 2025

##### Auditors

Andrews and Palmer Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
32 The Square  
Gillingham  
Dorset  
SP8 4AR

##### Other principal advisers

##### Stockbrokers & investment advisers

Cazenove Capital, 12 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6DA

##### Bankers

C.Hoare & Co, 37 Fleet Street, London, EC4P 4DQ

##### Solicitors

Lester Aldridge LLP, Russell House, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH8 8EX

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs P H Roper - Trustee

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Hugh Symons Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 5 April 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We focussed on laws and regulations which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including the Charities Act 2011. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to identify management override as a significant risk and to perform specific procedures to respond to that risk. Our procedures included reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing supporting documentation to assess compliance with laws and regulations having a direct effect on the financial statements. We also made enquiries of management, read minutes of meetings and performed analytical and substantive procedures to identify unusual or unexpected events that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud. We tested the appropriateness of journal entries and assessed whether judgements made are indicative of potential bias. We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**Use of our report**

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. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Andrews and Palmer Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
32 The Square  
Gillingham  
Dorset  
SP8 4AR

12 January 2026

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	5.4.25 Total funds £	5.4.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		101,050	-	101,050	103,300
Investment income	2	212,615	-	212,615	218,422
<b>Total</b>		<u>313,665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>313,665</u>	<u>321,722</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	3	-	13,296	13,296	11,523
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct charitable grants		356,002	-	356,002	404,000
Other		5,451	-	5,451	5,590
<b>Total</b>		<u>361,453</u>	<u>13,296</u>	<u>374,749</u>	<u>421,113</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	(234,622)	(234,622)	244,207
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>					
Transfers between funds	10	(47,788)	(247,918)	(295,706)	144,816
		136,002	(136,002)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		88,214	(383,920)	(295,706)	144,816
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		179,377	5,226,568	5,405,945	5,261,129
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>267,591</u></u>	<u><u>4,842,648</u></u>	<u><u>5,110,239</u></u>	<u><u>5,405,945</u></u>

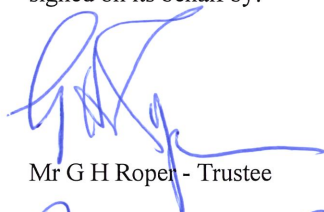
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**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET  
5 APRIL 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	5.4.25 Total funds £	5.4.24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	8	-	4,842,648	4,842,648	5,226,568
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Prepayments and accrued income		46,950	-	46,950	48,391
Cash at bank		253,492	-	253,492	137,623
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		300,442	-	300,442	186,014
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(32,851)	-	(32,851)	(6,637)
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		267,591	-	267,591	179,377
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		267,591	4,842,648	5,110,239	5,405,945
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		267,591	4,842,648	5,110,239	5,405,945
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	10			267,591	179,377
Unrestricted funds				4,842,648	5,226,568
Endowment funds				<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<hr/>	<hr/>
				5,110,239	5,405,945

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr G H Roper - Trustee



Mrs P H Roper - Trustee

## THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust. This is normally on notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our stockbrokers and investment advisers.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the trust. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant. Grants that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant.

The trustees will not bind themselves contractually or otherwise to make future grants.

##### **Raising funds**

The costs of generating funds consist of investment management and certain legal and professional fees.

##### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts and the cost of any legal and professional advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters and administration of the trust. Governance costs are allocated as other costs within the general unrestricted fund.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

The unrestricted funds are as follows:

Income Fund - This fund represents income generated from the investments held within the expendable endowment fund and bank interest received on undistributed income fund deposits, net of charitable expenses and governance costs.

# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Fund accounting

Expendable Endowment Fund - This fund represents the market value of investments net of investment management costs. The trustees have absolute discretion to use both capital and income for the same charitable purposes in accordance with the trust deed.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The charity does not have any restricted funds.

#### Fixed asset investments and financial instruments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

#### Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired during the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount receivable. Prepayments are valued at the historic cost of the amount prepaid.

#### Cash at bank

Cash at bank is defined by the charity as funds available to be used immediately.

#### Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

### 2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.25	5.4.24
	£	£
UK stock exchange - Dividends	202,330	203,319
Bank interest	10,285	15,103
	<u>212,615</u>	<u>218,422</u>

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

**3. RAISING FUNDS**

**Investment management costs**

	5.4.25	5.4.24
	£	£
Portfolio management	13,296	11,523
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**4. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	5.4.25	5.4.24
	£	£
Direct charitable grants	356,002	404,000
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Direct charitable grants were made to 28 (2024 - 25) different charitable and voluntary institutions. The grants were made under the following categories to the bodies named below:-

	5.4.25	5.4.24
	£	£
<b>Health and Welfare</b>		
British Red Cross	50,000	150,000
Seeing Dogs Alliance	5,000	-
Beacon Church Community Kitchen	3,000	-
Crisis UK	3,000	3,000
Willdoes HS Trust	2,502	-
Bede House	2,000	2,000
Cerebral Palsy Plus	2,000	-
Fare Share	2,000	-
Royal National Institute of Blind People	1,500	-
Hope for the Young	-	10,000
Refugee Migrant RMC	-	5,000
Brain Tumour Support	-	3,000
Family Holiday	-	3,000
Off the Fence	-	3,000
Strongbones Childrens Trust	-	2,000
2 (0) Other grants up to £1,000 each	1,500	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	72,502	181,000

	5.4.25	5.4.24
	£	£
<b>Overseas Development and Healthcare</b>		
Medecins Sans Frontieres	75,000	50,000
Pastor Fellowship Mbeya	53,000	3,000
Oxfam	50,000	50,000
Action Aid	25,000	-
MAP	7,500	5,000
UNHCR	7,500	15,000
African Promise	5,000	5,000
All Ears Cambodia	5,000	-
International Rescue Committee	5,000	-
Water Aid	5,000	5,000
Hands Around the World	2,500	2,500
Lepra	2,000	-
Porridge and Pens	2,000	-
Tools for Self Reliance	2,000	3,000
Gospel of Grace Church	-	19,000
Sense International	-	3,500
Sightsavers	-	3,000
Team Kenya	-	3,000

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued**

Temwa	-	3,000	
Village Water	-	3,000	
		246,500	173,000
		5.4.25	5.4.24
<b>Environmental</b>	£	£	
WWF	25,000	50,000	
Greenpeace	10,000	-	
Future Trees	2,000	-	
		37,000	50,000
<b>Total grants for year</b>		356,002	404,000

**5. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

	5.4.25	5.4.24	
	£	£	
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	2,740	2,750	
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	2,240	2,250	
		2,250	2,250

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2025 nor for the year ended 5 April 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2025 nor for the year ended 5 April 2024.

**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	103,300	-	103,300
Investment income	218,422	-	218,422
<b>Total</b>	321,722	-	321,722
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	-	11,523	11,523
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct charitable grants	404,000	-	404,000
Other	5,590	-	5,590
<b>Total</b>	409,590	11,523	421,113

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

7. <b>COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued</b>	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net gains on investments	-	244,207	244,207
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>(87,868)</b>	<b>232,684</b>	<b>144,816</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>83,458</b>	<b>(83,458)</b>	<b>-</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(4,410)</b>	<b>149,226</b>	<b>144,816</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	183,787	5,077,342	5,261,129
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>179,377</b>	<b>5,226,568</b>	<b>5,405,945</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 6 April 2024	5,226,568
Additions	90,957
Disposals	(235,185)
Revaluations including cash movement	(239,692)
	<u>4,842,648</u>
At 5 April 2025	4,842,648
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 5 April 2025	<u>4,842,648</u>
At 5 April 2024	<u>5,226,568</u>

The investments are located as follows;

	5.4.25 £	5.4.24 £
Within UK	4,296,758	4,711,141
Outside the UK	545,890	515,427
	<u>4,842,648</u>	<u>5,226,568</u>

The following investments have a market value greater than 5% of the total portfolio of listed investments.

	5.4.25 £	5.4.24 £
Cazenove Charity Response Fund	<u>4,226,396</u>	<u>4,580,794</u>

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

**8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued**

All investments are carried at their market value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange.

**Analysis of investments at fair value**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Equities	545,890	515,427
Multi-Asset Funds	4,226,396	4,580,794
Cash held within the investment portfolio	70,362	130,347
	<u>4,842,648</u>	<u>5,226,568</u>

The main risk to the Trust from financial instruments lies in the combination of uncertain investment markets and volatility in yield. The Trust is reliant on dividend yield in part to finance its grant making activities. The Trust manages these investment risks by retaining experts advisors and operating an investment policy that, in addition to meeting ethical criteria, provides for a high degree of diversification of holdings within investment asset classes that are quoted on recognised stock exchanges.

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	5.4.25	5.4.24
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>32,851</u>	<u>6,637</u>

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 6.4.24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 5.4.25
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	179,377	(47,788)	136,002	267,591
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	5,226,568	(247,918)	(136,002)	4,842,648
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,405,945</u>	<u>(295,706)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,110,239</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	313,665	(361,453)	-	(47,788)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(13,296)	(234,622)	(247,918)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>313,665</u>	<u>(374,749)</u>	<u>(234,622)</u>	<u>(295,706)</u>

THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	183,787	(87,868)	83,458	179,377
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	5,077,342	232,684	(83,458)	5,226,568
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,261,129</u>	<u>144,816</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,405,945</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	321,722	(409,590)	-	(87,868)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(11,523)	244,207	232,684
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>321,722</u>	<u>(421,113)</u>	<u>244,207</u>	<u>144,816</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	183,787	(135,656)	219,460	267,591
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	5,077,342	(15,234)	(219,460)	4,842,648
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,261,129</u>	<u>(150,890)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,110,239</u>

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	635,387	(771,043)	-	(135,656)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(24,819)	9,585	(15,234)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>635,387</u>	<u>(795,862)</u>	<u>9,585</u>	<u>(150,890)</u>

Income Fund - This fund represents income generated from the investments held within the expendable endowment fund and bank interest received on undistributed income fund deposits, net of charitable expenses and governance costs.

Expendable Endowment Fund - This fund represents the market value of investments net of investment management costs. The trustees have absolute discretion to use both capital and income for the same charitable purposes in accordance with the trust deed.

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year donations totalling £100,000 were received from a company ultimately owned by G H Roper and a further £200 donation was received from Mrs P H Roper, these were free from restrictions and were used to support the charity's activities.

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1137778

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1137778**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023  
FOR  
THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

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# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Objects and activities for public benefit

The objects of the trust are to apply its funds for such exclusively charitable purposes as the trustees may think fit in accordance with the trust deed. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the trusts aims and objectives and in planning future activities and in setting grant making policy for the year.

#### Grantmaking

The trustees continue to make grants supporting many charities within specified grant making criteria. The trustees endeavour to support charities who operate long term development, health and welfare programmes in the third world, charities who operate health and welfare programmes in the UK and environmental charities.

### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

#### Achievements and performance

During the year to 5 April 2023, the charity received income and donations totalling £311,340 (2022 - £305,069) as detailed in note 2 to the accounts. After allowing for the costs of administering the charity the trustees made charitable donations in accordance with the terms of the constitution totalling £418,000 (2022 - £535,900) as shown in note 4 to the accounts, leaving unspent resources of £5,261,129 at the year end.

#### Fundraising activities

The trust does not carry out any significant fundraising activities.

#### Investment performance

The trust's investment portfolio is managed by Cazenove. Funds are invested to provide a balanced return of growth and income for the charity, but with the various difficulties in global financial markets in recent years the investment portfolio has suffered significant volatility in market value. Despite the active management of the portfolio, the value of investments decreased in the year ended 5 April 2023. The portfolio is held as an expendable endowment fund in accordance with the trust deed. The cash held as part of the investment portfolio decreased to £347,479 due to the purchase and disposal of capital investments where deemed appropriate by the investment managers.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Financial position

As a result of the activities and investment performance mentioned above, the total funds decreased to £5,261,129 (2022 - £5,672,399) as at 5 April 2023.

#### Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain the capital value of the endowment fund, and the level of income it produces, at least in line with inflation. Cash reserves of approximately one-half of the previous year's income are held to provide a 'cushion' against unforeseen expenditure and against sharp fluctuations in income. Subject to this, it is the trustees' policy to distribute by way of grants the whole of the trust's surplus income after administration expenditure.

### FUTURE PLANS

The trustees are continuing to look into the various areas of interest as a grantmaking body, with consideration to the primary objectives of the trust, a broadening of the spectrum of donations is being considered.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Structure, governance & management

The Hugh Symons Charitable Trust was established as a charity by a declaration of trust dated 29 June 2010. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 3 September 2010.

#### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The power of appointment of new trustees rests with the settlors G H Roper and Mrs P H Roper jointly or, if incapable, by the trustees. Trustees are appointed by deed.

# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Organisational structure

All decisions relating to the organisation and operation of the charity are made by the trustees, taking professional advice from advisers and third parties where it is deemed appropriate. This includes the appointment of Cazenove to manage the charity's investment portfolio in accordance with performance criteria set by the board.

#### Induction and training of new trustees

On appointment, new trustees sign a model trustee declaration statement committing them to giving their time and expertise. The new trustee goes through an induction process, which includes meetings with the trustees. Training is also provided to the trustee as required.

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

#### Registered Charity number

1137778

#### Principal address

Stubhampton House  
Stubhampton  
Blandford Forum  
DT11 8JU

#### Trustees

Mr G H Roper  
Mrs P H Roper  
Ms K A Roper  
L Aldridge

Directors of Lester Aldridge Trust Corporation Limited:

Lester Aldridge Company Secretarial Limited

M R Barrow  
Mrs J E Clarke  
Mrs P Jones  
K R Lee  
Mrs M Naidoo-Ogle  
O C Phipps

#### Auditors

Andrews and Palmer Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
32 The Square  
Gillingham  
Dorset  
SP8 4AR

#### Other principal advisers

##### Stockbrokers & investment advisers

Cazenove Capital, 12 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6DA

#### Bankers

C.Hoare & Co, 37 Fleet Street, London, EC4P 4DQ

#### Solicitors

Lester Aldridge LLP, Russell House, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH8 8EX

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**


The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 9 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs P H Roper - Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pauline Roper". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the printed name of the trustee.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Hugh Symons Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 5 April 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We focussed on laws and regulations which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including the Charities Act 2011. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to identify management override as a significant risk and to perform specific procedures to respond to that risk. Our procedures included reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing supporting documentation to assess compliance with laws and regulations having a direct effect on the financial statements. We also made enquiries of management, read minutes of meetings and performed analytical and substantive procedures to identify unusual or unexpected events that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud. We tested the appropriateness of journal entries and assessed whether judgements made are indicative of potential bias. We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.


Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**Use of our report**

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. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Andrews and Palmer Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
32 The Square  
Gillingham  
Dorset  
SP8 4AR

9 January 2024

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	5.4.23 Total funds £	5.4.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		100,000	-	100,000	233,430
Investment income	2	211,340	-	211,340	71,639
<b>Total</b>		<u>311,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>311,340</u>	<u>305,069</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	3	-	17,403	17,403	42,497
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct charitable grants		418,000	-	418,000	535,900
Other		4,926	-	4,926	4,426
<b>Total</b>		<u>422,926</u>	<u>17,403</u>	<u>440,329</u>	<u>582,823</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	(282,281)	(282,281)	167,448
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(111,586)</u>	<u>(299,684)</u>	<u>(411,270)</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	10	235,422	(235,422)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>123,836</u>	<u>(535,106)</u>	<u>(411,270)</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		59,951	5,612,448	5,672,399	5,782,705
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>183,787</u></u>	<u><u>5,077,342</u></u>	<u><u>5,261,129</u></u>	<u><u>5,672,399</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

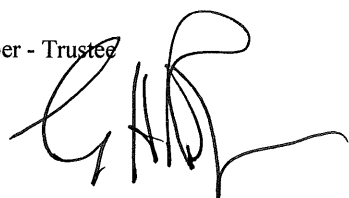
**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**5 April 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	5.4.23 Total funds £	5.4.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	8	-	5,077,342	5,077,342	5,612,448
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Prepayments and accrued income		47,837	-	47,837	9,425
Cash at bank		142,026	-	142,026	64,042
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		189,863	-	189,863	73,467
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(6,076)	-	(6,076)	(13,516)
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		183,787	-	183,787	59,951
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		183,787	5,077,342	5,261,129	5,672,399
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		183,787	5,077,342	5,261,129	5,672,399
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<b>FUNDS</b>					
	10				
Unrestricted funds				183,787	59,951
Endowment funds				5,077,342	5,612,448
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				5,261,129	5,672,399
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9 January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr G H Roper - Trustee



Mrs P H Roper - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

#### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust. This is normally on notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our stockbrokers and investment advisers.

#### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the trust. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant. Grants that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant.

The trustees will not bind themselves contractually or otherwise to make future grants.

#### **Raising funds**

The costs of generating funds consist of investment management and certain legal and professional fees.

#### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts and the cost of any legal and professional advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters and administration of the trust. Governance costs are allocated as other costs within the general unrestricted fund.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

The unrestricted funds are as follows:

Income Fund - This fund represents income generated from the investments held within the expendable endowment fund and bank interest received on undistributed income fund deposits, net of charitable expenses and governance costs.

# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Fund accounting

Expendable Endowment Fund - This fund represents the market value of investments net of investment management costs. The trustees have absolute discretion to use both capital and income for the same charitable purposes in accordance with the trust deed.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The charity does not have any restricted funds.

#### Fixed asset investments and financial instruments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

#### Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired during the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount receivable. Prepayments are valued at the historic cost of the amount prepaid.

#### Cash at bank

Cash at bank is defined by the charity as funds available to be used immediately.

#### Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

### 2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
UK stock exchange - Dividends	207,772	40,953
UK stock exchange - Fixed interest	3,141	30,656
Bank interest	427	30
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	211,340	71,639
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**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**3. RAISING FUNDS**

**Investment management costs**

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Portfolio management	17,403	42,497
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Direct charitable grants	418,000	535,900
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Direct charitable grants were made to 33 (2022 - 37) different charitable and voluntary institutions. The grants were made under the following categories to the bodies named below:-

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
<b>Health and Welfare</b>		
British Red Cross	150,000	200,000
Crisis at Christmas	3,000	-
The Lunchbowl Network	2,500	-
Bede	2,000	2,000
Brain Tumour Support	2,000	-
Cerebral Palsy Plus	2,000	2,000
Strongbones Childrens Trust	2,000	-
Carers Trust	2,000	1,500
Fare Share	-	4,000
Crisis	-	3,000
Off the Fence	-	2,000
Sight Savers	-	2,000
Cruse Bereavement Centre	-	1,500
3 (3) Other grants up to £1,000 each	3,000	3,000
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	168,500	221,000

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
<b>Overseas Development and Healthcare</b>		
Medecins Sans Frontieres	70,000	60,000
Oxfam	57,500	60,000
Action Aid	20,000	-
African Promise	5,000	-
All Ears Cambodia	5,000	-
International Rescue Committee	5,000	15,000
Microloan Foundation	5,000	5,000
Concern Worldwide	3,000	-
Sense International	3,000	5,000
Childrens of Ther Mekong	2,500	-
Hands Around the World	2,500	-
Sightsavers	2,000	-
Solar Aid	2,000	5,000
The Leprosy Mission	2,000	-
Their Future Today	2,000	4,500
Trio Uganda	2,000	-
Christian Aid	-	40,000
Mercy Ships	-	7,500
Lotus Flower Trust	-	5,000

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued**

Malaika Kids	-	5,000
MAP	-	5,000
Plan International	-	5,000
RMC	-	5,000
Shropshire Supports Refugees	-	5,000
Team Kenya	-	5,000
Unicef	-	5,000
Village Water	-	5,000
Youth Build Future	-	5,000
The Makhad Trust	-	3,900
Separated Child	-	3,000
Tools for Self Reliance	-	3,000
Sift	-	2,000
1 (0) Other grants up to £1,000 each	1,000	-
	<u>189,500</u>	<u>263,900</u>
	5.4.23	5.4.22
<b>Environmental</b>	£	£
WWF	60,000	50,000
0 (1) Other grants up to £1,000 each	-	1,000
	<u>60,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>
<b>Total grants for year</b>	<u>418,000</u>	<u>535,900</u>

**5. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	2,400	2,080
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	1,960	1,700
	<u>4,360</u>	<u>3,780</u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2023 nor for the year ended 5 April 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2023 nor for the year ended 5 April 2022.

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	233,430	-	233,430
Investment income	71,639	-	71,639
<b>Total</b>	<u>305,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,069</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	-	42,497	42,497
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct charitable grants	535,900	-	535,900
Other	4,426	-	4,426
<b>Total</b>	<u>540,326</u>	<u>42,497</u>	<u>582,823</u>
Net gains on investments	-	167,448	167,448
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(235,257)</u>	<u>124,951</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>
Transfers between funds	284,505	(284,505)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>49,248</u>	<u>(159,554)</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	10,703	5,772,002	5,782,705
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>59,951</u></u>	<u><u>5,612,448</u></u>	<u><u>5,672,399</u></u>

**8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 6 April 2022	5,612,448
Additions	4,907,054
Disposals	(5,303,418)
Revaluations including cash movement	(138,742)
At 5 April 2023	<u>5,077,342</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 5 April 2023	<u>5,077,342</u>
At 5 April 2022	<u><u>5,612,448</u></u>

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued**

The investments are located as follows;

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Within UK	4,730,547	2,247,926
Outside the UK	346,795	3,364,522
	<u>5,077,342</u>	<u>5,612,448</u>

The following investments have a market value greater than 5% of the total portfolio of listed investments.

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Cazenove Charity Response Fund	4,383,068	-
Brown Adv	-	300,532
Lyxor Core US Tips	-	395,121
Schroder GI Sust Grwth	-	802,099
	<u>4,383,068</u>	<u>1,497,752</u>

All investments are carried at their market value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange.

**Analysis of investments at fair value**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Equities	346,795	3,647,982
Multi-Asset Funds	4,383,068	-
Fixed interest securities	-	1,282,531
Cash held within the investment portfolio	347,479	681,935
	<u>5,077,342</u>	<u>5,612,448</u>

The main risk to the Trust from financial instruments lies in the combination of uncertain investment markets and volatility in yield. The Trust is reliant on dividend yield in part to finance its grant making activities. The Trust manages these investment risks by retaining experts advisors and operating an investment policy that, in addition to meeting ethical criteria, provides for a high degree of diversification of holdings within investment asset classes that are quoted on recognised stock exchanges.

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Other creditors	6,076	13,516
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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 6.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	59,951	(111,586)	235,422	183,787
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	5,612,448	(299,684)	(235,422)	5,077,342
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,672,399</u>	<u>(411,270)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,261,129</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	311,340	(422,926)	-	(111,586)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(17,403)	(282,281)	(299,684)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>311,340</u>	<u>(440,329)</u>	<u>(282,281)</u>	<u>(411,270)</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 6.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	10,703	(235,257)	284,505	59,951
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	5,772,002	124,951	(284,505)	5,612,448
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,782,705</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,672,399</u>

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	305,069	(540,326)	-	(235,257)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(42,497)	167,448	124,951
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>305,069</u>	<u>(582,823)</u>	<u>167,448</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	10,703	(346,843)	519,927	183,787
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	5,772,002	(174,733)	(519,927)	5,077,342
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,782,705</u>	<u>(521,576)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,261,129</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	616,409	(963,252)	-	(346,843)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(59,900)	(114,833)	(174,733)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>616,409</u>	<u>(1,023,152)</u>	<u>(114,833)</u>	<u>(521,576)</u>

Income Fund - This fund represents income generated from the investments held within the expendable endowment fund and bank interest received on undistributed income fund deposits, net of charitable expenses and governance costs.

Expendable Endowment Fund - This fund represents the market value of investments net of investment management costs. The trustees have absolute discretion to use both capital and income for the same charitable purposes in accordance with the trust deed.

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year donations totalling £100,000 were received from a company ultimately owned by G H Roper, which was free from restrictions and was used to support the charity's activities.

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1137778

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1137778**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023  
FOR  
THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

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# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Objects and activities for public benefit

The objects of the trust are to apply its funds for such exclusively charitable purposes as the trustees may think fit in accordance with the trust deed. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the trusts aims and objectives and in planning future activities and in setting grant making policy for the year.

#### Grantmaking

The trustees continue to make grants supporting many charities within specified grant making criteria. The trustees endeavour to support charities who operate long term development, health and welfare programmes in the third world, charities who operate health and welfare programmes in the UK and environmental charities.

### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

#### Achievements and performance

During the year to 5 April 2023, the charity received income and donations totalling £311,340 (2022 - £305,069) as detailed in note 2 to the accounts. After allowing for the costs of administering the charity the trustees made charitable donations in accordance with the terms of the constitution totalling £418,000 (2022 - £535,900) as shown in note 4 to the accounts, leaving unspent resources of £5,261,129 at the year end.

#### Fundraising activities

The trust does not carry out any significant fundraising activities.

#### Investment performance

The trust's investment portfolio is managed by Cazenove. Funds are invested to provide a balanced return of growth and income for the charity, but with the various difficulties in global financial markets in recent years the investment portfolio has suffered significant volatility in market value. Despite the active management of the portfolio, the value of investments decreased in the year ended 5 April 2023. The portfolio is held as an expendable endowment fund in accordance with the trust deed. The cash held as part of the investment portfolio decreased to £347,479 due to the purchase and disposal of capital investments where deemed appropriate by the investment managers.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Financial position

As a result of the activities and investment performance mentioned above, the total funds decreased to £5,261,129 (2022 - £5,672,399) as at 5 April 2023.

#### Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain the capital value of the endowment fund, and the level of income it produces, at least in line with inflation. Cash reserves of approximately one-half of the previous year's income are held to provide a 'cushion' against unforeseen expenditure and against sharp fluctuations in income. Subject to this, it is the trustees' policy to distribute by way of grants the whole of the trust's surplus income after administration expenditure.

### FUTURE PLANS

The trustees are continuing to look into the various areas of interest as a grantmaking body, with consideration to the primary objectives of the trust, a broadening of the spectrum of donations is being considered.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Structure, governance & management

The Hugh Symons Charitable Trust was established as a charity by a declaration of trust dated 29 June 2010. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 3 September 2010.

#### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The power of appointment of new trustees rests with the settlors G H Roper and Mrs P H Roper jointly or, if incapable, by the trustees. Trustees are appointed by deed.

# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Organisational structure

All decisions relating to the organisation and operation of the charity are made by the trustees, taking professional advice from advisers and third parties where it is deemed appropriate. This includes the appointment of Cazenove to manage the charity's investment portfolio in accordance with performance criteria set by the board.

#### Induction and training of new trustees

On appointment, new trustees sign a model trustee declaration statement committing them to giving their time and expertise. The new trustee goes through an induction process, which includes meetings with the trustees. Training is also provided to the trustee as required.

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

#### Registered Charity number

1137778

#### Principal address

Stubhampton House  
Stubhampton  
Blandford Forum  
DT11 8JU

#### Trustees

Mr G H Roper  
Mrs P H Roper  
Ms K A Roper  
L Aldridge

Directors of Lester Aldridge Trust Corporation Limited:

Lester Aldridge Company Secretarial Limited

M R Barrow  
Mrs J E Clarke  
Mrs P Jones  
K R Lee  
Mrs M Naidoo-Ogle  
O C Phipps

#### Auditors

Andrews and Palmer Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
32 The Square  
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#### Other principal advisers

##### Stockbrokers & investment advisors

Cazenove Capital, 12 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6DA

#### Bankers

C.Hoare & Co, 37 Fleet Street, London, EC4P 4DQ

#### Solicitors

Lester Aldridge LLP, Russell House, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH8 8EX

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

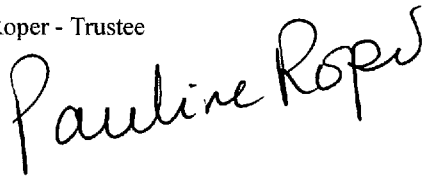
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 9 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs P H Roper - Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pauline Roper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Hugh Symons Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 5 April 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We focussed on laws and regulations which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including the Charities Act 2011. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to identify management override as a significant risk and to perform specific procedures to respond to that risk. Our procedures included reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing supporting documentation to assess compliance with laws and regulations having a direct effect on the financial statements. We also made enquiries of management, read minutes of meetings and performed analytical and substantive procedures to identify unusual or unexpected events that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud. We tested the appropriateness of journal entries and assessed whether judgements made are indicative of potential bias. We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

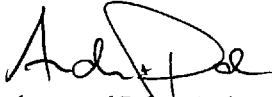
Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**Use of our report**

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. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Andrews and Palmer Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
32 The Square  
Gillingham  
Dorset  
SP8 4AR

9 January 2024

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	5.4.23 Total funds £	5.4.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		100,000	-	100,000	233,430
Investment income	2	211,340	-	211,340	71,639
<b>Total</b>		<u>311,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>311,340</u>	<u>305,069</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	3	-	17,403	17,403	42,497
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct charitable grants		418,000	-	418,000	535,900
Other		4,926	-	4,926	4,426
<b>Total</b>		<u>422,926</u>	<u>17,403</u>	<u>440,329</u>	<u>582,823</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	(282,281)	(282,281)	167,448
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(111,586)</u>	<u>(299,684)</u>	<u>(411,270)</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	10	<u>235,422</u>	<u>(235,422)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>123,836</u>	<u>(535,106)</u>	<u>(411,270)</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		59,951	5,612,448	5,672,399	5,782,705
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>183,787</u></u>	<u><u>5,077,342</u></u>	<u><u>5,261,129</u></u>	<u><u>5,672,399</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

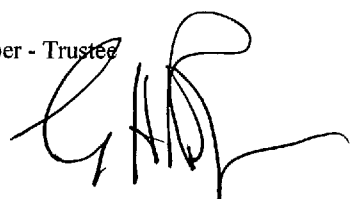
**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**5 April 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	5.4.23 Total funds £	5.4.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	8	-	5,077,342	5,077,342	5,612,448
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Prepayments and accrued income		47,837	-	47,837	9,425
Cash at bank		142,026	-	142,026	64,042
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		189,863	-	189,863	73,467
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(6,076)	-	(6,076)	(13,516)
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		183,787	-	183,787	59,951
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		183,787	5,077,342	5,261,129	5,672,399
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		183,787	5,077,342	5,261,129	5,672,399
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<b>FUNDS</b>					
	10				
Unrestricted funds				183,787	59,951
Endowment funds				5,077,342	5,612,448
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				5,261,129	5,672,399
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9 January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr G H Roper - Trustee



Mrs P H Roper - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

#### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust. This is normally on notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our stockbrokers and investment advisers.

#### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the trust. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant. Grants that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant.

The trustees will not bind themselves contractually or otherwise to make future grants.

#### **Raising funds**

The costs of generating funds consist of investment management and certain legal and professional fees.

#### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts and the cost of any legal and professional advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters and administration of the trust. Governance costs are allocated as other costs within the general unrestricted fund.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

The unrestricted funds are as follows:

Income Fund - This fund represents income generated from the investments held within the expendable endowment fund and bank interest received on undistributed income fund deposits, net of charitable expenses and governance costs.

# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 5 April 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Fund accounting

Expendable Endowment Fund - This fund represents the market value of investments net of investment management costs. The trustees have absolute discretion to use both capital and income for the same charitable purposes in accordance with the trust deed.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The charity does not have any restricted funds.

#### Fixed asset investments and financial instruments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

#### Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired during the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount receivable. Prepayments are valued at the historic cost of the amount prepaid.

#### Cash at bank

Cash at bank is defined by the charity as funds available to be used immediately.

#### Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

### 2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
UK stock exchange - Dividends	207,772	40,953
UK stock exchange - Fixed interest	3,141	30,656
Bank interest	427	30
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	211,340	71,639
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**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**3. RAISING FUNDS**

**Investment management costs**

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Portfolio management	17,403	42,497
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**4. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Direct charitable grants	418,000	535,900
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Direct charitable grants were made to 33 (2022 - 37) different charitable and voluntary institutions. The grants were made under the following categories to the bodies named below:-

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
<b>Health and Welfare</b>		
British Red Cross	150,000	200,000
Crisis at Christmas	3,000	-
The Lunchbowl Network	2,500	-
Bede	2,000	2,000
Brain Tumour Support	2,000	-
Cerebral Palsy Plus	2,000	2,000
Strongbones Childrens Trust	2,000	-
Carers Trust	2,000	1,500
Fare Share	-	4,000
Crisis	-	3,000
Off the Fence	-	2,000
Sight Savers	-	2,000
Cruse Bereavement Centre	-	1,500
3 (3) Other grants up to £1,000 each	3,000	3,000
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	168,500	221,000

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
<b>Overseas Development and Healthcare</b>		
Medecins Sans Frontieres	70,000	60,000
Oxfam	57,500	60,000
Action Aid	20,000	-
African Promise	5,000	-
All Ears Cambodia	5,000	-
International Rescue Committee	5,000	15,000
Microloan Foundation	5,000	5,000
Concern Worldwide	3,000	-
Sense International	3,000	5,000
Childrens of Ther Mekong	2,500	-
Hands Around the World	2,500	-
Sightsavers	2,000	-
Solar Aid	2,000	5,000
The Leprosy Mission	2,000	-
Their Future Today	2,000	4,500
Trio Uganda	2,000	-
Christian Aid	-	40,000
Mercy Ships	-	7,500
Lotus Flower Trust	-	5,000

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued**

Malaika Kids	-	5,000
MAP	-	5,000
Plan International	-	5,000
RMC	-	5,000
Shropshire Supports Refugees	-	5,000
Team Kenya	-	5,000
Unicef	-	5,000
Village Water	-	5,000
Youth Build Future	-	5,000
The Makhad Trust	-	3,900
Separated Child	-	3,000
Tools for Self Reliance	-	3,000
Sift	-	2,000
1 (0) Other grants up to £1,000 each	1,000	-
	<u>189,500</u>	<u>263,900</u>
	5.4.23	5.4.22
<b>Environmental</b>	£	£
WWF	60,000	50,000
0 (1) Other grants up to £1,000 each	-	1,000
	<u>60,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>
<b>Total grants for year</b>	<u>418,000</u>	<u>535,900</u>

**5. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	2,400	2,080
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	1,960	1,700
	<u>4,360</u>	<u>3,780</u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2023 nor for the year ended 5 April 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2023 nor for the year ended 5 April 2022.

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	233,430	-	233,430
Investment income	71,639	-	71,639
<b>Total</b>	<u>305,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,069</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	-	42,497	42,497
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct charitable grants	535,900	-	535,900
Other	4,426	-	4,426
<b>Total</b>	<u>540,326</u>	<u>42,497</u>	<u>582,823</u>
Net gains on investments	-	167,448	167,448
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(235,257)</u>	<u>124,951</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>
Transfers between funds	284,505	(284,505)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>49,248</u>	<u>(159,554)</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	10,703	5,772,002	5,782,705
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>59,951</u></u>	<u><u>5,612,448</u></u>	<u><u>5,672,399</u></u>

**8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 6 April 2022	5,612,448
Additions	4,907,054
Disposals	(5,303,418)
Revaluations including cash movement	(138,742)
At 5 April 2023	<u>5,077,342</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 5 April 2023	<u>5,077,342</u>
At 5 April 2022	<u><u>5,612,448</u></u>

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued**

The investments are located as follows;

	5.4.23 £	5.4.22 £
Within UK	4,730,547	2,247,926
Outside the UK	346,795	3,364,522
	<u>5,077,342</u>	<u>5,612,448</u>

The following investments have a market value greater than 5% of the total portfolio of listed investments.

	5.4.23 £	5.4.22 £
Cazenove Charity Response Fund	4,383,068	-
Brown Adv	-	300,532
Lyxor Core US Tips	-	395,121
Schroder GI Sust Grwth	-	802,099
	<u>4,383,068</u>	<u>1,498,752</u>

All investments are carried at their market value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange.

**Analysis of investments at fair value**

	2023 £	2022 £
Equities	346,795	3,647,982
Multi-Asset Funds	4,383,068	-
Fixed interest securities	-	1,282,531
Cash held within the investment portfolio	347,479	681,935
	<u>5,077,342</u>	<u>5,612,448</u>

The main risk to the Trust from financial instruments lies in the combination of uncertain investment markets and volatility in yield. The Trust is reliant on dividend yield in part to finance its grant making activities. The Trust manages these investment risks by retaining experts advisors and operating an investment policy that, in addition to meeting ethical criteria, provides for a high degree of diversification of holdings within investment asset classes that are quoted on recognised stock exchanges.

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	5.4.23	5.4.22
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>6,076</u>	<u>13,516</u>

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 6.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	59,951	(111,586)	235,422	183,787
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	5,612,448	(299,684)	(235,422)	5,077,342
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,672,399</u>	<u>(411,270)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,261,129</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	311,340	(422,926)	-	(111,586)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(17,403)	(282,281)	(299,684)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>311,340</u>	<u>(440,329)</u>	<u>(282,281)</u>	<u>(411,270)</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 6.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	10,703	(235,257)	284,505	59,951
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	5,772,002	124,951	(284,505)	5,612,448
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,782,705</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,672,399</u>

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	305,069	(540,326)	-	(235,257)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(42,497)	167,448	124,951
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>305,069</u>	<u>(582,823)</u>	<u>167,448</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	10,703	(346,843)	519,927	183,787
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	5,772,002	(174,733)	(519,927)	5,077,342
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,782,705</u>	<u>(521,576)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,261,129</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	616,409	(963,252)	-	(346,843)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(59,900)	(114,833)	(174,733)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>616,409</u>	<u>(1,023,152)</u>	<u>(114,833)</u>	<u>(521,576)</u>

Income Fund - This fund represents income generated from the investments held within the expendable endowment fund and bank interest received on undistributed income fund deposits, net of charitable expenses and governance costs.

Expendable Endowment Fund - This fund represents the market value of investments net of investment management costs. The trustees have absolute discretion to use both capital and income for the same charitable purposes in accordance with the trust deed.

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 5 April 2023**

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year donations totalling £100,000 were received from a company ultimately owned by G H Roper, which was free from restrictions and was used to support the charity's activities.

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1137778

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1137778**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022  
FOR  
THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

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## THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objects and activities for public benefit

The objects of the trust are to apply its funds for such exclusively charitable purposes as the trustees may think fit in accordance with the trust deed. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the trusts aims and objectives and in planning future activities and in setting grant making policy for the year.

##### Grantmaking

The trustees continue to make grants supporting many charities within specified grant making criteria. The trustees endeavour to support charities who operate long term development, health and welfare programmes in the third world, charities who operate health and welfare programmes in the UK and environmental charities.

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Achievements and performance

During the year to 5 April 2022, the charity received income and donations totalling £305,069 (2021 - £104,692) as detailed in note 2 to the accounts. After allowing for the costs of administering the charity the trustees made charitable donations in accordance with the terms of the constitution totalling £535,900 (2021 - £342,700) as shown in note 4 to the accounts, leaving unspent resources of £5,672,399 at the year end.

During the year, Covid-19 has continued to have an impact on many of the charities supported by the Trust. The Trustees responded to as many of the additional requests as possible and will continue to do so.

##### Fundraising activities

The trust does not carry out any significant fundraising activities.

##### Investment performance

The trust's investment portfolio is managed by Cazenove. Funds are invested to provide a balanced return of growth and income for the charity, but with the various difficulties in global financial markets in recent years the investment portfolio has suffered significant volatility in market value. Despite the active management of the portfolio, the value of investments decreased in the year ended 5 April 2022. The portfolio is held as an expendable endowment fund in accordance with the trust deed. The cash held as part of the investment portfolio increased to £681,935 due to the purchase and disposal of capital investments where deemed appropriate by the investment managers.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Financial position

As a result of the activities and investment performance mentioned above, the total funds decreased to £5,672,399 (2021 - £5,782,705) as at 5 April 2022.

##### Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain the capital value of the endowment fund, and the level of income it produces, at least in line with inflation. Cash reserves of approximately one-half of the previous year's income are held to provide a 'cushion' against unforeseen expenditure and against sharp fluctuations in income. Subject to this, it is the trustees' policy to distribute by way of grants the whole of the trust's surplus income after administration expenditure.

#### FUTURE PLANS

The trustees are continuing to look into the various areas of interest as a grantmaking body, with consideration to the primary objectives of the trust, a broadening of the spectrum of donations is being considered.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Structure, governance & management

The Hugh Symons Charitable Trust was established as a charity by a declaration of trust dated 29 June 2010. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 3 September 2010.

# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The power of appointment of new trustees rests with the settlors G H Roper and Mrs P H Roper jointly or, if incapable, by the trustees. Trustees are appointed by deed.

#### Organisational structure

All decisions relating to the organisation and operation of the charity are made by the trustees, taking professional advice from advisers and third parties where it is deemed appropriate. This includes the appointment of Cazenove to manage the charity's investment portfolio in accordance with performance criteria set by the board.

#### Induction and training of new trustees

On appointment, new trustees sign a model trustee declaration statement committing them to giving their time and expertise. The new trustee goes through an induction process, which includes meetings with the trustees. Training is also provided to the trustee as required.

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

#### Registered Charity number

1137778

#### Principal address

Stubhampton House  
Stubhampton  
Blandford Forum  
DT11 8JU

#### Trustees

Mr G H Roper  
Mrs P H Roper  
Ms K A Roper  
L Aldridge

Directors of Lester Aldridge Trust Corporation Limited:

Lester Aldridge Company Secretarial Limited

M R Barrow  
Mrs J E Clarke  
R M Fairbairn - resigned 1 April 2022  
Mrs P Jones - appointed 18 November 2021  
K R Lee  
Mrs M Naidoo-Ogle - appointed 1 April 2022  
O C Phipps

#### Auditors

Andrews and Palmer Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
32 The Square  
Gillingham  
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## THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Other principal advisers

##### Stockbrokers & investment advisors

Cazenove Capital, 12 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6DA

##### Bankers

C.Hoare & Co, 37 Fleet Street, London, EC4P 4DQ

##### Solicitors

Lester Aldridge LLP, Russell House, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH8 8EX

#### EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs P H Roper - Trustee

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Hugh Symons Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 5 April 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We focussed on laws and regulations which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including the Charities Act 2011. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to identify management override as a significant risk and to perform specific procedures to respond to that risk. Our procedures included reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing supporting documentation to assess compliance with laws and regulations having a direct effect on the financial statements. We also made enquiries of management, read minutes of meetings and performed analytical and substantive procedures to identify unusual or unexpected events that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud. We tested the appropriateness of journal entries and assessed whether judgements made are indicative of potential bias. We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**Use of our report**

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. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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6 January 2023

THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	5.4.22 Total funds £	5.4.21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		233,430	-	233,430	42,500
Investment income	2	71,639	-	71,639	62,192
<b>Total</b>		<u>305,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,069</u>	<u>104,692</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	3	-	42,497	42,497	40,791
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct charitable grants		535,900	-	535,900	342,700
Other		4,426	-	4,426	4,063
<b>Total</b>		<u>540,326</u>	<u>42,497</u>	<u>582,823</u>	<u>387,554</u>
Net gains on investments		-	167,448	167,448	1,114,230
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(235,257)</u>	<u>124,951</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>	<u>831,368</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	10	284,505	(284,505)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>49,248</u>	<u>(159,554)</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>	<u>831,368</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		10,703	5,772,002	5,782,705	4,951,337
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>59,951</u>	<u>5,612,448</u>	<u>5,672,399</u>	<u>5,782,705</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

BALANCE SHEET  
5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	5.4.22 Total funds £	5.4.21 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	8	-	5,612,448	5,612,448	5,772,002
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Prepayments and accrued income		9,425	-	9,425	4,061
Cash at bank		64,042	-	64,042	24,033
		<u>73,467</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,467</u>	<u>28,094</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(13,516)	-	(13,516)	(17,391)
		<u>59,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,951</u>	<u>10,703</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>59,951</u>	<u>5,612,448</u>	<u>5,672,399</u>	<u>5,782,705</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>59,951</u>	<u>5,612,448</u>	<u>5,672,399</u>	<u>5,782,705</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>59,951</u>	<u>5,612,448</u>	<u>5,672,399</u>	<u>5,782,705</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	10			59,951	10,703
Unrestricted funds				5,612,448	5,772,002
Endowment funds				<u>5,672,399</u>	<u>5,782,705</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>5,672,399</u>	<u>5,782,705</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 6 January 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr G H Roper - Trustee



Mrs P H Roper - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

## THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust. This is normally on notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our stockbrokers and investment advisers.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the trust. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant. Grants that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant.

The trustees will not bind themselves contractually or otherwise to make future grants.

##### **Raising funds**

The costs of generating funds consist of investment management and certain legal and professional fees.

##### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts and the cost of any legal and professional advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters and administration of the trust. Governance costs are allocated as other costs within the general unrestricted fund.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

The unrestricted funds are as follows:

Income Fund - This fund represents income generated from the investments held within the expendable endowment fund and bank interest received on undistributed income fund deposits, net of charitable expenses and governance costs.

# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Fund accounting

Expendable Endowment Fund - This fund represents the market value of investments net of investment management costs. The trustees have absolute discretion to use both capital and income for the same charitable purposes in accordance with the trust deed.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The charity does not have any restricted funds.

#### Fixed asset investments and financial instruments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

#### Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired during the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount receivable. Prepayments are valued at the historic cost of the amount prepaid.

#### Cash at bank

Cash at bank is defined by the charity as funds available to be used immediately.

#### Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

### 2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
UK stock exchange - Dividends	40,953	37,853
UK stock exchange - Fixed interest	30,656	24,339
Bank interest	30	-
	<u>71,639</u>	<u>62,192</u>

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

**3. RAISING FUNDS**

**Investment management costs**

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
Portfolio management	42,497	40,791
	<u>42,497</u>	<u>40,791</u>

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
Direct charitable grants	535,900	342,700
	<u>535,900</u>	<u>342,700</u>

Direct charitable grants were made to 37 (2021 - 22) different charitable and voluntary institutions. The grants were made under the following categories to the bodies named below:-

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
<b>Health and Welfare</b>		
British Red Cross	200,000	55,000
Fare Share	4,000	2,000
Crisis	3,000	2,500
Bede	2,000	-
Cerebral Palsy Plus	2,000	-
Off the Fence	2,000	-
Sight Savers	2,000	-
Carers Trust	1,500	-
Cruse Bereavement Care	1,500	-
MAP	-	15,000
Jamie's Farm	-	10,000
Lewis Manning Hospice	-	7,000
Home Start	-	4,000
3 (1) Other grants up to £1,000 each	3,000	500
	<u>221,000</u>	<u>96,000</u>

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
<b>Overseas Development and Healthcare</b>		
Medecins Sans Frontieres	60,000	50,000
Oxfam	60,000	77,500
Christian Aid	40,000	9,000
International Rescue Committee	15,000	5,000
Mercy Ships	7,500	2,500
Lotus Flower Trust	5,000	-
Malaika Kids	5,000	-
MAP	5,000	-
Microloan Foundation	5,000	-
Plan International	5,000	-
RMC	5,000	-
Sense International	5,000	-
Shropshire Supports Refugees	5,000	-
Solar Aid	5,000	-
Team Kenya	5,000	-
Unicef	5,000	-
Village Water	5,000	-
Youth Build Future	5,000	-
Their Future Today	4,500	-

THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

4. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued

The Makhad Trust	3,900	-
Separated Child	3,000	-
Tools for self reliance	3,000	-
Sift	2,000	-
Action Aid	-	22,500
Gospel of Grace Church	-	8,700
African Promise	-	7,000
Water Aid	-	5,000
Bhopal Medical Appeal	-	2,500
UNHCR	-	2,500
ZANE: Zimbabwe A National Emergency	-	2,500
Sight Savers	-	2,000
	<u>263,900</u>	<u>196,700</u>

	5.4.22	5.4.21
<b>Environmental</b>	£	£
WWF	50,000	50,000
1 (0) Other grants up to £1,000 each	1,000	-
	<u>51,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>

<b>Total grants for year</b>	<u>535,900</u>	<u>342,700</u>
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5. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	2,080	2,020
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	1,700	1,580
	<u>3,780</u>	<u>3,600</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2022 nor for the year ended 5 April 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2022 nor for the year ended 5 April 2021.

THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	42,500	-	42,500
Investment income	62,192	-	62,192
<b>Total</b>	<u>104,692</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,692</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	-	40,791	40,791
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct charitable grants	342,700	-	342,700
Other	4,063	-	4,063
<b>Total</b>	<u>346,763</u>	<u>40,791</u>	<u>387,554</u>
Net gains on investments	-	1,114,230	1,114,230
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(242,071)	1,073,439	831,368
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	186,838	(186,838)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	(55,233)	886,601	831,368
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	65,936	4,885,401	4,951,337
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>10,703</u>	<u>5,772,002</u>	<u>5,782,705</u>

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 6 April 2021	5,772,002
Additions	1,244,214
Disposals	(1,557,071)
Revaluations including cash movement	153,303
At 5 April 2022	<u>5,612,448</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 5 April 2022	<u>5,612,448</u>
At 5 April 2021	<u>5,772,002</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

**8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued**

The following investments have a market value greater than 5% of the total portfolio of listed investments.

	5.4.21	5.4.21
	£	£
Brown Adv	300,532	-
Lyxor Core US Tips	395,121	-
Schroder GI Sust Grwth	802,099	569,767
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

All investments are carried at their market value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange.

**Analysis of investments at fair value**

	2021	2021
	£	£
Equities	3,647,982	4,109,837
Fixed interest securities	1,282,531	1,389,612
Cash held within the investment portfolio	681,935	272,553
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>5,612,448</u>	<u>5,772,002</u>

The main risk to the Trust from financial instruments lies in the combination of uncertain investment markets and volatility in yield. The Trust is reliant on dividend yield in part to finance its grant making activities. The Trust manages these investment risks by retaining experts advisors and operating an investment policy that, in addition to meeting ethical criteria, provides for a high degree of diversification of holdings within investment asset classes that are quoted on recognised stock exchanges.

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	5.4.22	5.4.21
	£	£
Other creditors	13,516	17,391
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 6.4.21	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 5.4.22
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	10,703	(235,257)	284,505	59,951
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	5,772,002	124,951	(284,505)	5,612,448
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,782,705</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,672,399</u>

THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	305,069	(540,326)	-	(235,257)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(42,497)	167,448	124,951
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>305,069</u>	<u>(582,823)</u>	<u>167,448</u>	<u>(110,306)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	65,936	(242,071)	186,838	10,703
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	4,885,401	1,073,439	(186,838)	5,772,002
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>4,951,337</u>	<u>831,368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,782,705</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	104,692	(346,763)	-	(242,071)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(40,791)	1,114,230	1,073,439
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>104,692</u>	<u>(387,554)</u>	<u>1,114,230</u>	<u>831,368</u>

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	65,936	(477,328)	471,343	59,951
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	4,885,401	1,198,390	(471,343)	5,612,448
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>4,951,337</u>	<u>721,062</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,672,399</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	409,761	(887,089)	-	(477,328)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(83,288)	1,281,678	1,198,390
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>409,761</u>	<u>(970,377)</u>	<u>1,281,678</u>	<u>721,062</u>

Income Fund - This fund represents income generated from the investments held within the expendable endowment fund and bank interest received on undistributed income fund deposits, net of charitable expenses and governance costs.

Expendable Endowment Fund - This fund represents the market value of investments net of investment management costs. The trustees have absolute discretion to use both capital and income for the same charitable purposes in accordance with the trust deed.

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year donations totalling £230,000 were received from a company ultimately owned by G H Roper, which was free from restrictions and was used to support the charity's activities.

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

**12. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

Since the year end global financial markets have experienced significant volatility. Although the Trust has a diversified investment portfolio, the total value of fixed asset investments has been adversely affected. There is no adjustment to the financial statements as at 5 April 2022 as a result of this. However, the Trustees continue to monitor the changing circumstances and will adapt where considered appropriate.



**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1137778

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1137778**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021  
FOR  
THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

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# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Objects and activities for public benefit

The objects of the trust are to apply its funds for such exclusively charitable purposes as the trustees may think fit in accordance with the trust deed. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the trusts aims and objectives and in planning future activities and in setting grant making policy for the year.

#### Grantmaking

The trustees continue to make grants supporting many charities within specified grant making criteria. The trustees endeavour to support charities who operate long term development, health and welfare programmes in the third world, charities who operate health and welfare programmes in the UK and environmental charities.

### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

#### Achievements and performance

During the year to 5 April 2021, the charity received income and donations totalling £104,692 (2020 - £208,219) as detailed in note 2 to the accounts. After allowing for the costs of administering the charity the trustees made charitable donations in accordance with the terms of the constitution totalling £342,700 (2020 - £370,312) as shown in note 4 to the accounts, leaving unspent resources of £5,782,705 at the year end.

During the year, Covid-19 has continued to have an impact on many of the charities supported by the Trust. The Trustees responded to as many of the additional requests as possible and will continue to do so.

#### Fundraising activities

The trust does not carry out any significant fundraising activities.

#### Investment performance

The trust's investment portfolio is managed by Cazenove. Funds are invested to provide a balanced return of growth and income for the charity, but with the various difficulties in global financial markets in recent years the investment portfolio has suffered significant volatility in market value. Due to the active management of the portfolio, the value of investments increased in the year ended 5 April 2021. The portfolio is held as an expendable endowment fund in accordance with the trust deed. The cash held as part of the investment portfolio decreased to £272,553 due to the purchase and disposal of capital investments where deemed appropriate by the investment managers.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Financial position

As a result of the activities and investment performance mentioned above, the total funds increased to £5,782,705 (2020 - £4,951,337) as at 5 April 2021.

#### Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain the capital value of the endowment fund, and the level of income it produces, at least in line with inflation. Cash reserves of approximately one-half of the previous year's income are held to provide a 'cushion' against unforeseen expenditure and against sharp fluctuations in income. Subject to this, it is the trustees' policy to distribute by way of grants the whole of the trust's surplus income after administration expenditure.

### FUTURE PLANS

The trustees are continuing to look into the various areas of interest as a grantmaking body, with consideration to the primary objectives of the trust, a broadening of the spectrum of donations is being considered.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Structure, governance & management

The Hugh Symons Charitable Trust was established as a charity by a declaration of trust dated 29 June 2010. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 3 September 2010.

## THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The power of appointment of new trustees rests with the settlors G H Roper and Mrs P H Roper jointly or, if incapable, by the trustees. Trustees are appointed by deed.

##### Organisational structure

All decisions relating to the organisation and operation of the charity are made by the trustees, taking professional advice from advisers and third parties where it is deemed appropriate. This includes the appointment of Cazenove to manage the charity's investment portfolio in accordance with performance criteria set by the board.

##### Induction and training of new trustees

On appointment, new trustees sign a model trustee declaration statement committing them to giving their time and expertise. The new trustee goes through an induction process, which includes meetings with the trustees. Training is also provided to the trustee as required.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Charity number

1137778

##### Principal address

Stubhampton House  
Stubhampton  
Blandford Forum  
DT11 8JU

##### Trustees

Mr G H Roper  
Mrs P H Roper  
Ms K A Roper  
L Aldridge

Directors of Lester Aldridge Trust Corporation Limited:

Lester Aldridge Company Secretarial Limited  
M R Barrow - appointed 3 September 2020  
Ms J E Clarke - appointed 3 September 2020  
R M Fairbairn  
Ms P Jones - appointed 18 November 2021  
K R Lee  
O C Phipps

##### Auditors

Andrews and Palmer Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
32 The Square  
Gillingham  
Dorset  
SP8 4AR

##### Other principal advisers

##### Stockbrokers & investment advisors

Cazenove Capital, 12 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6DA

##### Bankers

C.Hoare & Co, 37 Fleet Street, London, EC4P 4DQ

##### Solicitors

Lester Aldridge LLP, Russell House, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH8 8EX

## THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs P H Roper - Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pauline Roper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'R'.

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Hugh Symons Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 5 April 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

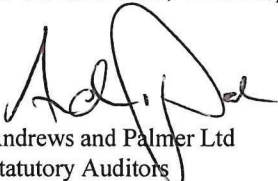
Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We focussed on laws and regulations which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including the Charities Act 2011. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to identify management override as a significant risk and to perform specific procedures to respond to that risk. Our procedures included reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing supporting documentation to assess compliance with laws and regulations having a direct effect on the financial statements. We also made enquiries of management and performed analytical and substantive procedures to identify unusual or unexpected events that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud. We tested the appropriateness of journal entries and assessed whether judgements made are indicative of potential bias. We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit. We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities including fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

### Use of our report

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. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Andrews and Palmer Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
32 The Square  
Gillingham  
Dorset  
SP8 4AR

12 January 2022

THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	5.4.21 Total funds £	5.4.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		42,500	-	42,500	122,720
Investment income	2	62,192	-	62,192	85,499
<b>Total</b>		104,692	-	104,692	208,219
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	3	-	40,791	40,791	40,444
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct charitable grants		342,700	-	342,700	370,312
Other		4,063	-	4,063	3,470
<b>Total</b>		346,763	40,791	387,554	414,226
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	1,114,230	1,114,230	(413,831)
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(242,071)	1,073,439	831,368	(619,838)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	10	186,838	(186,838)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(55,233)	886,601	831,368	(619,838)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		65,936	4,885,401	4,951,337	5,571,175
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		10,703	5,772,002	5,782,705	4,951,337

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

BALANCE SHEET  
5 APRIL 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	5.4.21 Total funds £	5.4.20 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	8	-	5,772,002	5,772,002	4,885,401
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Prepayments and accrued income		4,061	-	4,061	4,572
Cash at bank		24,033	-	24,033	74,593
		<u>28,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,094</u>	<u>79,165</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(17,391)	-	(17,391)	(13,229)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>10,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,703</u>	<u>65,936</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>10,703</u>	<u>5,772,002</u>	<u>5,782,705</u>	<u>4,951,337</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>10,703</u>	<u>5,772,002</u>	<u>5,782,705</u>	<u>4,951,337</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10				
Unrestricted funds				10,703	65,936
Endowment funds				5,772,002	4,885,401
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>5,782,705</u>	<u>4,951,337</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 January 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr G H Roper - Trustee



Mrs P H Roper - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust. This is normally on notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our stockbrokers and investment advisers.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the trust. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant. Grants that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant.

The trustees will not bind themselves contractually or otherwise to make future grants.

##### **Raising funds**

The costs of generating funds consist of investment management and certain legal and professional fees.

##### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts and the cost of any legal and professional advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters and administration of the trust. Governance costs are allocated as other costs within the general unrestricted fund.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

The unrestricted funds are as follows:

Income Fund - This fund represents income generated from the investments held within the expendable endowment fund and bank interest received on undistributed income fund deposits, net of charitable expenses and governance costs.

# THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Fund accounting

Expendable Endowment Fund - This fund represents the market value of investments net of investment management costs. The trustees have absolute discretion to use both capital and income for the same charitable purposes in accordance with the trust deed.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The charity does not have any restricted funds.

#### Fixed asset investments and financial instruments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

#### Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired during the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount receivable. Prepayments are valued at the historic cost of the amount prepaid.

#### Cash at bank

Cash at bank is defined by the charity as funds available to be used immediately.

#### Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

### 2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.21	5.4.20
	£	£
UK stock exchange - Dividends	37,853	62,109
UK stock exchange - Fixed interest	24,339	22,285
Bank interest	-	1,105
	<u>62,192</u>	<u>85,499</u>

**THE HUGH SYMONS CHARITABLE TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021**

**3. RAISING FUNDS**

**Investment management costs**

	5.4.21	5.4.20
	£	£
Portfolio management	40,791	40,444
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	5.4.21	5.4.20
	£	£
Direct charitable grants	342,700	370,312
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Direct charitable grants were made to 22 (2020 - 38) different charitable and voluntary institutions. The grants were made under the following categories to the bodies named below:-

	5.4.21	5.4.20
	£	£
<b>Health and Welfare</b>		
British Red Cross	55,000	50,000
MAP	15,000	7,000
Jamie's Farm	10,000	-
Lewis Manning Hospice	7,000	2,000
Home Start	4,000	-
Crisis	2,500	2,500
Fare Share	2,000	7,500
Separated Child	-	5,000
University of Sheffield	-	5,000
Crisis at Christmas	-	2,000
Deafway	-	2,000
Dream Holidays	-	2,000
St. John's Ambulance	-	2,000
1 (4) Other grants up to £1,000 each	500	3,500
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	96,000	90,500
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Overseas Development and Healthcare</b>		
	5.4.21	5.4.20
	£	£
Oxfam	77,500	50,000
Medecins Sans Frontieres	50,000	50,000
Action Aid	22,500	10,000
Christian Aid	9,000	5,000
Gospel of Grace Church	8,700	-
African Promise	7,000	10,000
International Rescue Committee	5,000	-
Water Aid	5,000	-
Bhopal Medical Appeal	2,500	2,000
Mercy Ships	2,500	2,000
UNHCR	2,500	-
ZANE: Zimbabwe A National Emergency	2,500	-
Sight Savers	2,000	-
Children of the Mekong	-	5,000
Global Greengrants Funds	-	5,000
Malaika Kids	-	5,000
Map Action	-	5,000
Plan International UK	-	5,000
Street Child	-	5,000

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**4. GRANTS PAYABLE - continued**

Team Kenya	-	5,000
Mbeya Pastures	-	3,912
Microloan Foundation	-	3,000
Makhad	-	2,000
Trio Uganda	-	2,000
Lepra	-	1,500
0 (1) Other grants up to £1,000 each	-	400
	<u>196,700</u>	<u>176,812</u>

	5.4.21	5.4.20
<b>Environmental</b>	£	£
WWF	50,000	100,000
Born Free	-	2,000
0 (1) Other grants up to £1,000 each	-	1,000
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>103,000</u>

<b>Total grants for year</b>	<u><u>342,700</u></u>	<u><u>370,312</u></u>
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**5. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

	5.4.21	5.4.20
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	2,020	1,830
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	1,580	1,500
	<u><u>1,580</u></u>	<u><u>1,500</u></u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2021 nor for the year ended 5 April 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2021 nor for the year ended 5 April 2020.

**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	122,720	-	122,720
Investment income	85,499	-	85,499
<b>Total</b>	<u>208,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208,219</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	-	40,444	40,444

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**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct charitable grants	370,312	-	370,312
Other	3,470	-	3,470
<b>Total</b>	<u>373,782</u>	<u>40,444</u>	<u>414,226</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	(413,831)	(413,831)
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(165,563)	(454,275)	(619,838)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	211,948	(211,948)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	46,385	(666,223)	(619,838)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	19,551	5,551,624	5,571,175
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>65,936</u></u>	<u><u>4,885,401</u></u>	<u><u>4,951,337</u></u>

**8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 6 April 2020	4,885,401
Additions	1,506,182
Disposals	(1,340,982)
Revaluations including cash movement	721,401
At 5 April 2021	<u>5,772,002</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 5 April 2021	<u>5,772,002</u>
At 5 April 2020	<u><u>4,885,401</u></u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The following investments have a market value greater than 5% of the total portfolio of listed investments.

	5.4.21 £	5.4.20 £
iShares Physical Gold	-	303,230
Lyxor Core US Tips	-	290,274
Threadneedle UK	-	266,244
Schroder GI Sust Grwth	569,767	250,996
	<u><u>569,767</u></u>	<u><u>250,996</u></u>

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8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

All investments are carried at their market value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange.

Analysis of investments at fair value

	2021 £	2020 £
Equities	4,109,837	2,315,811
Fixed interest securities	1,389,612	2,228,947
Cash held within the investment portfolio	272,553	340,643
	<u>5,772,002</u>	<u>4,885,401</u>

The main risk to the Trust from financial instruments lies in the combination of uncertain investment markets and volatility in yield. The Trust is reliant on dividend yield in part to finance its grant making activities. The Trust manages these investment risks by retaining experts advisors and operating an investment policy that, in addition to meeting ethical criteria, provides for a high degree of diversification of holdings within investment asset classes that are quoted on recognised stock exchanges.

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5.4.21 £	5.4.20 £
Other creditors	<u>17,391</u>	<u>13,229</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	65,936	(242,071)	186,838	10,703
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	4,885,401	1,073,439	(186,838)	5,772,002
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>4,951,337</u>	<u>831,368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,782,705</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	104,692	(346,763)	-	(242,071)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(40,791)	1,114,230	1,073,439
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>104,692</u>	<u>(387,554)</u>	<u>1,114,230</u>	<u>831,368</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	19,551	(165,563)	211,948	65,936
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	5,551,624	(454,275)	(211,948)	4,885,401
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,571,175</u>	<u>(619,838)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,951,337</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	208,219	(373,782)	-	(165,563)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(40,444)	(413,831)	(454,275)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>208,219</u>	<u>(414,226)</u>	<u>(413,831)</u>	<u>(619,838)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	19,551	(407,634)	398,786	10,703
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	5,551,624	619,164	(398,786)	5,772,002
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,571,175</u>	<u>211,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,782,705</u>

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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Unrestricted income fund	312,911	(720,545)	-	(407,634)
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Unrestricted expendable endowment fund	-	(81,235)	700,399	619,164
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>312,911</u>	<u>(801,780)</u>	<u>700,399</u>	<u>211,530</u>

Income Fund - This fund represents income generated from the investments held within the expendable endowment fund and bank interest received on undistributed income fund deposits, net of charitable expenses and governance costs.

Expendable Endowment Fund - This fund represents the market value of investments net of investment management costs. The trustees have absolute discretion to use both capital and income for the same charitable purposes in accordance with the trust deed.

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year a donation of £40,000 was received from a company ultimately owned by G H Roper, which was free from restrictions and was used to support the charity's activities.

