

IAH CHARITY COMPANY LIMITED
TRADING AS INDEPENDENCE AT HOME

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Charity No: 1141758
Company No: 7620400

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The Trustees, (who are also the Directors), present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The principal object of the Company is to support independence for people in need right across the United Kingdom who are living at home with a long-term illness or disability. This is achieved by making grants of money, supplementary to statutory provision, which benefit people by enabling the purchase of equipment, home adaptations, and other items to improve mobility, safety, comfort, dignity and quality of life at home. The objects were amended slightly to add the relief of need, distress and hardship for the public benefit to accommodate the particular requirements of the beneficiaries of the Staines Trust.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Applications for grants are received from health and social care professionals, and from relevant charities and organisations. We meet requests for grants from right across the United Kingdom. Our support varies from person to person and includes grants towards the cost of:

- **Mobility and travel equipment** - for example, powered wheelchairs, power add-ons, rollators, specialist harnesses, therapeutic tricycles, and portable hoists;
- **Disability equipment for use in the home** - for example, epilepsy alarms, one-handed kitchen appliances, profiling beds, sensory equipment, and riser recliner chairs;
- **Home adaptations for access** - for example, wet floor showers, downstairs extensions, stairlifts, scooter storage, height-adjustable baths, and ramps;
- **Communications equipment** - for example, electronic magnifiers, speech aids, reading aids, large button phones, tablets, and specialist computer software;
- **Urgent home repairs** - for example, generally for older people, to help maintain health, warmth, and security;
- **Essential household equipment** - for example, a washing machine to support people living with incontinence, or a refrigerator for storing vital medicines, or a bed to help ensure a comfortable night's sleep – vital for both physical and mental health;
- **Essential flooring** - for example, laminate or vinyl flooring to aid wheelchair mobility and/or hygiene, or carpet to improve energy efficiency and comfort.

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

The purpose of our grants is to maintain active living, improve independence and well-being, and reduce isolation for people living at home with disability and long-term illness.

The top outcomes from our work this year have highlighted the desire to improve mobility and safety in and around the home, to reconnect with friends and family, and to access community support and facilities independently.

As ever, our grants have reflected the importance people attach to comfort and dignity – and a good night's sleep – as well as an increased sense of calm and well-being. As last year, concerns remain about the long-term impacts of the pandemic, including on the mental health of the people our referrers are supporting, as reflected in the top outcomes listed overleaf.

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Through our grants, our beneficiaries were able to:

- Access community facilities independently;
- Increase connectedness with family, friends, and others;
- Have a comfortable night's sleep;
- Improve nutrition;
- Wash/dry laundry at home;
- Increase sense of calm and well-being;
- Join in outings with family;
- Reduce risk of injury;
- Have a warm home;
- Improve mobility at home;
- Go from sitting to standing easily and independently;
- Bathe or shower independently and safely.

STATUS

The company is limited by guarantee (No: 7620400) and is a registered charity (Charity No: 1141758).

TRUSTEES

The Trustees who held office during the period were as follows:

Mr. G. D. Astor*
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Dr. R. A. Davies
Mr. W. Francklin*
Prof. J. R. Harrow
Prof. L. M. Luxon CBE
Mr. A. R. Wilson*
Ms. A Fitzalan Howard
Ms. A Campbell

We were deeply saddened to learn at the beginning of September 2023 of the death of long-standing Trustee and esteemed colleague Prof. Linda M. Luxon CBE. A full tribute appears on our website. At the end of September, we were delighted to welcome Ms. A Fitzalan Howard and Ms. A Campbell as Trustees and are looking forward to the prospect of a further new Trustee, who has already been nominated, joining us in 2024/25.

All Trustees give of their time freely and without any remuneration. Trustees are kept informed of new internal and external developments by regular reports, presentations, and the provision of information that is relevant to the Charity and to their work as Trustees. New Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees in order to enhance the mix of relevant skills and experience of the Board. Prospective Trustees are provided with information relating to the aims of the charity, and the responsibilities of Trusteeship, and invited to meet fellow Trustees prior to appointment.

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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Board consists of eight Trustees who meet at least twice a year. The Trustees decide all matters of policy, determining strategic direction, agreeing objectives and monitoring performance to ensure that objectives are achieved. The Board of Trustees is assisted by the Finance Committee, which also meets twice a year and whose responsibility is to consider financial issues in more detail and report back to the Trustees.

Responsibility and authority for running the day-to-day affairs of the Charity is delegated to the Chief Executive, Melanie Derbyshire.

The Board decides the general policy, specific criteria and targets for grant-making to ensure that they reflect IAH Charity Company Limited's aims and also advance public benefit. Trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance at all times.

IAH Charity Company Limited is committed to an equal opportunities policy. Grants are made to people on the basis of disability and need, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or cultural background.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees consider that the principal risks to IAH Charity Company Limited are as set out below, together with the agreed approaches in mitigation:

1. That insufficient donations and investment income are received to fund ongoing charitable activities.

The Trustees have adopted an investment policy as stated below, and appointed a Fundraiser, funded by the designated Fundraiser Fund, to mitigate these risks. It is recognised that fundraising will play a bigger role in the charity's long-term plans to have sufficient financial flexibility to help the increasing number of individuals in need of assistance.

2. That processing failures, fraud or major incidents impede the charity's ability to function effectively, and thus to deliver its charitable objectives, or that, similarly, a failure to comply with relevant legislation compromises the charity's status and future.

The Trustees have reviewed such major strategic and operational risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that management reporting systems are in place to minimise the effects of such risks as may exist. Key policies and procedures are reviewed on a regular basis at Trustee meetings.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Trustees of IAH Charity Company Limited have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. All investment opportunities are chosen with due regard to the level of risk and ethical considerations. Evelyn Partners and Cazenove Capital Management manage the charity's investment assets.

The current overall aim is to generate a balance between capital growth over the economic cycle and current income generation, whilst embracing a medium level of risk. An income yield of at least 2.5% was targeted and a yield of 2.7% was achieved during the year. The Finance Committee meets with both Fund Managers regularly to review investment performance and strategy. Current asset allocation guidelines allow for approximately 50 - 90% investment in equities, 5 - 20% investment in fixed interest investments and 0 - 10% in cash.

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RESERVES POLICY

IAH Charity Company Limited's reserves represent funds which are held either to protect the long-term future of its operation or are expected to be spent in the short-term. In the former category are the funds classified as i) Expendable Endowment Funds and ii) Designated Funds.

Expendable Endowment Funds, (Queen Square Fund, Miss Doreen Stanford Fund, Staines Trust Fund and The Ted Gostling Fund) totalled £6,587,607 at 31 March 2024. The first three of these were established on merger with the former Chartered Society of Queen Square, the Miss Doreen Stanford Trust, and the Staines Trust, and hold the former Society's and Trusts' assets, which were transferred to Independence at Home and thence to IAH Charity Company Limited. The Ted Gostling Fund was established with a £1m grant to IAH Charity Company Limited, received in July 2023 specifically for grant-making over a period of ten years.

The Queen Square Fund continues to be invested to provide income for grant-making to clients with neurological illness and disability. The Miss Doreen Stanford Fund is invested to provide income for grant-making to clients in accordance with the agreement made prior to merger. The Staines Trust Fund is invested to provide grant-making to clients, including the former beneficiaries of the Staines Trust (some of whom now live overseas). The Ted Gostling Fund is invested to provide grant-making to clients in the UK.

A contribution from the first three funds, after grant-making, may be used to meet a proportion of IAH Charity Company Limited's operating expenses. In addition, capital from the Queen Square Fund, Miss Doreen Stanford Fund and Staines Trust Fund is used towards charitable activities if necessary. No capital was utilised during the year for such activities.

The Founder's Fund – a designated fund – is invested to provide income to cover the annual running costs of IAH Charity Company Limited. If the income from this Fund, and contributions from the Expendable Endowment Funds and other Unrestricted Funds are together insufficient to cover the costs, then the balance may be found from the capital of the Founder's Fund. During the year, £27,000 of capital was used for this purpose. The value of the Founder's Fund at 31 March 2024 was £671,441 (last year £659,220). The Fundraiser Fund, another designated fund, was established following the endowment of assets from the Staines Trust Fund and is used to defray the costs of the dedicated fundraising function, over a period of five years. (See note below.) The value of the fund at 31 March 2024 was £36,004 (last year £66,363).

Funds which are expected to be spent in the short-term are iii) Restricted Funds and iv) other Unrestricted Funds. Restricted Funds represent unspent balances on restricted donations and expendable endowment income at year end, the majority of which will be spent within the next financial year, and totalled £133,431 at 31 March 2024 (last year £106,040).

Other Unrestricted Funds consist of legacies, unrestricted donations and investment income which have not been spent in the current financial year and are carried forward for spending on the Charity's objectives in the short to medium term. At the end of the financial year, these funds totalled £784 (last year £114,971).

The Trustees believe that the current level of reserves is appropriate, in view of the uncertainty of future levels of both donated and investment income and given the demand for our service.

At 31 March 2024, total funds of the charity were £7,429,267 (last year £7,234,341).

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GRANT MAKING

Independence at Home received more grant applications in 2023/24 compared with the previous year. Expenditure on grants was £522,537 enabling us to offer much-needed support to 1,364 people with disabilities/long-term illness during the year to 31 March 2024. This was an increase of almost 11% on the number of grant awards last year, and we continued to see a rising trend in the level of need, reinforcing our clear belief that there is a vital, on-going role for the charity.

Our grants were used by beneficiaries to improve independence, safety, dignity, and quality of life in and around their homes, and to reduce isolation. Grants assisted the purchase of equipment and building work that were considered essential to enable each person and family to maintain active independent living and covered a wide geographical spread, with beneficiaries living right across the United Kingdom:

Country / Region	2023/24		2022/23	
	Number	%	Number	%
England - Regions			England - Regions	
Greater London	235	17.2%	Greater London	190 15.4%
North East	40	2.9%	North East	116 9.4%
North West	163	12.0%	North West	123 10.0%
Yorkshire & the Humber	84	6.2%	<< previously not recorded separately - included mainly within North East	
East Midlands	65	4.8%	Midlands	174 14.1%
West Midlands	121	8.9%	South East	142 11.5%
South East	131	9.6%	East of England	62 5.0%
East of England	93	6.8%	South West	83 6.7%
South West	103	7.6%		
England - Total	1,035	75.9%	England - Total	890 72.4%
Scotland	136	10.0%	Scotland	132 10.7%
Wales	103	7.6%	Wales	124 10.1%
Northern Ireland	85	6.2%	Northern Ireland	71 5.8%
Non-UK	5	0.4%	Non-UK	13 1.1%
Total	1,364	100.0%	Total	1,230 100.0%

Note: percentages rounded to one decimal place.

Last year, the distribution of our beneficiaries by age group, across the whole of the United Kingdom, and representing a wide range of ethnicities, was as follows:

Age Group	2023/24	2022/23
Children and young people between 0-17 years of age	26.0%	24.6%
Adults between 18-64 years of age	54.3%	52.3%
Adults between 65 and 79 years of age	14.9%	17.0%
Adults over 80 years of age	4.8%	6.2%

In relation to gender, our beneficiaries were 51.9% male (last year 49.5%), 47.8% female (last year 50.5%), with 0.3% of beneficiaries preferring the description "other".

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Beneficiaries had medical diagnoses including physical and learning disabilities, neuromuscular and neurological conditions, vision and/or hearing impairment, the multiple conditions of ageing, chronic and enduring mental health problems, and life-limiting conditions.

We are proud of our work and hope the following examples show just how important the provision of specialist equipment and other support is - not only for enabling independence for disabled people but also for their health and hygiene, connection, comfort, and dignity.

Our grants contributed towards the following items and/or works for beneficiaries:

- A. **24.7%** (last year, 16.7%) for **special equipment for disability** - for example, profiling beds, sensory equipment, riser, recliner chairs, and also equipment to help people with communication difficulties and sensory impairment to keep in touch with families and friends and the wider world;
- B. **33.4%** (last year, 40.3%) for **equipment to support independent living at home** - essential items for example, kitchen equipment, flooring, furnishings, and removal expenses – to help people move to more accessible or safer accommodation and **help with additional heating and fuel costs** to ensure homes are dry and warm for those who are increasingly housebound;
- C. **29.8%** (last year, 28.0%) for **equipment to improve mobility & travel** - for example, walking aids, powered wheelchairs, mobility scooters, specialist trikes/buggies, hoists for wheelchair users, and car harnesses for disabled children;
- D. **11.6%** (last year, 13.9%) for **home adaptations for disability, and home repairs** - for example, wet rooms, stairlifts, and ramps to enable independent access;
- E. **0.5%** (last year, 1.1%) for **financial support** to former Staines Trust beneficiaries.

A total of 44 applicants (representing 2.4% of the total of all applications received - last year 51, or 3.1%) fell outside IAH Charity Company Limited's criteria for grant making and were, regrettably, refused. Despite not meeting our remit, we were nonetheless pleased to help signpost these applicants to other possible sources of support.

APPROACH TO FUNDRAISING

Independence at Home is committed to protecting donors and the public, including vulnerable people, from poor fundraising practices as required by the fundraising sections of the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016. All fundraising activities for the charity are carried out by charity staff, predominantly the (part-time) Fundraiser, and the (part-time) Chief Executive Officer, both of whom are members of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising. Donations are used only on grant making unless a donor explicitly provides otherwise. The Charity does not work with any commercial participators or professional fundraisers. All fundraising conforms to recognised standards. The Charity has not been made aware of any complaints about its fundraising practices.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 MARCH 2024

The Charity's total income for the year ended 31 March 2024 amounted to £491,374 (last year £1,423,215), representing investment income, legacies and donations. Total expenditure for the year was £752,741 (last year, £673,923). The value of the Charity's investments at 31 March 2024 amounted to £7,307,389 (last year £6,020,758).

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BENEFICIARY PROFILES

Here are just a few examples of people we have been able to support during the year 2023/24:

- A 33-year-old woman, diagnosed with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ME triggered by Covid-19, suffers extreme weakness, pain and fatigue and requires support with most tasks of daily living. She lives alone, essentially in her kitchen, as she cannot access upstairs. She has an unpaid carer daily, and uses a wheelchair. Her condition means that she now cannot walk more than a few steps or propel her wheelchair far. A Tri-Ride compact power add-on has enabled her to leave her house independently.
- A 74-year-old man lives alone and has a degenerative spinal condition, prostate cancer (catheterised), poor mobility, and falls regularly. An external ramp was needed to enable him to have safe access to and from his home.
- A 3-year-old boy has a heart condition (coarctation aorta), multiple VSIDS, chromosome deletion, development delay, and also has Autistic Spectrum Disorder and ADHD. Due to his conditions, it is unsafe for him to be out of his pushchair in public as he has no safety awareness and therefore requires constant supervision. He had outgrown a standard pushchair and needed a larger one - the Special Tomato pushchair was selected as being suitable to provide a safe and comfortable space for him.
- A 38-year-old single parent has an aggressive form of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) which impacts on her daily life and activities. She has two young boys, one of whom has special needs, for whom she has no outside support. So her own transport is essential to her to maintain her independence, and to enable her to continue to access the community - not least, to enable her to fulfil her role as a mother. Due to not having leg function, she needed a grant for specialist hand controls for her car.
- A 64-year-old woman is single and lives alone. With severe arthritis and limited mobility, she struggles to climb into her bath safely. She needed help to pay for adaptations to her bathroom to enable her to shower safely and independently.
- An 8-year-old boy has Chronic Kidney Disease CKD5 - Post Transplant - with recurrent sepsis and has a gastrostomy tube *in situ* - he has not eaten for most of his life. He is having recurrent episodes of sepsis, requiring long hospital admissions, which may be solved via a blended diet. A blended diet works by increasing the gut microbiome which could help reduce the chances of him getting sepsis. Help was needed to purchase a Vitamix Blender - the only one powerful enough to blend to the required specification.
- A 57-year-old man lives with his wife. Following a stroke, he has right-sided upper and lower limb weakness, and so lives downstairs, with daily carer support. The hospital lent him an electric bed to aid his mobility but now needs it returned. As he still cannot mobilise in and out of a standard bed, he needed help to purchase an electric bed.
- A 74-year-old widower has COPD, angina, type 2 diabetes and stents in his leg. He gets breathless while walking, which restricts his ability to get out and about. He needed help to purchase a mobility scooter to give him more freedom and independence.
- A 21-year-old woman has a medical diagnosis of bilateral vestibular hypofunction, affecting her balance and control of body movement, alongside chronic pain. She also has autistic spectrum disorder and Tourette's syndrome. She lives with her mum (her designated carer) and is isolated - rarely going out due to the challenges with balance. She needed help to buy a "life-changing" specialist wheelchair with trekking wheels and Tri-ride add-on so she could be independent and enjoy the local (very hilly terrain) with her assistance dog.

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REFERRER PROFILE

Our beneficiaries are 'referred' to Independence at Home by health and social care professionals - including GPs, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, social workers from local Social Care Trusts, Citizens Advice, and other charities and community-based organisations. Acting on the beneficiary's behalf, they will have sought to obtain the support they needed from statutory funding in the first instance. Only if they are unsuccessful elsewhere will Referrers turn to Independence at Home.

However, we know that our Referrers are busy people, and that they are working hard to reduce backlogs due to staff shortages. With their time to advocate on behalf of their clients more restricted than ever, we have sought to do everything we can to help them, by making our website, online application form and submission process as clear and easy-to-use as possible. We have been delighted to receive their feedback that these changes have been received positively.

EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT

Research highlights that life costs more if you are disabled. On average, households with a disabled adult or child need an additional £975 per month to have the same standard of living as other households [Scope, The Disability Price Tag, 2023]. These additional costs arise as a result of having to divert income to pay for specialist disability-related products and services - such as mobility aids, car or home adaptations, medicines and therapies, and sometimes more energy for heating and/or powered medical equipment. On top of this, disabled people also experience increasing costs due to inflation, which disadvantages disabled people - and families caring for a disabled person - yet further.

In the UK, there are now 16.0 million (14.6 in 2022) people reporting a disability – this represents 24% of the total population and an increase of 3.9 million people over the past decade. [DWP, Family Resources Survey, March 2024]. This report also reveals that the largest impairment groups in the UK are people with a mobility impairment (48%), followed by people with mental health impairments - now increased to 34% in 2022/23. However, it is worth noting that, for working-age adults, mental health impairment (47%) is now the most prevalent impairment, followed by mobility (41%).

Indeed, data released in the August 2023 UK Poverty Report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation consistently shows that households with a disabled person are more likely to face hardship than others: they are more likely to be in poverty, have lower rates of employment than households without a disabled person, and often face additional costs due to having a disability.

Furthermore, the Foundation's cost-of-living tracker from May 2023 offers insight from a survey of 4,000 low-income households (in the bottom 40% of incomes) across the UK. Of those households, 23% reported one person with disability in their households, while 12% reported two or more. Unsurprisingly, they found that low-income households including a disabled person were being hit hard by the cost-of-living crisis, with almost 60% experiencing food insecurity in April/May 2023, 70% going without essentials between November and May, and almost half in arrears with at least one household bill (48%). In addition to financial hardship, households with a disabled person were more likely to be experiencing health and well-being impacts from the cost-of-living crisis than households without a disabled person.

These are the people who rely on us for help.

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INSIGHTS

Our beneficiaries live in every nation and region of the United Kingdom. They are people of all ages and ethnicities, contending with disability, long-term illness, and, for many, the multiple conditions of ageing. They are in dire financial need and find it extremely challenging to obtain essential equipment or home adaptations to enable them to live independently at home. Whilst technology has advanced, communication and mobility aids for people living with disability and long-term illness often remain out-of-reach because of the costs involved.

Faced with multiple barriers to independent living, and having tried, but failed, to secure what they need from statutory sources, our beneficiaries so often find themselves falling through gaps in service provision. Their only recourse is to seek financial help from charities like Independence at Home towards the purchase of the specialist equipment and adaptations they need. We know that we are often the last port of call to secure access to support.

This year, the most referenced categories of 'primary medical condition' were:

1. **neurological diseases and conditions** - 263 grants, representing 19.3% of the total number of grants awarded in the year;
2. **Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), ADHD & Aspergers Syndrome** - 228 grants (16.7%);
3. **mental illness and mental health conditions** - 203 grants (14.9%).

Applications for grants relating to **neurological diseases and conditions** were dominated by specialist disability equipment and home adaptations, and by mobility/travel-related equipment as people sought freedom from isolation in their desire to get back out into their communities.

During 2023/24, there was a further increase in the number of children and young people being referred to the charity. Children with a diagnosis of **autistic spectrum disorder**, and other genetic disorders, learning disability, and/or cerebral palsy can have their day-to-day lives made easier and more comfortable by appropriately designed specialist tough furniture, harnesses, and pushchairs. Trikes with posture supports and lightweight manoeuvrable wheelchairs enable vital therapeutic exercise, leisure and sporting activities, all of which makes a huge difference to the lives not only of the children but also of their families and carers.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, given recent events and the latest research, the third most referenced category was **mental illness and mental health conditions**, typically relating to adults of working age. Many of the grant requests on behalf of this age group were for essential household goods, reflecting people being rehoused in more accessible and/or safer accommodation, which, in a few cases, followed emergency hospitalisations.

The number of applications we received on behalf of elderly people, particularly in England, was lower than we anticipated, although the rate of receipt of applications picked up in the last quarter. The number of applications for home adaptations and repairs remained steady.

The challenge of providing support in these increasingly desperate times is one which everyone at Independence at Home wishes to meet, to the very best of our ability. With the support of our much valued and incredibly generous donors and benefactors, we look forward to continuing to enable people to live independently at home.

To meet this challenge in 2024/25, we are working hard to ensure that we are ready and funded - in a position to help people just as soon as Referrers are able to apply for the support their clients undoubtedly need.

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PLANS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Independence at Home is a needs-driven and user-focused charity which listens actively to the individual concerns and circumstances of its beneficiaries. We remain passionate about our work through which we see dignity restored, often through very modest grants, to many people who had lost hope of being part of their families and communities because of illness or disability.

Our service is flexible and responsive, and we are available via email or phone. We invite applications for grants through our website which enables referrers to access our support and apply quickly whenever there is a need. Furthermore, by operating our grants payment process on a weekly basis, we are able to respond very quickly to vulnerable people and their needs.

We plan that the charity will continue to meet the needs of our beneficiaries, reflecting the challenging external context, and our own insights.

Our objectives for 2024/25 include:

1. achieving or ideally exceeding our grant-making target of 1,400 grants of average value £380 from our own resources and with vital donations from our generous donors who share our aim of helping those individuals who are most in need, and, in addition, to:
 - research prospective funders, targeting new donations of £110,000;
 - review requirements for additional resourcing to help meet growing demand.
2. developing and driving forwards our Programme of Growth and Sustainability through merger and development of strategic partnerships to:
 - identify organisations which might wish to explore the benefits of a merger with Independence at Home;
 - strengthen relationships with existing strategic partners and identify new ones.
3. delivering the next phase of our Digital Action Plan to:
 - complete testing and introduce our new digital system to obtain beneficiary and referrer feedback on our application process and the impact of our grants;
 - strengthen our digital platforms and presence, including updating our website.
4. reviewing the Charity's investment strategy and policies regularly to:
 - ensure that they remain prudent and responsible;
 - review investments as a formal standing item at all Finance Committee meetings aiming to generate a return of at least 2.5% and capital growth.

During the year, we completed successfully our planned migration from 'Classic' to the 'Lightning' version of Salesforce, with improved reporting capabilities and superior functionality. We also introduced the use of 'Form Assembly' to provide a fully integrated and improved online application system with features which have made the whole process more straightforward for our referrers. All this was achieved through the hard work and considerable dedication of our staff team, ensuring that our digital upgrades and website developments were delivered without any interruption to our core service. This project has improved accessibility and enabled us to reach more potential referrers, to measure and evaluate better the impact of our work, and to make service improvements based on detailed data and trend analysis.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to be in early-stage discussions about the possibility of a merger with/acquisition of another smaller charity whose objectives are similarly aligned.

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OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS

We are extremely grateful to all our funders, without whose generous support we would not be able to make such a transformational difference to so many lives.

We recognise that we are exceptionally fortunate to have a solid financial foundation for our grant-making so that we are able to achieve our objectives and respond swiftly to cases of people in dire need.

We are most grateful to all our funders in 2023/24, all of whom we thank formally and acknowledge on the following page. In particular, we are most grateful to our strategic partners including our major funders in the year: The Edward Gostling Foundation, The John Armitage Charitable Trust, The Drapers' Charitable Fund, The Hadley Trust, The Hargreaves Foundation, The Headley Trust, and several others who have chosen to remain anonymous.

Once again this has undoubtedly been a challenging year for fundraising, and we understand that Charitable Trusts have seen a huge increase in the number of applications received from charities of all sizes. Indeed, we are aware of some of the smaller charities being forced to close which, of course, makes it even more important for Independence at Home to be able to help those individuals who are losing other potential avenues of vital support. However, with over sixty Trusts and Foundations supporting the charity on an annual basis, we remain optimistic about the future and very much hope that we will continue to benefit from such tremendous support. We were delighted that, during the year covered by this report, several of our loyal funders increased the value of their annual donations to the charity; we, and our beneficiaries, greatly appreciate this continued generosity.

In particular, we would like to reiterate our gratitude to the Trustees of The Edward Gostling Foundation for their incredibly generous 10-year deed of grant with Independence at Home which commenced in 2023/24. This demonstration of long-term commitment to the work of Independence at Home offers us a level of confidence which is particularly welcome in these very uncertain times.

Looking ahead, it is absolutely vital to us to be able to demonstrate that we enjoy ongoing and preferably growing support as we seek to encourage other funders and trusts to commit to more secure longer-term grants, and strive - to the best of our ability - to keep pace with the needs.

It is due to our strong asset base and the reassurance of continuing, long-term support from our funders that we consider the charity to be a going concern. With the help of, and in partnership with, like-minded Trusts and Foundations, we expect to be able to continue to provide essential support for people living at home with disability and long-term illness through these challenging times, and beyond.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

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OUR DONORS

Independence at Home is grateful to the following Trusts, Companies and Individuals who supported Independence at Home's work and clients so magnificently during the period ending 31 March 2024:

The John Armitage Charitable Trust	The Hedley Foundation
The Astor Foundation	The Hodge Foundation
Lord Austin Trust	JTH Charitable Trust
B&Q Foundation	Sir James Knott Trust
The Bawden Fund	Lady Yuen Peng McNeice Charitable Foundation
Benham Charitable Settlement	The Beatrice Laing Trust
The Isabel Blackman Foundation	The Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust
Mr & Mrs Calcutt	The Lawson Trust
Castanea Trust	The RS Macdonald Charitable Trust
The Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation	Marsh Charitable Trust
Davis Rubens Charitable Trust	The Clare Milne Trust
The Drapers' Charitable Fund	The Moneybury Charitable Trust
The Enkalon Foundation	Mrs Smith & Mount Trust
The Findlay Charitable Trust	Murphy-Neumann Charity Company Limited
Sir John Fisher Foundation	My Name's Doddie Foundation
The Florence Turner Trust	Nationwide Community Foundation
Gilander Foundation	Will Page / Noble Jacks
The Edward Gostling Foundation	Gerald Palmer Eling Trust Company
Miss Annie J I Gower's Charitable Trust	Suzanna Peake Charitable Trust
The Walter Guinness Charitable Trust	The PF Charitable Trust
The Hadley Trust	Sir John Priestman Charity Trust
Eleanor Hamilton Educational Trust	The Row Fogo Charitable Trust
Hamilton Wallace Charitable Trust	St Jude's Trust
The Hargreaves Foundation	Webb Family Charitable Trust
The John Harrison Charitable Trust	Anonymous donors
The Headley Trust	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees, (who are also the Directors for the purposes of company law), are responsible for preparing their Trustees' 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 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 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE TO AUDITORS

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the Trustees have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

The annual report set out on pages 4 - 16 was approved by the Board of Trustees on 16 July 2024.

Signed:



David Astor

Chairman and Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF IAH CHARITY COMPANY LIMITED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of IAH Charity Company Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102. The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 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 Companies Act 2006.

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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 charitable company'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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of 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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF IAH CHARITY COMPANY LIMITED**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they 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 charitable company'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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 an auditor's report 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.

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Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with Trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the not-for-profit sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charitable company, including the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP, taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of Trustees and management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the charitable company's legal advisors.

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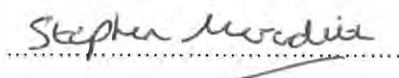
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Stephen Meredith BA FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Alliotts LLP

**Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

Friary Court
13 - 21 High Street
Guildford
Surrey
GU1 3DL

Date: 22 July 2024

IAH CHARITY COMPANY LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment QSF	Expendable Endowment DSF	Expendable Endowment STF	Expendable Endowment TGF	Year To 31Mar24	Year To 31Mar23
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
(Page 21)									
Income and endowments from:									
Donations and legacies	3	129,129	198,420	-	-	-	-	327,549	1,274,506
Investments	4	31,895	131,930	-	-	-	-	163,825	148,709
Total income		161,024	330,350	-	-	-	-	491,374	1,423,215
Expenditure on:									
<i>Raising Funds</i>									
Expenditure on raising donations/legacies	5	58,783	-	-	-	-	-	58,783	57,571
Investment management costs		1,567	-	21,273	7,812	7,130	3,729	41,511	41,668
<i>Charitable activities</i>	5,6	274,488	302,959				75,000	652,447	574,684
Total expenditure		334,838	302,959	21,273	7,812	7,130	78,729	752,741	673,923
Operating result		(173,814)	27,391	(21,273)	(7,812)	(7,130)	(78,729)	(261,367)	749,292
Gains/(losses) on investment assets:									
Realised gains/(losses) on investments	10	976	-	395	10,224	(862)	237	10,970	(72,783)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	10	40,513	-	228,704	77,443	85,216	13,447	445,323	(416,866)
Net gains/(losses) on investments assets		41,489	-	229,099	87,667	84,354	13,684	456,293	(489,649)
Net Income/(expenditure)		(132,325)	27,391	207,826	79,855	77,224	(65,045)	194,926	259,643
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(132,325)	27,391	207,826	79,855	77,224	(65,045)	194,926	259,643
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2023		840,554	106,040	3,017,506	1,091,907	1,178,334	1,000,000	7,234,341	6,974,698
Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2024	14	708,229	133,431	3,225,332	1,171,762	1,255,558	934,955	7,429,267	7,234,341

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 25 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

IAH CHARITY COMPANY LIMITED
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment QSF	Expendable Endowment DSF	Expendable Endowment STF	Expendable Endowment TGF	Year To 31Mar23
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:								
Donations and legacies	3	145,106	129,400	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,274,506
Investments	4	29,330	119,379	-	-	-	-	148,709
Total income		174,436	248,779	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,423,215
Expenditure on:								
<i>Raising Funds</i>								
Expenditure on raising donations/legacies	5	57,571	-	-	-	-	-	57,571
Investment management costs		1,713	-	24,055	8,705	7,195	-	41,668
<i>Charitable activities</i>	5,6	282,822	286,862	5,000				574,684
Total expenditure		342,106	286,862	29,055	8,705	7,195	-	673,923
Operating result		(167,670)	(38,083)	(29,055)	(8,705)	(7,195)	1,000,000	749,292
Gains/(losses) on investment assets:								
Realised gains/(losses) on investments	10	(1,226)	-	(49,341)	(17,413)	(4,803)	-	(72,783)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	10	(52,655)	-	(221,580)	(85,183)	(57,448)	-	(416,866)
Net gains/(losses) on investments assets		(53,881)	-	(270,921)	(102,596)	(62,251)	-	(489,649)
Net Income/(expenditure)		(221,551)	(38,083)	(299,976)	(111,301)	(69,446)	1,000,000	259,643
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(221,551)	(38,083)	(299,976)	(111,301)	(69,446)	1,000,000	259,643
Reconciliation of funds:								
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2022		1,062,105	144,123	3,317,482	1,203,208	1,247,780	-	6,974,698
Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2023	14	840,554	106,040	3,017,506	1,091,907	1,178,334	1,000,000	7,234,341

IAH CHARITY COMPANY LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024

		31 Mar 2024		31 Mar 2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	9		-		67
Investments	10		7,307,389		6,020,758
			<u>7,307,389</u>		<u>6,020,825</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	11	15,928		1,006,316	
Cash at bank and in hand		135,810		228,303	
		<u>151,738</u>		<u>1,234,619</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(29,860)		(21,103)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net Current Assets			121,878		1,213,516
Total Net Assets	13		<u>7,429,267</u>		<u>7,234,341</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Expendable Endowment Fund					
Chartered Society of Queen Square		3,225,332		3,017,506	
The Miss Doreen Stanford Fund		1,171,762		1,091,907	
The Staines Trust Fund		1,255,558		1,178,334	
The Ted Gostling Fund		<u>934,955</u>		<u>1,000,000</u>	
			6,587,607		6,287,747
Restricted:					
Specific grants		100,412		88,109	
Expendable Endowments		<u>33,019</u>		<u>17,931</u>	
			133,431		106,040
Unrestricted:					
Designated fund (Founders Fund)		671,441		659,220	
Designated fund (Fundraiser Fund)		36,004		66,363	
Other unrestricted funds		<u>784</u>		<u>114,971</u>	
			708,229		840,554
Total charity funds	14		<u>7,429,267</u>		<u>7,234,341</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements on pages 21 to 32 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 16 July 2024 and were signed on their behalf by:


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David Astor
Trustee / Director

Charity No: 1141758
Company No: 7620400

IAH CHARITY COMPANY LIMITED
SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
31 MARCH 2024

	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023
Total income from continuing operations	491,374	423,215
Total expenditure on continuing operations	(637,797)	(628,968)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year before transfers and investment gains/(losses)	(146,423)	(205,753)
Investment gains/(losses)	41,489	(53,881)
Transfers from expendable endowment	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(104,934)	(259,634)

IAH CHARITY COMPANY LIMITED
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash (absorbed by) operations	18	574,020	(400,885)
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities		574,020	(400,885)
Investing activities			
Payments to acquire fixed assets		-	-
Payments to acquire investments		(1,871,961)	(1,024,134)
Receipts on sales of investments		1,051,123	1,067,727
Interest received		33,769	18,919
Dividends received		130,056	129,791
Net cash generated from investing activities		(657,013)	192,303
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		-	-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(82,993)	(208,582)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 Apr 2023		279,279	487,861
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 Mar 2024		196,286	279,279
Made up of:			
Cash at bank		135,810	228,303
Cash with investment manager		60,476	50,976
		196,286	279,279

IAH CHARITY COMPANY LIMITED
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Company information

IAH Charity Company Limited is a private company limited by guarantee with no share capital incorporated in England and Wales. The company is a registered charity. The registered office is Congress House, 14 Lyon Road, Harrow, HA1 2EN.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

The cost of tangible fixed assets is written off on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life as follows:

Office Equipment	25%
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The value below which fixed assets are not capitalised is £500.

1.4 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transactions costs are expensed as incurred.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

1.6 Financial instruments

A financial instrument is a contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

IAH CHARITY COMPANY LIMITED
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.6 Financial instruments (continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

1.7 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial resources when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of donations, gifts and legacies and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Donations received for the general purposes of the charity are included as unrestricted funds.
- Donations received with specific instructions are the restricted funds.
- Legacies are treated as unrestricted income unless the terms of the will instruct otherwise.

1.8 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category:

- Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable activities include grant expenditure, support costs and depreciation on related assets. The support costs comprise the costs of processing grants and applications, management and administration which comprises the operational time of running the charity itself.
- Staff costs are allocated between fundraising, charitable activities and governance on the basis of the time spent on each activity.
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.9 Grants payable

Grants payable are included in the period when any relevant conditions are met by the receiving entity. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure. Resources are held in such a form so as to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with any restrictions imposed.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.10 Fund accounting

Details of the purpose of each fund are as follows:

The Expendable Endowment Fund was created during the year ended 31 March 2007 from assets transferred to Independence at Home by the Chartered Society of Queen Square, and during the period ended 31 March 2012 from assets transferred by the Miss Doreen Stanford Trust. Income from the former may only be used to make grants to applicants with neurological problems and to help defray the overheads of the charity. Income from the latter may be used to make grants to applicants for specific items of equipment and to help defray the overheads of the charity. An additional endowment of assets was transferred from the Staines Trust in May 2016, income from which may be used to make grants, support the former beneficiaries of the Staines Trust and to help defray the overheads of the charity. The Ted Gostling Fund, established in 2023 under a Deed of Gift, is to be used in approximately ten equal tranches in order to award grants over a ten-year period to applicants who meet the general criteria of Independence at Home.

The Founders Fund was established in 1991 and designated by the trustees to provide income (and capital if required) to defray the annual running costs of the charity.

The Fundraiser Fund was established in 2016 from funds donated from the Staines Trust and designated to defray the costs of the charity's fundraiser.

Other unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes set out by the donors. Details of funds which have been active during the year are given in Note 15.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Taxation

No provision for taxation arises on the income of the company due to its charitable status.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

There are no critical judgements that are not readily apparent from other external sources.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

There are no assets or liabilities that have required a material accounting estimate to be made by the Trustees.

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3. Donations and legacies income	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowments	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	129,129	-	198,420	-	327,549	1,274,506
	129,129	-	198,420	-	327,549	1,274,506

2023 exceptional year due to Deed of Gift from The Ted Gostling Foundation, see note 1.10

4. Investment income	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023
	£	£
Income from equities	130,056	129,791
Income from fixed interest securities	28,107	18,550
Interest from banks	5,662	368
	163,825	148,709

5. Allocation of support, administration and governance costs

The charity allocates its support costs in the table below. Support costs are allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Cost Type	Charitable Activities			2024	2023	Basis of allocation
	Fundraising	Grant making & support	Governance			
	£	£	£	£	£	
Staff costs, incl. annual leave liability	42,102	84,401	3,168	129,671	131,916	Staff activity
Fundraising Expenses	980	-	-	980	3,441	Actual
Audit	-	-	11,100	11,100	10,080	Actual
Rent, storage and office maintenance	3,226	12,903	-	16,129	16,889	Actual
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	136	Actual
Other support costs	12,475	17,742	596	30,813	14,988	Actual
	58,783	115,046	14,864	188,693	177,450	
Year ended 31 March 2023	57,571	106,129	13,750		177,450	

6. Analysis of grants payable	2024	2023
Grants to individuals		
Number	1,364	1,230
Amount	522,537	454,805
No grants were made to institutions.		
Grants conditionally promised to applicants but unpaid at the end of year:		
Number	150	135
Amount	75,024	57,229

7. Salary costs and retirement benefit scheme	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	122,283	117,163
Employer's national insurance costs	5,599	5,399
Employer's payments in respect of defined contribution pension scheme	3,575	3,433
	131,457	125,995

The total amount of £67,581 (2023: £65,347) was paid to the key management personnel for their service to the company.

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. All expenses are allocated to unrestricted charitable activities within the SOFA.

The average number of weekly employees, (excluding Trustees/Directors), was:

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No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

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8. Trustees' remuneration and related party transactions

The Trustees received no remuneration or reimbursement for expenses in the period.

No Trustee or other person related to the company had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2023: £nil).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	2024 £	2023 £
Office equipment		
Cost at 1 April 2023	13,530	13,530
Additions	-	-
Released on disposals	-	-
Cost at 31 March 2024	13,530	13,530
Accumulated depreciation		
Balance at 1 April 2023	13,463	13,192
Charge for year	67	271
Released on disposals	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2024	13,530	13,463
Net book value at 31 March 2024	-	67
Net book value at 31 March 2023	67	338

10. Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Market value at 1 April 2023	5,969,782	6,503,024
Additions	1,871,961	1,024,134
Disposals (proceeds £1,051,123 profit £10,970)	(1,040,153)	(1,140,510)
Net unrealised investment (losses)/gains	445,323	(416,866)
Market value at 31 March 2024	7,246,913	5,969,782
Investment deposit accounts	60,476	50,976
	7,307,389	6,020,758

The investments at fair value comprise:

	2024 £	2023 £
Equities	6,146,350	5,251,644
Fixed Interest Investments	1,100,563	718,138
Cash held within the investment portfolio	60,476	50,976
	7,307,389	6,020,758

Investments include holdings in various collective investment schemes; the fair value of these holdings is stated after any underlying fund charges.

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	3,352	3,221
Prepayments and accrued income	12,576	1,003,095
	15,928	1,006,316

12. Creditors

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Amounts falling due within one year</u>		
Accruals	29,860	21,103
	29,860	21,103

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13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Designated Funds	Other Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:					
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	743,822	-	-	6,563,567	7,307,389
Net Current Assets	(36,377)	784	133,431	24,040	121,878
	<u>707,445</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>133,431</u>	<u>6,587,607</u>	<u>7,429,267</u>

14. Movement in funds

	Balance 01-Apr-23	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains/(losses)	Balance 31-Mar-24
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:						
To specific types of beneficiary	46,749	30,000	(37,678)	-	-	39,071
To specific types of expenditure	19,778	71,000	(89,037)	-	-	1,741
To specific geographical areas	21,582	97,420	(59,402)	-	-	59,600
Income from Expendable Endowments	17,931	131,930	(116,842)	-	-	33,019
Total restricted funds	<u>106,040</u>	<u>330,350</u>	<u>(302,959)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133,431</u>
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated Founders Fund	659,220	27,382	(28,059)	(27,382)	40,280	671,441
Designated Fundraiser Fund	66,363	1,796	(33,364)	-	1,209	36,004
Other funds	114,971	131,846	(273,415)	27,382	-	784
Total unrestricted Funds	<u>840,554</u>	<u>161,024</u>	<u>(334,838)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,489</u>	<u>708,229</u>
Expendable Endowment Fund						
Chartered Society of Queen Square	3,017,506	-	(21,273)	-	229,099	3,225,332
The Miss Doreen Stanford Fund	1,091,907	-	(7,812)	-	87,667	1,171,762
The Staines Trust Fund	1,178,334	-	(7,130)	-	84,354	1,255,558
The Ted Gostling Fund	1,000,000	-	(78,729)	-	13,684	934,955
	<u>6,287,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(114,944)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>414,804</u>	<u>6,587,607</u>
Total funds	<u>7,234,341</u>	<u>491,374</u>	<u>(752,741)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>456,293</u>	<u>7,429,267</u>

Prior year movement in funds

	Balance 01-Apr-22	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains/(losses)	Balance 31-Mar-23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:						
To specific types of beneficiary	85,310	17,000	(55,561)	-	-	46,749
To specific types of expenditure	5,533	71,000	(56,755)	-	-	19,778
To specific geographical areas	48,687	41,400	(68,505)	-	-	21,582
Income from Expendable Endowments	4,593	119,379	(106,041)	-	-	17,931
Total restricted funds	<u>144,123</u>	<u>248,779</u>	<u>(286,862)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,040</u>
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated Founders Fund	726,436	28,014	(19,545)	(28,014)	(47,671)	659,220
Designated Fundraiser Fund	108,827	8	(36,262)	-	(6,210)	66,363
Other funds	226,842	146,414	(286,299)	28,014	-	114,971
Total unrestricted Funds	<u>1,062,105</u>	<u>174,436</u>	<u>(342,106)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(53,881)</u>	<u>840,554</u>
Expendable Endowment Fund						
Chartered Society of Queen Square	3,317,482	-	(29,055)	-	(270,921)	3,017,506
The Miss Doreen Stanford Fund	1,203,208	-	(8,705)	-	(102,596)	1,091,907
The Staines Trust Fund	1,247,780	-	(7,195)	-	(62,251)	1,178,334
The Ted Gostling Fund	-	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
	<u>5,768,470</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>(44,955)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(435,768)</u>	<u>6,287,747</u>
Total funds	<u>6,974,698</u>	<u>1,423,215</u>	<u>(673,923)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(489,649)</u>	<u>7,234,341</u>

15. Purposes of restricted funds

Restricted to specific types of beneficiary:

Hargreaves Foundation	Sports equipment and technology for young people
The John Harrison Charitable Trust	For people with multiple sclerosis
My Name's Doddie Foundation	For people with motor neurone disease
Anonymous Donor A	To be used for elderly people (over 60) in England, also for central heating and boiler repairs

Restricted to specific types of expenditure:

B & Q Foundation	For home adaptations or repairs (UK wide)
The Beatrice Laing Trust	For mobility and disability equipment
Castanea Trust	For mobility equipment and disability aids
The Headley Trust	For mobility aids, assistive equipment and adaptations
The Mrs Smith & Mount Trust	For household items for disadvantaged people
Anonymous Donor B	For special equipment, adaptations & essential aids for daily living

Restricted to specific geographical areas:

The Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation	For people living in the Dorset area
The Lord Austin Trust	For people living in the Birmingham area only
The Benham Charitable Settlement	To be spent on aids for the home for people aged 65 and over in Northants
The Drapers' Charitable Fund	For older people in Greater London
The Enkalon Foundation	To be spent in Northern Ireland
The Florence Turner Trust	To be spent in Leicestershire
Miss Annie J I Gower's Charitable Trust	To be spent in Scotland
The Walter Guinness Charitable Trust	To be spent in Wiltshire
The Hodge Foundation	To be spent in Wales on home adaptations and specialist mobility equipment
The Isabel Blackman Foundation	To be spent in Hastings and St Leonards-on-Sea
The Sir John Priestman Charity Trust	To be spent in Sunderland & County Durham
JTH Charitable Trust	To be spent in Scotland/Glasgow
The Sir James Knott Trust	To be spent in certain areas of the North East of England
Lawson Trust	To be spent in Kent and Sussex
The Clare Milne Trust	To be spent in Devon and Cornwall

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15. Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Nationwide Foundation	To be spent in Wales on house repairs and house adaptations
The Row Fogo Charitable Trust	To be spent in Edinburgh and the Lothians
The RS Macdonald Charitable Trust	To be spent in Scotland on neurological conditions
Sir John Fisher Foundation	To be spent in Furness area of Cumbria
Webb Family Charitable Trust	To be spent in South West England
<u>Income from Expendable Endowments</u>	
Queen Square Fund	Individuals with neurological illness and disability Overheads of the charity
Doreen Stanford Fund	For specific items of equipment; overheads of the charity
Staines Trust Fund	Individuals to include the former beneficiaries of the Staines Trust Overheads of the charity
The Ted Gostling Fund	Individuals with a physical or learning disability or long-term illness in the UK

16. Commitments and contingent liabilities

The charity had no material capital commitments or contingent liabilities at 31 March 2024 which have not been provided for in these accounts.

Operating Leases

a) At the year end date the charitable company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, as follows:

2024	2023
Land and Buildings	Land and Buildings
£	£
21,819	33,922

17. Control

The charitable company is controlled by the Board of Trustees.

18. Cash Generated from Operations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	194,926	259,643
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Investments' income	(163,825)	(148,709)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	67	271
Other gains and losses	(456,293)	489,649
<i>Movements in working capital:</i>		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	990,388	(999,299)
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	8,757	(2,440)
Cash (absorbed by) operations	574,020	(400,885)