

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
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 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.

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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 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)

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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 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.

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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.

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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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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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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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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
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

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
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.

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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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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
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At 31 December 2024	14,736,801
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Impairment	
At 1 January 2024	-
Disposals	3,105,696
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At 31 December 2024	3,105,696
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	11,631,105
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At 31 December 2023	10,881,279
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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
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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	10,890	9,660
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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
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

16 Endowment funds	Balance at 1 January 2023		Incoming resources		Movement in funds Resources expended		Transfers		Gains and losses		Balance at 31 December 2024	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	10,461,675	-	(44,235)	-	480,469	10,897,909	-	(47,776)	-	784,349	11,634,482	
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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 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 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.