

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1143116

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2011-07-27

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PAY SUCH AMOUNTS OF CAPITAL AND INCOME AT THE TRUSTEES DISCRETION TO SUCH CHARITY OR CHARITIES AS THEY SHALL CHOOSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDRE,THE CHURCH,ANIMAL CHARITIES, CHILDRENS CHARITIES AND CHARITIES FOR THE POOR AND THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AT THE TRUSTEES DISCRETION AND IN PARTICULAR THEY SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES NAMELY CAT'S PAW BLACKPOOL,ANIMAL RESCUE AT BLEA TARN LANCASTER, THE RNLI BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL, THE DONKEY SANCTUARY, THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HORSES, DR BARNARDOS, LOCAL CHILDRENS CARE HOMES AND THE RSPB LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY.

Activities: TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO SUCH CHARITIES AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUNG CHILDREN, THE CHURCH AND ANIMAL CHARITIES IN THE BLACKPOOL AND MORECAMBE AREAS OF LANCASHIRE AND IN PARTICULAR CERTAIN NAMED CHARITIES SET OUT IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE TRUST DEED DATED 1ST APRIL 2011.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Animals
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Cumbria
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£269,535	£289,945	-	-
2023-12-31	£257,741	£285,590	-	-
2022-12-31	£255,323	£201,340	-	-
2021-12-31	£199,671	£292,261	-	-
2020-12-31	£280,406	£353,031	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael Muschamp	Chair	2011-04-21
Christopher Neil Calvert		2020-07-23
JOHN Child		2020-11-03
Kathleen Bromilow MBE		2015-03-26
Kathryn Harwood		2014-08-27
PALMIRA STAFFORD		2015-01-14

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Accounts

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Registration No. 1143116

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr M Muschamp Mrs K Harwood Mrs P Stafford Mrs K Bromilow MBE Mr C N Calvert Mr J Child MBE
Charity number	1143116
Principal address	Rushtons Shorrock House 1 Faraday Court Fulwood Preston Lancashire PR1 9NB
Auditor	Champion Accountants LLP Unit 2 Olympic Court Whitehills Business Park Blackpool Lancashire FY4 5GU
Bankers	NatWest plc 35 Fishergate Preston Lancashire PR1 2GU
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THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to promote and support any exclusively charitable purposes for the support of children, the church and animals.

The Settlor expressed a wish that the trustees shall have regard to charitable causes and objects in the North West of England. It is intended that distributions are made from income for specific projects or capital expenditure.

As a grant making charity, we have made grants to other registered charities. The grants we make are for specific applications. They are made on the basis of funds being placed in a restricted fund or by way of direct reimbursement to the suppliers of goods supplied to the recipient of the grant. All beneficiaries are considered with a view to benefitting charities which themselves deliver public benefit.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future objectives.

Achievements and performance

A total of 17 grants have been made in the year to a diverse range of projects. Many of the charities have been visited as part of the grant approval process and the trustees are confident that the grants supplied will greatly enhance the services provided by the various charities.

Financial review

The trustees aim to maintain the endowment reserves of the charity to generate income to distribute by way of grants. The free reserves are currently £176,751 (2023: £197,161). It is anticipated that this will be reduced in the future as more grants are paid.

The investment policy adopted aims to provide a balanced return of income and capital growth whilst accepting a moderate level of risk. Regular reports are received from Rathbones plc which keeps the trustees informed on the progress of these investments. The investment yield was 2.3% based on the market value of the investments at the year end.

The trustees have considered possible risks to the charity and concluded that by the nature of the activities, no significant external risks exist.

The trustees' policy is to make grants to registered charities of up to £25,000, or more at their discretion, for specific capital or project expenditure. Grants are required to be placed in restricted funds by the recipients or are paid direct to the supplier/provider on presentation of invoice.

The charity will continue to encourage applications for grants and consider appropriate applicants.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a trust established by a Trust Deed dated 1 April 2011. The trust was registered with the Charities Commission for England and Wales on 27 July 2011. The registered number is 1143116.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M Muschamp
Mrs K Harwood
Mrs P Stafford
Mrs K Bromilow MBE
Mr C N Calvert
Mr J Child MBE

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The trustee body, when complete, shall consist of at least two individuals. Mr Michael Muschamp was appointed as trustee on 1 April 2011. Mrs Kathryn Harwood was appointed on 27 August 2014. Mrs Palmira Stafford and Mrs Kathleen Bromilow were appointed in the year ended 31 December 2015. Mr Christopher Calvert was appointed on 1 July 2020 and Mr John Child was appointed on 3 November 2020.

Training and induction are provided for new trustees by means of meetings with and instruction from, other trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mr C N Calvert
Trustee
Dated: 23/10/2025

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and 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 charity's affairs as at 31 December 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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The 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 AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

As part of our planning process we:-

- assessed the systems and controls the charity has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged frauds.
- we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity, being the Charities Act 2011.

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities including fraud during the course of the audit included:-

- identifying and testing journal entries in the overall accounting records.
- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.
- assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.
- testing key revenue streams and investment valuations.
- documenting and verifying related party balances and transactions.

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. 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.

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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.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

DL Thorn

Deborah Thorn FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Champion Accountants LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

Unit 2 Olympic Court

Whitehills Business Park

Blackpool

Lancashire

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Date: *27.10.25*

Champion Accountants LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Investments	2	269,535	-	269,535	257,741	-	257,741
Total income		<u>269,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269,535</u>	<u>257,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257,741</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	4	-	47,776	47,776	-	44,235	44,235
Charitable activities	9	289,945	-	289,945	241,355	-	241,355
Total expenditure		<u>289,945</u>	<u>47,776</u>	<u>337,721</u>	<u>241,355</u>	<u>44,235</u>	<u>285,590</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	-	784,349	784,349	-	480,469	480,469
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		<u>(20,410)</u>	<u>736,573</u>	<u>716,163</u>	<u>16,386</u>	<u>436,234</u>	<u>452,620</u>
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		197,161	10,897,909	11,095,070	180,775	10,461,675	10,642,450
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		<u>176,751</u>	<u>11,634,482</u>	<u>11,811,233</u>	<u>197,161</u>	<u>10,897,909</u>	<u>11,095,070</u>

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

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		11,631,105		10,881,279
Current assets					
Debtors	13	134		134	
Cash at bank and in hand		190,884		223,317	
			191,018		223,451
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(10,890)		(9,660)	
Net current assets			180,128		213,791
Total assets less current liabilities			11,811,233		11,095,070
Net assets excluding pension liability			11,811,233		11,095,070
The funds of the charity					
Endowment funds	16		11,634,482		10,897,909
Unrestricted funds			176,751		197,161
			11,811,233		11,095,070

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 23 October 2025



Mr C N Calvert
Trustee

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Charitable Trust is an unincorporated trust established by Trust Deed dated 1 April 2011. The charity is a public benefit entity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the accounts and have concluded that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming resources from endowment funds are unrestricted. Income is treated as an endowment where expenditure of income or capital is at the discretion of the trustees. Income is recognised when the charity is entitled to it.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Dividend income is accounted for on the date the dividend is payable. Deposit interest is accounted for on a receipts basis.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 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. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity 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 charity's balance sheet when the charity 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.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors 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 and bank loans 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 payments 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from listed investments	266,170	252,322
Interest receivable	3,365	5,419
	<u>269,535</u>	<u>257,741</u>

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2024 £	Charitable expenditure 2023 £
Direct costs		
Bank Charges	13	12
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	274,842	226,313
Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)		
Governance	15,090	15,030
	<u>289,945</u>	<u>241,355</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>289,945</u>	<u>241,355</u>

4 Raising funds

	Endowment funds general 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Investment management</u>	47,776	44,235
	<u>47,776</u>	<u>44,235</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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4 Raising funds (Continued)

5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	-	3,120	3,120	3,060
Accountancy & trustee charges	-	11,970	11,970	11,970
	-	15,090	15,090	15,030
	-	15,090	15,090	15,030
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	-	15,090	15,090	15,030

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,120 (2023- £3,060) for audit fees.

6 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	3,120	3,060

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any expenses from the trust during the year.

Total fees of £11,970 (2023: £11,970) were paid to trustees during the year in respect of services as follows:

Legal and trustees' charges £Nil (2023: £Nil)

Accountancy and trustees' charges £11,970 (2023 : £11,970).

The accountancy and trustee charges are amount paid to Rushtons (NW) Limited of which Michael Muschamp was a director until 31 January 2019 and Christopher Calvert is currently a director. All were trustees during the year.

During the year the trust made a grant to a charity of which John Child is also a trustee. This was considered and approved in line with normal grant making processes. A grant was also made to a charity of which Michael Muschamp is a board member. This was considered and approved in line with normal grant making processes.

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Grants payable

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants to institutions:		
Aiming Higher	13,755	-
Fylde Rugby Community Foundation	-	500
Boathouse Youth	25,000	25,000
Educational Diversity	-	25,000
World Horse Welfare	12,000	-
Lancaster District Rotary	-	18,000
Pear Tree School	-	25,000
Bendrigg	-	25,000
Cats Paws Sanctuary	-	16,375
Blackpool Foodbank	-	25,406
Friends of Copp School	-	9,200
Loyne Specialist School	-	25,000
Strawberry Fields CIC	-	6,832
Morecambe District Rotary	-	25,000
AKS School/Fylde Rugby Committee	25,000	-
Carnforth Swimming Pool	4,000	-
Emues (Ridge Community Centre)	19,625	-
Highfurlong School	25,000	-
Handicap Childrens Action Group	964	-
Blackpool Music School	22,718	-
Live Like Ralph	24,280	-
Stanley Primary School	25,000	-
Salvation Army	10,000	-
Salvation Army	10,000	-
Escape to Make	25,000	-
Synergy Energy Trust	25,000	-
Warton Parish Church	2,500	-
Aiming Higher	5,000	-
	<u>274,842</u>	<u>226,313</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

9 Grants payable

(Continued)

10 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Endowment funds general 2024 £	Endowment funds general 2023 £
Revaluation of investments	481,321	198,507
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	303,028	281,962
	<u>784,349</u>	<u>480,469</u>

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024	10,881,279
Additions	3,071,173
Valuation changes	784,349
	<u>14,736,801</u>
Impairment	
At 1 January 2024	-
Disposals	3,105,696
	<u>3,105,696</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	<u>11,631,105</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>10,881,279</u>

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments are stated at market value in the financial statements. The historic cost of listed investments amounts to £9,216,662 (2023: £8,947,414).

13 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	134	134
	<u>134</u>	<u>134</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	10,890	9,660
	<u>10,890</u>	<u>9,660</u>

Accruals includes grants payable of £Nil (2023: £Nil).

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15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	197,161	269,535	(289,945)	176,751
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	180,775	257,741	(241,355)	197,161
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:						
Investments	-	11,631,105	11,631,105	-	10,881,279	10,881,279
Current assets/(liabilities)	176,751	3,377	180,128	197,161	16,630	213,791
	<u>176,751</u>	<u>11,634,482</u>	<u>11,811,233</u>	<u>197,161</u>	<u>10,897,909</u>	<u>11,095,070</u>

18 Related party transactions

Related party transactions with trustees are detailed in note 7.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1143116

Accounts

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity Registration No. 1143116

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr M Muschamp Mrs K Harwood Mrs P Stafford Mrs K Bromilow MBE Mr C N Calvert Mr J Child MBE
Charity number	1143116
Principal address	Rushtons Shorrock House 1 Faraday Court Fulwood Preston Lancashire PR1 9NB
Auditor	Champion Accountants LLP Unit 2 Olympic Court Whitehills Business Park Blackpool Lancashire FY4 5GU
Bankers	NatWest plc 35 Fishergate Preston Lancashire PR1 2GU
Solicitors	Napthens LLP 7 Winckley Square Preston Lancashire PR1 3JD
Investment advisors	Rathbones plc Beech House 61 Napier Street Sheffield S11 8HS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to promote and support any exclusively charitable purposes for the support of children, the church and animals.

The Settlor expressed a wish that the trustees shall have regard to charitable causes and objects in the North West of England. It is intended that distributions are made from income for specific projects or capital expenditure.

As a grant making charity, we have made grants to other registered charities. The grants we make are for specific applications. They are made on the basis of funds being placed in a restricted fund or by way of direct reimbursement to the suppliers of goods supplied to the recipient of the grant. All beneficiaries are considered with a view to benefitting charities which themselves deliver public benefit.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future objectives.

Achievements and performance

A total of 12 grants have been made in the year to a diverse range of projects. Many of the charities have been visited as part of the grant approval process and the trustees are confident that the grants supplied will greatly enhance the services provided by the various charities.

Financial review

The trustees aim to maintain the endowment reserves of the charity to generate income to distribute by way of grants. The free reserves are currently £197,161 (2022: £180,775). It is anticipated that this will be reduced in the future as more grants are paid.

The investment policy adopted aims to provide a balanced return of income and capital growth whilst accepting a moderate level of risk. Regular reports are received from Rathbones plc which keeps the trustees informed on the progress of these investments. The investment yield was 2.3% based on the market value of the investments at the year end.

The trustees have considered possible risks to the charity and concluded that by the nature of the activities, no significant external risks exist.

The trustees' policy is to make grants to registered charities of up to £25,000, or more at their discretion, for specific capital or project expenditure. Grants are required to be placed in restricted funds by the recipients or are paid direct to the supplier/provider on presentation of invoice.

The charity will continue to encourage applications for grants and consider appropriate applicants.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a trust established by a Trust Deed dated 1 April 2011. The trust was registered with the Charities Commission for England and Wales on 27 July 2011. The registered number is 1143116.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M Muschamp
Mrs K Harwood
Mrs P Stafford
Mrs K Bromilow MBE
Mr C N Calvert
Mr J Child

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The trustee body, when complete, shall consist of at least two individuals. Mr Michael Muschamp was appointed as trustee on 1 April 2011. Mrs Kathryn Harwood was appointed on 27 August 2014. Mrs Palmira Stafford and Mrs Kathleen Bromilow were appointed in the year ended 31 December 2015. Mr Christopher Calvert was appointed on 1 July 2020 and Mr John Child was appointed on 3 November 2020.

Training and induction are provided for new trustees by means of meetings with and instruction from, other trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mr M Muschamp

Trustee

Dated: 25/4/24

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and 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 charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The 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 AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

As part of our planning process we:-

- assessed the systems and controls the charity has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged frauds.
- we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity, being the Charities Act 2011.

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities including fraud during the course of the audit included:-

- identifying and testing journal entries in the overall accounting records.
- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.
- assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.
- testing key revenue streams and investment valuations.
- documenting and verifying related party balances and transactions.

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. 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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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.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

D L Thorn

Deborah Thorn FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Champion Accountants LLP

29 April 2024
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Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Unit 2 Olympic Court
Whitehills Business Park
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Lancashire
FY4 5GU

Champion Accountants LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Investments	2	257,741	-	257,741	255,323	-	255,323
Total income		<u>257,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257,741</u>	<u>255,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,323</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	4	-	44,235	44,235	-	45,812	45,812
Charitable activities	8	241,355	-	241,355	155,528	-	155,528
Total expenditure		<u>241,355</u>	<u>44,235</u>	<u>285,590</u>	<u>155,528</u>	<u>45,812</u>	<u>201,340</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	-	480,469	480,469	-	(1,355,514)	(1,355,514)
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		<u>16,386</u>	<u>436,234</u>	<u>452,620</u>	<u>99,795</u>	<u>(1,401,326)</u>	<u>(1,301,531)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		180,775	10,461,675	10,642,450	80,980	11,863,001	11,943,981
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u>197,161</u>	<u>10,897,909</u>	<u>11,095,070</u>	<u>180,775</u>	<u>10,461,675</u>	<u>10,642,450</u>

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

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		10,881,279		10,249,860
Current assets					
Debtors	13	134		134	
Cash at bank and in hand		223,317		425,284	
		<u>223,451</u>		<u>425,418</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(9,660)		(32,828)	
Net current assets			213,791		392,590
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>11,095,070</u>		<u>10,642,450</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>11,095,070</u>		<u>10,642,450</u>
The funds of the charity					
Endowment funds	16		10,897,909		10,461,675
Unrestricted funds			197,161		180,775
			<u>11,095,070</u>		<u>10,642,450</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 25th April 2024



Mr M Muschamp
Trustee

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Charitable Trust is an unincorporated trust established by Trust Deed dated 1 April 2011. The charity is a public benefit entity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the accounts and have concluded that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming resources from endowment funds are unrestricted. Income is treated as an endowment where expenditure of income or capital is at the discretion of the trustees. Income is recognised when the charity is entitled to it.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Dividend income is accounted for on the date the dividend is payable. Deposit interest is accounted for on a receipts basis.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 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. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity 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 charity's balance sheet when the charity 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.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors 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 and bank loans 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 payments 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from listed investments	252,322	253,610
Interest receivable	5,419	1,713
	<u>257,741</u>	<u>255,323</u>

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2023 £	Charitable expenditure 2022 £
Direct costs		
Bank Charges	12	12
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	226,313	143,336
Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)		
Governance	15,030	12,180
	<u>241,355</u>	<u>155,528</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>241,355</u>	<u>155,528</u>

4 Raising funds

	Endowment funds general 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Investment management</u>	44,235	45,812
	<u>44,235</u>	<u>45,812</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4 Raising funds (Continued)

5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	-	3,060	3,060	3,000
Accountancy & trustee charges	-	11,970	11,970	9,180
	-	15,030	15,030	12,180
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	15,030	15,030	12,732

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,060 (2022- £3,000) for audit fees.

6 Net movement in funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	3,060	3,000

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any expenses from the trust during the year.

Total fees of £11,970 (2022: £9,180) were paid to trustees during the year in respect of services as follows:

Legal and trustees' charges £Nil (2022: £Nil)

Accountancy and trustees' charges £11,970 (2022 : £9,180).

The accountancy and trustee charges are amount paid to Rushtons (NW) Limited of which Michael Muschamp was a director until 31 January 2019 and Christopher Calvert is currently a director. All were trustees during the year.

During the year the trust made a grant to a charity of which Palmeira Stafford is also a trustee. This was considered and approved in line with normal grant making processes.

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8 Grants payable

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Blackpool Carers Centre	-	24,728
PDSA	-	16,130
Fylde Rugby Community Foundation	500	-
Boathouse Youth	25,000	-
Educational Diversity	25,000	23,870
World Horse Welfare	-	10,960
Cancer Care	-	20,245
Friends of Morecambe Bay	-	7,000
South Shore Hub	-	9,700
Lowther Gardens Lytham	-	25,000
Lancashire Youth Challenge	-	5,703
Lancaster District Rotary	18,000	-
Pear Tree School	25,000	-
Bendrigg	25,000	-
Cats Paws Sanctuary	16,375	-
Blackpool Foodbank	25,406	-
Friends of Copp School	9,200	-
Loyne Specialist School	25,000	-
Strawberry Fields CIC	6,832	-
Morecambe District Rotary	25,000	-
	<u>226,313</u>	<u>143,336</u>

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Endowment funds general 2023 £	Endowment funds general 2022 £
Revaluation of investments	198,507	(1,597,408)
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	281,962	241,894
	<u>480,469</u>	<u>(1,355,514)</u>

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2023	10,249,860
Additions	2,456,004
Valuation changes	480,470
At 31 December 2023	<u>13,186,334</u>
Impairment	
At 1 January 2023	-
Disposals	2,305,055
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,305,055</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	<u>10,881,279</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>10,249,860</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

12 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments are stated at market value in the financial statements. The historic cost of listed investments amounts to £8,947,414 (2022: £8,512,705).

13 Debtors	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other debtors	134	134
	<u>134</u>	<u>134</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	9,660	32,828
	<u>9,660</u>	<u>32,828</u>

Accruals includes grants payable of £Nil (2022: £24,728).

15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	180,775	257,741	(241,355)	197,161
	<u>180,775</u>	<u>257,741</u>	<u>(241,355)</u>	<u>197,161</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	80,980	255,323	(155,528)	180,775
	<u>80,980</u>	<u>255,323</u>	<u>(155,528)</u>	<u>180,775</u>

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16 Endowment funds	Balance at 1 January 2022	Movement in funds				Balance at 31 December 2023
		Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	11,863,001	-	(45,812)	-	(1,355,514)	10,461,675
	11,863,001	-	(45,812)	-	(1,355,514)	10,461,675
					(44,235)	10,897,909
					(44,235)	10,897,909

The endowment fund has arisen from an endowment received from Mrs Vera Wolstencroft of £7,982,456. The fund is unrestricted subject to the terms of the Trust Deed and may be spent at the discretion of the Trustees.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:						
Investments	-	10,881,279	10,881,279	-	10,249,860	10,249,860
Current assets/(liabilities)	197,161	16,630	213,791	180,775	211,815	392,590
	<u>197,161</u>	<u>10,897,909</u>	<u>11,095,070</u>	<u>180,775</u>	<u>10,461,675</u>	<u>10,642,450</u>

18 Related party transactions

Related party transactions with trustees are detailed in note 7.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1143116

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THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Charity Registration No. 1143116

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr M Muschamp Mrs K Harwood Mrs P Stafford Mrs K Bromilow MBE Mr C N Calvert Mr J Child
Charity number	1143116
Principal address	Rushtons Shorrock House 1 Faraday Court Fulwood Preston Lancashire PR1 9NB
Auditor	Champion Accountants LLP Unit 2 Olympic Court Whitehills Business Park Blackpool Lancashire FY4 5GU
Bankers	NatWest plc 35 Fishergate Preston Lancashire PR1 2GU
Solicitors	Napthens LLP 7 Winckley Square Preston Lancashire PR1 3JD
Investment advisors	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited Beech House 61 Napier Street Sheffield S11 8HS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to promote and support any exclusively charitable purposes for the support of children, the church and animals.

The Settlor expressed a wish that the trustees shall have regard to charitable causes and objects in the North West of England. It is intended that distributions are made from income for specific projects or capital expenditure.

As a grant making charity, we have made grants to other registered charities. The grants we make are for specific applications. They are made on the basis of funds being placed in a restricted fund or by way of direct reimbursement to the suppliers of goods supplied to the recipient of the grant. All beneficiaries are considered with a view to benefitting charities which themselves deliver public benefit.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future objectives.

Achievements and performance

A total of 9 grants have been made in the year to a diverse range of projects. Many of the charities have been visited as part of the grant approval process and the trustees are confident that the grants supplied will greatly enhance the services provided by the various charities.

Financial review

The trustees aim to maintain the endowment reserves of the charity to generate income to distribute by way of grants. The free reserves are currently £180,775 (2021: £80,980). It is anticipated that this will be reduced in the future as more grants are paid.

The investment policy adopted aims to provide a balanced return of income and capital growth whilst accepting a moderate level of risk. Regular reports are received from Investec Wealth & Investment Limited which keeps the trustees informed on the progress of these investments. The investment yield was 3% based on the market value of the investments at the year end.

The trustees have considered possible risks to the charity and concluded that by the nature of the activities, no significant external risks exist.

The trustees' policy is to make grants to registered charities of up to £25,000, or more at their discretion, for specific capital or project expenditure. Grants are required to be placed in restricted funds by the recipients or are paid direct to the supplier/provider on presentation of invoice.

The charity will continue to encourage applications for grants and consider appropriate applicants.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a trust established by a Trust Deed dated 1 April 2011. The trust was registered with the Charities Commission for England and Wales on 27 July 2011. The registered number is 1143116.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M Muschamp
Mrs K Harwood
Mrs P Stafford
Mrs K Bromilow MBE
Mr C N Calvert
Mr J Child

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The trustee body, when complete, shall consist of at least two individuals. Mr Michael Muschamp was appointed as trustee on 1 April 2011. Mrs Kathryn Harwood was appointed on 27 August 2014. Mrs Palmira Stafford and Mrs Kathleen Bromilow were appointed in the year ended 31 December 2015. Mr Christopher Calvert was appointed on 1 July 2020 and Mr John Child was appointed on 3 November 2020.

Training and induction are provided for new trustees by means of meetings with and instruction from, other trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr M Muschamp

Trustee

Dated: 3rd August 2023

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and 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 charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The 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 AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

As part of our planning process we:-

- assessed the systems and controls the charity has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged frauds.
- we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity, being the Charities Act 2011.

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities including fraud during the course of the audit included:-

- identifying and testing journal entries in the overall accounting records.
- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.
- assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.
- testing key revenue streams and investment valuations.
- documenting and verifying related party balances and transactions.

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. 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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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.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

D L Thorn

Deborah Thorn FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Champion Accountants LLP

1 August 2023
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Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Unit 2 Olympic Court
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Champion Accountants LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Investments	2	255,323	-	255,323	199,671	-	199,671
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	4	-	45,812	45,812	-	47,647	47,647
Charitable activities	6	155,528	-	155,528	244,614	-	244,614
Total expenditure		155,528	45,812	201,340	244,614	47,647	292,261
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	-	(1,355,514)	(1,355,514)	-	1,222,321	1,222,321
Net movement in funds		99,795	(1,401,326)	(1,301,531)	(44,943)	1,174,674	1,129,731
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		80,980	11,863,001	11,943,981	125,923	10,688,327	10,814,250
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		180,775	10,461,675	10,642,450	80,980	11,863,001	11,943,981

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	11		10,249,860		11,561,404
Current assets					
Debtors	12	134		24,908	
Cash at bank and in hand		425,284		391,609	
			425,418		416,517
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(32,828)		(33,940)	
Net current assets			392,590		382,577
Total assets less current liabilities			10,642,450		11,943,981
Capital funds					
<u>Endowment funds - general</u>					
General endowment funds		10,461,675		11,863,001	
		10,461,675		11,863,001	
Permanent endowment		10,414,028		-	
Expendable endowment		47,647		11,863,001	
	14		10,461,675		11,863,001
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			180,775		80,980
			10,642,450		11,943,981

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 3rd August 2023



Mr M Muschamp
Trustee

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Charitable Trust is an unincorporated trust established by Trust Deed dated 1 April 2011. The charity is a public benefit entity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the accounts and have concluded that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming resources from endowment funds are unrestricted. Income is treated as an endowment where expenditure of income or capital is at the discretion of the trustees. Income is recognised when the charity is entitled to it.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Dividend income is accounted for on the date the dividend is payable. Deposit interest is accounted for on a receipts basis.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 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. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity 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 charity's balance sheet when the charity 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.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors 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 and bank loans 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 payments 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 liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Income from listed investments	253,610	199,599
Charities Aid Foundation	-	67
Interest receivable	1,713	5
	<u>255,323</u>	<u>199,671</u>

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure	Charitable Expenditure
	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank Charges	12	16
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	143,336	232,058
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	12,180	12,540
	<u>155,528</u>	<u>244,614</u>

4 Raising funds

	Endowment funds general	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>Investment management</u>	45,812	47,647
	<u>45,812</u>	<u>47,647</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	-	3,000	3,000	2,940
Accountancy & trustee charges	-	9,180	9,180	9,600
	-	12,180	12,180	12,540
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	12,180	12,180	12,732

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,000 (2021- £2,940) for audit fees.

6 Grants payable

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Blackpool Music School	-	18,336
Boathouse Youth	-	26,500
Blackpool Carers Centre	24,728	28,590
Circus Starr	-	7,607
Aiming Higher	-	1,795
PDSA	16,130	9,481
Fylde Rugby Community Foundation	-	7,000
Salvation Army Carnforth	-	1,800
Strawberry Fields Training	-	8,784
Omllet Ltd re RSPCA	-	1,725
Crag Bank Park	-	27,440
Easterleigh Animal Sanctuary	-	25,000
Boathouse Youth	-	25,000
Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club	-	27,000
Bleasdale School	-	16,000
Educational Diversity	23,870	
World Horse Welfare	10,960	
Cancer Care	20,245	
Friends of Morecambe Bay	7,000	
South Shore Hub	9,700	
Lowther Gardens Lytham	25,000	
Lancashire Youth Challenge	5,703	
	143,336	232,058

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7 Trustees

Total fees of £9,180 (2021: £9,600) were paid to trustees during the year in respect of services as follows:

Legal and trustees' charges £Nil (2021: £Nil)

Accountancy and trustees' charges £9,180 (2021 : £9,600).

The accountancy and trustee charges are amount paid to Rushtons (NW) Limited of which Michael Muschamp was a director until 31 January 2019 and Christopher Calvert is currently a director. All were trustees during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Endowment funds general 2022 £	Endowment funds general 2021 £
Revaluation of investments	(1,597,408)	996,379
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	241,894	225,942
	<u>(1,355,514)</u>	<u>1,222,321</u>

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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11 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2022	11,561,404
Additions	1,457,151
Valuation changes	(1,597,408)
Disposals	(1,171,287)
	<u>10,249,860</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	<u>10,249,860</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>11,561,404</u>

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments are stated at market value in the financial statements. The historic cost of listed investments amounts to £8,512,705 (2021: £8,226,842).

12 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	134	24,908
	<u>134</u>	<u>24,908</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals and deferred income	32,828	33,940
	<u>32,828</u>	<u>33,940</u>

Accruals includes grants payable of £24,728 (2021: £25,000).

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14 Endowment funds	Balance at 1 January 2021		Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2022			
	£	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations gains and losses	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations gains and losses	
	10,688,327	-	-	(47,647)	-	1,222,321	11,863,001	-	(45,812)	-	(1,355,514)	10,461,675
	10,688,327	199,671	199,671	(47,647)	-	1,222,321	(11,863,001)	-	(45,812)	-	(1,355,514)	(10,461,675)

The endowment fund has arisen from an endowment received from Mrs Vera Wolstencroft of £7,982,456. The fund is unrestricted subject to the terms of the Trust Deed and may be spent at the discretion of the Trustees.

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:						
Investments	-	10,249,860	10,249,860	-	11,561,404	11,561,404
Current assets/(liabilities)	80,980	211,815	382,577	80,980	301,597	382,577
	<u>80,980</u>	<u>10,461,675</u>	<u>10,632,437</u>	<u>80,980</u>	<u>11,863,001</u>	<u>11,943,981</u>

16 Related party transactions

Related party transactions with trustees are detailed in note 7.

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr M Muschamp Mrs K Harwood Mrs P Stafford Mrs K Bromilow MBE Mr C N Calvert Mr J Child
Charity number	1143116
Principal address	Rushtons Shorrock House 1 Faraday Court Fulwood Preston Lancashire PR1 9NB
Auditor	Champion Accountants LLP Unit 2 Olympic Court Whitehills Business Park Blackpool Lancashire FY4 5GU
Bankers	NatWest plc 35 Fishergate Preston Lancashire PR1 2GU
Solicitors	Napthens LLP 7 Winckley Square Preston Lancashire PR1 3JD
Investment advisors	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited Beech House 61 Napier Street Sheffield S11 8HS

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to promote and support any exclusively charitable purposes for the support of children, the church and animals.

The Settlor expressed a wish that the trustees shall have regard to charitable causes and objects in the North West of England. It is intended that distributions are made from income for specific projects or capital expenditure.

As a grant making charity, we have made grants to other registered charities. The grants we make are for specific applications. They are made on the basis of funds being placed in a restricted fund or by way of direct re-imbusement to the suppliers of goods supplied to the recipient of the grant. All beneficiaries are considered with a view to benefitting charities which themselves deliver public benefit.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future objectives.

Achievements and performance

A total of 15 grants have been made in the year to a diverse range of projects. Many of the charities have been visited as part of the grant approval process and the trustees are confident that the grants supplied will greatly enhance the services provided by the various charities.

Financial review

The trustees aim to maintain the endowment reserves of the charity to generate income to distribute by way of grants. The free reserves are currently £80,980 (2020: £125,923). It is anticipated that this will be reduced in the future as more grants are paid.

The investment policy adopted aims to provide a balanced return of income and capital growth whilst accepting a moderate level of risk. Regular reports are received from Investec Wealth & Investment Limited which keeps the trustees informed on the progress of these investments. The investment yield was 1.7% based on the market value of the investments at the year end.

The trustees have considered possible risks to the charity and concluded that by the nature of the activities, no significant external risks exist.

The trustees' policy is to make grants to registered charities of up to £25,000, or more at their discretion, for specific capital or project expenditure. Grants are required to be placed in restricted funds by the recipients or are paid direct to the supplier/provider on presentation of invoice.

The charity will continue to encourage applications for grants and consider appropriate applicants.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a trust established by a Trust Deed dated 1 April 2011. The trust was registered with the Charities Commission for England and Wales on 27 July 2011. The registered number is 1143116.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M Muschamp
Mrs K Harwood
Mrs P Stafford
Mrs K Bromilow MBE
Mr C N Calvert
Mr J Child

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The trustee body, when complete, shall consist of at least two individuals. Mr Michael Muschamp was appointed as trustee on 1 April 2011. Mrs Kathryn Harwood was appointed on 27 August 2014. Mrs Palmira Stafford and Mrs Kathleen Bromilow were appointed in the year ended 31 December 2015. Mr Christopher Calvert was appointed on 1 July 2020 and Mr John Child was appointed on 3 November 2020.

Training and induction are provided for new trustees by means of meetings with and instruction from, other trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr M Muschamp
Trustee
Dated: 7 June 2022

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and 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 charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The 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 AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

As part of our planning process we:-

- assessed the systems and controls the charity has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are most susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged frauds.
- we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity, being the Charities Act 2011.

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities including fraud during the course of the audit included:-

- identifying and testing journal entries in the overall accounting records.
- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.
- assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.
- testing key revenue streams and investment valuations.
- documenting and verifying related party balances and transactions.

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. 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.

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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.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

D L Thorn

Deborah Thorn FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Champion Accountants LLP

17 June 2022

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Unit 2 Olympic Court
Whitehills Business Park
Blackpool
Lancashire
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Champion Accountants LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:							
Investments	2	199,671	-	199,671	200,830	-	200,830
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	4	-	47,647	47,647	-	42,059	42,059
Charitable activities	3	244,614	-	244,614	240,099	-	240,099
Total resources expended		244,614	47,647	292,261	240,099	42,059	282,158
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	-	1,222,321	1,222,321	-	83,185	83,185
Net movement in funds		(44,943)	1,174,674	1,129,731	(39,269)	41,126	1,857
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		125,923	10,688,327	10,814,250	165,192	10,647,201	10,812,393
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		80,980	11,863,001	11,943,981	125,923	10,688,327	10,814,250

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	10		11,561,404		10,362,737
Current assets					
Debtors	12	24,908		2,200	
Cash at bank and in hand		391,609		458,193	
			416,517		460,393
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(33,940)		(8,880)	
Net current assets			382,577		451,513
Total assets less current liabilities			11,943,981		10,814,250
Capital funds					
<u>Endowment funds - general</u>					
General endowment funds		11,863,001		10,688,327	
		11,863,001		10,688,327	
Expendable endowment		11,863,001		10,688,327	
	14		11,863,001		10,688,327
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			80,980		125,923
			11,943,981		10,814,250

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7 June 2022.



Mr M Muschamp
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Charitable Trust is an unincorporated trust established by Trust Deed dated 1 April 2011. The charity is a public benefit entity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the accounts and have concluded that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming resources from endowment funds are unrestricted. Income is treated as an endowment where expenditure of income or capital is at the discretion of the trustees. Income is recognised when the charity is entitled to it.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Dividend income is accounted for on the date the dividend is payable. Deposit interest is accounted for on a receipts basis.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 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. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity 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 charity's balance sheet when the charity 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.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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 payments 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 liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Income from listed investments	199,599	200,621
Charities Aid Foundation	67	-
Interest receivable	5	209
	<u>199,671</u>	<u>200,830</u>

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure	Charitable Expenditure
	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank Charges	16	31
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	232,058	227,588
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	12,540	12,480
	<u>244,614</u>	<u>240,099</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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4 Raising funds

	Endowment funds general 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<u>Investment management</u>	47,647	42,059
	<u>47,647</u>	<u>42,059</u>

5 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Audit fees	-	2,940	2,940	-	2,880	2,880
Accountancy & trustee charges	-	9,600	9,600	-	9,600	9,600
	<u>-</u>	<u>12,540</u>	<u>12,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,480</u>	<u>12,480</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>-</u>	<u>12,540</u>	<u>12,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,480</u>	<u>12,480</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £2,940 (2020- £2,880) for audit fees.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

6 Grants payable

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Blackpool Music School	18,336	-
Boathouse Youth	26,500	-
Blackpool Carers Centre	28,590	-
Magic Club	-	10,000
Stanleys Community Centre	-	10,000
Carnforth Rangers	-	25,000
Ridge Community Centre	-	19,837
Circus Starr	7,607	10,789
Aspired Futures	-	10,000
Aiming Higher	1,795	10,000
Salvation Army Morecambe/Lancaster	-	10,000
Homestart Morecambe	-	10,000
Blackpool Carers Centre	-	10,000
Lytham St Annes RNLi	-	10,000
Morecambe RNLi	-	10,000
Millhead Football	-	13,225
PDSA	9,481	10,837
Fylde Rugby Community Foundation	7,000	18,700
Loynes Specialist School	-	25,000
Salvation Army Carnforth	1,800	-
Strawberry Fields Training	8,784	-
Omllet Ltd re RSPCA	1,725	-
Crag Bank Park	27,440	-
Easterleigh Animal Sanctuary	25,000	-
Boathouse Youth	25,000	-
Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club	27,000	-
Bleasdale School	16,000	-
Blackpool Grand Theatre	-	5,000
Friends of East Pines Park	-	9,200
	<u>232,058</u>	<u>227,588</u>

As at 31 December, the Trustees had committed to further grants up to a total of £Nil (2020: £47,194) on condition that the charities obtained additional funding for the relevant projects. All grants payable are to charities involved in work with children or animals in a large variety of projects.

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7 Trustees

Total fees of £9,600 (2020: £9,600) were paid to trustees during the year in respect of services as follows:

Legal and trustees' charges £Nil (2020: £Nil)

Accountancy and trustees' charges £9,600 (2020 : £9,600).

The legal and trustee charges are amounts paid to Napthens LLP of which Kathryn Harwood is a partner. The accountancy and trustee charges are amount paid to Rushtons (NW) Limited of which Michael Muschamp was a director until 31 January 2019 and Christopher Calvert is currently a director. All were trustees during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Endowment funds general 2021 £	Endowment funds general 2020 £
Revaluation of investments	996,379	159,302
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	225,942	(76,117)
	<u>1,222,321</u>	<u>83,185</u>

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10 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2021	10,362,737
Additions	824,195
Valuation changes	996,379
Disposals	(621,907)
At 31 December 2021	<u>11,561,404</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	<u>11,561,404</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>10,362,737</u>

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments are stated at market value in the financial statements. The historic cost of listed investments amounts to £8,226,842 (2020: £8,024,554).

11 Financial instruments	2021	2020
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	<u>11,561,404</u>	<u>10,362,737</u>
12 Debtors	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	<u>24,908</u>	<u>2,200</u>
13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>33,940</u>	<u>8,880</u>

Accruals includes grants payable of £25,000 (2020: £Nil).

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14 Endowment funds

Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Movement in funds			Balance at January 2021	Incoming resources	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2021
		Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations gains and losses			Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations gains and losses	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
10,647,201	-	(42,059)	-	83,185	10,688,327	-	(47,647)	-	1,222,321	11,863,001
10,647,201	-	(42,059)	-	83,185	1,068,327	-	(47,647)	-	1,222,321	11,863,001

The endowment fund has arisen from an endowment received from Mrs Vera Wolstencroft of £7,982,456. The fund is unrestricted subject to the terms of the Trust Deed and may be spent at the discretion of the Trustees.

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:						
Investments	-	11,561,404	11,561,404	-	10,362,737	10,362,737
Current assets/ (liabilities)	80,980	301,597	382,577	125,923	325,590	451,513
	<u>80,980</u>	<u>11,863,001</u>	<u>11,943,981</u>	<u>125,923</u>	<u>10,688,327</u>	<u>10,814,250</u>

16 Related party transactions

Related party transactions with trustees are detailed in note 7.

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr M Muschamp Mrs K Harwood Mrs P Stafford Mrs K Bromilow MBE Mr C N Calvert Mr J Child	(Appointed 1 July 2020) (Appointed 3 November 2020)
Charity number	1143116	
Principal address	Rushtons Shorrock House 1 Faraday Court Fulwood Preston Lancashire PR1 9NB	
Auditor	Champion Accountants LLP Unit 2 Olympic Court Whitehills Business Park Blackpool Lancashire FY4 5GU	
Bankers	NatWest plc 35 Fishergate Preston Lancashire PR1 2GU	
Solicitors	Naphens LLP Libra House Cropper Road Whitehills Business Park Blackpool Lancashire FY4 5PU	
Investment advisors	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited Beech House 61 Napier Street Sheffield S11 8HS	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to promote and support any exclusively charitable purposes for the support of children, the church and animals.

The Settlor expressed a wish that the trustees shall have regard to charitable causes and objects in the North West of England. It is intended that distributions are made from income for specific projects or capital expenditure.

As a grant making charity, we have made grants to other registered charities. The grants we make are for specific applications. They are made on the basis of funds being placed in a restricted fund or by way of direct re-imburement to the suppliers of goods supplied to the recipient of the grant. All beneficiaries are considered with a view to benefitting charities which themselves deliver public benefit.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future objectives.

Achievements and performance

A total of 18 grants have been made in the year to a diverse range of projects. Many of the charities have been visited as part of the grant approval process and the trustees are confident that the grants supplied will greatly enhance the services provided by the various charities.

Financial review

The trustees aim to maintain the endowment reserves of the charity to generate income to distribute by way of grants. The free reserves are currently £125,923 (2019: £165,192). It is anticipated that this will be reduced in the future as more grants are paid.

The investment policy adopted aims to provide a balanced return of income and capital growth whilst accepting a moderate level of risk. Regular reports are received from Investec Wealth & Investment Limited which keeps the trustees informed on the progress of these investments. The investment yield was 1.9% based on the market value of the investments at the year end.

The trustees have considered possible risks to the charity and concluded that by the nature of the activities, no significant external risks exist.

The trustees' policy is to make grants to registered charities of up to £25,000, for specific capital or project expenditure. Grants are required to be placed in restricted funds by the recipients or are paid direct to the supplier/provider on presentation of invoice.

The charity will continue to encourage applications for grants and consider appropriate applicants.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a trust established by a Trust Deed dated 1 April 2011. The trust was registered with the Charities Commission for England and Wales on 27 July 2011. The registered number is 1143116.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:
Mr M Muschamp

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Mrs K Harwood

Mrs P Stafford

Mr C Bailey

(Resigned 13 October 2020)

Mrs K Bromilow MBE

Mr C N Calvert

(Appointed 1 July 2020)

Mr J Child

(Appointed 3 November 2020)

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The trustee body, when complete, shall consist of at least two individuals. Mr Michael Muschamp was appointed as trustee on 1 April 2011. Mrs Kathryn Harwood was appointed on 27 August 2014. Mrs Palmira Stafford, Mr Christopher Bailey and Mrs Kathleen Bromilow were appointed in the year ended 31 December 2015.

Training and induction are provided for new trustees by means of meetings with and instruction from, other trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr M Muschamp

Trustee

Dated: 6/5/21

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet 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 FRS 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 charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The 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 AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue 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.

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.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

D L Thorn

Deborah Thorn FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Champion Accountants LLP

12 May 2021
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Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Unit 2 Olympic Court
Whitehills Business Park
Blackpool
Lancashire
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Champion Accountants LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Endowment funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
<u>Income from:</u>							
Investments	2	200,830	-	200,830	280,406	-	280,406
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Raising funds	4	-	42,059	42,059	-	43,071	43,071
Charitable activities	3	240,099	-	240,099	309,960	-	309,960
Total resources expended		240,099	42,059	282,158	309,960	43,071	353,031
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	-	83,185	83,185	-	1,092,677	1,092,677
Net movement in funds		(39,269)	41,126	1,857	(29,554)	1,049,606	1,020,052
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		165,192	10,647,201	10,812,393	194,746	9,597,595	9,792,341
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		125,923	10,688,327	10,814,250	165,192	10,647,201	10,812,393

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.


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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	10		10,362,737		10,351,077
Current assets					
Debtors	12	2,200		2,200	
Cash at bank and in hand		458,193		483,116	
			<u>460,393</u>		<u>485,316</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(8,880)		(24,000)	
Net current assets			451,513		461,316
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>10,814,250</u>		<u>10,812,393</u>
Capital funds					
<u>Endowment funds - general</u>					
General endowment funds		10,688,327		10,647,201	
		<u>10,688,327</u>		<u>10,647,201</u>	
Permanent endowment		-		-	
Expendable endowment		10,688,327		10,647,201	
	14		10,688,327		10,647,201
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			125,923		165,192
			<u>10,814,250</u>		<u>10,812,393</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 6/5/21



 Mr M Muschamp
 Trustee

THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Charitable Trust is an unincorporated trust established by Trust Deed dated 1 April 2011. The charity is a public benefit entity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the accounts and have concluded that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming resources from endowment funds are unrestricted. Income is treated as an endowment where expenditure of income or capital is at the discretion of the trustees. Income is recognised when the charity is entitled to it.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Dividend income is accounted for on the date the dividend is payable. Deposit interest is accounted for on a receipts basis.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 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. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity 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 charity's balance sheet when the charity 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.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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 payments 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 liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Income from listed investments	200,621	278,877
Charities Aid Foundation	-	53
Interest receivable	209	1,476
	<u>200,830</u>	<u>280,406</u>

3 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure	Charitable Expenditure
	2020	2019
	£	£
Bank Charges	31	60
Grant funding of activities (see note 5)	227,588	298,260
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	12,480	11,640
	<u>240,099</u>	<u>309,960</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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4 Raising funds

	Endowment funds general 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<u>Investment management</u>	42,059	43,071
	<u>42,059</u>	<u>43,071</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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5 Grants payable

	2020	2019
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Blackpool Music School	-	10,000
Woodlands School	-	25,765
Left Coast Arts B & B	-	25,000
Blackpool Music Academy	-	2,000
Red Marsh School	-	21,000
Boathouse Youth	-	25,000
Blackpool Carers Centre	-	26,000
Wise Up Workshops CIC	-	24,782
Windmill Youth	-	9,600
Starr in the Community CIC	-	14,696
St Mary's Borwick	-	26,000
Magic Club	10,000	23,838
Carnforth Cricket Club	-	23,400
Stanleys Community Centre	10,000	9,700
Great Arley School	-	25,000
Carnforth Rangers	25,000	-
Ridge Community Centre	19,837	-
Circus Starr	10,789	-
Aspired Futures	10,000	-
Aiming Higher	10,000	-
Salvation Army Morecambe/Lancaster	10,000	-
Homestart Morecambe	10,000	-
Blackpool Carers Centre	10,000	-
Lytham St Annes RNLI	10,000	-
Morecambe RNLI	10,000	-
Millhead Football	13,225	-
PDSA	10,837	-
Fylde Rugby Community Foundation	18,700	-
Loynes Specialist School	25,000	-
Blackpool Grand Theatre	5,000	-
Friends of East Pines Park	9,200	6,479
	<u>227,588</u>	<u>298,260</u>

As at 31 December, the Trustees had committed to further grants up to a total of £47,194 (2019: £59,200) on condition that the charities obtained additional funding for the relevant projects. All grants payable are to charities involved in work with children or animals in a large variety of projects.

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6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2019 £
Audit fees	-	2,880	2,880	-	2,820	2,820
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	420	420
Accountancy & trustee charges	-	9,600	9,600	-	8,400	8,400
	<u>-</u>	<u>12,480</u>	<u>12,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,640</u>	<u>11,640</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	12,480	12,480	-	11,640	11,640

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £2,880 (2019- £2,820) for audit fees.

7 Trustees

Total fees of £9,600 (2019: £8,820) were paid to trustees during the year in respect of services as follows:

Legal and trustees' charges £Nil (2019: £420)

Accountancy and trustees' charges £9,600 (2019 : £8,400).

The legal and trustee charges are amounts paid to Napthens LLP of which Kathryn Harwood is a partner.

The accountancy and trustee charges are amount paid to Rushtons (NW) Limited of which Michael Muschamp was a director until 31 January 2019.

Both Michael Muschamp and Kathryn Harwood were trustees during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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9 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Endowment funds general 2020 £	Endowment funds general 2019 £
Revaluation of investments	159,302	864,898
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(76,117)	227,779
	<u>83,185</u>	<u>1,092,677</u>

10 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2020	10,351,077
Additions	2,301,821
Valuation changes	159,302
Disposals	(2,449,463)
At 31 December 2020	<u>10,362,737</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	<u>10,362,737</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>10,351,077</u>

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments are stated at market value in the financial statements. The historic cost of listed investments amounts to £8,024,554 (2019: £8,172,707).

	2020 £	2019 £
11 Financial instruments		
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	<u>10,362,737</u>	<u>10,351,077</u>
12 Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other debtors	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	8,880	24,000

Accruals includes grants payable of £Nil (2019: £16,080).

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:						
Investments	-	10,362,737	10,362,737	-	10,351,077	10,351,077
Current assets/ (liabilities)	125,923	325,590	451,513	165,192	296,124	461,316
	<u>125,923</u>	<u>10,688,327</u>	<u>10,814,250</u>	<u>165,192</u>	<u>10,647,201</u>	<u>10,812,393</u>

16 Related party transactions

Related party transactions with trustees are detailed in note 6.