

Charity registration number 1157570 (England and Wales)

THE DAWS HALL TRUST
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

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

Objectives and activities

The Charity was established under a Trust Deed dated 6 September 1988 with the following objectives:

- To conserve and protect for the benefit of the public and the environment as a whole, the land and waters around Daws Hall.
- To establish a nature reserve and field study centre to house natural history specimens, with a view to advancing the education of the public, and school children in particular, in the study of wildlife and nature conservation.
- Following a review by the Trustees and their legal advisors, it was decided that the Trust should convert its legal structure into a CIO at the end of 2015. The CIO is called Daws Hall Trust and its registered number is 1157570. These are therefore the second accounts for the Daws Hall Trust CIO.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The Daws Hall Centre for Environmental education, together with our 25 acre Nature Reserve, continues to offer excellent facilities to school groups, adult groups and Open Days and receives regular praise from those that visit.

The facilities in our centre and on the reserve have been further improved this year. The primary aim of all the trustees is to make sure as many young people from Early Years Foundation Stage all the way to graduates, have the opportunity to experience the many wonders of the reserve, to support their education and to enrich their appreciation of nature and the environment. During the year, 31 classes and approximately 820 children visited the reserve.

We remain indebted to the kind individuals and Grant Giving Trusts who support us and who are too numerous to name. Without their support we would be unable to provide the unique level of educational experience that we do here at Daws Hall.

Financial review

The Trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds and have found that specialist common investment funds, designed for the Charity sector, meet the requirements to generate both income and capital growth. The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the investments given current market value.

The Trustees have adopted a policy on reserves, as follows:

The annual investment income is a valuable contribution to the Trust's expenses but does not cover total outgoings and so funds still need to be raised on an annual basis. The Trustees' objective is to maintain reserves sufficient to cover 12 months expenses going forward. Following the grant of planning permission in December 2022 for a new Education Centre, with its own access and parking, the Trustees are working to fulfil the various conditions so commencement can be made within the requisite timescale, and subject to the necessary finance being raised. Should they be needed, the balance of the reserves is available to enable the building works for the New Education Centre Project to commence, pending further funding from grant applications and donations. Our reserves at 31 March 2025 were £307,002.

Structure, governance and management

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

T P R Carne

(Resigned 19 March 2025)

A W D Garthwaite

A G Marsden

DC Guest (Chairman)

KS Holder

I Gibbs

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees' responsibilities

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

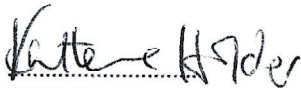
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In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

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



KS Holder

Trustee

Date: 25/11/25

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DAWS HALL TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Daws Hall Trust (the trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Nick Farr

Moore Green

22 Friars Street

Sudbury

CO10 2AA

Date: 27/10/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	60,131	58,320
Charitable activities	3	22,576	17,389
Other trading activities	4	17,958	19,755
Other income	5	126	-
Total income		100,791	95,464
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	6	100,125	88,307
Total expenditure		100,125	88,307
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	12,585	(5,534)
Net income and movement in funds		13,251	1,623
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		335,842	334,219
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		349,093	335,842

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

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		5,258		6,212
Investments	13		307,094		294,509
			<u>312,352</u>		<u>300,721</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	14	913		842	
Cash at bank and in hand		39,954		38,074	
		<u>40,867</u>		<u>38,916</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(4,126)		(3,795)	
Net current assets			<u>36,741</u>		<u>35,121</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>349,093</u>		<u>335,842</u>
The funds of the trust					
Unrestricted funds	17		349,093		335,842
			<u>349,093</u>		<u>335,842</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 20/10/25

Katene Holder

KS Holder
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is incorporated. The address of the principal office is Daws Hall, Henny Road, Lamarsh, Bures, C08 5EX.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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

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

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

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the trust.

1.4 Income

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

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

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the trust has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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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.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	25% reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

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

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the trust reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the trust is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	43,398	47,095
Grants	16,733	11,225
	<u>60,131</u>	<u>58,320</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Charitable rental income	18,299	17,389
Other income	4,277	-
	<u>22,576</u>	<u>17,389</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	5,164	5,975
Income received in providing education	12,794	13,780
Other trading activities	17,958	19,755

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest received	126	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Heading #ac982 2025 £	Heading #ac982 2024 £
Direct costs		
Wages and salaries	70,338	66,563
Employer's pension costs	1,248	1,222
Bank charges	166	159
School house consumables	1,381	1,370
Water, light and heat	1,788	1,787
Machinery repairs and servicing	1,595	143
Property insurance	3,088	2,479
General expenses	28	248
Property maintenance	8,331	2,686
Bookkeeping and accountancy fees	3,495	5,399
Subscriptions	322	265
Office expenses	1,863	2,965
Depreciation	1,752	2,071
Other charitable expenditure	4,730	950
	<u>100,125</u>	<u>88,307</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>100,125</u>	<u>88,307</u>

7 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>1,752</u>	<u>2,071</u>

8 Trustees

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

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2025 Number	2024 Number
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	12,585	(5,534)

11 Taxation

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

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	62,392
Additions	798
At 31 March 2025	63,190
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2024	56,180
Depreciation charged in the year	1,752
At 31 March 2025	57,932
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	5,258
At 31 March 2024	6,212

13 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	294,509
Valuation changes	12,585
At 31 March 2025	307,094
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	307,094
At 31 March 2024	294,509

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	913	842

15 Loans and overdrafts

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank overdrafts	28	43
Payable within one year	28	43

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Bank overdrafts	15	28	43
Other taxation and social security		1,094	1,046
Trade creditors		970	870
Accruals and deferred income		2,034	1,836
		4,126	3,795

17 Unrestricted funds

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

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	335,842	100,791	(100,125)	12,585	349,093
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	334,219	95,464	(88,307)	(5,534)	335,842

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025*

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.