

Company number: 07594645

Charity Number: 1141619

Savannah Wisdom

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 30 April 2024

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Reference and administrative information
for the year ended 30 April 2024

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Registered office and operational address c/o Shalni Arora
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Trustees Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Bobby Arora

Shalni Arora

Simon Arora

Members Bobby Arora

Sanjay Aggarwal

Bankers Coutts

440 Strand, London WC2R 0QS

Independent Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA Slade & Cooper Limited

examiner Beehive Mill, Jersey Street, Ancoats, Manchester, M4 6JG

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Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 30 April 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2024. Included within the trustees' report is the directors' report as required by company law.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

The aims of our charity are to tackle the issues of social injustice and global inequality by working with organisations that have a disruptive and radical approach to addressing these problems. Most organisations the charity works with are based in India, Africa or the United Kingdom.

Our work is focussed on supporting institutions that work to reduce inequality and tackle social injustice. The charity acts like an incubator, finding new organisations with a disruptive approach to long term issues and seed funding them or providing finance and expertise to allow them to grow and become sustainable.

Grant making policy

Savannah Wisdom does not accept unsolicited grant applications. Grants are awarded to projects that meet the objectives of the charity.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charities aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the period. The objects are such as the trustees think fit and are exclusively charitable in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

Achievements and performance

Savannah Wisdom continued to support the charities in which the foundation had previously invested, such as the British Asian Trust and Feed My City. A number of grants to promote equality and social justice were also made to UK based organisations. Savannah Wisdom continues to support Belong to grow its base working with local authorities, voluntary organisations and civil society on their cohesion and integration programmes. Belong has gained a considerable reputation in providing high quality research and policy recommendations.

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Financial review

£233,750 was spent on grants during the year. A donation of £100,000 was received from a corporate partner. Further income, apart from investment and interest, was not received. Total funds available for distribution at 30 April 2024 are £951,840 none of which are restricted or committed.

Reserves policy

The charity has significant reserves to continue its work, holding £951,840 in unrestricted funds at the year end. The management continuously monitor cashflow and if necessary additional funding is sought from private individuals. As the Foundation has no working capital costs the trustees have decided that a more detailed reserve policy is unnecessary.

Investment policy and performance

The trustees continued to take a risk averse strategy to long term investments for the year to 2024.

£500,000 was invested in a low risk managed investment fund at Coutts Bank. Given current market volatility, there are no plans to make further investments in the future, as wealth preservation is the key objectives for Trustees.

Principal funding sources

Savannah Wisdom is funded by donations from private individuals.

Plans for the future

The Foundation continues its strategic review looking for organisations to support dealing with issues around cohesion and integration, food poverty, equality and marginalisation in the UK. Savannah Wisdom is a core supporter of Belong – The Cohesion and Integration Network. The Foundation will continue its work with the British Asia Trust supporting its anti-trafficking work particularly in India.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6 April 2011 and registered as a charity on 27 April 2011.

The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Directors of the Company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the Company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. The recruitment and appointment of Trustees are as stated in the Articles of the Company.

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Induction and training of Trustees

The Trustees are familiar with the practical work of the charity. New trustees will be given documents which set out the operational framework of the organisation, accounts, objectives and grant making policy.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 8 to the accounts.

Decision making

Shalni Arora reviews possible grants and project applications, performing a thorough due diligence on the sustainability of the project, and whether it meets the criteria around social change. This is discussed with the other trustees and a decision on whether to progress or not is made.

Risk management

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These are mainly in the area of grant making where a project may be supported which is not in line with the charity's objectives or which does not deliver the results expected by the organisation. Systems and procedures have been established to mitigate these risks.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The Trustees (who are also directors of Savannah Wisdom for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 23/ 01/ 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Shalni Arora
Director

**Independent examiner's report
to the Trustees of
Savannah Wisdom**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 17.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA

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Date: 24 January 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure account)
for the year ended 30 April 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	100,000	-	100,000	20,000
Investments	4	31,917	-	31,917	19,587
Total income		131,917	-	131,917	39,587
Expenditure on:					
Grants	5	233,750	-	233,750	166,618
Administrative Costs	5	24,613	-	24,613	11,422
Total expenditure		258,363	-	258,363	178,040
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		(126,446)	-	(126,446)	(138,453)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		15,763	-	15,763	(33,485)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	7	(110,683)	-	(110,683)	(171,938)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		(110,683)	-	(110,683)	(171,938)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,062,523	-	1,062,523	1,234,461
Total funds carried forward		951,840	-	951,840	1,062,523

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

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Balance sheet as at 30 April 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Current assets			
Investments	10	452,591	439,328
Debtors	11	2,698	2,920
Cash at bank and in hand	12	497,871	699,726
Total current assets		953,160	1,141,974
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	13	(1,320)	(79,451)
Net current assets		951,840	1,062,523
Total assets less current liabilities		951,840	1,062,523
Net assets		951,840	1,062,523
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds		-	-
Unrestricted income funds	14	951,840	1,062,523
Total charity funds		951,840	1,062,523

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with FRS102 SORP, and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 23/ 01/ 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Shalni Arora (Director)

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ending 30 April 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	17	(233,772)	(90,135)
<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>			
Dividends, interest, and income from investments		31,917	19,587
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		31,917	19,587
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(201,855)	(70,548)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		699,726	770,274
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		497,871	699,726

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2024

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), second edition - October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Savannah Wisdom meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The Trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

d Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

e Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

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f Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities undertaken is to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

g Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair 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.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

h Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

i Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

j Creditors and provisions

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 or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

k Grants payable

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

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specified level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the recipient of the grant has provided the service or output.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient, conditions and agreement completes but there is uncertainty about the timing of the grant.

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2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

3 Income from donations and legacies

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Donations	100,000	-	100,000	20,000
	100,000	-	100,000	20,000

4 Investment income

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Income from bank deposits	25,997	-	25,997	9,487
Income from portfolio	5,920	-	5,920	10,100
	31,917	-	31,917	19,587

5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Current reporting period	Grants payable £	Admin costs £	2024 £	2023 £
Grants payable:				
Projects in India (note 16)	100,000	-	100,000	50,000
Other (note 16)	133,750	-	133,750	116,618
Administration costs:				
Memberships	-	498	498	1,512
Travel and accommodation	-	-	-	1,468
Portfolio investment charges	-	2,500	2,500	2,556
Professional fees	-	19,620	19,620	
Other	-	675	675	4,426
Governance costs (see note 6)	-	1,320	1,320	1,460
	233,750	24,613	258,363	178,040
			2024 £	2023 £
Unrestricted expenditure			258,363	178,040
			258,363	178,040

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6 Analysis of governance costs

Current reporting period	2024 £	2023 £
Accountancy services	1,320	1,460
	1,320	1,460
	1,320	1,460

7 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examiner's remuneration - accountancy fees	1,100	1,510
	1,100	1,510
	1,100	1,510

8 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the management committee nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: Nil).

No (2023:Nil) member of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year (2023:nil).

No (2023:nil) member of the management committee received training during the year (2023:nil).

Aggregate donations from related parties were nil (2023: £nil).

Shalni Arora, Trustee, is a director of The British Asian Trust. The British Asian Trust received a grant of £108,000 (2023:£50,000).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

9 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

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10 Current asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Market value at the start of the year	439,328	475,369
Fees	(2,500)	(2,556)
Add net gain/(loss) on revaluation	15,763	(33,485)
	452,591	439,328
Cash held by investment broker pending reinvestment	-	-
Market value at the end of the year	452,591	439,328
Investments at fair value comprised:		
Equities	142,370	104,452
Fixed interest securities	283,772	310,172
Other	12,082	-
Cash held within the investment portfolio	14,367	24,704
	452,591	439,328

Investments are all carried at fair value and are all traded in quoted public markets.

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	2,698	2,920
	2,698	2,920

12 Cash at bank and in hand

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank and on hand	497,871	699,726
	497,871	699,726

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors and accruals	1,320	79,451
	1,320	79,451

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

14 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Current reporting period			Gain/(loss) on investments £	As at 30 April 2024 £
	Balance at 1 May 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £		
General fund	1,062,523	131,917	(258,363)	15,763	951,840
	<u>1,062,523</u>	<u>131,917</u>	<u>(258,363)</u>	<u>15,763</u>	<u>951,840</u>
	<u><u>1,062,523</u></u>	<u><u>131,917</u></u>	<u><u>(258,363)</u></u>	<u><u>15,763</u></u>	<u><u>951,840</u></u>
	Previous reporting period			Gain/(loss) on investments £	As at 30 April 2023 £
	Balance at 1 May 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £		
General fund	1,234,461	39,587	(178,040)	(33,485)	1,062,523
	<u>1,234,461</u>	<u>39,587</u>	<u>(178,040)</u>	<u>(33,485)</u>	<u>1,062,523</u>
	<u><u>1,234,461</u></u>	<u><u>39,587</u></u>	<u><u>(178,040)</u></u>	<u><u>(33,485)</u></u>	<u><u>1,062,523</u></u>

Name of unrestricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
General fund	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current reporting period	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Net current assets/(liabilities)	951,840	-	-	951,840
	<u>951,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>951,840</u>
Total	<u><u>951,840</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>951,840</u></u>
Previous reporting period	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Net current assets/(liabilities)	1,062,523	-	-	1,062,523
	<u>1,062,523</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,062,523</u>
Total	<u><u>1,062,523</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,062,523</u></u>

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16 Grants

	2024 £	2023 £
Projects in India		
British Asian Trust	100,000	50,000
Other	8,000	2,250
British Asian Trust (projects in UK)	-	-
Cancer Research	-	12,000
Caudwell Children	40,000	
Centre for Criminal Justice	10,000	-
Cereneo Schweiz Ag Hertensteinstrasse	-	5,000
Good Small Business Awards	-	6,000
Feed My City UK	20,000	10,000
Manchester Youth Academy	-	25,000
Mental Health Global	-	16,651
Nanak Naam Wisdom Group	6,000	-
Quintessentially Foundation	16,000	-
Said Business School (Oxford University)	-	8,395
Sex Matters Ltd	20,000	-
Skills Builder Partnership	13,750	-
Tomorrowland	-	26,322
Vipassana Trust	-	5,000
	233,750	166,618

All grants are paid to institutions.

17 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(110,683)	(171,938)
Adjustments for:		
Dividends, interest and income from investments	(31,917)	(19,587)
Decrease/(increase) in current asset investments	(13,263)	36,041
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	222	(1,907)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(78,131)	67,256
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating	(233,772)	(90,135)

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18 Prior Year Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		20,000	-	20,000	-
Investments		19,587	-	19,587	8,316
Total income		39,587	-	39,587	8,316
Expenditure on:					
Grants		166,618	-	166,618	133,525
Administrative Costs		11,422	-	11,422	27,824
Total expenditure		178,040	-	178,040	161,349
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		(138,453)	-	(138,453)	(153,033)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(33,485)	-	(33,485)	(28,121)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(171,938)	-	(171,938)	(181,154)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		(171,938)	-	(171,938)	(181,154)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,234,461	-	1,234,461	1,415,615
Total funds carried forward		1,062,523	-	1,062,523	1,234,461