

Charity Registration Number: 1161516

**Lempriere Pringle 2015**

**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees present their report and audited financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Trust.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Objective of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation as stated in its constitution is:

- to advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England and Wales) as the trustees see fit from time to time.

This objective is fulfilled by making grants in accordance with the organisation's grant making policy.

**Grant Making Policy**

The organisation is proactive in identifying grant-making opportunities which relate to the CIO's objectives and therefore they do not accept unsolicited grant applications.

A major proportion of the organization's resources is allocated to various sister trusts based in Bishop Auckland, with the underlying aim of stimulating regeneration in Bishop Auckland and surrounding areas.

Trustees have also funded other charitable projects whose work furthers the CIO's charitable Purpose

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Once again, most of the money which came into LP2015 during the year was destined for The Auckland Project and Eleven Arches. Other funds went to other organisations which LP2015 has supported for a number of years.

**Grant summary**

	Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Year ended 31 March 2024 £
<b><i>Bishop Auckland based Trusts</i></b>		
The Auckland Project ( <i>formerly Auckland Castle Trust</i> )	1,025,000	7,500,000
Eleven Arches Trust	25,000	10,000,000
Zurbaran Trust	-	1,149,778
<b><i>Other Grants</i></b>		
Archbishop of Canterbury Discretionary Trust	100,000	100,000
Art Fund (Ruffer Curatorial Bursary)	100,000	75,000
County Durham Community Foundation	-	500,000
First Fruit	209,000	210,000
SHED (previously Seedbed Christian Communities Trust)	3,000,000	3,500,000
General Grants of less than £5,000	-	4,025
Stockton Project	73,385	113,098
Japan Christian Link	12,000	12,000
<b>Total Grants and Donations</b>	<b>4,544,385</b>	<b>23,163,901</b>

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Full details of the organisation's financial position can be found in the accompanying financial statements attached to this report. The Statement of Financial Activities shows total incoming resources of £17,008,370 (2024 - £24,890,859), total resources expended of £4,614,857 (2024 - £23,190,917) resulting in a surplus of £12,393,513 (2024 - £1,699,942) before a loss on investments of £1,375,517 (2024 - £682,940).

**Investments Policy**

The CIO's investment objective is to enhance the incoming resources of the CIO through increasing investment income, and through appreciation in value of the investments held, by careful management of the investment portfolio in order to enhance the total funds available for application.

No consideration of a social, environmental or ethical nature is taken into account in choosing investments.

**Reserves policy**

LP2015 has not established a long-term endowment fund. Its focus is on meeting the development costs associated with the Bishop Auckland projects and contributing to other charitable projects within the scope of its aims and objectives.

At 31 March 2025 the closing fund balance was £41,642,049 (2024 - £30,624,053) all of which relates to unrestricted funds.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

Lempriere Pringle 2015's main source of future income will continue to be from its profit share in Ruffer LLP making it less reliant on donations from individuals. The current grant-making strategy will be maintained with the majority of funds going to the Bishop Auckland projects together with ongoing support for existing funded charities.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

<b>Trustees</b>	J G Ruffer
	J M Ruffer (Resigned 17 May 2025)
	H C Ruffer
	A G R Windham
	N M Fraser
	E Booker
	E Blackford
	F Hill
<b>Secretary</b>	J E Henderson
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1161516
<b>Principal office</b>	58 Kingsway
	Bishop Auckland
	DL14 7JS
<b>Independent Auditor</b>	S & W Audit
	17 Queens Lane
	Newcastle upon Tyne
	NE1 1RN
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank Plc
	6 Market Place
	Durham
	County Durham
	DH1 3NO

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing documents**

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was incorporated on 1 May 2015 and is registered with the Charity Commission under number 1161516.

**Organisational structure**

The Board of trustees meets regularly to formally administer the Organisation and is in frequent communication. The day to day administration is carried out by Mr J G Ruffer and the Secretary Mrs J E Henderson.



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**Risk assessment**

The trustees examined where there may be risks which the Organisation could face, and have taken appropriate action to mitigate those risks.

**Conflicts of Interest Policy**

A register of trustees' interests is maintained and trustees are invited to declare any conflicts at the beginning of each meeting. Jonathan Ruffer's wide involvement in other trusts based in Bishop Auckland, which receive substantial funding from Lempriere Pringle 2015, result in them being technically conflicted and so his daughter, Harriet Ruffer, is also conflicted. However, no personal benefit arises.

The conflicts of interest policy was substantially revised and updated in July 2023.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Trust for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 Trust will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Trust's transactions and 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.

Approved by the trustees on ..... 5.11.2025 ..... and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
J G Ruffer  
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF LEMPRIERE PRINGLE 2015**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Lempriere Pringle 2015 (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025, and of the group's 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 Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

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

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group and parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' 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.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF LEMPRIERE PRINGLE 2015 (Continued)**

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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

**Auditor 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 obtained a general understanding of the group's legal and regulatory framework through enquiry of management concerning their understanding of relevant laws and regulations, the entity's policies and procedures regarding compliance, and how they identify, evaluate and account for litigation claims. We also drew on our existing understanding of the company's industry and regulation.

We understand that the group complies with the framework through:

- Engaging external legal professionals as required and making changes to internal procedures and controls as necessary.
- Monitoring of updates made by regulatory bodies.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF LEMPRIERE PRINGLE 2015 (Continued)**

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In the context of the audit, we considered those laws and regulations which determine the form and content of the financial statements, which are central to the group's ability to conduct its business, and where there is a risk that failure to comply could result in material penalties. We identified the following laws and regulations as being of significance in the context of the group:

- The Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice in respect of the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

We performed the following specific procedures to gain evidence about compliance with the significant laws and regulations identified above:

- Making enquires of trustees as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud.
- Obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

The senior statutory auditor led a discussion with senior members of the engagement team regarding the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. The key area identified as part of the discussion was the risk of manipulation of the financial statements through manual journal entries.

These areas were communicated to the other members of the engagement team not present at the discussion.

The procedures we carried out to gain evidence in the above areas included:

- Transactional testing of the amounts recognised in the financial statements to ensure those transactions have been appropriately recorded

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the FRC's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

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



**Craig Henderson (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

**For and on behalf of S&W Audit**

Statutory Auditors

Chartered Accountants

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9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	4	500,965	-	500,965	5,000,000
Other trading activities	12	15,430,000	-	15,430,000	18,650,000
Investment income	5	1,076,205	-	1,076,205	920,274
Other income		1,200	-	1,200	320,585
<b>Total income</b>		<u>17,008,370</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,008,370</u>	<u>24,890,859</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	4,612,392	-	4,612,392	23,187,318
Other trading activities	12	2,465	-	2,465	3,599
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>4,614,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,614,857</u>	<u>23,190,917</u>
<b>Net income before transfers and investment gains and losses</b>		12,393,513	-	12,393,513	1,699,942
Transfers between funds	15	-	-	-	-
Net loss on investments	12	(1,375,517)	-	(1,375,517)	( 682,940 )
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>11,017,996</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,017,996</u>	<u>1,017,002</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Fund balances brought forward		30,624,053	-	30,624,053	29,607,051
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>		<u>41,642,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,642,049</u>	<u>30,624,053</u>

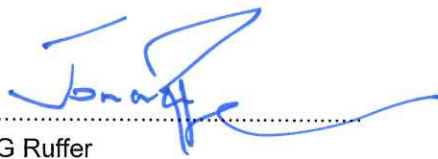
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.



**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Group		Charity	
		2025 £	2024 £	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	12	3,000,000	20,317,023	3,425,100	20,742,123
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	15,474,902	18,650,000	69,471	-
Cash at bank and in hand		26,197,278	1,668,598	26,193,064	1,666,828
		<u>41,672,180</u>	<u>20,318,598</u>	<u>26,262,535</u>	<u>1,666,828</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(3,030,131)	(10,011,568)	(3,447,656)	(10,429,433)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>38,642,049</u>	<u>10,307,030</u>	<u>22,814,879</u>	<u>(8,762,65)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>41,642,049</u>	<u>30,624,053</u>	<u>26,239,979</u>	<u>11,979,518</u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Unrestricted funds		41,642,049	30,624,053	26,239,979	11,979,518
Restricted funds		-	-	-	-
	15	<u>41,642,049</u>	<u>30,624,053</u>	<u>26,239,979</u>	<u>11,979,518</u>

Approved by the trustees on 5.11.2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 J G Ruffer  
 Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 23 form part of these financial statements.



**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	18	9,663,379	13,619,146
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Investment income received		(1,076,205)	(920,274)
Payments to acquire fixed asset investments		-	(15,770,862)
Receipts on sale of fixed asset investments		15,941,506	-
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>		14,865,301	(16,691,136)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents for the year</b>		24,528,680	(3,071,990)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting year		4,740,588	4,740,588
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting year</b>		26,197,278	1,668,598
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consist of:</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		26,197,278	1,668,598

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

Lempriere Pringle 2015 is a CIO registered in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 4 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed on page 1.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 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) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**1.2 Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements, and in particular note that the vast majority of the Trust's expenditure is at the discretion of the Trustees. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**1.3 Group financial statements**

The financial statements consolidate the results of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiary, LPT Trading Limited, on a line by line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the charity itself is not presented.

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**1.4 Income**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of the income resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting years.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amounts can be measured reliably by the Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable into the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield in the investment portfolio.

**1.5 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note 1.6 below.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one-year or multi-year grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the Trust.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

**1.6 Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objectives of the Trust.



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**1.7 Investments**

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value excluding transaction cost. Subsequently they are measured at fair value through the statement of financial activities if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can be measured reliably. Other investments, including subsidiaries and associates, are measured at cost less impairment.

The main form of financial risk faced by the Trust is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

**1.8 Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**1.9 Debtors**

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

**1.10 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash 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 Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**1.12 Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.13 Funds**

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objectives. Unrestricted funds include designated funds which the trustees, at their discretion, have created for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. There is a single restricted fund relating to the restrictions imposed by the Charity Commission following the transfer of the reserves from Lempriere Pringle Trust (please see Note 15).



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**1.14 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the Trust's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no significant accounting estimates which are considered to materially impact the financial statements.

**2. Financial performance of the Trust only**

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes the results of the Trust's wholly owned subsidiary, LPT Trading Limited.

The summary financial performance of the Trust alone is:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income	1,578,370	6,240,859
Charitable donation from subsidiary company	18,670,000	19,879,000
	<u>20,248,370</u>	<u>26,119,859</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	(4,612,392)	(23,187,318)
Net investment losses	(1,375,517)	(682,940 )
	<u>14,260,461</u>	<u>2,249,601</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		

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

**3. Confirmation Statement of Financial Activities**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	4	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	6,098,869
Other trading activities	12	18,650,000	-	18,650,000	19,879,503
Investment income	5	920,274	-	920,274	4,411,812
Other income		320,585	-	320,585	-
<b>Total income</b>		<u>24,890,859</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,890,859</u>	<u>30,390,184</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	23,187,318	-	23,187,318	22,581,372
Other trading activities	12	3,599	-	3,599	1,799
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>23,190,917</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,190,917</u>	<u>22,583,171</u>
<b>Net income before transfers and investment gains and losses</b>		1,699,942	-	1,699,942	7,807,013
Transfers between funds	15	-	-	-	-
Net loss on investments	12	(682,940 )	-	( 682,940 )	( 1,696,930 )
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>1,017,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,017,002</u>	<u>6,110,083</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Fund balances brought forward		29,607,051	-	29,607,051	23,496,968
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>		<u>30,624,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,624,053</u>	<u>29,607,051</u>

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**4. Donations**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
J G Ruffer (note 17)	400,000	4,000,000
C Bacon	-	-
Gift Aid	100,965	1,000,000
Other	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**5. Investment income**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Dividends (net)	92,635	920,274
Interest received	983,570	874,669
	1,076,205	920,274
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**6. Analysis of charitable activities**

The Trust undertakes its charitable activities through grant making and awards grants to a number of institutions in furtherance of its charitable activities.

	<b>Grant funded activity</b>	<b>Support costs</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Funded from wide range funds	4,544,385	68,007	4,612,392	23,187,318
	<u>4,544,385</u>	<u>68,007</u>	<u>4,612,392</u>	<u>23,187,318</u>

**7. Allocation of support costs**

	<b>Basis of allocation</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Legal and professional costs	Invoiced	41,395	10,412
Other	Invoiced	16,786	306
Governance costs (note 8)	Invoiced	9,826	12,699
		<u>68,007</u>	<u>23,417</u>

**8. Analysis of governance costs**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trustee indemnity insurance	1,326	1,131
Audit fee	8,500	11,568
	<u>9,826</u>	<u>12,699</u>

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**9. Analysis of grants and donations**

All grants are paid to institutions as noted below;

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Auckland Castle based trusts</b>		
The Auckland Project	1,025,000	7,500,000
Eleven Arches	25,000	10,000,000
The Zurbaran Trust	-	1,149,778
<b>Other Grants</b>		
Archbishop of Canterbury's Discretionary fund	100,000	100,000
The Art Fund	100,000	75,000
County Durham Community Foundation	-	500,000
First Fruit	209,000	210,000
Princes Trust	-	-
SHED (previously Seedbed Christian Community Trust)	3,000,000	3,500,000
Wear Valley Women's	-	-
Various grants in Stockton on Tees	73,385	113,098
CDCF Hardship Fund	-	-
Japan Christian Link	12,000	12,000
Grants of less than £5,000	-	4,025
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>4,544,385</b>	<b>23,163,901</b>
<b>Donations</b>		
Artwork donated to the Zurbaran Trust	-	-
<b>Total Grants and Donations</b>	<b>4,544,385</b>	<b>23,163,901</b>



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**10. Analysis of key management personnel**

The Trust consider the key management to be the trustees and the company secretary. There are no staff employed by the Trust. No Trustee has received any remuneration from the Trust in the year. During the year, three (2024: two) trustees were reimbursed expenses of £506.12 (2024: £265.66).

**11. Auditors remuneration**

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity and subsidiary's annual accounts (charity - £8,500)	10,200	10,200
Non-audit services	600	600
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**12. Fixed asset investments**

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Fixed asset listed investments	-	17,317,023	-	17,317,023
Other investments	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,425,100	3,425,100
	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>20,317,023</u>	<u>3,425,100</u>	<u>20,742,123</u>

**Fixed assets listed investments**

	£
Market value at 1 April 2024	17,317,023
Additions to investments at cost	-
Disposals at carrying value	( 15,941,506 )
Revaluation of investments to market value	( 1,375,517 )
Market value at 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>
Historical cost	<u>-</u>

Equity investments that are traded on a quoted market are held at fair value determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the balance sheet date.

Most holdings are not held in quoted companies, and these are held at cost, or the sterling equivalent where cost is in a foreign currency, less impairment on the basis that they represent shares in equities that are not publicly traded, and the fair value cannot otherwise be measured reliably. Where such companies have been traded at arm's length the valuation is struck at the last transaction.

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**12. Fixed asset investments (Continued)**

**Other investments**

	<b>Group 2025</b>	<b>Group 2024</b>	<b>Charity 2025</b>	<b>Charity 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Share in subsidiary – LPT Trading Limited	-	-	425,100	425,100
Share in associate – Data Free Limited	-	-	-	-
Share in associate – Colnaghi Holdings Limited	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,425,100</u>	<u>3,425,100</u>

Other investments are measured at cost less impairment on the basis that they represent shares in entities that are not publicly traded and the fair value cannot otherwise be measured reliably.

**Investment in subsidiary**

The Trust owns 100% of the ordinary share capital of LPT Trading Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The principal activity of the company is to hold an interest in Ruffer LLP and to pass income arising to its parent, Lempriere Pringle 2015, by way of charitable donation. The audit report for 31 March 2025 was unqualified. A summary of the trading results is below:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Turnover	15,430,000	18,650,000
Expenses	(2,465)	(3,599)
Taxation	-	-
Profit/loss	<u>15,427,535</u>	<u>18,646,401</u>
Charitable donation	(18,650,000)	(19,879,503)
Net assets	<u>16,402,170</u>	<u>19,645,594</u>

**Investment in associate**

On 31 August 2017 the Trust acquired 46% of the ordinary share capital of biNu Pty Limited, a company registered in Australia. There was a rights issue on 6 January 2019 increasing the shareholding to 62% which resulted in the investment being classified as an associate. Two further investments were made during 2019-20 on 18 July 2019 and 19 December 2019 increasing the shareholding to 79.5% at 31 March 2020. In 2020, biNU Pty Limited, was moved to be registered in the UK and was named Datafree Limited. Further share and rights issues have taken place throughout 2021, 2022 and 2023 and as at 31 March 2025, the Trust owns 33% of the share capital.

The investment has been impaired to nil to reflect the difficulty in obtaining a meaningful valuation of tech start-up companies, and also to reflect the uncertainty in the company at this stage of its life cycle. Until sufficient profits are generated, the value is very hard to quantify in the absence of an open market for Datafree's shares.

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**12. Fixed Asset Investments (Continued)**

On 20 December 2021, the Trust acquired 18.75% of the ordinary share capital of Colnaghi Holdings Limited, a company registered in the United Kingdom, for £3,000,000.

	Investment in associate £	Investment in subsidiary £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
Balance at 1 April 2024	17,754,563	425,100	18,179,663
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	17,754,563	425,100	18,179,663
<b>Impairment</b>			
Balance at 1 April 2024	14,754,563	-	14,754,563
Written off during the year	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	14,754,563	-	14,754,563
<b>Carrying Amount</b>			
At 31 March 2025	3,000,000	425,100	3,425,100
At 31 March 2024	3,000,000	425,100	3,425,100

**Investment gains and losses**

The investment gains and losses recognised in the statement of financial activities comprise the following:

	2025 £	2024 £
Valuation gains / (losses) on listed investments	(1,375,517)	(682,940)
Impairments	-	-
	(1,375,517)	(682,940)

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**13. Debtors: amounts receivable within one year**

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<b>Group 2024 £</b>	<b>Charity 2025 £</b>	<b>Charity 2024 £</b>
Prepayments and accrued income	15,474,902	18,650,000	69,471	-
	<u>15,474,902</u>	<u>18,650,000</u>	<u>69,471</u>	<u>-</u>

**14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<b>Group 2024 £</b>	<b>Charity 2025 £</b>	<b>Charity 2024 £</b>
Accruals	30,131	11,568	27,151	8,928
Accrued grants payable	3,000,000	10,000,000	3,000,000	10,000,000
Amounts due to subsidiary undertakings	-	-	420,505	420,505
	<u>3,030,131</u>	<u>10,011,568</u>	<u>3,447,656</u>	<u>10,429,433</u>

**15. Statement of Funds**

*For the year ended 31 March 2025*

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2024 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Loss on investment £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2025 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>						
Wide range	30,624,053	17,008,370	4,614,857	1,375,517	-	41,642,049
	<u>30,624,053</u>	<u>17,008,370</u>	<u>4,614,857</u>	<u>1,375,517</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,642,049</u>



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## 15. Statement of Funds (Continued)

*For the year ended 31 March 2024*

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Loss on investment £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>						
Wide range	29,607,051	24,890,859	(23,190,917)	(682,940)	-	30,624,053
	<u>29,607,051</u>	<u>24,890,859</u>	<u>(23,190,917)</u>	<u>(682,940)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,624,053</u>

**Wide range**

These are funds available for distribution according to the Objects of the organisation as set out in the Articles, namely "to advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England & Wales) as the Trustees see fit from time to time".

**Neapolitan Nativity**

During the prior year, the Trust received a donation with the express purpose of using it to acquire the Neapolitan Nativity. This asset was acquired during the prior year and therefore the purpose of the donation was fulfilled and the restriction on its use lifted.

## 16. Analysis of net assets between funds

*For the year ended 31 March 2025*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Investments	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
Current assets	41,672,180	-	41,672,180
Current Liabilities	(3,030,131 )	-	( 3,030,131 )
	<u>41,642,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,642,049</u>

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**16. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)**

*For the year ended 31 March 2025*

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Investments	20,317,023	-	20,317,023
Current assets	20,318,598	-	20,318,598
Current Liabilities	(10,011,568)	-	( 10,011,568)
	<u>30,624,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,624,053</u>

**17. Related Party Transactions**

The Trust's Investment portfolio was managed by Ruffer LLP, of which J G Ruffer, a trustee, is also a member. No fees have been charged by Ruffer LLP. All of the investments held by Ruffer LLP were disposed of during the year.

**Income**

During the year income of £400,000 (2024 - £4,000,000) was received from J G Ruffer; gift aid is due to be claimed on the donations amounting to £100,965 (2024 - £1,000,000).

**Grants paid**

The following grants have been paid during the year to related parties.

- £1,025,000 (2024 - £7,500,000) has been paid to The Auckland Project, a charitable company of which J G Ruffer and H C Ruffer were trustees during the financial period.
- £25,000 (2024 - £10,000,000) has been granted to Eleven Arches Trust, a charitable company of which J G Ruffer is trustee. This amount was outstanding at the year end.
- £0 (2024 - £1,149,778) has been paid to The Zurbaran Trust, a charitable company of which J G Ruffer and J M Ruffer are trustees.

**18. Reconciliation of net incoming resources to net cash inflow**

	2025 £	2024 £
Net movement in funds	11,017,996	1,017,002
Investment income	1,076,205	920,274
Loss on investments	1,375,517	682,940
(Increase) in debtors	3,175,098	1,229,502
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	( 6,981,437)	9,769,428
<b>Net cash inflow</b>	<u>9,663,379</u>	<u>13,619,146</u>