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The DS Smith Charitable Foundation

Annual report and financial statements
for the year ended 30 April 2023

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D R Ciuraru
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B Wells
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Trustees' annual report (incorporating the Directors' report)

The Trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of The DS Smith Charitable Foundation (the Charity) for the year ended 30 April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out on pages 14 to 16 and comply with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association and applicable law.

The Trustees' annual report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

Trustees

The Trustees who held office during the year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated, were as follows:

| | |
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| M P Reeve | |
| C M O'Grady | (resigned 26 August 2022) |
| E M Ciechan | (resigned 3 November 2022) |
| W van Tol | |
| D R Ciuraru | |
| G Giannini | |
| M Magness | (appointed 4 March 2022, resigned 30 July 2022) |
| A Diop | (appointed 3 November 2022) |
| L R Pethers | (appointed 3 November 2022) |
| K T Sheyretova-Gancheva | (appointed 3 November 2022) |
| B Wells | (appointed 3 November 2022) |

On appointment, new Trustees sign a trustee declaration statement committing them to giving their time and expertise. New Trustees have an induction process which takes them through the grant making process, powers and responsibilities of the Trustee board and sub-Committees and investment policy and procedures. A copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and a copy of the Charities Commission Guidance for Trustees is given to all new Trustees.

The Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits. The Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

History, objectives and activities of the Charity

The Charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 1 June 2011. The primary objectives of the Charity are the advancement of environmental protection, the advancement of education and the relief of poverty or financial hardship. The Trustees are reviewing the Charity's Articles of Association with legal advisors.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year. For information on how these meet the public benefit obligation, see below.

Management and governance arrangements

The power of appointing new Trustees to the Charity is vested in the Board of Directors of DS Smith Plc. There must be a minimum of two Trustees but not more than eight. Trustees normally resign when they cease to be employees of DS Smith Plc.

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Management and governance arrangements (continued)

The Trustees annually review the risks that the Charity faces. Historically these have mainly related to investment management, however the investments were liquidated in the 2021 (and now held as cash) therefore financial risk is low.

The other principal risk is the management of the grant-making process. Further details regarding these risks are on page 4.

Procedure and policy for grant making

The Charity has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects to help advance environmental protection, advance education and alleviate poverty or financial hardship, for the benefit of the public. The Trustees meet annually to agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Charity including the parameters of grant making, investment policy and reserves and risk management policies. The processing and handling of applications is carried out by the relevant sub-committee. The key element to the Charity's strategy was the forming of long-term partnerships with well-established charities in the areas of environmental protection and advancing education. These partnerships were intended to run for three or more years and would involve both financial support and practical support through the organisation of a programme run by the DS Smith Group whereby the time and talents of employees are donated.

The Small Donations Committee meets at least quarterly, to review applications fulfilling the relevant criteria and to agree funding. Applications for larger amounts over £10,000 or from charities that could be potential partner charities are referred to the Large Donations Committee, which meets up to twice a year. Where the Trustees of the Charity do agree to enter into a partnership arrangement with another charity to provide continual funding, the Trustees will actively manage the grants and have a series of rigorous checks and controls to ensure that the funds are used for the intended charitable purpose and that the recipient charity complies with any other relevant grant terms. One of the conditions of the transfer from Spicers 1982 Trust in 2011 was that applications from individuals who would have benefited from that Trust must be given grants if funds allow.

Details of how to apply for donations, together with the relevant forms, are available on the DS Smith website:

<https://www.dssmith.com/sustainability/building-strong-foundations/responsible-neighbour/charitable-foundation>

Objectives for 2022/23

The objectives during the year were to fund charities and projects whose main purpose was the advancement of environmental protection. Support was also given to disaster recovery following the earthquake in Turkey.

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Achievements and performance of the Charity

In 2023 the Charity focused on funding biodiversity projects. This aligned with the Group's strategic objective of inspiring the next generation through circular lifestyles and protecting our environment through biodiversity. 70% of grants made in the year were environmental (2022: 60%). Grants amounting to £152,123 were made to thirty two charities whose primary aim is to advance environmental protection (2022: £210,560); £55,331 to four charities whose primary aim is for other purposes, primarily humanitarian including the Turkey Earthquake Appeal (2022: £128,870) and £9,717 to six charities whose aim is to advance education (2022: £10,919).

Risk management

The principal risks facing the Charity during the year included the management of the grant-making process. As the investment portfolio is now all held as cash, the risk is low and is no longer considered a significant risk.

Management of the grant-making process

The grants are made to beneficiaries in order to meet the Charity's objectives. In making these grants, the Trustees refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit to ensure that the Charity's objectives meet the public benefit obligation.

The Trustees hold regular committee meetings to consider all donation requests received. These requests are put forward at either the Small Donations Committee or the Large Donations Committee.

Although there is no formal due diligence process carried out on the beneficiaries, the Trustees consider all requests, making reference to whether the beneficiary is already known to them, and whether the donation request meets the objectives of the Charity. If the request is not from a known beneficiary, a Trustee will undertake to research them to ensure that it is a valid organisation that meets the objectives of the Charity.

The larger beneficiaries submit a report to the Trustees detailing achievements generated by the grants that they have received. For the remaining beneficiaries, no formal review is done of the benefit generated from the donations made by the Charity but individual Trustees have made informal visits to certain beneficiaries.

Financial review, investment policy and reserves

Donations and legacies received for the year amounted to £1,000,250 (2022: £32). During the year the foundation received a grant of £1,000,000 from DS Smith Plc. Investment income for the year amounted to £3,955 (2022: £11,580).

Charitable expenditure amounted to £228,238 (2022: £360,618). Costs of raising funds were £nil (2022: £nil).

All reserves of the Charity are unrestricted. The Charity will continue making grants taking into account the latest cash balances, which will gradually be depleted, at which point the future of the Charity will be decided. At 30 April 2023 unrestricted reserves were £1,545,342 (2022: £769,375).

Future Plans

The Charity will continue to support biodiversity projects and other projects to promote environmental protection and sustainability and humanitarian projects should the need arise.

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Going concern

The amounts of grants, and any commitments made in respect of these grants, will never exceed the amount of cash held. The Trustees have concluded that the Charity has sufficient resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future and therefore have adopted the going concern assumption for the preparation of the financial statements. The Trustees have considered a period of 12 months from the date the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Auditor

Ernst & Young LLP (EY) were appointed as external auditor to the Charitable Foundation in 2023 and will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



M Reeve
Trustee

21 March 2024

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of The DS Smith Charitable Foundation for the purpose 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), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

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, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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 Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

Auditor

So far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's Auditor is unaware;
- 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 Auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditor's report to the members of The DS Smith Charitable Foundation

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The DS Smith Charitable Foundation (the "charitable foundation") for the year ended 30 April 2023 which comprise statement of financial activities, balance sheet and statement of cash flows and the related notes 1 to 11, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- ▶ give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 April 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 below. 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 the provisions available for small entities, in circumstances set out in page 2 to the financial statements, 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 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. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the trustee's ability to continue as a going concern.

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 in the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, 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 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 the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter 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, which includes the directors' report and the strategic report prepared for the purpose of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- ▶ The strategic report and the directors' report included within the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have identified no material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

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

- ▶ adequate 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' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the trustees (who are also 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 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 management either intends to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or has 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.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are Charities Act 2011 (as amended by the Charities Act 2022), The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Companies Act 2006.
- We understood how the charitable foundation is complying with those frameworks by obtaining an understanding of the charitable foundation's procedures to ensure compliance and understanding of the controls in place for management to detect breaches in laws and regulations. We also considered the oversight of those charged with governance (i.e. considering the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process, such as efforts by management to manage earnings), and the culture of honesty and ethical behaviour and whether a strong emphasis is placed on fraud prevention, which may reduce opportunities for fraud to take place, and fraud deterrence, which could persuade individuals not to commit fraud because of the likelihood of detection and punishment.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by making enquiries of those charged with governance and management and considering the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process. We

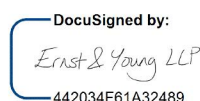
tested manual journal entries and performed procedures on donation income received and charitable expenditure spent during the year.

- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify noncompliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved confirming if management are aware of any breaches in laws and regulations or fraudulent activity, inspecting any correspondence between the charitable company and the Charity Commission, reading minutes of the Board, testing manual journal entries and undertaking the FRS 102 disclosure checklist to ensure relevant requirements are met.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Luke Little (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor

London

March 2024

26 March 2024

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Statement of financial activities, incorporating the income and expenditure account for the year ended 30 April 2023

| | | Unrestricted funds | |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Year ended 30 April 2023 £ | Year ended 30 April 2022 £ |
| | Note | | |
| Income | | | |
| Donations | 3 | 1,000,250 | 32 |
| Investment income | 4 | 3,955 | 11,580 |
| Total income | | 1,004,205 | 11,612 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Charitable expenditure | 6 | (228,238) | (360,618) |
| Cost of raising funds | 6 | - | - |
| Total expenditure | | (228,238) | (360,618) |
| Net income/ (expenditure) for the year | | 775,967 | (349,006) |
| Net movement in funds during the year | | 775,967 | (349,006) |
| Funds at the start of the year | 9 | 769,375 | 1,118,381 |
| Funds at the end of the year | 9 | 1,545,342 | 769,375 |

All recognised gains and losses are included in the statement of financial activities.

The results for the year all relate to continuing operations.

Notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet at 30 April 2023

| | Note | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|------|------------------|-----------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Investments - cash | | 439,565 | 658,344 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 1,170,537 | 192,569 |
| Total current assets | | 1,610,102 | 850,913 |
| Total assets | | 1,610,102 | 850,913 |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 8 | (64,760) | (81,538) |
| Net current assets | | 1,545,342 | 769,375 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 1,545,342 | 769,375 |
| Total net assets | | 1,545,342 | 769,375 |
| Funds | | | |
| Unrestricted funds - general | 9 | 1,545,342 | 769,375 |
| Total funds | 9 | 1,545,342 | 769,375 |

The financial statements of The DS Smith Charitable Foundation, registered number 07654039 were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 21 March 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



M Reeve
Trustee

Notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 April 2023

| | Note | Year ended 30 April 2023 £ | Year ended 30 April 2022 £ |
|--|------|--|--|
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities | 10 | 755,234 | (299,953) |
| <i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i> | | | |
| Interest received | | 3,955 | 953 |
| Dividends received | | - | 10,627 |
| Movement on current asset investments | | 218,779 | 309,821 |
| Proceeds from sale of investment assets | | - | 24,392 |
| Net cash inflow from investing activities | | 222,734 | 345,793 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents in the year | | 977,968 | 45,840 |
| Cash and cash equivalent at beginning of year | | 192,569 | 146,729 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | | 1,170,537 | 192,569 |

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023

1. General information

The DS Smith Charitable Foundation constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. It is registered in the United Kingdom, in England and Wales, the registered office address is shown on page 1, and it is limited by guarantee.

2. Principal accounting policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the current and preceding year, is set out below.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception that investments are valued at market value. 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) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The functional currency of The DS Smith Charitable Foundation is considered to be pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary environment in which the Charity operates.

Going concern

The amounts of grants, and any commitments made in respect of these grants, will never exceed the amount of cash held.

The Trustees have concluded that the Charity has sufficient resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future and therefore have adopted the going concern assumption for the preparation of the financial statements.

Investment income

Investment income is reported on an accruals basis including dividends declared but not yet paid as at the year end date.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Costs of raising funds comprise those costs directly attributable to managing the investment portfolio and raising investment income.

Grants payable are charged in the year when they are conveyed or committed to the recipient.

Support costs, including governance costs, are allocated to charitable activities and costs of raising funds on a basis consistent with the direct expenditure.

The Charity is not able to accurately attribute a value in respect of time spent by Group employees on volunteer work or charitable services.

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2. Principal accounting policies (continued)

Donation income

Income is recognised when probable, there is an entitlement to it and it can be measured accurately.

Tax

The DS Smith Charitable Foundation, as a registered charity, is exempt from Corporation Tax under the Corporation Tax Act 2010 (chapters 2 and 3 of part ii, section 466 onwards) or section 256 of the Taxation for Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent surpluses are applied to its charitable purposes.

Foreign exchange gains and losses

Foreign exchange gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities.

Funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furthering the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

The revaluation reserve represents the difference between the market value and historic cost of investments.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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. 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. Investments are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities.

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.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023 (continued)

2. Principal accounting policies (continued)

Principal accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, which are described in this note, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts 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 if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. The Trustees do not consider there are any critical accounting judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty requiring disclosure beyond the accounting policies listed above.

3. Donations

Donations comprised a donation of £1,000,000 from DS Smith Plc (2022: £nil) and donations of £250 from individuals (2022: £32).

4. Investment income

| | Year ended 30 April 2023 £ | Year ended 30 April 2022 £ |
|--------------------|--|--|
| Dividends received | - | 10,627 |
| Interest received | 3,955 | 953 |
| | 3,955 | 11,580 |

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023 (continued)

5. Grants payable

| | Year ended 30 April 2023 £ | Year ended 30 April 2022 £ |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Grants - institutions | 217,171 | 350,349 |

| | Year ended 30 April 2023 £ | Year ended 30 April 2022 £ |
|---|--|--|
| Grants have been made during the financial year to the following sectors: | | |
| Education | 9,717 | 10,919 |
| Environmental | 152,123 | 210,560 |
| Other | 55,331 | 128,870 |
| | 217,171 | 350,349 |

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023 (continued)

| 5. Grants payable (continued) | Year ended 30 April 2023 £ | Year ended 30 April 2022 £ |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Grants have been made to the following institutions: | | |
| Turkey Earthquake Appeal | 50,000 | - |
| Fondazione Patrimonio biodiversity | 32,032 | - |
| Associatia Mioritics biodiversity | 11,500 | - |
| Fundatia Adept biodiversity | 11,000 | - |
| DS Smith Lucca biodiversity | 10,142 | - |
| DS Smith Duenas biodiversity | 9,702 | - |
| Carpathia Conversation biodiversity | 9,791 | - |
| Natuurpunt biodiversity | 8,581 | - |
| The Prince's Countryside Fund | 5,624 | - |
| Special Forest Commission | 8,621 | - |
| Beyond Autism | 1,500 | - |
| Bristol Avon Rivers Trust | 1,900 | - |
| Carymoor Environmental Trust | 2,000 | - |
| Ecological Continuity Trust | 2,000 | - |
| Children with Cancer | 5,000 | - |
| SOFA | 2,000 | - |
| Pembrokeshire Coast | 3,000 | - |
| Museum of Brands | 3,610 | - |
| DS Smith Turkey | 4,311 | - |
| DS Smith Belisce biodiversity | 4,577 | - |
| Trees for Cities | 2,923 | - |
| Fareshare Yorkshire | 3,146 | - |
| Blooming Blossoms | 2,000 | - |
| Sentinelle Nature Alsace | 2,245 | - |
| Friends of the Earth | 2,100 | - |
| Hohen Meissner beekeepers | 4,226 | - |
| DS Smith Viana biodiversity | 1,231 | 32,515 |
| Cleanup UK | - | 3,000 |
| De Hoge Veluwe National Park | - | 4,280 |
| Wildlife Trust – Bedfordshire, Cambridge, Northamptonshire | - | 3,000 |
| ICRC Red Cross Ukraine Appeal | - | 125,000 |
| Butterfly Conservation | - | 2,000 |
| DS Smith Trakia Mill biodiversity | - | 8,639 |
| DS Smith Reading biodiversity | - | 1,068 |
| Earth Trust | - | 5,000 |
| DS Smith Witzzenhausen biodiversity | - | 8,590 |
| Scotland Big Picture | - | 3,000 |
| Habitats and Heritage | - | 3,000 |
| Viana Mission 360 | - | 5,000 |
| World Land Trust | - | 9,550 |
| DS Smith Stiftung biodiversity | - | 4,344 |
| Ecoschool Hungary | - | 5,000 |
| One Tree Planted | - | 21,643 |
| St. Edward's School | - | 2,500 |
| DS Smith Alcolea biodiversity | - | 2,608 |

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5. Grants payable (continued)

| | Year ended 30 April 2023 £ | Year ended 30 April 2022 £ |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Amigos Picudos | - | 1,017 |
| DS Smith Barneveld biodiversity | - | 1,755 |
| Johannisberg School | - | 2,537 |
| DS Smith Zarnesti biodiversity | - | 3,569 |
| DS Smith Belisce biodiversity | - | 8,696 |
| UK Earth Restoration | - | 2,430 |
| Hendre Infant School | - | 2,000 |
| DS Smith Recycling Germany biodiversity | - | 1,159 |
| University of Georgia | - | 3,846 |
| Cardiff Rivers Group | - | 1,950 |
| DS Smith Fuzesabony biodiversity | - | 3,000 |
| DS Smith Guilhabreu biodiversity | - | 8,100 |
| DS Smith Riceboro biodiversity | - | 4,736 |
| Pischelsdorfer Wiesen | - | 1,100 |
| DS Smith Paper Rouen biodiversity | - | 3,643 |
| Greenspace Project USA | - | 12,983 |
| Other (£1,000 and under) | 12,409 | 38,091 |
| | 217,171 | 350,349 |

6. Expenditure

| | Grants £ | Direct £ | Support £ | Year ended 30 April 2023 £ |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| Charitable expenditure | 217,171 | 617 | 10,450 | 228,238 |
| Cost of raising funds | - | - | - | - |
| | 217,171 | 617 | 10,450 | 228,238 |

| | Grants £ | Direct £ | Support £ | Year ended 30 April 2022 £ |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| Charitable expenditure | 350,349 | 1,269 | 9,000 | 360,618 |
| Cost of raising funds | - | - | - | - |
| | 350,349 | 1,269 | 9,000 | 360,618 |

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6. Expenditure (continued)

The Trustees received no remuneration and were not reimbursed for any of their expenses in the year (2022: £nil), nor had any expenses paid on their behalf (2022: £nil). There were no employees in the year (2022: £nil). The support costs in the year represent the governance costs incurred, being audit and legal fees.

| | Year ended 30 April 2023 £ | Year ended 30 April 2022 £ |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Net expenditure is stated after: | | |
| Fees payable to the Charity's Auditor for the audit of the Charity's Financial Statements | 10,000 | 7,500 |

7. Fixed asset investments

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Listed investments: | | |
| Market value at beginning of year | - | 24,392 |
| Disposal proceeds | - | (24,392) |
| Market value at end of year | - | - |

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Accruals for grants payable | 54,760 | 72,538 |
| Accruals | 10,000 | 9,000 |
| | 64,760 | 81,538 |

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9. Analysis of unrestricted funds

| | General £ | Revaluation Reserve £ | Total £ |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| At 1 May 2021 | 1,118,381 | - | 1,118,381 |
| Net expenditure | (349,006) | - | (349,006) |
| At 30 April 2022 | 769,375 | - | 769,375 |
| At 1 May 2022 | 769,375 | - | 769,375 |
| Net income | 775,967 | - | 775,967 |
| At 30 April 2023 | 1,545,342 | - | 1,545,342 |

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

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Net movement in funds during the year | 775,967 | (349,006) |
| Add back: | | |
| Investment income | (3,955) | (11,580) |
| (Decrease)/increase in creditors | (16,778) | 60,633 |
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities | 755,234 | (299,953) |

11. Related parties

Trustees of the Foundation are staff of DS Smith Plc. The power of appointing new Trustees to the Charity is vested in the Board of Directors of DS Smith Plc. There must be a minimum of two Trustees but not more than eight. Trustees normally resign when they cease to be employees of DS Smith Plc. Donations of £1,000,000 (2022: £nil) were received by the Foundation from DS Smith Plc. Amounts owed to DS Smith Plc at the year-end amounted to £nil (2022: £nil). There were no other related party transactions.

