

**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

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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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# THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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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.

# THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

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

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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: 25/4/24

# THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023***

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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

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#### 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.

# THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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

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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.



# THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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

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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

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Whitehills Business Park  
Blackpool  
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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 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Investments	2	257,741	-	257,741	255,323	-	255,323
<b>Total income</b>		<u>257,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257,741</u>	<u>255,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,323</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	4	-	44,235	44,235	-	45,812	45,812
Charitable activities	8	241,355	-	241,355	155,528	-	155,528
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<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)
 <b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		 16,386	 436,234	 452,620	 99,795	 (1,401,326)	 (1,301,531)
 <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		180,775	10,461,675	10,642,450	80,980	11,863,001	11,943,981
 <b>Fund balances at 31 December 2023</b>		 <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 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	12		10,881,279		10,249,860
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	134		134	
Cash at bank and in hand		223,317		425,284	
		223,451		425,418	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	(9,660)		(32,828)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			213,791		392,590
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			11,095,070		10,642,450
<b>Net assets excluding pension liability</b>			11,095,070		10,642,450
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Endowment funds	16		10,897,909		10,461,675
Unrestricted funds			197,161		180,775
			11,095,070		10,642,450

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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### 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.

# THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

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

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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.

##### **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.

# THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

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

# THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

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

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



# THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

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

# THE VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

## 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

### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	9,660	32,828

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
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	80,980	255,323	(155,528)	180,775

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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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### 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.