PETER SOWERBY FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1151978

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08492424
Registered	2013-05-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ARE SUCH OBJECTS OR PURPOSES IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Activities: The Trustees' primary aim is to make grants to other UK registered or exempt charities and in particular charities falling within the categories of:a) Medical/ health/ sicknessb) Relief of povertyc) Community and environment

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£1,540,977	£1,549,749	£67,967,364	1
2023-09-30	£1,187,366	£1,601,036	£61,392,379	0
2022-09-30	£1,331,971	£2,339,544	£59,716,820	1
2021-09-30	£27,889,816	£4,843,909	£64,698,071	1
2020-09-30	£595,961	£1,832,571	£36,909,914	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID BENJAMIN HAROLD ASPINALL	Chair	2014-01-16
Dr DAVID STABLES		2014-01-16
Dr Radha Sundaram		2025-11-01
Professor Carole Margaret Longson		2017-05-16
Professor Francis Anthony Drobniewski		2025-06-26
Sara Siegel Poulios		2014-09-04

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Accounts

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Annual report

30 September 2024

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Reference and administrative details
Year ended 30 September 2024

Trustees	Mr D B H Aspinall, Chair Professor C M Longson Mrs S Siegel Poulios Dr D L Stables
Company registered number	08492424
Charity registered number	1151978
Registered office	Oxnead Hall Oxnead Norfolk NR10 5HP
Independent auditor	UNW LLP Citygate St. James' Boulevard Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4JE
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank plc Nine Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2HB
Solicitors	Winckworth Sherwood 255 Blackfriars Road London SE1 9AX

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Year ended 30 September 2024

Investment advisors

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London
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Trustees' report
Year ended 30 September 2024

The trustees present their Annual Report together with the audited financial statements of the Peter Sowerby Foundation ('the company') for the year 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024. The trustees confirm that these comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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).

Whilst inflationary pressures within the UK started to reduce during the financial year, the charity sector continued to contend with challenging circumstances, including a competitive funding climate and cost of living pressures.

A general election in June 2024 saw the first change in central government for over a decade. This caused some uncertainty within the charity sector related to proposed new government policies linked to statutory spending. Low economic growth within the UK led to some initial government spending cuts which creates operational challenges when demand for charitable services is particularly high. This operating context for the charity sector looks set to continue as we enter the next financial year.

Like many funders, the Foundation continues to see an increase in the number of charities seeking financial support. Scarcer statutory funds, the choice of some fellow Foundations to ‘spend out’ and economic uncertainty that affects the potential for both individual and corporate giving, is likely to see demand for funds continue to rise.

During another challenging year for the sector, we have continued to support as many charities as possible within our criteria and strands of grant making. We have also been flexible in allowing reasonable adjustments to the delivery of grants where charities have requested adaptations.

During this year, the Foundation continued to divide its grant making between smaller projects providing on the ground immediate support in the Foundation’s areas of interest, whilst additionally seeking longer term strategic initiatives with significant potential to change wider policy and practice, especially within the area of public health.

At the same time, the Foundation began an exercise to formally evaluate the impact of its’ grant programme after the first ten years, a process which will conclude in 2025. This comes at a time when, with significant pressures on the NHS continuing, trustees have been examining how the Foundation can best support charities working in the health sector to maximise patient and beneficiary needs into the future.

The Foundation’s grant making has continued to ensure that the wishes of our Benefactor - Peter Sowerby - are reflected and fulfilled through the Foundation’s work. Peter cared deeply about his community, his patients, and their access to high quality primary, secondary and end of life healthcare. His other interests, including philosophy, education, the environment, horticulture, the arts, and conservation, are all represented in the Foundation’s grant making programmes. In keeping with the wishes and personal character of Dr Sowerby, the Foundation will continue to be a funder that is distinctive in its approach to grant making and which is prepared to push the boundaries of achievement within its chosen fields, with the objective of making a tangible and lasting impact.

Once again, the trustees would like to put on record their continued thanks for Dr Sowerby’s generous gifts to the Foundation through his lifetime and through his magnificent bequest which now make such a positive difference to the lives of so many.

Trustees would also like to thank Cause4 for their ongoing support during this period.

Charitable Objectives

The charity operates as a grant making foundation having been substantially endowed by the late GP and medical entrepreneur Dr Peter Sowerby. From the proceeds of the endowment income, the charity aims to give expression to the passions and interests of Dr Sowerby and his late wife, Ann, for public benefit.

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Under the charity's Articles of Association, the trustees have the power to pay or apply the capital and income of the Trust Fund to or for such exclusively charitable objects or purposes in any part of the world as the trustees may in their discretion determine. The trustees' primary aim is to make grants to other UK registered or exempt charities and community interest companies, in particular those falling within the categories of:

a) Healthcare
b) Education
c) Community
d) Environment
e) Seed funding

With regard to the community domain, trustees have placed an emphasis on youth, arts, Yorkshire based projects and small-scale health initiatives.

In their policies and decision making, the trustees typically favour innovative and catalytic projects which hold the potential to influence policy and practice elsewhere.

The powers of the charity to make charitable donations have been drawn widely so that a diverse range of worthy charitable recipients are able to benefit. The trustees meet at regular intervals to review their strategic objectives and to agree their programme of ongoing grants.

Public Benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees contribute to the management of the charity on a voluntary basis. The charity has engaged third party expertise to review and monitor projects of a complex or technical nature, and some of these provide advice at a reduced rate. The charity does not directly manage any volunteers at the present time.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The 2023/24 year saw grants released of £1.48million. During this period, the Foundation's grant making policy remained the same in that, in general, we do not solicit requests for funding. Whilst this will continue to be the case with regards to the majority of the Foundation's grant making, on occasion, the trustees will put out an open call for grant applications within a focussed area of work. These will be specifically related to areas of identified need.

Grants over £50,000 made this year, include:

- Two Ridings Community Foundation - £165,000 - to support organisations in North and East Yorkshire to provide vital support in rural communities.
- Kings College - £158,715 - continued support for the Peter Sowerby Chair in Philosophy and Medicine.
- Culture Squared CIC - £115,009 - a core grant to support the organisation to continue to embed Bradford Literature Festival within the local community.
- Tommy's - £90,196.50 - support to transform the availability and quality of miscarriage care across the UK.
- Outreach EMR - £80,022 - further funding to support the development of electronic medical records in the developing world.
- AESOP - £75,000 - a core grant to grow the Aesop Institute as a valued source of expertise, networking, training and support services for arts enterprises aiming to change lives demonstrably.
- Autistica - £74,979 - supporting the charity in developing key projects linked to its 2030 goals.
- Stroke Association - £74,250 - to launch a Stroke Data Science Catalyst (SDSC).

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- University of Leeds, Wild Ingleborough - £73,873 - to demonstrate the benefits of landscape-scale restoration for people, nature and climate.
- Thames Valley Air Ambulance - £58,469 - to explore the benefit of using virtual reality (VR) in a pre-hospital setting and pioneering a new standardised training programme across the air ambulance and pre-hospital sector.
- Thrive - £55,000 - to support its Gardening for Health initiative.
- Mental Health Innovations - £50,000 - funding to support the development of technology to support mental health.
- National Youth Jazz Orchestra - £50,000 - a core grant to build NYJO's profile through a package of organisational development projects to support and enhance its ambitious programme of frontline charitable activity.

Grants under £25,000, paid this year, included:

- Fairshot - £25,000
- Save Rosedale Church - £25,000
- Frozen Light - £22,500
- Words Matter - £21,600
- Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust - £19,000
- Spare Tyre Theatre - £18,000
- Wilberforce Trust - £16,724
- RAF Benevolent Fund - £15,000
- Arts Derbyshire - £12,500
- Encephalitis Society - £12,500
- The Bureau - £12,497
- Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation - £12,425
- Dementia UK - £11,793
- Leeds Hospital Charity - £11,750
- Community Care - £11,256
- PAYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide - £10,695

Small grants under £10,000 are not listed.

Kings College London Peter Sowerby Chair in Philosophy and Medicine

In addition to the information on the projects cited above, trustees are pleased to provide an update on their continuing partnership with Kings College London in funding the Peter Sowerby Chair in Philosophy and Medicine.

Elselijn Kingma has continued to attract a large team with diverse research interests at the intersection of medicine and philosophy and in delivering substantial activity. In the past 12 months, Kings College continued to successfully deliver a wide range of teaching, research and outreach, and the project has cemented its place at the centre of an extended network of academics and clinicians with interests in philosophy, medicine and their interconnections.

Specific highlights of the past 12-months have included the development of a new MA course in Women and Child Health Department, research regarding artificial wombs and consent in labour and providing the Dutch Government with advice on ethical deliberations regarding the Screening of Blood Donation and Embryo Research.

2024's Annual Lecture was given in October 2024 by Prof. Quayshawn Spencer, from the University of Pennsylvania, who talked on 'A New Approach to Race Theory and Its Value in Addressing Racial Disparities in Health.'

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Financial review

The assets of the charity comprise investments, the returns from which are used to finance the grants awarded in accordance with its objectives. The net incoming resources of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024 and the financial position at that date are set out in the financial statements which follow. During the year, the charity received investment income of £1,540,977 (2023: £1,187,366) from which grants were awarded of £1,012,567 (2023: £1,175,845). The charity had a deficit before revaluations of £8,772 (2023: deficit of £413,670). At the year end the market value of the investments had risen giving rise to a net gain of £6,583,757 (2023: £2,089,229). The net movement in funds for the year was £6,574,985 (2023: £1,675,559). Total funds carried forward at 30 September 2024 were £67,967,364 (2023: £61,392,379).

The market value of the Foundation's financial investments at the end of September 2024 (which excludes bank deposit balances) was £67,129,234 (2023: £61,448,012), an increase of £5,681,222 after market movements, grants made, fees and operational expenses. Cash balances increased by £427,143 to £1,944,870 (2023: £1,517,727). There were no significant changes to the Foundation's investment objectives, constraints, or policies in the course of the year, although these are regularly reviewed.

Reserves policy

As at 30 September 2024, the Foundation held reserves of £67,967,364 of which £67,129,234 has been invested for the longer term to provide a return for the Foundation in future years, with the remaining reserves in a net surplus of £838,130; however, as noted above, the trustees have the power to utilise the investments for charitable purposes as required. It is the trustees' policy that unrestricted funds should be maintained in liquid form at a minimum level of the value of all forward grant commitments and operating expenses payable in the following twelve months which is estimated to be £1.7m as at 30 September 2024. The level of liquid assets held at the year-end is satisfactory at £1,944,870, an improvement on the prior year position.

Financial position

The balance sheet of the Foundation shows unrestricted funds as at 30 September 2024 of £67,967,364 (2023: £61,392,379), after allowing for existing grant commitments.

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Grant making policy

The trustees' policy is to invite applications for funding on a solicitation only basis from registered charities, unregistered charities, community interest companies and registered healthcare providers.

Intellectual property policy

The trustees operate on the strong presumption that grant holders will avail all work and discovery funded by the Foundation to the public domain in an open, convenient and freely available way. Only in exceptional circumstances does the Foundation agree to negotiate a commercial dispensation in relation to IP; however, in such circumstances it is incumbent on the grant holder to satisfy the trustees that their method will achieve public benefit more effectively than a public domain approach.

Investment policy

During the reporting period, management of the charity's investments was delegated to Quilter Cheviot, Sparrows Capital, Rathbones Investment Management and Psigma Investment Management under discretionary agreements, with independent investment consultancy provided to the trustees by HFMC Wealth Ltd.

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Investment strategy is agreed between the trustees, their consultants and the investment managers and is set out in a detailed Investment Policy Statement which forms an integral part of the agreement with the investment managers. This policy is reviewed annually by the trustees. The trustees are guided by their consultants and the portfolio is invested with a long term time horizon in order to protect the Foundation's grant making ability into the future. The strategy aim is to achieve the trustees' target return whilst taking an appropriate level of risk. A 'total return' strategy is adopted. Fixed interest investments and equities are the principal instruments held, but other asset classes may be used. There are currently no ethical or environmental restrictions imposed by the investment policy.

The investment managers provide quarterly reports including analysis of returns compared to the agreed benchmarks and general market issues and meet with the trustees at regular intervals. The trustees' investment consultants report to them independently of the investment managers.

Communications policy

The Foundation's website continues to provide information on the grants made by the Foundation and analysis of the impact of grant making and has also been used to promote open calls for funding.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity was originally established as a charitable trust in January 2011 and in April 2013 registered as a charitable company (Company no. 08492424, Charity no. 1151978). The Foundation is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as adopted on 16 April 2013.

Trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, the members are trustees of the charity and directors of the company, and new members are approved by resolution of the existing trustees. The minimum number of trustees required is three.

The names of the trustees who served during the period are set out below with brief biographical details:

Mr David Aspinall
David Aspinall has been Chairman of the Peter Sowerby Foundation since its establishment in 2011. David spent his career in personal financial planning and wealth management having founded the advisory firm, Aspinalls, prior to which he was a professional musician. Past trusteeships have included Sound and Music, the Society for the Promotion of New Music and the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain.

Dr Carole Longson
Carole is a respected leader in health technology assessment with considerable achievements in research, public and private sectors. She has unparalleled insight into the fast evolving health technology innovation pipeline having pioneered NICE's health technology evaluation programmes. Carole was an Executive Director at NICE from 2000 to 2018 and Chief Scientific Officer at the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry from 2018 to 2020. She was formerly President of Health Technology Assessment International and now has advisory roles including Life Science Advisor at NICE.

Carole is currently vice chair of the Medicines Discovery Catapult in the UK, was previously on Scientific Advisory Committee for Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) and holds non Executive Director and advisory roles in scientific endeavours in the UK and abroad. Throughout her career, she has championed the public and private sector collaborating to ensure medical innovation benefits patients in a way that is sustainable for healthcare systems.

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Mrs Sara Siegel Poulios
Sara leads Deloitte's Healthcare practice in the UK and Europe and has worked with the NHS and the Department of Health for the last twenty years. Sara has worked on major areas of health policy and implementation over the years, most recently supporting government with its coronavirus response. Sara also advises health insurers and private health companies. The health practice at Deloitte has a broad advisory scope and also builds, runs and maintains digital health systems as well as robotic and cognitive tools designed to improve hospital efficiency and release clinical time for direct patient care.

Sara is a graduate of Northwestern University and holds an MBA from INSEAD.

Dr David L Stables
David has over 36 years' experience in healthcare IT. Having qualified in Medicine at Dundee University in 1981, he entered general practice in 1984 at Egton Surgery in North Yorkshire working as a Partner in that practice alongside Dr Peter Sowerby. Together they developed the patient records management software that subsequently formed the basis of the business of EMIS. He was appointed Medical Director of EMIS in 1987 and went on to lead the EMIS software development team with responsibility for software requirements, design, technology and clinical assurance until 2011.

From 2011 David served as Strategic development director at EMIS PLC until 2013. Since then, David has established the Endeavour Health Charitable Trust with an endowment, of which he is a Trustee, and became a trustee of the Peter Sowerby Foundation in 2014.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The skills and composition of the Board are kept under review and, if additional trustees are required, steps are taken via open recruitment to seek new members with relevant skills and experience. Newly appointed trustees are provided with all relevant information appertaining to the charity and its affairs in order that they have a sufficient level of knowledge to enable them to perform their roles effectively. This includes an induction programme, meetings with individual trustees along with updates, briefing papers and the charity's policies, annual reports and financial statements for the previous three years. Trustees are encouraged to meet regularly with prospective and existing beneficiaries of the Foundation's grants.

All trustees are kept up to date with ongoing developments in charity law and practice, and there are opportunities to attend training in charity management and to attend meetings and conferences related to the charity's main grant making areas.

Structure and management reporting

The trustees are ultimately responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charity. They meet on a regular basis to review developments with regard to the charity, its grant giving and operations, and make all key decisions. The trustees review the proposals for grants and approve as appropriate. They also review progress on all ongoing grant programmes.

The trustees obtain grant programme advice from their independent advisors, Cause4, and also use their professional and personal networks to seek out suitable funding opportunities for the Foundation which fall within the agreed criteria. Formal applications are then invited from chosen organisations and these are assessed in detail with the relative merits considered against the agreed criteria before any grants are awarded.

Advice and support is obtained as required from the charity's professional advisers, including grant management, investment management, solicitors and accountants. The Foundation employs a part time Foundation Manager to whom the day to day management of the charity's affairs, along with the implementation of its policies, is delegated.

HFMC Wealth Limited provides independent investment consultancy services to the trustees.

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Risk management

The trustees approve all grants awarded and all grant and general expenditure payments above £1,000 are approved by two or more trustees in accordance with the Foundation's financial policies.

The trustees have assessed, and regularly review, the risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks identified and that these are appropriate for the level of activity carried out by the charity during the period. The principal risk is considered to be the management and performance of the investment assets and this is mitigated through the use of professional investment managers who report regularly to the trustees along with independent investment consultancy oversight.

Plans for future periods

The direction of the Foundation's giving strategy is expected remain unchanged during 2024-25 whereby the Foundation will invite applications for funding on a solicitation only basis from registered charities, unregistered charities, community interest companies and registered healthcare providers.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that the trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

UNW LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The trustees will propose a motion re appointing the auditors at a meeting of the trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 26 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:
Mr D B H Aspinall
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Mr D B H Aspinall
(Trustee)

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities
Year ended 30 September 2024

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 26 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:
Mr D B H Aspinall
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Mr D B H Aspinall
(Trustee)

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Peter Sowerby Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Peter Sowerby Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 September 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

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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, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified areas of law and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general and sector experience and through discussions with the directors and other management (as required by Auditing Standards) and from inspection of the charity's legal correspondence and we discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures in place regarding compliance with the laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

Firstly, the charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation) and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the charity is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect; health and safety, employment law, data protection, environmental law and certain aspects of company legislation, recognising the nature of the charity's activities. Auditing Standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Through these procedures we did not become aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance material to the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Peter Sowerby Foundation (continued)

Use of our report

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

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Anne Hallowell
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Anne Hallowell BSc FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of UNW LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
Newcastle upon Tyne

26 June 2025

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Peter Sowerby Foundation

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
Year ended 30 September 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Investments	2	**1,540,977**	**1,540,977**	1,187,366
Total income		**1,540,977**	**1,540,977**	1,187,366
Expenditure on:				
Investment management costs		**386,313**	**386,313**	306,335
Charitable activities	3	**1,163,436**	**1,163,436**	1,294,701
Total expenditure		**1,549,749**	**1,549,749**	1,601,036
Net expenditure before net gains on investments		**(8,772)**	**(8,772)**	(413,670)
Net gains on investments		**6,583,757**	**6,583,757**	2,089,229
Net movement in funds		**6,574,985**	**6,574,985**	1,675,559
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		**61,392,379**	**61,392,379**	59,716,820
Net movement in funds		**6,574,985**	**6,574,985**	1,675,559
Total funds carried forward		**67,967,364**	**67,967,364**	61,392,379

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
As at 30 September 2024

	Note		2024 £		2023 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	6		**599**		4,189
Investments	7		**67,129,234**		61,448,012
			67,129,833		61,452,201
Current assets					
Debtors	8	**74,522**		40,739	
Cash at bank and in hand	14	**1,944,870**		1,517,727	
		2,019,392		1,558,466	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	**(922,401)**		(1,073,977)	
Net current assets			**1,096,991**		484,489
Total assets less current liabilities			**68,226,824**		61,936,690
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10		**(259,460)**		(544,311)
Total net assets			**67,967,364**		61,392,379
Charity funds					
Unrestricted funds	12		**67,967,364**		61,392,379
Total funds			**67,967,364**		61,392,379

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Balance sheet (continued)
As at 30 September 2024

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 26 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:
Mr D B H Aspinall
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Mr D B H Aspinall
Chair

Company registered number: 08492424

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Statement of cash flows
Year ended 30 September 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	13	**(2,016,370)**	(2,152,341)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interests and rents from investments		**1,540,977**	1,187,366
Proceeds from sale of investments		**12,045,551**	25,891,371
Purchase of investments		**(11,143,015)**	(25,279,071)
Net cash provided by investing activities		**2,443,513**	**1,799,666**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**427,143**	**(352,675)**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**1,517,727**	1,870,402
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	14	**1,944,870**	1,517,727

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form part of these financial statements

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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Peter Sowerby Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest £1.

1.2 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in England. The member of the company are the trustees names on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in repsect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

1.3 Going concern

The Foundation holds substantial investment assets, but maintains sufficient cash reserves to allow it to meet its ongoing commitments for at least 12 months. At the year end, the cash balance, including cash held within the investment portfolio, was above the grant commitments due within one year. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims on the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the company, can be reliably measured.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities include direct costs incurred on the company's grant-making operations and support costs incurred in running the charitable operations.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

The provision for multi-year grants is recognised at present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the charity that would permit it to avoid making the future payments, settlement is probable and the discounted value is considered to be materially different from the cash settlement figure. The discount rate applied is regarded by the trustees as the most current available estimate of the opportunity cost of money and is based on the rate of inflation.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company, including those incurred in connection with the administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of investment management fees on the investment portfolio.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life:

Website - 20% straight line

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Net gains/(losses) on investments' in the statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

1.12 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

1.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.14 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In preparing these financial statements the directors do not consider there were any significant estimates or areas of judgment that were required in applying the company's accounting policies as set out above.

2. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Dividend income	1,433,196	**1,433,196**	1,084,413
Interest on investments	60,327	**60,327**	102,953
Bank interest	47,454	**47,454**	-
	1,540,977	**1,540,977**	1,187,366
Total 2023	1,187,366	1,187,366	

3. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant giving 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants awarded (note 4)	1,012,567	150,869	**1,163,436**	1,294,701
Total 2023	1,175,845	118,856	1,294,701	

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3. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	**2,219**	-
Professional fees in support of grant programme	**94,197**	90,687
Administration and other professional fees	**28,341**	3,600
Sundry costs	**108**	293
IT costs and amortisation	**12,804**	17,026
Auditor's remuneration	**13,200**	7,250
	150,869	118,856

4. Grants awarded in the year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Total funds 2024 £**	Total funds 2023 £
Autistica	-	**-**	149,958
AESOP	-	**-**	150,000
Culture Squared CIC	143,762	**143,762**	-
Mental Health Innovations	-	**-**	75,000
National Youth Choirs of Great Britain	-	**-**	149,725
National Youth Jazz Orchestra	-	**-**	150,000
Outreach EMR	-	**-**	230,000
Stroke Association	297,000	**297,000**	-
Thames Valley Air Ambulance	58,469	**58,469**	-
Thrive	82,500	**82,500**	-
Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust	95,000	**95,000**	-
Other grants < £50,000	403,199	**403,199**	271,162
Grants written back	(67,363)	**(67,363)**	-
Total 2024	1,012,567	**1,012,567**	1,175,845

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Grants to beneficiaries over £50,000 have been disclosed separately with all other grants shown above in 'Other grants' and any grants written back in 'Grants write back'. Grants written back are where the beneficiary no longer meets the conditions for the grant to be paid by the Foundation. The creditor and commitment are therefore reversed.

The Foundation made 17 (2023: 16) grants less than £50,000 to a variety of institutions. Further details of the nature of causes supported is given in the Trustees report.

5. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**1,911**	-
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**308**	-
	2,219	-

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Administrator	**0.17**	-

The charity had one employee from August 2024.

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The trustees received no remuneration in either year. No expenses were paid to trustees (2023: £nil).

Key management personnel are deemed to be those having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. During the year the key management personnel comprised the board of trustees and consequently the total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £nil (2023: £nil).

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6. Intangible assets

	Website £
Cost	
At 1 October 2023	**17,952**
At 30 September 2024	**17,952**
Amortisation	
At 1 October 2023	**13,763**
Charge for the year	**3,590**
At 30 September 2024	**17,353**
Net book value	
At 30 September 2024	**599**
At 30 September 2023	4,189

7. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 October 2023	**60,740,028**	**707,984**	**61,448,012**
Additions	**10,215,417**	**927,598**	**11,143,015**
Disposals	**(11,598,318)**	**-**	**(11,598,318)**
Revaluations	**6,136,525**	**-**	**6,136,525**
At 30 September 2024	**65,493,652**	**1,635,582**	**67,129,234**

8. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	**74,522**	40,739

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9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	**35,275**	6,632
Other taxation and social security	**54**	-
Grants awarded but not yet paid	**876,496**	1,060,095
Accruals and deferred income	**9,528**	7,250
Other creditors	**1,048**	-
	922,401	1,073,977

10. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants awarded but not yet paid	**259,460**	544,311

11. Reconciliation of grants payable

	2024	**Total funds 2024**	Total funds 2023
	£	**£**	£
Brought forward	1,604,406	**1,604,406**	2,598,159
Grants awarded in the year (note 4)	1,012,567	**1,012,567**	1,175,845
Grants paid in the year	(1,481,017)	**(1,481,017)**	(2,169,598)
Carried forward	1,135,956	**1,135,956**	1,604,406

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12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 September 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	**61,392,379**	**1,540,977**	**(1,549,749)**	**6,583,757**	**67,967,364**

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 September 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	59,716,820	1,187,366	(1,601,036)	2,089,229	61,392,379

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**6,574,985**	1,675,559
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation charges	**3,590**	3,590
Gains on investments	**(6,583,757)**	(2,089,229)
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**(1,540,977)**	(1,187,366)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(33,783)**	488,313
Decrease in creditors	**(436,428)**	(1,043,208)
Net cash used in operating activities	**(2,016,370)**	(2,152,341)

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14. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand	**1,944,870**	1,517,727

15. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 October 2023	Cash flows	At 30 September 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	**1,517,727**	**427,143**	**1,944,870**

16. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £308 (2023: £nil).

17. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in either period.

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Dear Sirs,

Peter Sowerby Foundation

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your audit of the charitable company's financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate and are sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can make each of the following representations. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

General

1 We have fulfilled our responsibilities as directors, as set out in the terms of your engagement letter dated 26 April 2018 under the Companies Act 2006, for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.

2 All the transactions undertaken by the charitable company have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.

3 All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charitable company, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustees meetings and correspondence with The Charity Commission.

4 The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

5 The effects of uncorrected misstatements (as set out in the appendix to this letter) are immaterial both individually and in total.

Internal control and fraud

6 We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error, and we believe that we have appropriately fulfilled these responsibilities. We have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment that the financial statements may be misstated as a result of fraud.

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7 We have disclosed to you all instances of known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees who have a significant role in internal control or others where fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

8 We have also disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by current or former employees, analysts, regulators or others.

Assets and liabilities

9 The charitable company has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charitable company assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

10 All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.

11 We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and, where relevant, the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

Accounting estimates

12 The methods, data and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement and disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

Legal claims

13 We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements.

Laws and regulations

14 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

Related parties

15 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

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Subsequent events

17 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

Going concern

18 We believe that the charitable company financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charitable company needs. We also confirm our plans for future action(s) required to enable the charitable company to continue as a going concern are feasible. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charitable company ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

Grants and donations

19 All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditors and confirm that so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information needed by you in connection with preparing your audit report of which you are unaware.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by:
Mr D B H Aspinall
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Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

26 June 2025

Appendix 1 – Uncorrected misstatements

Dr Grant commitments (BS) £23,837

Cr Grants awarded (SoFA) £23,837

PETER SOWERBY FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1151978

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Reference and administrative details
Year ended 30 September 2023

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Peter Sowerby Foundation

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Trustees' report
Year ended 30 September 2023

The trustees present their Annual Report together with the audited financial statements of the Peter Sowerby Foundation ('the company') for the year 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023. The trustees confirm that these comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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).

With the Covid-19 global pandemic behind us, we had hoped that the challenges of the previous financial year would begin to abate for the charity sector. Unfortunately, this was not the case as inflation remained persistently high in the UK leading to significant cost of living pressures. Combined with the impact of high interest rates, this has lead to significant challenges across the sector which have been exacerbated by very high competition for available private sector funds.

During the year, trustees, staff and advisors noted an increase in the number of charities approaching the Foundation, especially as the funding environment became more competitive and the ongoing economic climate began to impact donations to charities nationally. We have collectively worked hard to continue supporting as many charities as possible within our strands of grant making and to be flexible in allowing reasonable adjustments to the delivery of grants where charities have requested adaptations.

As previously, trustees have continued to split grant making between smaller projects which provide on-the-ground immediate support in the Foundation’s areas of interest, whilst additionally seeking longer-term strategic initiatives with significant potential to change wider policy and practice, especially within public health.

This year also saw the Foundation complete its 10th year since inception. As part of our celebrations, we provided a number of organisations - including National Youth Jazz Orchestra and Autistica and AESOP - with final strategic grants as a legacy of successful grant provision to these organisations.

This year has also seen the launch of several strands of funding which were developed during the previous financial year, including a new Open Call within primary healthcare and a new strand of seed funding for organisations at the early stages of establishing their charitable and social impact programmes. We have also recognised the growing importance of supporting charities with a focus on the natural environment.

Trustees also reviewed and updated the Foundation’s grant making criteria to ensure this continues to reflect the most urgent needs of organisations across the charity sector.

Through this, the trustees remain committed to ensuring that the wishes of our Benefactor - Peter Sowerby - are reflected and fulfilled through the Foundation’s work. Peter cared deeply about his community, his patients, and their access to high quality primary, secondary and end of life healthcare. His other interests, including philosophy, education, the environment, horticulture, the arts, and conservation are all represented in the Foundation’s grant making programmes.

In keeping with the wishes and personal character of Dr Sowerby, the Foundation will continue to be a funder that is distinctive in its approach to grant making and which is prepared to push the boundaries of achievement within its chosen fields, with the objective of making a tangible and lasting impact.

The trustees would like to put on record their continued thanks for Dr Sowerby’s generosity in his gifts to the Foundation through his lifetime and through his generous bequest which continues to make such a positive difference to the lives of so many.

Trustees would like to thank Cause4 for their ongoing support during this period.

Charitable Objectives

The charity operates as a grant making foundation having been substantially endowed by the late GP and medical entrepreneur Dr Peter Sowerby. From the proceeds of the endowment income, the charity aims to give expression to the passions and interests of Dr Sowerby and his late wife, Ann, for public benefit.

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Under the charity's Articles of Association, the trustees have the power to pay or apply the capital and income of the Trust Fund to or for such exclusively charitable objects or purposes in any part of the world as the trustees may in their discretion determine. The trustees' primary aim is to make grants to other UK registered or exempt charities and community interest companies, in particular those falling within the categories of:

a) Healthcare
b) Education
c) Community
d) Environment
e) Seed funding

With regard to the community domain, trustees have placed an emphasis on youth, the arts and Yorkshire based projects and small scale health initiatives.

In their policies and decision making, the trustees typically favour innovative and catalytic projects which hold the potential to influence policy and practice elsewhere.

The powers of the charity to make charitable donations were drawn widely so that a diverse range of worthy charitable recipients are able to benefit. The trustees meet at regular intervals to review their strategic objectives and to agree their programme of ongoing grants.

Public Benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees contribute to the management of the charity on a voluntary basis. The charity has engaged third party expertise to review and monitor projects of a complex or technical nature, and some of these provide advice at a reduced rate. The charity does not directly manage any volunteers at the present time.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The period 2022/23 saw a further period of grant making by the Foundation, with grants released standing at around £1.2m.

During this period the Foundation's grant making policy remained the same in that, in general, we do not solicit requests for funding and, whilst this will continue to be the case with regards to the majority of the Foundation's grant making, on occasion the trustees will put out an open call for grant applications within a focussed area of work. These will be specifically related to areas of identified need.

Grants (over £50,000) made this year, include:

- Outreach EMR - £230,000 - further funding to support the development of electronic medical records in the developing world.
- National Youth Jazz Orchestra - £150,000 - a core grant to build NYJO's profile through a package of organisational development projects to support and enhance its ambitious programme of frontline charitable activity.
- AESOP - £150,000 - a core grant to grow the Aesop Institute as a valued source of expertise, networking, training and support services for arts enterprises aiming to change lives demonstrably.
- Autistica - £149,958 - a core grant to support the charity in developing key projects linked to its 2030 goals.
- National Youth Choirs of Great Britain - £149,725 - a core grant to support its programme of charitable activity.
- Mental Health Innovations - £75,000 - funding to support the development of technology to support mental health.

Grants under £25,000, across our programmes, included:

- Deaf Action - £25,000

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- Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund - £25,000
- Muslim Hands - £25,000
- Transform - £25,000
- Encephalitis Society - £25,000
- The Bureau - £24,994
- Tyne & Wear Museums - £24,980
- Leeds Hospital Charity - £23,500
- Barbican Centre Trust - £20,000
- Jurassic Coast Fund - £19,300
- GROW - £12,241

Small grants under £10,000 are not listed.

Kings College London Peter Sowerby Chair in Philosophy and Medicine
In addition to the information on the projects cited above, trustees are pleased to provide an update on their continuing partnership with Kings College London in funding the Peter Sowerby Chair in Philosophy and Medicine.

Elselijn Kingma has continued to attract a large team with diverse research interests at the intersection of medicine and philosophy and in delivering substantial activity.

In the past 12 months, Kings College continued to successfully deliver a wide range of teaching, research and outreach, and the project has cemented its place at the centre of an extended network of academics and clinicians with interests in philosophy, medicine and their interconnections.

Specific highlights of the past 12-months have included work relating to consent in labour, advising the Dutch government on ethical deliberations regarding the Screening of Blood Donation and Embryo Research and plans to develop a new MA course in Women and Child Health Department.

2023's Annual Lecture was given by Professor Nancy Cartwright and focused on 'Better Evidence for Policy Predictions & Evaluations.'

Financial review
The final assets arising from the significant bequest of £27,368,318 from Dr P R Sowerby to the charity were transferred to the charity during the year.

The assets of the charity comprise investments, the returns from which are used to finance the grants awarded in accordance with its objectives. The net incoming resources of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023 and the financial position at that date are set out in the financial statements which follow. During the year, the charity received investment income of £1,187,366 (2022: £910,752) and legacy income of £nil (2022: £421,219). The legacy income represents the final material income from Dr Peter Sowerby's estate. From the associated income, grants were awarded, including directly attributable costs, of £1,294,701 (2022: £1,983,176). The charity had a deficit before revaluations of £413,670 (2022: £1,007,573). At the year end the market value of the investments had risen due to additions to the portfolio as well as a net gain of £2,089,229 (2022: net loss of £3,973,678). The net movement in funds for the year was a surplus of £1,675,559 (2022: a deficit of £4,981,251). Total funds carried forward at 30 September 2023 were £61,392,379 (2022: £59,716,820).

The market value of the Foundation's financial investments at the end of September 2023 (which excludes bank deposit balances) was £61,448,012 (2022: £59,971,083), an increase of £1,476,929 after market movements, grants made, fees and operational expenses. Cash balances decreased by £352,675 to £1,517,727 (2022: £1,870,402). During the course of the year there were no significant changes to the Foundation's investment objectives, constraints, or policies, although these are regularly reviewed.

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Reserves policy

As at 30 September 2023, the Foundation held reserves of £61,392,379, £61,448,012 has been invested for the longer term to provide a return for the Foundation in future years, with the remaining reserves in a net £55,633 deficit. However, as noted above, the trustees have the power to utilise the investments for charitable purposes as required. It is the trustees' policy that unrestricted funds should be maintained in liquid form at a minimum level of the value of all forward grant commitments and operating expenses payable in the following twelve months. This balance, including long term grant commitments, is estimated to be £2m. The level of net current assets held at 30 September 2023 is below this level at £484,489 due to the increased grants awarded but the trustees consider that the position is acceptable given the cash held within the investment portfolio and will return to desired levels in 2023/2024.

Financial position

The balance sheet of the Foundation shows unrestricted funds as at 30 September 2023 of £61,392,379 (2022: £59,716,820), after allowing for existing grant commitments.

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Grant making policy

The trustees' policy is to invite applications for funding on a solicitation only basis from registered charities, unregistered charities, community interest companies and registered healthcare providers.

Intellectual property policy

The trustees operate on the strong presumption that grant holders will avail all work and discovery funded by the Foundation to the public domain in an open, convenient and freely available way. Only in exceptional circumstances does the Foundation agree to negotiate a commercial dispensation in relation to IP; however, in such circumstances it is incumbent on the grant holder to satisfy the trustees that their method will achieve public benefit more effectively than a public domain approach.

Investment policy

During the reporting period, management of the charity's investments was delegated to Quilter Cheviot, Sparrows Capital, Rathbones Investment management and Psigma Investment Management under discretionary agreements, with independent investment consultancy provided to the trustees by HFMC Wealth Ltd.

Investment strategy is agreed between the trustees, their consultants and the investment managers and is set out in a detailed Investment Policy Statement which forms an integral part of the agreement with the investment managers. This policy is reviewed annually by the trustees. The trustees are guided by their consultants and the portfolio is invested with a long term time horizon in order to protect the Foundation's grant making ability into the future. The strategy aim is to achieve the trustees' target return whilst taking an appropriate level of risk. A 'total return' strategy is adopted. Fixed interest investments and equities are the principal instruments held, but other asset classes may be used. There are currently no ethical or environmental restrictions imposed by the investment policy.

The investment managers provide quarterly reports including analysis of returns compared to the agreed benchmarks and general market issues and meet with the trustees at regular intervals. The trustees' investment consultants report to them independently of the investment managers.

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Communications policy

The website continues to provide information and detail on the grants made by the Foundation, analysis of the impact of grant making and has been used to promote open calls for funding.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity was originally established as a charitable trust in January 2011 and in April 2013 registered as a charitable company (Company no. 08492424, Charity no. 1151978). The Foundation is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as adopted on 16 April 2013.

Trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, the members are trustees of the charity and directors of the company, and new members are approved by resolution of the existing trustees. The minimum number of trustees required is three.

The names of the trustees who served during the period are set out below with brief biographical details:

Mr David Aspinall
David Aspinall has been Chairman of the Peter Sowerby Foundation since its establishment in 2011. David spent his career in personal financial planning and wealth management having founded the advisory firm, Aspinalls, prior to which he was a professional musician. Past trusteeships have included Sound and Music, the Society for the Promotion of New Music and the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain.

Dr Carole Longson
Carole is a respected leader in health technology assessment with considerable achievements in research, public and private sectors. She has unparalleled insight into the fast evolving health technology innovation pipeline having pioneered NICE's health technology evaluation programmes. Carole was an Executive Director at NICE from 2000 to 2018 and Chief Scientific Officer at the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry from 2018 to 2020. She was formerly President of Health Technology Assessment International and now has advisory roles including Life Science Advisor at NICE.

Carole is currently vice chair of the Medicines Discovery Catapult in the UK, was previously on Scientific Advisory Committee for Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) and holds non Executive Director and advisory roles in scientific endeavours in the UK and abroad. Throughout her career, she has championed the public and private sector collaborating to ensure medical innovation benefits patients in a way that is sustainable for healthcare systems.

Mrs Sara Siegel Poulios
Sara leads Deloitte's Healthcare practice in the UK and Europe and has worked with the NHS and the Department of Health for the last twenty years. Sara has worked on major areas of health policy and implementation over the years, most recently supporting government with its coronavirus response. Sara also advises health insurers and private health companies. The health practice at Deloitte has a broad advisory scope and also builds runs and maintains digital health systems as well as robotic and cognitive tools designed to improve hospital efficiency and release clinical time for direct patient care.

Sara is a graduate of Northwestern University and holds an MBA from INSEAD.

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Dr David L Stables
David has over 36 years' experience in healthcare IT. Having qualified in Medicine at Dundee University in 1981, he entered general practice in 1984 at Egton Surgery in North Yorkshire working as a Partner in that practice alongside Dr Peter Sowerby. Together they developed the patient records management software that subsequently formed the basis of the business of EMIS. He was appointed Medical Director of EMIS in 1987 and went on to lead the EMIS software development team with responsibility for software requirements, design, technology and clinical assurance until 2011.

From 2011 David served as Strategic development director at EMIS PLC until 2013. Since then, David has established the Endeavour Health Charitable Trust with an endowment, of which he is a Trustee, and became a trustee of the Peter Sowerby Foundation in 2014.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The skills and composition of the Board are kept under review and, if additional trustees are required, steps are taken via open recruitment to seek new members with relevant skills and experience. Newly appointed trustees are provided with all relevant information appertaining to the charity and its affairs in order that they have a sufficient level of knowledge to enable them to perform their roles effectively. This includes an induction programme, meetings with individual trustees along with updates, briefing papers and the charity's policies, annual reports and financial statements for the previous three years. Trustees are encouraged to meet regularly with prospective and existing beneficiaries of the Foundation's grants.

All trustees are kept up to date with ongoing developments in charity law and practice, and there are opportunities to attend training in charity management and to attend meetings and conferences related to the charity's main grant making areas.

Structure and management reporting

The trustees are ultimately responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charity. They meet on a regular basis to review developments with regard to the charity, its grant giving and operations, and make all key decisions. The trustees review the proposals for grants and approve as appropriate. They also review progress on all ongoing grant programmes.

The trustees obtain grant programme advice from their independent advisors, Cause4, and also use their professional and personal networks to seek out suitable funding opportunities for the Foundation which fall within the agreed criteria. Formal applications are then invited from chosen organisations and these are assessed in detail with the relative merits considered against the agreed criteria before any grants are awarded.

Advice and support is obtained as required from the charity's professional advisers, including grant management, investment management, solicitors and accountants. The Foundation employs a part time Foundation Manager to whom the day to day management of the charity's affairs, along with the implementation of its policies, is delegated.

Aspinalls Family Office LLP provides independent investment consultancy services to the trustees.

Risk management

The trustees approve all grants awarded and all grant and general expenditure payments above £500 are approved by two or more trustees in accordance with the Foundation's financial policies.

The trustees have assessed, and regularly review, the risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks identified and that these are appropriate for the level of activity carried out by the charity during the period. The principal risk is considered to be the management and performance of the investment assets and this is mitigated through the use of professional investment managers who report regularly to the trustees along with independent investment consultancy oversight.

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Plans for future periods

The direction of the Foundation's giving strategy is expected remain unchanged during 2023-24 whereby the Foundation will invite applications for funding on a solicitation only basis from registered charities, unregistered charities, community interest companies and registered healthcare providers.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that the trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

UNW LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The trustees will propose a motion re appointing the auditors at a meeting of the trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 27 June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr D B H Aspinall
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Mr D B H Aspinall
(Trustee)

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities
Year ended 30 September 2023

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 27 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Independent auditor's report to the Members of Peter Sowerby Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Peter Sowerby Foundation ('the charitable company') for the year ended 30 September 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 September 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

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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, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified areas of law and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general and sector experience and through discussions with the trustees and other management (as required by auditing standards) and from inspection of the company's legal correspondence and we discussed with the trustees and other management the policies and procedures in place regarding compliance with the laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

Firstly, the company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation), distributable profits legislation and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly the company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect; health and safety, employment law, data protection, environmental law and certain aspects of company legislation, recognising the nature of the company's activities. Auditing Standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Through these procedures, we did not became aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance material to the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatements in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occuring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

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

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Anne Hallowell
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Anne Hallowell BSc FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of UNW LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
Newcastle upon Tyne

27 June 2024

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
Year ended 30 September 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Donations	2	**-**	**-**	421,219
Investments	3	**1,187,366**	**1,187,366**	910,752
Total income		**1,187,366**	**1,187,366**	1,331,971
Expenditure on:				
Investment management costs		**306,335**	**306,335**	356,368
Charitable activities	4	**1,294,701**	**1,294,701**	1,983,176
Total expenditure		**1,601,036**	**1,601,036**	2,339,544
Net expenditure before net gains / (losses) on investments		**(413,670)**	**(413,670)**	(1,007,573)
Net gains /(losses) on investments		**2,089,229**	**2,089,229**	(3,973,678)
Net movement in funds		**1,675,559**	**1,675,559**	(4,981,251)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		**59,716,820**	**59,716,820**	64,698,071
Net movement in funds		**1,675,559**	**1,675,559**	(4,981,251)
Total funds carried forward		**61,392,379**	**61,392,379**	59,716,820

The notes on pages 19 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
As at 30 September 2023

	Note		2023 £		2022 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	7		**4,189**		7,779
Investments	8		**61,448,012**		59,971,083
			61,452,201		59,978,862
Current assets					
Debtors	9	**40,739**		529,052	
Cash at bank and in hand		**1,517,727**		1,870,402	
		1,558,466		2,399,454	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	**(1,073,977)**		(1,693,232)	
Net current assets			**484,489**		706,222
Total assets less current liabilities			**61,936,690**		60,685,084
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		**(544,311)**		(968,264)
Total net assets			**61,392,379**		59,716,820
Charity funds					
Unrestricted funds	13		**61,392,379**		59,716,820
Total funds			**61,392,379**		59,716,820

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Peter Sowerby Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Balance sheet (continued)
As at 30 September 2023

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 27 June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr D B H Aspinall
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Mr D B H Aspinall
Chair

Company registered number: 08492424

The notes on pages 19 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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Peter Sowerby Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Statement of cash flows
Year ended 30 September 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities (see note 14)	**(2,152,341)**	5,642,833
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**1,187,366**	910,752
Proceeds from sale of investments	**25,891,371**	29,914,249
Purchase of investments	**(25,279,071)**	(36,760,190)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	**1,799,666**	**(5,935,189)**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**(352,675)**	**(292,356)**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**1,870,402**	2,162,758
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**1,517,727**	1,870,402

The notes on pages 19 to 29 form part of these financial statements

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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Peter Sowerby Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest £1.

1.2 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in England. The member of the company are the trustees names on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in repsect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

1.3 Going concern

The Foundation holds substantial investment assets, but maintains sufficient cash reserves to allow it to meet its ongoing commitments for at least 12 months. At the year end, the cash balance was above the commitments due within one year. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims on the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the company, can be reliably measured.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities include direct costs incurred on the company's grant-making operations and support costs incurred in running the charitable operations.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

The provision for multi-year grants is recognised at present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the charity that would permit it to avoid making the future payments, settlement is probable and the discounted value is considered to be materially different from the cash settlement figure. The discount rate applied is regarded by the trustees as the most current available estimate of the opportunity cost of money and is based on the rate of inflation.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company, including those incurred in connection with the administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life:

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Net gains/(losses) on investments' in the statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

1.12 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

1.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.14 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In preparing these financial statements the directors do not consider there were any significant estimates or areas of judgment that were required in applying the company's accounting policies as set out above.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	**Total funds 2023 £**	Total funds 2022 £
Legacy income	-	**-**	421,219

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	**Total funds 2023 £**	Total funds 2022 £
Dividend income	1,084,413	**1,084,413**	817,187
Interest on investments	102,953	**102,953**	93,565
	1,187,366	**1,187,366**	910,752
Total 2022	910,752	910,752	

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4. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant giving 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants awarded (note 5)	1,175,845	118,856	**1,294,701**	1,978,176
Grant administration	-	-	**-**	5,000
	1,175,845	118,856	**1,294,701**	1,983,176
Total 2022	1,777,157	206,019	1,983,176	

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	**-**	11,206
Professional fees in support of grant programme	**90,687**	86,898
Administration and other professional fees	**3,600**	88,177
Sundry costs	**293**	614
IT costs and amortisation	**17,026**	11,374
Auditor's remuneration	**7,250**	6,750
Auditor's non-audit costs	**-**	1,000
	118,856	206,019

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5. Grants awarded in the year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Autistica	149,958	**149,958**	-
AESOP	150,000	**150,000**	-
Bethlehem Gallery	-	**-**	98,600
Brain and Spine Foundation	-	**-**	100,000
Brook Young People	-	**-**	100,000
Culture Squared CIC	-	**-**	81,756
FareShare	-	**-**	72,565
Mental Health Innovations	75,000	**75,000**	-
Music in Hospital and Care	-	**-**	100,000
National Youth Choirs of Great Britain	149,725	**149,725**	-
National Youth Jazz Orchestra	150,000	**150,000**	-
Outreach EMR	230,000	**230,000**	-
Prostate Cancer UK	-	**-**	98,920
Tommy's	-	**-**	244,786
Two Ridings Community Foundation	-	**-**	495,000
University of Leeds (Wild Ingleborough)	-	**-**	249,201
Other grants < £50,000	271,162	**271,162**	399,329
Grants written back	-	**-**	(268,000)
Total 2023	1,175,845	**1,175,845**	1,772,157

Grants to beneficiaries over £50,000 have been disclosed separately with all other grants shown above in 'Other grants' and any grants written back in 'Grants write back'. Grants written back are where the beneficiary no longer meets the conditions for the grant to be paid by the Foundation. The creditor and commitment are therefore reversed.

The Foundation made 16 (2022: 21) grants less than £50,000 to a variety of institutions. Further details of the nature of causes supported is given in the Trustees report.

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6. Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**-**	12,525
Social security costs	**-**	2,555
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**-**	1,126
	-	16,206

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Administrator	**-**	1

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The trustees received no remuneration in either year. No expenses were paid to trustees (2022: £nil).

Key management personnel are deemed to be those having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. During the year the key management personnel comprised the board of trustees and consequently the total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £nil (2022: £nil).

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7. Intangible assets

	Website £
Cost	
At 1 October 2022	**17,952**
At 30 September 2023	**17,952**
Amortisation	
At 1 October 2022	**10,173**
Charge for the year	**3,590**
At 30 September 2023	**13,763**
Net book value	
At 30 September 2023	**4,189**
At 30 September 2022	7,779

8. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 October 2022	**50,859,848**	**9,111,235**	**59,971,083**
Additions	**25,235,472**	**43,599**	**25,279,071**
Disposals	**(17,178,327)**	**(8,446,850)**	**(25,625,177)**
Revaluations	**1,823,035**	**-**	**1,823,035**
At 30 September 2023	**60,740,028**	**707,984**	**61,448,012**

9. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	**40,739**	529,052

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10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	**6,632**	-
Grants awarded but not yet paid	**1,060,095**	1,629,895
Accruals and deferred income	**7,250**	63,337
	1,073,977	1,693,232

11. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants awarded but not yet paid	**544,311**	968,264

12. Reconciliation of grants payable

	2023 £	**Total funds 2023** £	Total funds 2022 £
Brought Forward	2,598,159	**2,598,159**	3,104,269
Grants awarded in the year (note 5)	1,175,845	**1,175,845**	1,772,157
Grants paid or released in the year	(2,169,598)	**(2,169,598)**	(2,278,267)
Carried forward	1,604,406	**1,604,406**	2,598,159

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 September 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	**59,716,820**	**1,187,366**	**(1,601,036)**	**2,089,229**	**61,392,379**

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 September 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	64,698,071	1,331,971	(2,339,544)	(3,973,678)	59,716,820

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**1,675,559**	(4,981,251)
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation charges	**3,590**	3,590
(Gains)/losses on investments	**(2,089,229)**	3,973,678
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**(1,187,366)**	(910,752)
Decrease in debtors	**488,313**	8,053,742
Decrease in creditors	**(1,043,208)**	(496,174)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**(2,152,341)**	5,642,833

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15. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	**1,517,727**	1,870,402

16. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 October 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 30 September 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**1,870,402**	**(352,675)**	**1,517,727**

17. Pension commitments

The charity operate a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £nil (2022: £1,126).

18. Related party transactions

Mr D Aspinall is the executor to the estate of the late Dr P R Sowerby, of which the Foundation was the residual beneficiary. During the year £nil (2022: £421,219) was received from the estate. At year end an estimate of £nil (2022: £500,000) remained outstanding.

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Dear Sirs,

Peter Sowerby Foundation

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your audit of the charitable company's financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate and are sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can make each of the following representations. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

General

1 We have fulfilled our responsibilities as directors / trustees, as set out in the terms of your engagement letter dated 26 April 2018 under the Companies Act 2006, for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.

2 All the transactions undertaken by the charitable company have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.

3 All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charitable company, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustees meetings and correspondence with The Charity Commission.

4 The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

5 The effects of uncorrected misstatements (as set out in the appendix to this letter) are immaterial both individually and in total.

Internal control and fraud

6 We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error, and we believe that we have appropriately fulfilled these responsibilities. We have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment that the financial statements may be misstated as a result of fraud.

7 We have disclosed to you all instances of known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees who have a significant role in internal control or others where fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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8 We have also disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by current or former employees, analysts, regulators or others.

Assets and liabilities

9 The charitable company has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charitable company assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

10 All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.

11 We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and, where relevant, the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

Accounting estimates

12 The methods, data and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement and disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

Legal claims

13 We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements.

Laws and regulations

14 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

Related parties

15 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

Subsequent events

17 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

Going concern

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18 We believe that the charitable company financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charitable company needs. We also confirm our plans for future action(s) required to enable the charitable company to continue as a going concern are feasible. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charitable company ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

Grants and donations

19 All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditors and confirm that so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information needed by you in connection with preparing your audit report of which you are unaware.

Yours faithfully,

DocuSigned by:
Mr D B H Aspinall
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Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

27 June 2024

Appendix 1 – Uncorrected misstatements

Dr Grant commitments (BS)	£37,898
Cr Grants awarded (SoFA)	£37,898

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England & Wales - Charity number 1151978

Accounts

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Annual report

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Reference and administrative details
Year ended 30 September 2022

Trustees	Mr D B H Aspinall, Chair Professor C M Longson Mrs S Siegel Poulios Dr D L Stables Aspinalls Fiduciary Limited (resigned 2 December 2021)
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Year ended 30 September 2022

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Peter Sowerby Foundation

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Trustees' report
Year ended 30 September 2022

The trustees present their Annual Report together with the audited financial statements of the Peter Sowerby Foundation ('the company') for the year 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022. The trustees confirm that these comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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).

2021-22 was another challenging year for the charity sector. Whilst the impact of the Covid-19 global pandemic had begun to abate, a war in Ukraine, combined with rising inflation and a cost-of-living crisis led to new challenges for charities and those they support. During this time, the Peter Sowerby Foundation trustees, staff and advisors have worked closely together to provide vital, ongoing support to charitable beneficiaries to tackle such challenges.

The Foundation has continued to work in a responsive and collaborative manner with potential new and current grantees during this period, recognising that, in doing so, the Foundation could support charities to adapt to a further period of change and challenge.

Trustees have continued to split grant making between investment into smaller projects, which provide on-the-ground immediate support in our areas of interest, whilst additionally seeking longer-term strategic initiatives with significant potential to change wider policy and practice.

As we approach our 10th Anniversary of grant making, this year has also provided an opportunity to reflect on our impact to date whilst developing our plans for the year(s) ahead. Future plans include the launch of a new Health Breakthrough Open Call, a number of core Anniversary Grants to charities that have received previous funding from the Foundation and new strands of funding focused on early-stage organisations and those charities working in the environmental sector.

Whilst we have continued to fund projects across the UK, we have stayed true to the wishes of our benefactor Peter Sowerby in supporting a number of charities based specifically in Yorkshire. Trustees have also made a further substantial commitment to this geographical area through providing ongoing support to the Two Ridings Community Foundation to distribute smaller, micro grants to benefit the Yorkshire community.

This year, trustees have also invested in ensuring the charity's grant making systems and processes are effective and efficient and were pleased to launch a new online grant making system – Smart Simple.

Our benefactor Peter Sowerby cared deeply about his community, his patients and their access to high quality primary, secondary and end of life healthcare. The trustees remain committed to ensuring that Peter's wishes are fully reflected in the Foundation's work. Peter's other interests, including philosophy, education, the environment, horticulture, the arts and conservation are all represented in the Foundation's grant making programme.

In keeping with the wishes and personal character of Dr Sowerby, the Foundation will continue to be a funder that is distinctive in its approach to grant making and which is prepared to push the boundaries of achievement within its chosen fields, with the objective of making a tangible and lasting impact.

The trustees would like to put on record their continued thanks for Dr Sowerby's generosity in his gifts to the Foundation through his lifetime and through his generous bequest which continues to make such a positive difference to the lives of so many.

Trustees would like to thank Cause4 for their ongoing support during this period.

Charitable Objectives

The charity operates as a grant making foundation having been substantially endowed by the late GP and medical entrepreneur Dr Peter Sowerby. From the proceeds of the investment income, the charity aims to give expression to the passions and interests of Dr Sowerby and his late wife, Ann, for public benefit.

Under the charity's Articles of Association, the trustees have the power to pay or apply the capital and income of the Trust Fund to or for such exclusively charitable objects or purposes in any part of the world as the trustees may in their discretion determine. The trustees' primary aim is to make grants to other UK registered or exempt charities and community interest companies, in particular those falling within the categories of:
a) Healthcare
b) Education
c) Community & Environment

With regard to the community domain, trustees have placed an emphasis on youth, the arts and Yorkshire based projects.

In their policies and decision making, the trustees typically favour innovative and catalytic projects which hold the potential to influence policy and practice elsewhere.

The powers of the charity to make charitable donations were drawn widely so that a diverse range of worthy charitable recipients are able to benefit. The trustees meet at regular intervals to review their strategic objectives and to agree their programme of ongoing grants.

Public Benefit
The trustees have paid due regard to public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees contribute to the management of the charity on a voluntary basis. The charity has engaged third party expertise to review and monitor projects of a complex or technical nature, and some of these provide advice at a reduced rate. The charity does not directly manage any volunteers at the present time.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities
The period 2021/22 saw a further successful period of grant making by the Foundation, with grants released standing at some £1.9m (2021: £4.6m).

During this period the Foundation's grant making policy remained the same in that, in general, we do not solicit requests for funding and, whilst this will continue to be the case with regards to the majority of the Foundation's grant making, on occasion the trustees will put out an open call for grant applications within a focussed area of work. These will be specifically related to areas of identified need.

Significant grants (over £50,000) made this year, include:
- Two Ridings Community Foundation - £495,000 to support community organisations in Yorkshire through small-scale and micro grants.
- University of Leeds (Wild Ingleborough) - £249,201 to demonstrate the benefits of landscape-scale restoration for people, nature and climate, informing policy and driving ambition for UK nature recovery and climate action.
- Tommy's - £244,786 to transform miscarriage care across the UK through the development and testing of a new Graded Model of Miscarriage care.
- Brook Young People - £100,000 towards an ambitious project to transform the experiences of young people needing help with their sexual health, relationships and wellbeing.
- Brain and Spine Foundation - £100,000 towards NeuroLifeNow, an App and web-based research platform that captures the lived experience of people affected by any neurological condition in a unique 'pan-neuro' longitudinal study.
- Music in Hospitals and Care - £100,000 to support a new pilot programme focused on using music to promote good mental health and well-being.
- Prostate Cancer UK - £98,920 towards a number of high-quality research projects to improve the diagnostic pathway for those with Prostate Cancer.

- Bethlem Gallery - £98,600 into a programme of activity to instigate, support and encourage conversations about mental health and ensure that creativity is embedded in mental health care.
- Culture Squared CIC - £81,756 to embed diverse cultural programmes through digital delivery within Bradford Literature Festival.
- Fareshare - £72,565 to establish a new regional food sourcing lorry in Yorkshire.

Grants under £25,000, across our programmes, included:

- Jimmy's Cambridge - £25,000
- My Life Films - £25,000
- London Sinfonietta - £25,000
- Speak with IT - £25,000
- Action for Stammering Children - £24,990
- Community Care Connect - £24,981
- Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums Development Trust - £24,980
- Musiko Musika - £24,864
- Horatio's Garden - £24,775
- Bloomsbury Football Foundation - £24,666
- Kids inspire - £24,362
- GROW - £12,241.21

Small grants under £10,000 are not listed.

Kings College London Peter Sowerby Chair in Philosophy and Medicine
In addition to the information on the projects cited above, trustees are pleased to provide an update on their continuing partnership with Kings College London in funding the Peter Sowerby Chair in Philosophy and Medicine.

Elselijn Kingma was appointed to the Peter Sowerby Chair in Philosophy and Medicine in April 2021 and has been successful in attracting a large team with diverse research interests at the intersection of medicine and philosophy and in delivering substantial activity.

In the past 12 months, Kings College has successfully delivered a wide range of teaching, research and outreach, and the project has cemented its place at the centre of an extended network of academics and clinicians with interests in philosophy, medicine, and their interconnections.

The project team itself has been substantially expanded this year including two new positions: a two-year E&R (Education and Research) Career Development Lectureship and a three-year PhD Studentship in Philosophy.

Financial review
The assets of the charity comprise investments, the returns from which are used to finance the grants awarded in accordance with its objectives. The net incoming resources of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022 and the financial position at that date are set out in the financial statements which follow. During the year, the charity received investment income of £910,752 (2021: £521,498) and legacy income of £421,219 (2021: £27,368,318). The legacy income represents the final material income from Dr Peter Sowerby's estate. From the associated income, grants were awarded, including directly attributable costs, of £1,983,176 (2021: £4,581,203). The charity had a deficit before revaluations of £1,007,573 (2021: surplus of £23,045,907). At the year end the market value of the investments had risen due to additions to the portfolio following receipt of legacy income, offset by net losses of £3,973,678 (2021: net gain of £4,742,250). The net movement in funds for the year was a deficit of £4,981,251 (2021: a surplus of £27,788,157). Total funds carried forward at 30 September 2022 were £59,716,820 (2021: £64,698,071).

The market value of the Foundation's financial investments at the end of September 2022 (which excludes bank deposit balances) was £59,971,083 (2021: £57,098,820), an increase of £2,872,263 after market movements, grants made, fees and operational expenses. Cash balances decreased by £292,356 to £1,870,402 (2021: £2,162,758). During the course of the year there were no significant changes to the Foundation's investment objectives, constraints, or policies, although these are regularly reviewed.

Reserves policy

As at 30 September 2022, the Foundation held reserves of £59,716,820. £59,971,083 has been invested for the longer term to provide a return for the Foundation in future years, with the remaining reserves in a net £254,263 deficit. However, as noted above, the trustees have the power to utilise the investments for charitable purposes as required. It is the trustees' policy that unrestricted funds should be maintained in liquid form at a minimum level of the value of all forward grant commitments and operating expenses payable in the following twelve months. This balance, including long term grant commitments, is estimated to be £2m. The level of net current assets held at 30 September 2022 is below this level at £706,222 due to the downturn in the investment market and increased grants awarded from the Covid-19 open call but the trustees consider that the position is acceptable given the cash held within the investment portfolio and will return to desired levels in 2022/2023.

Financial position

The balance sheet of the Foundation shows unrestricted funds as at 30 September 2022 of £59,716,820 (2021: £64,698,071), after allowing for existing grant commitments.

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Grant making policy

The trustees' policy is to invite applications for funding on a solicitation only basis from registered charities, unregistered charities, community interest companies and registered healthcare providers.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, open calls for grants were held and it is envisaged that further open calls will be held from time to time, although there are no plans at present to work to a fixed timetable on these. Other than these occasional open calls, the charity will continue to operate on a solicitation only basis in developing its grant programme.

Intellectual property policy

The trustees operate on the strong presumption that grant holders will avail all work and discovery funded by the Foundation to the public domain in an open, convenient and freely available way. Only in exceptional circumstances does the Foundation agree to negotiate a commercial dispensation in relation to IP; however, in such circumstances it is incumbent on the grant holder to satisfy the trustees that their method will achieve public benefit more effectively than a public domain approach.

Investment policy

During the reporting period, management of the charity's investments was delegated to Quilter Cheviot, Sparrows Capital, Seven Investment Management and Psigma Investment Management under discretionary agreements, with independent investment consultancy provided to the trustees by Aspinalls Family Office LLP.

During the period, Aspinalls undertook a review of investment managers and, after due consideration, the trustees decided to appoint Rathbones Investment Management as a further fund manager to provide greater diversification of risk. No funds were received by Rathbones until after the end of the reporting period.

Investment strategy is agreed between the trustees, their consultants and the investment managers and is set out in a detailed Investment Policy Statement which forms an integral part of the agreement with the investment managers. This policy is reviewed annually by the trustees. The trustees are guided by their consultants and the portfolio is invested with a long term time horizon in order to protect the Foundation's grant making ability into the future. The strategy aim is to achieve the trustees' target return whilst taking an appropriate level of risk. A 'total return' strategy is adopted. Fixed interest investments and equities are the principal instruments held, but other asset classes may be used. There are currently no ethical or environmental restrictions imposed by the investment policy.

The investment managers provide quarterly reports including analysis of returns compared to the agreed benchmarks and general market issues and meet with the trustees at regular intervals. The trustees' investment consultants report to them independently of the investment managers.

Communications policy

The website continues to provide information and detail on the grants made by the Foundation, analysis of the impact of grant making and has been used to promote open calls for funding.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity was originally established as a charitable trust in January 2011 and in April 2013 registered as a charitable company (Company no. 08492424, Charity no. 1151978). The Foundation is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as adopted on 16 April 2013.

Trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, the members are trustees of the charity and directors of the company, and new members are approved by resolution of the existing trustees. The minimum number of trustees required is three.

The names of the trustees who served during the period are set out below with brief biographical details:

Mr David Aspinall
David Aspinall has been Chairman of the Peter Sowerby Foundation since its establishment in 2011. David spent his career in personal financial planning and wealth management having founded the advisory firm, Aspinalls, prior to which he was a professional musician. Past trusteeships have included Sound and Music, the Society for the Promotion of New Music and the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain.

Dr Carole Longson
Carole is a respected leader in health technology assessment with considerable achievements in research, public and private sectors. She has unparalleled insight into the fast evolving health technology innovation pipeline having pioneered NICE's health technology evaluation programmes. Carole was an Executive Director at NICE from 2000 2018 and Chief Scientific Officer at the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry from 2018 2020. She was formerly President of Health Technology Assessment International and now has advisory roles including Life Science Advisor at NICE.

Carole is currently vice chair of the Medicines Discovery Catapult in the UK, was previously on Scientific Advisory Committee for Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) and holds non Executive Director and advisory roles in scientific endeavours in the UK and abroad. Throughout her career, she has championed the public and private sector collaborating to ensure medical innovation benefits patients in a way that is sustainable for healthcare systems.

Mrs Sara Siegel Poulios
Sara leads Deloitte's Healthcare practice in the UK and Europe and has worked with the NHS and the Department of Health for the last twenty years. Sara has worked on major areas of health policy and implementation over the years, most recently supporting government with its coronavirus response. Sara also advises health insurers and private health companies. The health practice at Deloitte has a broad advisory scope and also builds runs and maintains digital health systems as well as robotic and cognitive tools designed to improve hospital efficiency and release clinical time for direct patient care.

Sara is a graduate of Northwestern University and holds an MBA from INSEAD.

Dr David L Stables
David has over 36 years' experience in healthcare IT. Having qualified in Medicine at Dundee University in 1981, he entered general practice in 1984 at Egton Surgery in North Yorkshire working as a Partner in that practice alongside Dr Peter Sowerby. Together they developed the patient records management software that subsequently formed the basis of the business of EMIS. He was appointed Medical Director of EMIS in 1987 and went on to lead the EMIS software development team with responsibility for software requirements, design, technology and clinical assurance until 2011.

From 2011 David served as Strategic development director at EMIS PLC until 2013. Since then, David has established the Endeavour Health Charitable Trust with an endowment, of which he is a Trustee, and became a trustee of the Peter Sowerby Foundation in 2014.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The skills and composition of the Board are kept under review and, if additional trustees are required, steps are taken via open recruitment to seek new members with relevant skills and experience. Newly appointed trustees are provided with all relevant information appertaining to the charity and its affairs in order that they have a sufficient level of knowledge to enable them to perform their roles effectively. This includes an induction programme, meetings with individual trustees along with updates, briefing papers and the charity's policies, annual reports and financial statements for the previous three years. Trustees are encouraged to meet regularly with prospective and existing beneficiaries of the Foundation's grants.

All trustees are kept up to date with ongoing developments in charity law and practice, and there are opportunities to attend training in charity management and to attend meetings and conferences related to the charity's main grant making areas.

Structure and management reporting

The trustees are ultimately responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charity. They meet on a regular basis to review developments with regard to the charity, its grant giving and operations, and make all key decisions. The trustees review the proposals for grants and approve as appropriate. They also review progress on all ongoing grant programmes.

The trustees obtain grant programme advice from their independent advisors, Cause4, and also use their professional and personal networks to seek out suitable funding opportunities for the Foundation which fall within the agreed criteria. Formal applications are then invited from chosen organisations and these are assessed in detail with the relative merits considered against the agreed criteria before any grants are awarded.

Advice and support is obtained as required from the charity's professional advisers, including grant management, investment management, solicitors and accountants. The Foundation employs a part time Foundation Manager to whom the day to day management of the charity's affairs, along with the implementation of its policies, is delegated.

Aspinalls Family Office LLP provides independent investment consultancy services to the trustees.

Risk management

The trustees approve all grants awarded and all grant and general expenditure payments above £500 are approved by two or more trustees in accordance with the Foundation's financial policies.

The trustees have assessed, and regularly review, the risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks identified and that these are appropriate for the level of activity carried out by the charity during the period. The principal risk is considered to be the management and performance of the investment assets and this is mitigated through the use of professional investment managers who report regularly to the trustees along with independent investment consultancy oversight.

Plans for future periods

The direction of the Foundation's giving strategy is expected remain unchanged during 2022-23 whereby the Foundation will invite applications for funding on a solicitation only basis from registered charities, unregistered charities, community interest companies and registered healthcare providers.

Disclosure of information to auditors

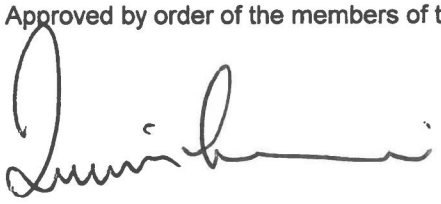
Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that the trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

UNW LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The trustees will propose a motion re appointing the auditors at a meeting of the trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 22 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr D B H Aspinall
(Trustee)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities
Year ended 30 September 2022

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 22 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr D B H Aspinall
(Trustee)

Independent auditor's report to the Members of Peter Sowerby Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Peter Sowerby Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 September 2022 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 September 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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



Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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



Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified areas of law and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general and sector experience and through discussions with the trustees and other management (as required by auditing standards) and from inspection of the company's legal correspondence and we discussed with the trustees and other management the policies and procedures in place regarding compliance with the laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

Firstly, the company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation), distributable profits legislation and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly the company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect; health and safety, employment law, data protection, environmental law and certain aspects of company legislation, recognising the nature of the company's activities. Auditing Standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Through these procedures, we did not became aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance material to the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatements in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occuring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

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

Anne Hallowell

Anne Hallowell BSc FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of UNW LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
Newcastle upon Tyne

22 June 2023

Peter Sowerby Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
Year ended 30 September 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:				
Donations	2	**421,219**	**421,219**	27,368,318
Investments	3	**910,752**	**910,752**	521,498
Total income		**1,331,971**	**1,331,971**	27,889,816
Expenditure on:				
Investment management costs		**356,368**	**356,368**	262,706
Charitable activities	4	**1,983,176**	**1,983,176**	4,581,203
Total expenditure		**2,339,544**	**2,339,544**	4,843,909
Net expenditure before net (losses) / gains on investments		**(1,007,573)**	**(1,007,573)**	23,045,907
Net (losses) / gains on investments		**(3,973,678)**	**(3,973,678)**	4,742,250
Net movement in funds		**(4,981,251)**	**(4,981,251)**	27,788,157
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		**64,698,071**	**64,698,071**	36,909,914
Net movement in funds		**(4,981,251)**	**(4,981,251)**	27,788,157
Total funds carried forward		**59,716,820**	**59,716,820**	64,698,071

The notes on pages 19 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

Peter Sowerby Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Balance sheet
As at 30 September 2022

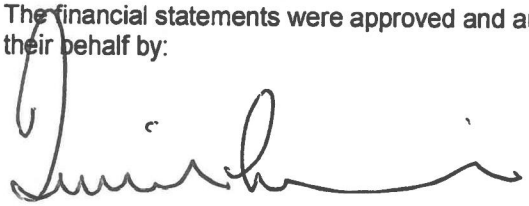
	Note		2022 £		2021 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	7		**7,779**		11,369
Investments	8		**59,971,083**		57,098,820
			59,978,862		57,110,189
Current assets					
Debtors	9	**529,052**		8,582,794	
Cash at bank and in hand		**1,870,402**		2,162,758	
		2,399,454		10,745,552	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	**(1,693,232)**		(2,557,269)	
Net current assets			**706,222**		8,188,283
Total assets less current liabilities			**60,685,084**		65,298,472
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		**(968,264)**		(600,401)
Total net assets			**59,716,820**		64,698,071
Charity funds					
Unrestricted funds	13		**59,716,820**		64,698,071
Total funds			**59,716,820**		64,698,071

Balance sheet (continued)
As at 30 September 2022

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 22 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr D B H Aspinall
Chair

Company registered number: 08492424

The notes on pages 19 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

Peter Sowerby Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Statement of cash flows
Year ended 30 September 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities (see note 14)	**5,642,833**	(10,226,659)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**910,752**	521,498
Proceeds from sale of investments	**29,914,249**	11,290,884
Purchase of investments	**(36,760,190)**	(2,362,360)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	**(5,935,189)**	**9,450,022**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**(292,356)**	**(776,637)**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**2,162,758**	2,939,395
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**1,870,402**	2,162,758

The notes on pages 19 to 29 form part of these financial statements

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Peter Sowerby Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest £1.

1.2 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in England. The member of the company are the trustees names on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in repsect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

1.3 Going concern

The Foundation holds substantial investment assets, but maintains sufficient cash reserves to allow it to meet its ongoing commitments for at least 12 months. At the year end, the cash balance was above the commitments due within one year. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims on the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the company, can be reliably measured.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities include direct costs incurred on the company's grant-making operations and support costs incurred in running the charitable operations.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

The provision for multi-year grants is recognised at present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the charity that would permit it to avoid making the future payments, settlement is probable and the discounted value is considered to be materially different from the cash settlement figure. The discount rate applied is regarded by the trustees as the most current available estimate of the opportunity cost of money and is based on the rate of inflation.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company, including those incurred in connection with the administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life:

Website	-	20% straight line

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Net gains/(losses) on investments' in the statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

1.12 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

1.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.14 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In preparing these financial statements the directors do not consider there were any significant estimates or areas of judgment that were required in applying the company's accounting policies as set out above.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Legacy income	421,219	**421,219**	27,368,318

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Dividend income	817,187	**817,187**	462,907
Interest on investments	93,565	**93,565**	58,591
	910,752	**910,752**	521,498
Total 2021	521,498	521,498	

4. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant giving 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grants awarded	1,772,157	206,019	**1,978,176**	4,569,203
Grant administration	5,000	-	**5,000**	12,000
	1,777,157	206,019	**1,983,176**	4,581,203
Total 2021	4,394,488	186,715	4,581,203	

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	**11,206**	16,313
Professional fees in support of grant programme	**86,898**	72,581
Administration and other professional fees	**88,177**	76,447
Sundry costs	**614**	2,251
IT costs and amortisation	**11,374**	13,373
Auditor's remuneration	**6,750**	4,850
Auditor's non-audit costs	**1,000**	900
	206,019	186,715

5. Grants awarded in the year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Alzheimer's Society	-	-	1,846,427
Bethlehem Gallery	98,600	**98,600**	-
Birmingham Botanical Gardens	-	-	54,000
Bradford literature festival	-	-	81,756
Brain and Spine Foundation	100,000	**100,000**	-
Brook Young People	100,000	**100,000**	-
Cancer Research UK	-	-	230,062
Child Brain Injury Trust	-	-	90,003
Culture Squared CIC	81,756	**81,756**	-
Dame Kelly Holmes	-	-	86,324
Deaf Action	-	-	100,000
FareShare	72,565	**72,565**	-
Hospice Action	-	-	148,000
Music in Hospital and Care	100,000	**100,000**	-
Oxford Botanical Garden	-	-	64,660
Prostate Cancer UK	98,920	**98,920**	-
Spinal Injuries	-	-	99,046
Thrive	-	-	100,000
Tinnitus Association	-	-	65,943
TLC: Talk Listen Change	-	-	99,929
Tommy's	244,786	**244,786**	-
Two Ridings Community Foundation	495,000	**495,000**	-
University of Exeter	-	-	150,000
University of Leeds (Wild Ingleborough)	249,201	**249,201**	-
Winston's Wish	-	-	100,000
York Arboretum	-	-	50,000
Other grants < £50,000	399,329	**399,329**	1,016,338
Grants written back	(268,000)	**(268,000)**	-
Total 2022	1,772,157	**1,772,157**	4,382,488

Grants to individual beneficiaries over £50,000 have been disclosed separately with all other grants shown in 'Other grants' and any grants written back in 'Grants write back'. Grants written back are where the beneficiary no longer meets the conditions for the grant to be paid by the Foundation. The creditor and commitment are therefore reversed.

The Foundation made 21 (2021: 72) grants less than £50,000 to a variety of institutions. Further details of the nature of causes supported is given in the Trustees report.

6. Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**12,525**	25,408
Social security costs	**2,555**	2,290
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**1,126**	615
	16,206	28,313

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Administrator	**1**	1

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The trustees received no remuneration in either year. No expenses were paid to trustees (2021: £nil).

Key management personnel are deemed to be those having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. During the year the key management personnel comprised the board of trustees and consequently the total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £nil (2021: £nil).

7. Intangible assets

	Website £
Cost	
At 1 October 2021	**17,952**
At 30 September 2022	**17,952**
Amortisation	
At 1 October 2021	**6,583**
Charge for the year	**3,590**
At 30 September 2022	**10,173**
Net book value	
At 30 September 2022	**7,779**
At 30 September 2021	11,369

8. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 October 2021	**55,633,580**	**1,465,239**	**57,098,819**
Additions	**28,320,122**	**8,440,068**	**36,760,190**
Disposals	**(28,083,657)**	**(794,072)**	**(28,877,729)**
Revaluations	**(5,010,197)**	**-**	**(5,010,197)**
At 30 September 2022	**50,859,848**	**9,111,235**	**59,971,083**

9. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	**529,052**	8,582,794

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Grants awarded but not yet paid	**1,629,895**	2,503,868
Accruals and deferred income	**63,337**	53,401
	1,693,232	2,557,269

11. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Grants awarded but not yet paid	**968,264**	600,401

12. Reconciliation of grants payable

	2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Brought Forward	3,104,269	**3,104,269**	2,213,143
Grants awarded in the year (note 5)	1,772,157	**1,772,157**	4,382,488
Grants paid or released in the year	(2,278,267)	**(2,278,267)**	(3,491,362)
Carried forward	2,598,159	**2,598,159**	3,104,269

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 September 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	**64,698,071**	**1,331,971**	**(2,339,544)**	**(3,973,678)**	**59,716,820**

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 September 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	36,909,914	27,889,816	(4,843,909)	4,742,250	64,698,071

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**(4,981,251)**	27,788,157
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation charges	**3,590**	3,518
(Gains)/losses on investments	**3,973,678**	(4,742,250)
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**(910,752)**	(521,498)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**8,053,742**	(8,571,780)
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	**(496,174)**	909,792
Donated investments	**-**	(25,092,598)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**5,642,833**	(10,226,659)

15. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	**1,870,402**	2,162,758

16. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 October 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 30 September 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**2,162,758**	**(292,356)**	**1,870,402**

17. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £1,126 (2021: £615).

18. Related party transactions

Mr D Aspinall is the executor to the estate of the late Dr P R Sowerby, of which the Foundation is the residual beneficiary. During the year £421,219 (2021: £27,368,318) was received from the estate. At year end an estimate of £500,000 (2021: £8,582,794) remained outstanding.

PETER SOWERBY FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1151978

Accounts

Registered number: 08492424
Charity number: 1151978

Peter Sowerby Foundation

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual report

30 September 2021

Peter Sowerby Foundation

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Reference and administrative details
Year ended 30 September 2021

Trustees	Mr D B H Aspinall, Chair Professor C M Longson Mrs S Siegel Poulios Dr D L Stables Aspinalls Fiduciary Limited (resigned 2 December 2021)
Company registered number	08492424
Charity registered number	1151978
Registered office	Oxnead Hall Oxnead Norfolk NR10 5HP
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Reference and administrative details (continued)
Year ended 30 September 2021

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Peter Sowerby Foundation

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Trustees' report
Year ended 30 September 2021

The trustees present their Annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Peter Sowerby Foundation ('the company') for the year 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021. The trustees confirm that these comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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 Covid-19 global pandemic continued to present many challenges for the UK charitable sector throughout 2020-21. During this time Peter Sowerby Foundation trustees, staff and advisors worked closely together to support beneficiaries to address a wide range of issues presented by the pandemic.

The Foundation increased its grant making in 2020-21 and, in addition to funding new work directly linked to the Covid-19 response, the charity continued to respond flexibly to requests from grantees to extend reporting deadlines and to adapt project delivery to ensure 'covid-safety'. In some cases, projects needed to be postponed or delivered online until confidence and capacity to deliver safely was assured. Trustees are struck by the resilience of grantees who worked tirelessly throughout these challenges to make a positive impact when most needed.

Trustees would specifically like to thank Cause4 for their professional support during this challenging period and to grantees as the demands on project management time and administration were greatly increased.

Our benefactor Peter Sowerby cared deeply about his community, his patients, and their access to high quality primary, secondary and end of life healthcare. The trustees are committed to ensuring that Peter's wishes are reflected and fulfilled through the Foundation's work. Peter's other interests, including philosophy, education, the environment, horticulture, the arts, and conservation are all represented in the Foundation's grant making programme.

In keeping with the wishes and personal character of Dr Sowerby, the Foundation aims to be a funder that is distinctive in its approach to grant making and which is prepared to push the boundaries of achievement within its chosen fields, with the objective of making a tangible and lasting impact. The trustees would like to put on record their continued thanks for Dr Sowerby's generosity in his gifts to the Foundation through his lifetime and through his generous bequest which continue to make such a positive difference to the lives of so many.

Charitable objectives

The charity operates as a grant making foundation having been substantially endowed by the late GP and medical entrepreneur Dr Peter Sowerby. From the proceeds of the endowment income, the charity aims to give expression to the passions and interests of Dr Sowerby and his late wife, Ann, for public benefit.

Under the charity's Articles of Association the trustees have the power to pay or apply the capital and income of the Trust Fund to or for such exclusively charitable objects or purposes in any part of the world as the trustees may in their discretion determine. The trustees' primary aim is to make grants to other UK registered or exempt charities and community interest companies, in particular those falling within the categories of:

a) Healthcare
b) Education
c) Community & Environment

With regard to the community domain, trustees have placed an emphasis on youth, arts and Yorkshire based projects.

In their policies and decision making, the trustees typically favour innovative and catalytic projects which hold the potential to influence policy and practice elsewhere.

The powers of the charity to make charitable donations have been drawn widely so that a diverse range of worthy charitable recipients are able to benefit. The trustees meet at regular intervals to review their strategic

objectives and to agree their programme of ongoing grants.

Public Benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees contribute to the management of the charity on a voluntary basis. The charity has engaged third party expertise to review and monitor projects of a complex or technical nature, and some of these provide advice at a reduced rate. The charity does not directly manage any volunteers at the present time.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The period 2020/21 saw significantly increased grant making activity by the Foundation.

It is generally the trustees' policy not to solicit requests for funding and, whilst this will continue to be the case with regards to the majority of the Foundation's grant making, on occasion the trustees will put out an open call for grant applications within a focussed area of work. During the year, the Increasing Access Fund was an open call for projects in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Grant streams in 2020/21 consisted of:

- **Healthcare Breakthrough Fund** - large grants (details below)
- **Increasing Access Fund** - consisting of 2 strands; digital, and adapted and supporting organisations to develop their services and upskill digital capacity.
- **Good Causes Fund** - medium and small grants (details below)

Healthcare Breakthrough Fund

Trustees are pleased to continue their partnership with the Alzheimer's Society with an award of £1,846,427 for the Peter Sowerby Dementia Transformation Fund. The Alzheimer's Society grant is the first to be awarded under the Breakthrough in Healthcare open call. The aim of this project is to produce a fully tested and costed model for delivering high quality dementia care in a primary care setting, and to secure the implementation of that pathway model UK-wide. This collaboration will also allow the Alzheimer's Society to better advocate for people with dementia and their families, ensuring they are linked up with the best quality of care available and driving improvements when necessary.

Increasing Access Fund - consisting of 2 strands; digital, and adapted and supporting organisations to develop their services and upskill digital capacity.

£1.4m was designated to a new fund entitled Increasing Access Fund. This fund was specifically designed to support charities to adapt and develop new services in response to the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. Applications were invited across three different strands: Digital Breakthrough in Healthcare (for larger charities); Digital Good Causes and Adapted Good Causes (for charities with a turnover of under £1m).

The fund was launched with an open call in October 2020. The response from the sector was overwhelming, with over 700 applications in total received. Following a rigorous assessment process, trustees awarded 13 initial Digital Breakthrough in Healthcare grants and 39 Increasing Access Good Causes grants.

In addition to the applications considered under the Increasing Access Fund, trustees also supported projects which most closely met the criteria of their permanent funding streams.

The trustees have reason to be satisfied with the performance of the charity which has maintained a high level of

activity in adherence to its grant making policies. Funding levels are in line with budget and high calibre projects have generally achieved the outputs required for public benefit.

A full list of the grants awarded during the period is shown below:

'Digital' Grants (up to £100,000)

Autistica - £10,000 to explore best practice principles and resources for the use of telehealth services for autistic people whose access to services has been decimated by the pandemic.
British Tinnitus Association - £65,943 to establish the Tinnitus Support Chatbot providing a personalised, information service to people living with tinnitus as part of a wider helpline service. The Chatbot will provide accessible 24/7 support and offer the option to move to speaking with a human adviser during office working hours when more complex support is needed.
Changing Faces - £9,949 to develop the charity's face-to-face Skin Camouflage Service - unique in the UK - into an effective online offer to support people with facial disfigurement and visible differences and to create a flexible, sustainable Covid-secure service.
Concordia - £9,905 to develop a digital emotional well-being programme for young people.
Dame Kelly Holmes Trust - £9,990 to use the power of world class athlete mentors combined with high quality technology to improve the health and well-being of isolated young people. Beneficiaries are coping with the dual challenges of living with a lifelong or lifechanging condition alongside the restrictions caused by the pandemic whilst receiving in-hospital care at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool. A second stage grant of £86,324 was also awarded.
Deaf Action - £10,000 to develop a care management hub to support deaf BSL users in need of care and support to live more independently. A second stage grant of £100,000 was also awarded.
Foundation for Conductive Education - £9,721 to research, develop and evaluate a professional programme of virtual Conductive Education for people with Parkinson's, providing a rehabilitation approach online streamed into people's homes to bring rehabilitation, 'alive' and relevant to daily activities.
Lymphoma Action - £10,000 to better reach through digital solutions those groups who do not access cancer support services particularly those with accessibility issues, from the BAME community and from socio-economically deprived areas.
Metro Charity - £9,790 to explore access to and need for mental health and wellbeing platforms for those experiencing difficulties relating to sexuality, gender, equality, diversity and identity.
SignHealth - £10,000 to develop a digital programme for health and social care training for deaf people
Spinal Injuries Association - £10,000 to develop a spinal cord injury nurse specialist service to enable swift and efficient access to clinical expertise through a responsive digital service for healthcare professionals and the spinal cord injury community alike. A second stage grant of £99,046 was also awarded.
TLC: Talk, Listen, Change - £9,875 to use digital innovation to prevent a decline in mental wellbeing for both potential perpetrators and victims of domestic abuse, whose situation post-lockdown has steadily worsened. A second stage grant of £99,929 was also awarded.
Thrive (society for horticultural therapy) - £9,997 to pilot the remote delivery of therapeutic gardening sessions for people with health challenges. A second stage grant of £100,000 was also awarded.
Winston's Wish - £10,000 to provide open access child bereavement support, fit for the digital age. A second stage grant of £100,000 was also awarded.

'Adapted' Grants (up to £25,000)

Alive Activities Ltd - £9,911
Attenborough Arts Centre (AAC) - £24,142
AVA - Against Violence and Abuse - £25,000
Breathe Arts Health Research - £24,771
Chiltern Music Therapy Community Interest Company - £24,960
Citizens Advice North Oxfordshire and South Northamptonshire - £25,000
Children and Young People's Empowerment Project (CHILYPEP) - £24,219
Doorstep Library Network - £20,578
Green Light Trust - £24,200
Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival (hcmf) - £5,895

Ovacome - £22,824
Pembroke College Settlement - £9,965
Pop Up Projects - £25,000
Prader-Willi Syndrome Association UK - £9,116
Read for Good - £14,000
Rubicon Dance - £21,600
Space2 Leeds - £24,321
Sport 4 Life UK - £20,000
Stopgap Dance Company - £12,000
Streetwise Opera - £9,690
SurvivorsUK - £25,000
Synergy Theatre Project - £25,000
The Music Works (Charity) - £24,814
tutti frutti productions - £19,583
West Kent Mind - £3,774
Winning Scotland Foundation - £18,500
YMCA Newcastle - £25,000
York Early Music Foundation (trading as National Centre for Early Music) - £5,690
The Booth Centre - £25,000
The Bureau - £23,169
Drake Music - £9,168
The Haven (Caring Counselling Communication Centre) - £4,759
Integrated Neurological Services (INS) - £23,904
The Open Theatre Company Limited - £9,735
Magdalen Farm ltd - £9,900
New Perspectives - £10,529
The Prospects Trust - £10,000
SICK! Productions - £21,000
St Werburghs City Farm - £23,413

Good Causes Grants

Action for Stammering Children - £24,990 to support the Talking Out Residential programme for stammering children.
Birmingham Botanical Gardens - £54,000 towards Interpretation strategy.
Bradford Literature Festival - £81,756 to develop digital engagement work with communities that are hard to reach.
Child Brain Injury Trust - £90,003 to develop an app to support children with brain injuries.
Horatio's Garden - £24,775 to support the arts programme at Horatio's Garden West Midlands.
Oxford Botanical Gardens - £64,660 to fund the costs of one fixed-term, two-year apprenticeship.
Yorkshire Arboretum - £50,000 to complete the Tree Health Centre Project.
BIG C - £25,000 to support the Palliative care service.
Brunswick Organic Nursery - £25,000 to support a programme of therapeutic gardening for workers with learning difficulties.
RD Cancer Care Map - £19,975 core support towards the development of the Cancer Care Map.
Cultural Trust - £25,000 to support an animateur programme at the newly opened Gayle Mill in Yorkshire.
English Folk Expo - £20,185 towards the artists mentoring programme.
Eden Rivers Trust - £12,375 to support the Focus on Eden project (NB this project was unable to proceed and funds were returned).
Frontlinelive - £24,950 seed funding to support a project sprint to develop this platform for support in primary health care.
Frozen Light Theatre - £19,500 to create multi-sensory theatre for audiences with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD).
Letchworth Garden City - £25,000 to support the roll-out of a new community arts programme for Letchworth.
The Line - £19,470 to establish a programme of Community Recovery walks.
Nordoff Robbins Yorkshire - £25,000 to support 12 months of music therapy in Yorkshire.

Project 6 - £25,000 to support therapeutic creative sessions in Sheffield City Centre.
React - £5,532 to assist low-income families in Yorkshire caring for a terminally ill child with a neurological illness.
Sickle Cell Society - £24,066 to encourage people from particular ethnic backgrounds to come forward for blood donation.
Southmead Drug and Alcohol Service - £20,000 towards the Nexus Counselling service.
THIS - £24,995 for the 75 heroes project, to support ex-offenders into gardening.

Kings College London Peter Sowerby Chair in Philosophy and Medicine

In addition to the diverse range of new projects developed, trustees are pleased to provide an update on their continuing partnership with Kings College London in funding the Peter Sowerby Chair in Philosophy and Medicine.

Elselijn Kingma was appointed to the Peter Sowerby Chair in Philosophy and Medicine in April 2021 and has been successful in attracting a large team with diverse research interests at the intersection of medicine and philosophy and in delivering substantial activity.

The Peter Sowerby Chair in Philosophy and Medicine was established with a 10-year grant to explore the meaningful contributions that philosophy can make to medical training and practice. The work supports a large number of research projects, all with their own outcomes, but with a focus on publishing papers, speaking at conferences and writing clinical guidelines.

Financial review

Overview

The significant bequest of £27,368,318 from Dr P R Sowerby to the charity was largely received during the year.

The assets of the charity comprise investments, the returns from which are used to finance the grants awarded in accordance with its objectives. The net incoming resources of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021 and the financial position at that date are set out in the financial statements which follow. During the year, the charity received investment income of £521,498 (2020: £595,961) and a legacy of of £27,368,318 (2020: £nil) from which grants were awarded of £4,382,488 (2020: £1,609,264). The charity had a surplus before revaluations of £23,405,907 (2020: deficit of £1,236,610). At the year end the market value of the investments had risen giving rise to a net gain of £4,742,250 (2020: £41,977). The net movement in funds for the year was £27,788,157 (2020: a deficit of £1,582,140). Total funds carried forward at 30 September 2021 were £64,698,071 (2020: £36,909,914).

The market value of the Foundation's financial investments at the end of September 2021 (which excludes bank deposit balances) was £57,098,820 (2020: £36,192,496), an increase of £20,906,324 after market movements, grants made, fees and operational expenses. Cash balances decreased by £776,637 to £2,162,758 (2020: £2,939,395). There were no significant changes to the Foundation's investment objectives, constraints or policies in the course of the year, although these are regularly reviewed.

Reserves policy

As at 30 September 2021, the Foundation held reserves of £64,698,071, of which £57,098,820 have been invested for the longer term to provide a return for the Foundation in future years. The remaining total 'free' unrestricted reserves total £7,599,251. It is the trustees' policy that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained in free reserves at a minimum level of the value of all forward grant commitments and operating expenses payable in the following twelve months. The level of free reserves held at 30 September 2021 is in excess of this. The trustees consider that these reserves would enable the Foundation to maintain its desired level of activities in the event of a significant reduction in income. This level of reserve has been maintained throughout the period and the policy is reviewed regularly by the trustees.

Financial position

The balance sheet of the Foundation shows unrestricted funds as at 30 September 2021 of £64,698,071 (2020 £36,909,914), after allowing for existing grant relationships.

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Grant making policy

The trustees' usual policy is to invite applications for funding on a solicitation only basis from registered charities, unregistered charities, community interest companies and registered healthcare providers; however, an open call for projects in response to the Covid 19 pandemic was held in late 2020, under the Increasing Access Fund.

It is envisaged that further open calls will be held from time to time, although there are no plans at present to work to a fixed timetable on these. Other than these occasional open calls, the charity will continue to operate on a solicitation only basis in developing its grant programme.

Intellectual property policy

The trustees operate on the strong presumption that grant holders will avail all work and discovery funded by the Foundation to the public domain in an open, convenient and freely available way. Only in exceptional circumstances does the Foundation agree to negotiate a commercial dispensation in relation to IP; however, in such circumstances it is incumbent on the grant holder to satisfy the trustees that their method will achieve public benefit more effectively than a public domain approach.

Investment policy

During the reporting period, management of the charity's investments was delegated to Quilter Cheviot, Sparrows Capital, Seven Investment Management and Psigma Investment Management under discretionary agreements, with independent investment consultancy provided to the trustees by Aspinalls Family Office LLP.

During the period, Aspinalls undertook a review of investment managers and, after due consideration, the trustees decided to appoint Rathbones Investment Management as a further fund manager to provide greater diversification of risk. No funds were received by Rathbones until after the end of the reporting period.

Investment strategy is agreed between the trustees, their consultants and the investment managers and is set out in a detailed Investment Policy Statement which forms an integral part of the agreement with the investment managers. This policy is reviewed annually by the trustees. The trustees are guided by their consultants and the portfolio is invested with a long term time horizon in order to protect the Foundation's grant making ability into the future. The strategy aim is to achieve the trustees' target return whilst taking an appropriate level of risk. A 'total return' strategy is adopted. Fixed interest investments and equities are the principal instruments held, but other asset classes may be used. There are currently no ethical or environmental restrictions imposed by the investment policy.

The investment managers provide quarterly reports including analysis of returns compared to the agreed benchmarks and general market issues and meet with the trustees at regular intervals. The trustees' investment consultants report to them independently of the investment managers.

Communications policy

The new website published in April 2020 continued to provide information and detail on the grants made by the Foundation, analysis of the impact of grant making and has been used to promote open calls for funding.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity was originally established as a charitable trust in January 2011 and in April 2013 registered as a charitable company (Company no. 08492424, Charity no. 1151978). The Foundation is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as adopted on 16 April 2013.

Trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, the members are trustees of the charity and directors of the company, and new members are approved by resolution of the existing trustees. The minimum number of trustees required is three.

The names of the trustees who served during the period are set out below with brief biographical details:

Mr David Aspinall
David Aspinall has been Chairman of the Peter Sowerby Foundation since its establishment in 2011. David spent his career in personal financial planning and wealth management having founded the advisory firm, Aspinalls, prior to which he was a professional musician. Past trusteeships have included Sound and Music, the Society for the Promotion of New Music and the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain and David continues to act as executor and trustee to many Aspinalls clients, their trusts and charities.

Dr Carole Longson
Carole is a respected leader in health technology assessment with considerable achievements in research, public and private sectors. She has unparalleled insight into the fast evolving health technology innovation pipeline having pioneered NICE's health technology evaluation programmes. Carole was an Executive Director at NICE from 2000 2018 and Chief Scientific Officer at the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry from 2018 2020. She was formerly President of Health Technology Assessment International and now has advisory roles including Life Science Advisor at NICE.

Carole is currently vice chair of the Medicines Discovery Catapult in the UK, was previously on Scientific Advisory Committee for Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) and holds non Executive Director and advisory roles in scientific endeavours in the UK and abroad. Throughout her career, she has championed the public and private sector collaborating to ensure medical innovation benefits patients in a way that is sustainable for healthcare systems.

Mrs Sara Siegel Poulios
Sara leads Deloitte's Healthcare practice in the UK and Europe and has worked with the NHS and the Department of Health for the last twenty years. Sara has worked on major areas of health policy and implementation over the years, most recently supporting government with its coronavirus response. Sara also advises health insurers and private health companies. The health practice at Deloitte has a broad advisory scope and also builds runs and maintains digital health systems as well as robotic and cognitive tools designed to improve hospital efficiency and release clinical time for direct patient care.

Sara is a graduate of Northwestern University and holds an MBA from INSEAD.

Dr David L Stables
David has over 36 years' experience in healthcare IT. Having qualified in Medicine at Dundee University in 1981, he entered general practice in 1984 at Egton Surgery in North Yorkshire working as a Partner in that practice alongside Dr Peter Sowerby. Together they developed the patient records management software that subsequently formed the basis of the business of EMIS. He was appointed Medical Director of EMIS in 1987 and went on to lead the EMIS software development team with responsibility for software requirements, design, technology and clinical assurance until 2011.

From 2011 David served as Strategic development director at EMIS PLC until 2013. Since then, David has established the Endeavour Health Charitable Trust with an endowment, of which he is a Trustee, and became a trustee of the Peter Sowerby Foundation in 2014.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The skills and composition of the Board are kept under review and, if additional trustees are required, steps are taken via open recruitment to seek new members with relevant skills and experience. Newly appointed trustees are provided with all relevant information appertaining to the charity and its affairs in order that they have a sufficient level of knowledge to enable them to perform their roles effectively. This includes an induction programme, meetings with individual trustees along with updates, briefing papers and the charity's policies, annual reports and financial statements for the previous three years. Trustees are encouraged to meet regularly with prospective and existing beneficiaries of the Foundation's grants.

All trustees are kept up to date with ongoing developments in charity law and practice, and there are opportunities to attend training in charity management and to attend meetings and conferences related to the charity's main grant making areas.

Structure and management reporting

The trustees are ultimately responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charity. They meet on a regular basis to review developments with regard to the charity, its grant giving and operations, and make all key decisions. The trustees review the proposals for grants and approve as appropriate. They also review progress on all ongoing grant programmes.

The trustees obtain grant programme advice from their independent advisors, Cause4, and also use their professional and personal networks to seek out suitable funding opportunities for the Foundation which fall within the agreed criteria. Formal applications are then invited from chosen organisations and these are assessed in detail with the relative merits considered against the agreed criteria before any grants are awarded.

Advice and support is obtained as required from the charity's professional advisers, including grant management, investment management, solicitors and accountants. The Foundation employs a part time Foundation Manager to whom the day to day management of the charity's affairs, along with the implementation of its policies, is delegated.

Aspinalls Family Office LLP provides independent investment consultancy services to the trustees.

Risk management

The trustees approve all grants awarded and all grant and general expenditure payments above £500 are approved by two or more trustees in accordance with the Foundation's financial policies.

The trustees have assessed and regularly review the risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks identified and that these are appropriate for the level of activity carried out by the charity during the period. The principal risk is considered to be the management and performance of the investment assets and this is mitigated through the use of professional investment managers who report regularly to the trustees along with independent investment consultancy oversight.

Plans for future periods

Aside from the ongoing work resulting from the Foundation's open call for projects for its Increasing Access Fund, and further open calls in due course, the direction of the Foundation's giving strategy is expected remain unchanged during 2021-22.

Following the death of Dr Sowerby in late 2019, the Foundation was assigned funds in excess of £27 million from his estate during 2020 and 2021. These funds will be invested alongside the Foundation's existing assets, generating increased income to fund the Foundation's future giving programme.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that the trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

UNW LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The trustees will propose a motion re appointing the auditors at a meeting of the trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 21st March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr D B H Aspinall
(Chair of Trustees)

Peter Sowerby Foundation

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities
Year ended 30 September 2021

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 8th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr D B H Aspinall
(Chair of Trustees)

Independent auditor's report to the Members of Peter Sowerby Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Peter Sowerby Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 September 2021 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 September 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified areas of law and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general and sector experience and through discussions with the trustees and other management (as required by auditing standards) and from inspection of the charitable company's legal correspondence, and we discussed with the trustees and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

Firstly, the charitable company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies and charities legislation) and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly the charitable company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of noncompliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect; data protection and certain aspects of company legislation, recognising the nature of the charitable company's activities.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Through these procedures, we did not become aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anne Hallowell

Anne Hallowell BSc FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of UNW LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
Newcastle upon Tyne

Date: 31st March 2022

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
Year ended 30 September 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:				
Donations	2	**27,368,318**	**27,368,318**	-
Investments	3	**521,498**	**521,498**	595,961
Total income		**27,889,816**	**27,889,816**	595,961
Expenditure on:				
Investment management costs		**262,706**	**262,706**	211,307
Charitable activities	4	**4,581,203**	**4,581,203**	1,621,264
Total expenditure		**4,843,909**	**4,843,909**	1,832,571
Net expenditure before net (losses) / gains on investments		**23,045,907**	**23,045,907**	(1,236,610)
Net (losses) / gains on investments		**4,742,250**	**4,742,250**	(345,530)
Net movement in funds		**27,788,157**	**27,788,157**	(1,582,140)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		**36,909,914**	**36,909,914**	38,492,054
Net movement in funds		**27,788,157**	**27,788,157**	(1,582,140)
Total funds carried forward		**64,698,071**	**64,698,071**	36,909,914

The notes on pages 20 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
As at 30 September 2021

	Note		2021 £		2020 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	7		**11,369**		14,887
Investments	8		**57,098,820**		36,192,496
			57,110,189		36,207,383
Current assets					
Debtors	9	**8,582,794**		11,014	
Cash at bank and in hand		**2,162,758**		2,939,395	
		10,745,552		2,950,409	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	**(2,557,269)**		(1,621,989)	
Net current assets			**8,188,283**		1,328,420
Total assets less current liabilities			**65,298,472**		37,535,803
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		**(600,401)**		(625,889)
Total net assets			**64,698,071**		36,909,914
Charity funds					
Unrestricted funds	13		**64,698,071**		36,909,914
Total funds			**64,698,071**		36,909,914

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 2nd March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr D B H Aspinall
Chair

Company registered number: 08492424

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Statement of cash flows
Year ended 30 September 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	**(10,226,659)**	(1,927,841)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**521,498**	595,961
Purchase of intangible assets	**-**	(6,000)
Proceeds from sale of investments	**11,290,884**	32,553,348
Purchase of investments	**(2,362,360)**	(30,049,729)
Net cash provided by investing activities	**9,450,022**	**3,093,580**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**(776,637)**	**1,165,739**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**2,939,395**	1,773,656
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**2,162,758**	2,939,395

The notes on pages 20 to 33 form part of these financial statements

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Peter Sowerby Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest £1.

1.2 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in England. The member of the company are the trustees names on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in repsect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

1.3 Going concern

The Foundation holds substantial investment assets, but maintains sufficient cash reserves to allow it to meet its ongoing commitments for at least 12 months. At the year end, the cash balance was slightly below the commitments due within one year, but will be supplemented by cash held with Investment managers and by post year end reciepts of the remaining balance due from the Peter Sowerby Estate. Consequently the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims on the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the company, can be reliably measured.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities include direct costs incurred on the company's grant-making operations and support costs incurred in running the charitable operations.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

The provision for multi-year grants is recognised at present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the charity that would permit it to avoid making the future payments, settlement is probable and the discounted value is considered to be materially different from the cash settlement figure. The discount rate applied is regarded by the trustees as the most current available estimate of the opportunity cost of money and is based on the rate of inflation.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company, including those incurred in connection with the administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life:

Website	-	20% straight line

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Net gains/(losses) on investments' in the statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

1.12 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

1.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.14 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In preparing these financial statements the directors do not consider there were any significant estimates or areas of judgment that were required in applying the company's accounting policies as set out above.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Legacy income	27,368,318	**27,368,318**	-

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Dividend income	462,907	**462,907**	496,112
Interest on investments	58,591	**58,591**	99,849
	521,498	**521,498**	595,961
Total 2020	595,961	595,961	

4. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant giving 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Grants awarded	4,382,488	186,715	**4,569,203**	1,609,264
Grant administration	12,000	-	**12,000**	12,000
	4,394,488	186,715	**4,581,203**	1,621,264
Total 2020	1,446,617	174,647	1,621,264	

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	**12,000**	12,000
Grants awarded (note 5)	**4,382,488**	1,365,732
Interest on discounting	**-**	68,885
Total 2021	**4,394,488**	1,446,617

The trustees consider that all grants awarded support the objects of the Foundation.

4. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	**16,313**	15,204
Professional fees in support of grant programme	**72,581**	65,691
Administration and other professional fees	**76,447**	68,661
Sundry costs	**2,251**	6,501
IT costs and amortisation	**13,373**	10,490
Auditor's remuneration	**4,850**	7,200
Auditor's non-audit costs	**900**	900
	186,715	174,647

5. Grants awarded in the year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
AESOP	-	-	95,529
Alzheimer's Society	1,846,427	**1,846,427**	163,600
Birmingham Botanical Gardens	54,000	**54,000**	72,672
Bradford literature festival	81,756	**81,756**	-
British Red Cross	-	-	150,000
Cancer Research UK	230,062	**230,062**	-
Child Brain Injury Trust	90,003	**90,003**	-
Dame Kelly Holmes	86,324	**86,324**	-
Deaf Action	100,000	**100,000**	-
Hospice Action	148,000	**148,000**	-
FareShare	-	-	75,000
Oxford Botanical Garden	64,660	**64,660**	-
Rural Arts - Courthouse	-	-	59,403
The Sanata Charitable Trust	-	-	250,000
Spinal Injuries	99,046	**99,046**	-
Thrive	100,000	**100,000**	-
Tinnitus Association	65,943	**65,943**	-
TLC: Talk Listen Change	99,929	**99,929**	-
Two Ridings - Covid 19 Fund	-	-	100,000
Two Ridings	-	-	137,500
University of Exeter	150,000	**150,000**	-
Winston's Wish	100,000	**100,000**	-
York Arboretum	50,000	**50,000**	-
Other grants	1,016,338	**1,016,338**	262,028
Total 2021	4,382,488	**4,382,488**	1,365,732

Grants to individual beneficiaries over £50,000 have been disclosed separately with all other grants shown in 'Other grants'. The Foundation made 72 (2020: 12) grants less than £50,000 to a variety of institutions. Further details of the nature of causes supported is given in the Trustees report.

6. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	**25,408**	24,185
Social security costs	**2,290**	2,267
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**615**	752
	28,313	27,204

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Administrator	**1**	1

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The trustees received no remuneration in either year. No expenses were paid to trustees (2020: £nil).

Key management personnel are deemed to be those having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. During the year the key management personnel comprised the board of trustees and consequently the total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £nil.

7. Intangible assets

	Website £
Cost	
At 1 October 2020	**17,952**
At 30 September 2021	**17,952**
Amortisation	
At 1 October 2020	**3,065**
Charge for the year	**3,518**
At 30 September 2021	**6,583**
Net book value	
At 30 September 2021	**11,369**
At 30 September 2020	14,887

8. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 October 2020	**34,974,838**	**1,217,658**	**36,192,496**
Additions	**27,104,628**	**350,330**	**27,454,958**
Disposals	**(11,186,417)**	**(102,749)**	**(11,289,166)**
Revaluations	**4,740,531**	**-**	**4,740,531**
At 30 September 2021	**55,633,580**	**1,465,239**	**57,098,819**
Net book value			
At 30 September 2021	**55,633,580**	**1,465,239**	**57,098,819**
At 30 September 2020	34,974,838	1,217,658	36,192,496

9. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	**8,582,794**	11,014
	8,582,794	11,014

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Grants awarded but not yet paid	**2,503,868**	1,587,254
Accruals and deferred income	**53,401**	34,735
	2,557,269	1,621,989

11. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Grants awarded but not yet paid	**600,401**	625,889

12. Reconciliation of grants payable

	2021 £	**Total funds 2021** £	Total funds 2020 £
Brought Forward	2,213,143	**2,213,143**	2,319,688
Grants awarded in the year (note 4)	4,382,488	**4,382,488**	1,365,732
Grants paid or released in the year	(3,491,362)	**(3,491,362)**	(1,541,162)
Interest released on discounting	-	**-**	68,885
Carried forward	3,104,269	**3,104,269**	2,213,143

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 30 September 2021

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 September 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	**36,909,914**	**27,889,816**	**(4,843,909)**	**4,742,250**	**64,698,071**

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 September 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	38,492,054	595,961	(1,832,571)	(345,530)	36,909,914

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**27,788,157**	(1,582,140)
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation charges	**3,518**	3,065
(Gains)/losses on investments	**(4,742,250)**	345,530
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**(521,498)**	(595,961)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(8,571,780)**	1,879
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	**909,792**	(100,214)
Donated investments	**(25,092,598)**	-
Net cash used in operating activities	**(10,226,659)**	(1,927,841)

15. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	**2,162,758**	2,939,395
Total cash and cash equivalents	**2,162,758**	2,939,395

16. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 October 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 30 September 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**2,939,395**	**(776,637)**	**2,162,758**
	2,939,395	**(776,637)**	**2,162,758**

17. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £615 (2020: £752).

18. Related party transactions

Trustee Mr D Aspinall was a member of Aspinalls Family Office LLP until January 2020, to which the charity paid £91,280 (2020: £146,329) for professional fees relating to the provision of financial planning, grant administration and payments and general administration during the period. Aspinalls Family Office LLP also provides independent investment consultancy to the trustees, the cost of which is included above.

At the balance sheet date, £40,052 (2020: £17,976) was due to Aspinalls Family Office LLP which is included within creditors.

Mr D Aspinall is the executor to the estate of the late Dr P R Sowerby, of which the Foundation is the residual beneficiary. Further details of the legacy are given in note 19.

19. Post balance sheet events

Legacy
Following the death of Dr P R Sowerby in late 2019, the trustees were notified of a substantial legacy, being his residual estate after settling other bequests. Probate was granted on 25 October 2020, and during the year £18,785,523 has been transferred to the Foundation and a further £8,582,795 accrued and received post year end. The executor estimates the remaining residual value of the estate to be in the region of £500,000. Given the estimation uncertainty over the final amounts to be received by the Foundation, the residual balance of the legacy has not been included within the financial statements as at 30 September 2021.

Investments
Since 30 September 2021, the conflict in Ukraine and related global responses have caused material disruptions to businesses around the world, leading to an economic slowdown. At the time of signing, the fair value of the Foundation's investments are not materially different to the year end position; however, it should be noted that the duration and extent of the impact on global equity markets, remains unclear at this time.

PETER SOWERBY FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1151978

Accounts

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Annual report

30 September 2020

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Reference and administrative details
Year ended 30 September 2020

Trustees	Mr D B H Aspinall, Chair Professor C M Longson Mrs S Siegel Poulios Dr D L Stables Aspinalls Fiduciary Limited
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Charity registered number	1151978
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Trustees' report
Year ended 30 September 2020

The trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the company for the year 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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).

It is with great sadness that the trustees note the passing of the settlor, Dr Peter Sowerby, in November 2019. As a former GP in a rural community in North Yorkshire, Peter cared deeply about his community, his patients and their access to high-quality primary healthcare. These priorities are directly reflected in the Foundation's work. Peter's many other interests, including philosophy, education, the environment, horticulture, the arts and conservation are also represented in the Foundation's grants. In keeping with the wishes and personal character of Dr Sowerby, the Foundation aims to be a funder that is distinctive in its approach to grant-making and prepared to push the boundaries of achievement within its chosen fields, with the objective of making a tangible and lasting impact. The trustees would like to put on record their profound thanks for Dr Sowerby's generosity in his gifts to the Foundation through his lifetime and in his most generous bequest.

Charitable objectives

The charity operates as a grant making foundation having been substantially endowed by the late GP and medical entrepreneur Dr Peter Sowerby. From the proceeds of the endowment income, the charity aims to give expression to the passions and interests of Dr Sowerby and his late wife, Ann, for public benefit.

Under the charity's Articles of Association the trustees have the power to pay or apply the capital and income of the Trust Fund to or for such exclusively charitable objects or purposes in any part of the world as the trustees may in their discretion determine. The trustees' primary aim is to make grants to other UK registered or exempt charities and Community Interest Companies, in particular those falling within the categories of:

a) Healthcare
b) Education
c) Community & Environment

With regard to the Community domain, trustees have placed an emphasis on youth, arts and Yorkshire-based projects.

In their policies and decision making, the trustees typically favour innovative and catalytic projects which hold the potential to influence policy and practice elsewhere.

The powers of the charity to make charitable donations have been drawn widely so that a diverse range of worthy charitable recipients are able to benefit. Trustees meet at regular intervals to review the parameters of their grant making policies and programmes and to agree a programme of ongoing grants.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to Public Benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees contribute to the management of the charity on a voluntary basis. The charity has engaged third-party experts to review and monitor projects of a complex or technical nature, who provide advice at a much reduced rate. The charity does not directly manage any volunteers at the present time.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The period 2019/20 saw significant grant-making activity for the Peter Sowerby Foundation.

It is the trustees' policy not to solicit requests for funding and this will continue to be the case with regard to the majority of the Foundation's grant making; however, in early 2019 the Foundation launched its Healthcare Breakthrough strategy aimed specifically at encouraging innovative and ambitious proposals for primary healthcare innovation. The Foundation made up to £2m available for the first wave of winning proposals. Over 50 expressions of interest were received, many of which were of great interest to the trustees. Following a detailed and thorough process, trustees decided to award funding to the Alzheimer's Society to support the Peter Sowerby Dementia Transformation Fund. Further details of this project can be found below.

Trustees note the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the wider charitable sector. Many, if not all, of the Foundation's grant holders past and present have felt the impact of the crisis in terms of reduced income, inability to provide services to beneficiaries, loss of staff resource and potentially other difficulties as yet not seen. The Foundation was quick to support its charitable partners through approving revisions to project timelines, agreeing alternative ways of working and reallocation of funding where appropriate.

In addition to the support outlined above, in March 2020 trustees agreed an emergency Covid-19 response fund to help support those organisations it had an existing relationship with, as well as to provide funding to nationally vital services delivered by the charitable sector. Through this fund the Foundation supported eight organisations with grants totalling £550,000: the size of the funding ranging from smaller grants of £25,000 to larger commitments of £150,000. The organisations supported by the emergency fund were: British Red Cross, Two Ridings Community Foundation, Guys and St Thomas' Trust, Fareshare, Exeter University's BRACE Project, Whitby & District Community Transport, The Multiple Sclerosis Society and Horatio's Garden. Further details of these grants can be found below (the grant to Exeter University's BRACE project was agreed after the end of the financial year).

Following the awarding of emergency grants in April, trustees were mindful of the significant ongoing impact of the pandemic on the charitable sector, in particular on the ability of organisations to continue to deliver their services. This becomes an even more pronounced issue where beneficiaries have struggled with access due to Covid-19 restrictions. Therefore, the trustees designated £1.4m to a short-term Increasing Access Fund, inviting applications across three different strands: Digital Breakthrough in Healthcare; Digital Good Causes; and Adapted Good Causes. The Increasing Access Fund was launched with an Open Call in October 2020. The response from the sector was overwhelming, with over 700 applications in total being received. Following a rigorous assessment process, trustees awarded 13 initial Digital Breakthrough in Healthcare grants and 39 Increasing Access Good Causes grants. At the time of writing, trustees are anticipating receiving second stage applications from organisations awarded funds under the Increasing Access Digital Breakthrough in Healthcare strand.

In addition to the applications considered under their Increasing Access Fund, trustees also had a very large number of other projects developed in response to the pandemic brought to their attention. The trustees have invested time and resource in looking at these with a view to supporting those which most closely meet the criteria of their permanent funding streams.

The trustees have reason to be satisfied with the performance of the charity which has maintained a high level of activity in adherence to its grant-making policies. Funding levels are in line with budget and high calibre projects have generally achieved the outputs required for public benefit.

A full list of the grants awarded during the period is shown in note 5 to these accounts with further detail below (grants rounded to £'000):

Action for Stammering Children - Talking Out Residential Programme
A grant of £25,000 was given to support the second TALKING OUT residential programme run by Action for Stammering Children (AFSC). The programme sees young people, who have been referred by Speech and Language Therapists, taken on a week-long residential course that combines outdoor adventure and Speech and Language Therapy sessions. The aim of the residentials for children who stammer is to enable participants to become more accepting of their stammer and thus reduce the negative effect that stammering has on their lives. The young people will develop confidence in communication, a more positive attitude to speaking and a peer support network that continues beyond the programme itself.

Aesop - Dance to Health
A grant of £95,000 was awarded to support the second phase of the Dance to Health programme. Dance to Health aims to be the first arts programme that is also a universal service in the health system, addressing the major challenges of falls in older people. Falls cost the health and social care system £4.4 billion per year, and they destroy confidence, increase isolation and reduce independence.

With support from the Foundation, Dance to Health started in 2015 and, so far, has explored the types of exercises suitable for this activity; piloted the programme with six independently evaluated programmes and launched a Phase 1 roll-out with 40 Improvement Programmes and 22 Local Groups, involving a total of 1,363 participants and 822 volunteers. The Phase 2 Roll-out from 2019 to 2025 will develop a social franchise model for Local Groups, creating 460 groups between 2019 and 2025 to make Dance to Health sustainable.

Alzheimer's Society - The Peter Sowerby Dementia Transformation Fund
In 2020 trustees were delighted to award the first instalment of a grant commitment totalling £2,000,000 to the Peter Sowerby Dementia Transformation Fund – a three-year partnership between the Foundation and Alzheimer's Society.

The goal of the project is to produce a new, fully tested and costed model for delivering high quality dementia care in a primary care setting, and to secure the implementation of that model. Further details of this exciting partnership are available on our website.

Awards for Young Musicians - Furthering Talent in Yorkshire
The Foundation supported the Furthering Talent in Yorkshire programme with a £25,000 grant. This programme aims to target and sustain young people's emerging musical talent through strategic support. The programme enables and progresses the musical development of young people from low-income backgrounds by helping them to overcome their personal and cultural challenges and is led in partnership with Music Education Hubs (MEHs) across England. Many participants also face other challenges including disabilities, behavioral issues, living with chronically ill siblings and living outside the family home to escape domestic violence.

Birmingham Botanical Gardens - Taking a Stand! Restoring the Botanical Garden's Bandstand for Future Generations
Trustees were pleased to support the restoration and renaming of the nineteenth century bandstand in the Birmingham Botanical Gardens with a grant of £73,000. The Bandstand was in poor condition and not fit for purpose, requiring extensive updates to all parts of the structure. Through the restoration project vital renovations were made, restoring the Bandstand to its former glory. This will improve public access to this historic structure and increase its capacity to host musical events, community and educational activities. The Peter Sowerby Bandstand restoration was completed in April 2021.

British Red Cross - Coronavirus Pandemic response
In April 2020 the trustees provided £150,000 to support the British Red Cross's response to the pandemic. British Red Cross is committed to providing vital humanitarian, person-centred support for the most vulnerable. The grant supported emergency response activity which focussed on four key areas: supporting the most vulnerable in our communities; support for the NHS; supporting vulnerable groups that are off-grid; and, addressing economic insecurity.

Carers Trust - Stay Active Stay Connected
Trustees awarded £23,000 to Carers Trust to support their Stay Active Stay Connected project. Carers Trust is

the largest UK charity supporting carers – anyone living with the challenges of caring, unpaid, for family or friends with an illness, disability, mental health or addiction issue.

Stay Active Stay Connected is Carers Trust's first project that offers a practical and holistic health and wellbeing programme for older carers of people with dementia and the people they care for. The project addresses the underlying causes of poor physical and mental health by delivering six 'Active Ageing' workshops that combine fun and creativity to equip carers and the cared for with the confidence and tools to engage in physical and mental exercise. This is in addition to running 20 dementia-friendly health and wellbeing sessions for carers and the cared for, in pairs.

FareShare - Fareshare's Food Team
As part of the Foundation's immediate response to the Covid-19 pandemic, a grant of £75,000 was made to Fareshare's Food team programme. FareShare UK Food Team works with food businesses across the country to make sure each Regional Centre (22 regions including Yorkshire) in their Network has the food they need to pass on to their local voluntary sector. The early stages of the pandemic saw a rapid increase in the demand for food and, longer term, Fareshare was preparing for an increase in food insecurity nationally.

Guy's & St Thomas' - Psychological & counselling support for Guy's & St Thomas' staff
As part of their initial Covid-19 response, trustees provided a grant to Guy's & St Thomas' charity towards the costs of two urgent projects to support staff morale and psychological wellbeing during the pandemic. The first project provides support for staff in mediation and in dealing with difficult conversations with patients, and the second in creating staff 'wellbeing zones'. These projects aim to enable staff to be at their best where patients need them the most, and to care for individual's mental health and reduce the impact it was likely to have on their families and home lives.

Horatio's Garden - Head Gardener, Owestry
Horatio's Garden is a national charity creating and nurturing beautiful gardens in NHS spinal injury centres to support everyone affected by spinal injury. They grow thriving communities to support patients, their families and friends facing long stays in NHS hospitals.

Leading landscape designers create stunning sanctuaries working in collaboration with prominent architects to design garden rooms ensuring the space can be used all year round. The gardens become an integral part of people's lives throughout their time in hospital.

The trustees' grant of £24,000 funded the Head Gardener of Horatio's Garden, Oswestry for one year. The Head Gardener leads a team of volunteers caring for the garden and offering creative and therapeutic activities. These include gardening, art, live music, seasonal events and artists' residencies.

MS Society - MS Specialist Nurses and the Coronavirus Crisis
Trustees contributed £25,000 to expand the MS Specialist Nursing Service during the Covid-19 crisis.

MS Specialist Nurses play a vital role in helping people manage the complex and unpredictable symptoms of MS by advising them on the medication they take and coordinating their healthcare. They work across the whole disease trajectory providing expert information and advice, as well as proactive case management when a patient experiences a relapse or new symptom. Their interventions prevent secondary complications which can be disabling or life threatening, resulting in unscheduled care.

The impact of the pandemic on people with MS has been significant with reports of the regular treatments which are crucial to their health being cancelled or postponed. With many of the MS specialist nurses being redeployed to the NHS' coronavirus efforts, too many people with MS simply could not get the medical support and guidance they need. The expansion of the Specialist MS Nursing Helpline aims to bridge the gap caused by the nationwide shortage of MS specialist nurses; ensure people with MS can access the expert medical advice they need during the current public health crisis; improve patients' knowledge, skills and confidence in managing their own healthcare; and early intervention with patients in need of support will reduce hospital admissions and unscheduled care, reducing the strain on the NHS.

The Norfolk Hospice - Education Project lead
Norfolk Hospice has been providing palliative care in North West Norfolk for 35 years.

The Foundation supported their project to open a new education suite at the Hospice, offering training in palliative care for medical professionals both locally and regionally. Trustees provided a grant of £24,000 to fully fund the salary of the education project lead. The aim of the project is to create a large modern education suite at the Hospice and to run a comprehensive training programme in order to improve the quality of palliative care in West Norfolk and beyond. The beneficiaries are ultimately the patients who have been diagnosed with a life shortening illness. This work will mean that healthcare professionals - for example care home workers, paramedics or GPs - will be better equipped to provide the very best care to those who have a terminal condition.

Orchestras Live - Early Years Yorkshire Programme
Trustees granted £25,000 over two years to Orchestras Live to develop and extend partnerships in North Yorkshire with the aim of providing a programme of live and digitally streamed orchestral music to rural, coastal and culturally deprived towns and villages. The project will address the regional gap identified in the provision of early years musical activity in North Yorkshire.

The funding will enable Orchestras Live to deliver 16 orchestral concerts in early years settings over a two-year period across a network of venues in the region (one of which will be streamed digitally), the purpose of which is to provide an inspirational base for children to explore musicality as they grow.

Rural Arts - ArtBeat and Unlock the Courthouse
Trustees provided two grants to Rural Arts North Yorkshire during the year. The first project, ArtBeat, was awarded a grant of £23,000 to fund a full time 'Art Doctor for North Yorkshire', a talented visual arts professional who will tour the county in a fully electric van providing therapeutic and participatory arts activities. At the time of writing, this project has been unable to launch given the restrictions of the pandemic.

The second project, Unlock the Courthouse, was given £59,000 by the Foundation for the re-development of its Courthouse Arts Centre in Thirsk, North Yorkshire, in order to become a fully accessible, modernised space that can increase the capacity and quality of arts offered. As part of the tenth anniversary celebration of the arts centre, the Courthouse would also undergo a re-brand to refresh its identity and reach new audiences in its community. Despite delays due to Covid-19 restrictions, the redevelopment of the Courthouse is progressing well and includes the artists' studio which will be known as 'The Peter Sowerby Studio'.

The Sanata Charitable Trust (UK)
Trustees granted £250,000 to the Sanata UK Charitable Trust to form the basis of an endowment fund for the Trust and to encourage further fund raising. The Trust funds the Restart Children's Centre and four community based projects in Gilgil, Kenya.

Theodora Children's Charity - Giggle Doctors
Trustees gave £7,000 to support two Giggle Doctors per week to visit Sheffield Children's Hospital for one year, bringing joy to the children in its 140 hospital beds through play activities and interactions. Given the restrictions on visitors to hospitals during the past year, the delivery of the 'Giggles' successfully moved online.

Two Ridings Community Foundation - Peter Sowerby Fund for North & East Yorkshire & Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic
During the year the trustees awarded two grants to the Two Ridings Community Foundation. The first of these was the Peter Sowerby Fund for North & East Yorkshire which was granted £138,000. The Fund supported the Community Foundation's distribution of 'micro' and 'step change' grants to small - mainly volunteer led - voluntary and community groups across North Yorkshire and the East Riding.

The second grant to the Community Foundation was in response to the pandemic crisis. Trustees awarded a further £100,000 to be used for Covid-19 response activities in North and East Yorkshire in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Community Foundation. Trustees were pleased to be able to support, via the Community Foundation, a number of small grass-roots organisations in the local area close to Dr Sowerby's heart.

Trust Music - The Music Box
A grant of £23,000 was given to Trust Music to support its Music Box programme. The Music Box is a drop-in community programme held at Trust Music's Studio space in a high street retail unit in Bolton Town, which places cultural engagement in the heart of the community and provides free music opportunities to all. It aims to allow adults to participate in music and, in turn, support the next generation of young people that benefit from Trust Music's work.

Whitby & District Community Transport - Emergency Covid-19 Funding
Whitby & District Community Transport provides transport for elderly and disabled people and others in need who are unable to use other forms of transport to access essential services. The scheme covers an area of approximately 500 square and mainly rural miles, and helps people to overcome social and rural isolation.

Trustees made a grant of £13,000 from the Covid-19 response fund to the charity to allow it to continue, and adapt, its work during the pandemic.

Financial review

Overview

The assets of the charity comprise investments, the returns from which are used to finance the grants awarded in accordance with its objectives. The net incoming resources of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2020 and the financial position at that date are set out in the financial statements which follow. During the year, the charity received investment income of £595,961 (2019: £810,663) and donations of £nil (2019: £612,828) from which grants were awarded of £1,365,732 (2019: £1,631,989). The charity had a deficit before revaluations of £1,236,610 (2019: £558,588). At the year end the market value of the investments had risen giving rise to an unrealised revaluation gain of £41,977 (2019: £893,902). The net movement in funds for the year was a deficit of £1,582,140 (2019: surplus of £106,157)). Total funds carried forward at 30 September 2020 were £36,909,914 (2019: £38,492,054).

The market value of the Foundation's financial investments at the end of September 2020 (which excludes bank deposit balances) was £34,974,838 (2019: £37,669,468), a decrease of £2,694,630 after market movements, grants made, fees and operational expenses. Cash balances increased by £1,011,220 to £4,157,053 (2019: £3,145,833). There were no significant changes in the Foundation's investment objectives, constraints or policies in the course of the year, although these are regularly reviewed.

Reserves policy

As at 30 September 2020, the Foundation holds reserves of £36,909,914, of which £34,974,838 have been invested for the longer term to provide a return for the Foundation in future years. Remaining total 'free' unrestricted reserves total £1,935,076. It is the trustees' policy that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained in free reserves at a minimum level of the value of all forward grant commitments payable in the following eighteen months. The level of free reserves held at 30 September 2020 is in excess of this, with the forward grant commitments for 24 months being £1,736,859. The trustees consider that reserves at this level would enable the Foundation to maintain its level of desired activities in the event of a significant reduction in income. This level of reserve has been maintained throughout the period and the policy is reviewed regularly by the trustees.

Financial position

The balance sheet of the Foundation shows unrestricted funds as at 30 September 2020 of £36,909,914 (2019 - £38,492,054).

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Grant making policy

The trustees' policy is to invite applications for funding on a solicitation only basis from registered charities, unregistered charities, community interest companies and registered healthcare providers.

In 2019 the trustees made their first exception to this policy with the launch of an Open Call for projects under the Healthcare Breakthrough Fund. A further open call for projects in response to the Covid-19 pandemic was held in late 2020, under the Increasing Access Fund.

It is envisaged that further Open Calls will be held from time to time, although there are no plans at present to work to a fixed timetable on these. Other than these occasional open calls, the charity will continue to operate on a solicitation only basis for its grants.

Intellectual Property policy

Trustees operate on the strong presumption that grant holders will avail all work and discovery funded by the Foundation to the public domain in an open, convenient and freely available way. Only in exceptional circumstances does the Foundation agree to negotiate a commercial dispensation in relation to IP; however, in such circumstances it is incumbent on the grant holder to satisfy the trustees that their method will achieve public benefit more effectively than a public domain approach.

Investment policy

During the reporting period, management of the charity's investments was delegated to Quilter Cheviot Ltd, Seven Investment Management LLP, Sparrows Capital and Psigma Investment Management under discretionary agreements, with independent investment consultancy provided to the trustees by Aspinalls Family Office LLP. Seven Investment Management LLP ceased management of the Foundation's investments in late 2019 as a result of a comprehensive review of investment strategy by the trustees.

The investment strategy is agreed between the trustees, their consultants and the investment managers and is set out in a detailed Investment Policy Statement which forms an integral part of the agreement with the investment managers. This policy is reviewed annually by the trustees. The trustees are guided by their consultants and the portfolio is invested with a long-term time horizon in order to protect the Foundation's grant making ability into the future. The strategy aim is to achieve the trustees' target return whilst taking an appropriate level of risk. A 'total return' strategy is adopted. Fixed interest investments and equities are the principal instruments held, but other asset classes may be used. There are currently no ethical or environmental restrictions imposed by the investment policy.

The investment managers provide quarterly reports including analysis of returns compared to the agreed benchmarks and general market issues and meet with the trustees at regular intervals. The trustees' investment consultants report to them independently of the investment managers.

Communications policy

The Foundation published a new website in April 2020. This provides additional information and detail on the grants made by the Foundation, analysis of the impact of the grant making by the Foundation and has been used to promote open calls for funding.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The charity was originally established as a charitable trust in January 2011 and in April 2013 registered as a charitable company (Company no. 08492424, Charity no. 1151978). The Foundation is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as adopted on 16 April 2013.

Trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, the members are trustees of the charity and directors of the company, and new members are approved by resolution of the existing trustees. The minimum number of trustees required is three.

The names of the trustees who served during the period are set out below with brief biographical details:

Mr David Aspinall
David Aspinall has been Chairman of the Peter Sowerby Foundation since its establishment in 2011. David spent his career in personal financial planning and wealth management having founded the advisory firm, Aspinalls, prior to which he was a professional musician. Past trusteeships have included Sound and Music and the Society for the Promotion of New Music and the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain and David continues to act as executor and trustee to many Aspinalls clients, their trusts and charities.

Dr Carole Longson
Carole is a respected leader in health technology assessment with considerable achievements in research, public and private sectors. She has unparalleled insight into the fast-evolving health technology innovation pipeline having pioneered NICE's health technology evaluation programmes. Carole was an Executive Director at NICE from 2000-2018 and Chief Scientific Officer at the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry from 2018-2020. She was formerly President of Health Technology Assessment International and now has advisory roles including Life Science Advisor at NICE.

Carole is currently vice chair of the Medicines Discovery Catapult in the UK, was previously on Scientific Advisory Committee for Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) and holds non-Executive Director and advisory roles in scientific endeavours in the UK and abroad. Throughout her career, she has championed the public and private sector collaborating to ensure medical innovation benefits patients in a way that is sustainable for healthcare systems.

Mrs Sara Siegel Poulios
Sara is a lead partner in Deloitte's Healthcare practice in the UK and has worked with the NHS and the Department of Health for the last sixteen years. Sara has worked on major areas of health policy starting with out of Hospital care through support to the White Paper, 'Our health, our care, our say'. She then went on to work on FT Assessments, commissioning, seven day services, devolution, population health, regional clinical change programmes and digital transformation. Sara also advises health insurers and private health companies. The health practice at Deloitte has a broad advisory scope and also builds runs and maintains robotic and cognitive tools designed to improve hospital efficiency and release clinical time for direct patient care.

Sara is a graduate of Northwestern University and holds an MBA from INSEAD.

Dr David L Stables
David has over 35 years' experience in healthcare IT. Having qualified in Medicine at Dundee University in 1981, he entered general practice in 1984 at Egton Surgery in North Yorkshire working as a Partner in that practice alongside Dr Peter Sowerby. Together they developed the patient records management software that subsequently formed the basis of the business of EMIS. He was appointed Medical Director of EMIS in 1987 and went on to lead the EMIS software development team with responsibility for software requirements, design, technology and clinical assurance until 2011.

From 2011 David served as Strategic development director at EMIS PLC until 2013. Since then, David has established the Endeavour Health Charitable Trust with an endowment, of which he is a Trustee, and became a trustee of the Sowerby Foundation in 2014.

Aspinalls Fiduciary Ltd

Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The skills and composition of the Board are kept under review and, if additional trustees are required, steps are taken via open recruitment to seek new members with relevant skills and experience. Newly appointed trustees are provided with all relevant information appertaining to the charity and its affairs in order that they have a sufficient level of knowledge to enable them to perform their roles effectively. This includes an induction programme, meetings with individual trustees along with updates, briefing papers and the charity's policies, annual reports and financial statements for the previous three years. Trustees are encouraged to meet regularly with prospective and existing beneficiaries of the Foundation's grants.

All trustees are kept up to date with ongoing developments in charity law and practice, and there are opportunities to attend training in charity management and to attend meetings and conferences related to the charity's main grant making areas.

Structure and management reporting

The trustees are ultimately responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charity. They meet on a regular basis to review developments with regard to the charity, its grant giving and operations, and make all key decisions. The trustees review the proposals for grants and approve as appropriate. They also review progress on all ongoing grant programmes.

The trustees obtain grant programme advice from their independent advisors, Cause4, and also use their professional and personal networks to seek out suitable funding opportunities for the Foundation which fall within the agreed criteria. Formal applications are then invited from chosen organisations and these are assessed in detail with the relative merits considered against the agreed criteria before any grants are awarded.

Advice and support is obtained as required from the charity's professional advisers, including investment managers, solicitors and accountants. From 1 October 2019, the Foundation took on the direct employment of a part-time member of staff to whom the day-to-day management of the charity's affairs, along with the implementation of its policies, is delegated.

Aspinalls Family Office LLP provides independent investment consultancy services to the trustees.

Risk management

The trustees approve all grants awarded and all grant and general expenditure payments above £1,000 are approved by two or more trustees in accordance with the Foundation's financial policies.

The trustees have assessed - and regularly review - the risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks identified and that these are appropriate for the level of activity carried out by the charity during the period. The principal risk is considered to be the management and performance of the investment assets, and this is mitigated through the use of professional investment managers who report regularly to the trustees along with independent investment consultancy oversight.

Plans for future periods

Aside from the ongoing work resulting from the Foundation's open call for projects for its Increasing Access Fund, the direction of its giving is expected to be unchanged during 2020/21 and beyond.

Trustees' report (continued)
Year ended 30 September 2020

Following the death of Dr Sowerby in late 2019, the Foundation was assigned funds in excess of £16 million from his estate during 2020 and 2021. The trustees are advised that further donations will be received in due course. These funds will be invested along with the Foundation's existing assets to generate income to fund future giving.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

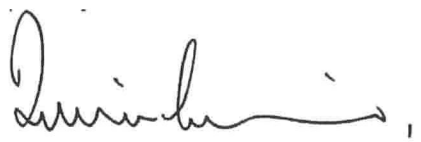
- so far as that the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and

- that the trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

UNW LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The Designated trustees will propose a motion re-appointing the auditors at a meeting of the trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 26 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr D B H Aspinall
(Chair of Trustees)

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities
Year ended 30 September 2020

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditor's report to the Members of Peter Sowerby Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Peter Sowerby Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 September 2020 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 September 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anne Hallowell

Anne Hallowell BSc FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of UNW LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
Newcastle upon Tyne

26 May 2021

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
Year ended 30 September 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income from:				
Donations	2	-	-	612,828
Investments	3	**595,961**	**595,961**	810,663
Total income		**595,961**	**595,961**	1,423,491
Expenditure on:				
Investment management costs		**211,307**	**211,307**	167,969
Charitable activities	4	**1,621,264**	**1,621,264**	1,814,110
Total expenditure		**1,832,571**	**1,832,571**	1,982,079
Net expenditure before net (losses) / gains on investments		**(1,236,610)**	**(1,236,610)**	(558,588)
Net (losses) / gains on investments		**(345,530)**	**(345,530)**	664,745
Net movement in funds		**(1,582,140)**	**(1,582,140)**	106,157
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		**38,492,054**	**38,492,054**	38,385,897
Net movement in funds		**(1,582,140)**	**(1,582,140)**	106,157
Total funds carried forward		**36,909,914**	**36,909,914**	38,492,054

The notes on pages 21 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
As at 30 September 2020

	Note		2020 £		2019 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	7		**14,887**		11,952
Investments	8		**36,192,496**		39,041,645
			36,207,383		39,053,597
Current assets					
Debtors	9	**11,014**		12,893	
Cash at bank and in hand		**2,939,395**		1,773,656	
		2,950,409		1,786,549	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	**(1,621,989)**		(1,398,487)	
Net current assets			**1,328,420**		388,062
Total assets less current liabilities			**37,535,803**		39,441,659
[illegible] more than one year	11		**(625,889)**		(949,605)
			36,909,914		38,492,054
Charity funds					
Unrestricted funds	13		**36,909,914**		38,492,054
Total funds			**36,909,914**		38,492,054

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 26 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr D B H Aspinall
Chair

Company registered number: 08492424

The notes on pages 21 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows
Year ended 30 September 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	**(1,927,841)**	(1,425,699)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**595,961**	810,663
Purchase of intangible assets	**(6,000)**	(11,952)
Proceeds from sale of investments	**32,553,348**	6,041,917
Purchase of investments	**(30,049,729)**	(4,563,817)
Net cash provided by investing activities	**3,093,580**	**2,276,811**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**1,165,739**	**851,112**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**1,773,656**	922,544
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**2,939,395**	1,773,656

The notes on pages 21 to 33 form part of these financial statements

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 30 September 2020

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Peter Sowerby Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest £1.

1.2 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in England. The member of the company are the trustees names on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in repsect of the gurantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

1.3 Going concern

The Foundation holds substantial investment assets, but maintains sufficient cash reserves to allow it to meet its ongoing commitments for at least 18 months. Consequently the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the company, can be reliably measured.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities include direct costs incurred on the company's grant-making operations and support costs incurred in running the charitable operations.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

The provision for multi-year grants is recognised at present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the charity that would permit it to avoid making the future payments, settlement is probable and the discounted value is considered to be materially different from the cash settlement figure. The discount rate applied is regarded by the trustees as the most current available estimate of the opportunity cost of money and is based on the rate of inflation.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company, including those incurred in connection with the administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life:

Website - 20% straight line

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Net gains/(losses) on investments' in the statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

1.12 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

1.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.14 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In preparing these financial statements the directors do not consider there were any significant estimates or areas of judgment that were required in applying the company's accounting policies as set out above.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Donations	-	-	612,828

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Dividend income	496,112	**496,112**	706,192
Interest on investments	99,849	**99,849**	104,471
	595,961	**595,961**	810,663
Total 2019	810,663	810,663	

4. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant giving 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Grants awarded	1,434,617	174,647	**1,609,264**	1,802,110
Grant administration	12,000	-	**12,000**	12,000
	1,446,617	174,647	**1,621,264**	1,814,110
Total 2019	1,653,024	161,086	1,814,110	

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Staff costs	**12,000**	-
Grants awarded (note 5)	**1,365,732**	1,631,989
Grant administration	**-**	12,000
Interest on discounting	**68,885**	9,035
Total 2020	**1,446,617**	1,653,024

The trustees consider that all grants awarded support the objects of the Foundation.

4. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Staff costs	**15,204**	-
Professional fees in support of grant programme	**65,691**	79,683
Administration and other professional fees	**68,661**	71,726
Sundry costs	**6,501**	1,577
IT costs and amortisation	**10,490**	-
Auditor's remuneration	**7,200**	7,200
Auditor's non-audit costs	**900**	900
	174,647	161,086

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5. Grants awarded in the year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Action for Stammering Children	24,796	**24,796**	-
AESOP	95,259	**95,259**	-
Alzheimer's Society	163,600	**163,600**	-
Autistica	-	**-**	79,744
Awards for Young Musicians	24,900	**24,900**	-
Birmingham Botanical Gardens	72,672	**72,672**	-
Bradford Literature Festival	-	**-**	87,381
British Red Cross	150,000	**150,000**	-
Carers Trust	22,901	**22,901**	-
Crohn's and Colitis UK	-	**-**	38,175
Economist Educational Foundation	-	**-**	24,300
EMR4DW	-	**-**	25,000
FareShare	75,000	**75,000**	-
Guy's & St Thomas' Charity	25,000	**25,000**	-
Horatio's Garden	24,131	**24,131**	-
MS Society	25,000	**25,000**	-
National Youth Choirs of Great Britain	-	**-**	24,500
National Youth Jazz Orchestra	-	**-**	93,019
The Norfolk Hospice	23,917	**23,917**	-
Orchestras Live	25,000	**25,000**	-
Rural Arts - ArtBeat	23,332	**23,332**	-
Rural Arts - Courthouse	59,403	**59,403**	-
The Sanata Charitable Trust	250,000	**250,000**	-
Sheffield Hospitals Charity	-	**-**	177,276
Snape Maltings	-	**-**	24,834
Target Ovarian Cancer	-	**-**	338,300
Theodora Children's Charity	7,446	**7,446**	-
Two Ridings - Covid 19 Fund	100,000	**100,000**	-
Two Ridings	137,500	**137,500**	-
Trust Music	23,375	**23,375**	-
University of Strathclyde	-	**-**	496,060
Whitby & District Community Transport	12,500	**12,500**	-
Wild Rumpus	-	**-**	23,400
Yorkshire Arboretum	-	**-**	200,000
Total 2020	1,365,732	**1,365,732**	1,631,989

6. Staff costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	**20,419**	-
Social security costs	**5,396**	-
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**1,389**	-
	27,204	-

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Administrator	**1**	-

Prior to 1 October 2019, the administrator was employed by Aspinalls Family Office LLP and costs were recharged.

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The trustees received no remuneration in either year. No expenses were paid to trustees (2019: £381 to 1 trustee).

Key management personnel are deemed to be those having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. During the year the key management personnel comprised the board of trustees and consequently the total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £nil.

7. Intangible assets

	Website £
Cost	
At 1 October 2019	**11,952**
Additions	**6,000**
At 30 September 2020	**17,952**
Amortisation	
Charge for the year	**3,065**
At 30 September 2020	**3,065**
Net book value	
At 30 September 2020	**14,887**
At 30 September 2019	11,952

8. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 October 2019	**37,669,468**	**1,372,177**	**39,041,645**
Additions	**29,638,668**	**411,061**	**30,049,729**
Disposals	**(32,375,275)**	**(565,580)**	**(32,940,855)**
Revaluations	**41,977**	**-**	**41,977**
At 30 September 2020	**34,974,838**	**1,217,658**	**36,192,496**
Net book value			
At 30 September 2020	**34,974,838**	**1,217,658**	**36,192,496**
At 30 September 2019	37,669,468	1,372,177	39,041,645

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9. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	**11,014**	12,893
	11,014	12,893

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Grants awarded but not yet paid	**1,587,254**	1,370,083
Accruals and deferred income	**34,735**	28,404
	1,621,989	1,398,487

11. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Grants awarded but not yet paid	**625,889**	949,605

12. Reconciliation of grants payable

	2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Accrued as at 1 October 2019	2,319,688	**2,319,688**	2,010,937
Grants awarded in the year (note 4)	1,365,732	**1,365,732**	1,631,989
Grants paid in the year	(1,541,162)	**(1,541,162)**	(1,332,273)
Interest released on discounting	68,885	**68,885**	9,035
Accrued at 30 September 2020	2,213,143	**2,213,143**	2,319,688

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 September 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	**38,492,054**	**595,961**	**(1,903,881)**	**(274,220)**	**36,909,914**

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 September 2019 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	38,385,897	1,423,491	(1,982,079)	664,745	38,492,054

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

	2020 £	2019 £
Net income/expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**(1,582,140)**	106,157
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation charges	**3,065**	-
Losses / (gains) on investments	**345,530**	(664,745)
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**(595,961)**	(810,663)
Decrease in debtors	**1,879**	247,409
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	**(100,214)**	308,971
Donated investments	**-**	(612,828)
Net cash used in operating activities	**(1,927,841)**	(1,425,699)

15. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash in hand	**2,939,395**	1,773,656
Total cash and cash equivalents	**2,939,395**	1,773,656

16. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 October 2019 £	Cash flows £	At 30 September 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**1,773,656**	**1,165,739**	**2,939,395**
	1,773,656	**1,165,739**	**2,939,395**

17. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £1,389 (2019: £nil).

18. Related party transactions

Trustee Mr D Aspinall was a member of Aspinalls Family Office LLP until January 2020, to which the charity paid £146,329 (2019: £187,684) for professional fees relating to the provision of financial planning, grant administration and payments and general administration during the period. Aspinalls Family Office LLP also provides independent investment consultancy to the trustees, the cost of which is included above.

At the balance sheet date, £17,976 (2019: £15,516) was due to Aspinalls Family Office LLP which is included within creditors.

Mr D Aspinall is the executor to the Peter Sowerby estate, of which the Foundation is the residual beneficiary. Further details of the legacy are given in note 19.

19. Post balance sheet events

Following the death of Peter Sowerby in late 2019, the trustees were notified of a substantial legacy, being his residual estate after settling other bequests. Probate was granted on 25 October 2020, and subsequent to the year end initial receipts of £16,736,753 have been received. The executor estimates the remaining residual value of the estate to be in the region of £8.8m. Given the estimation uncertainty over the amounts to be received by the Foundation, and the post year end grant of probate, the legacy has not been included within the financial statements as at 30 September 2020.