

The Persimmon Charitable Foundation

Trustees' report and audited accounts

Registered number 1163608

31 December 2023

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Trustees' report

Reference and Administrative Details

The trustees of the Persimmon Charitable Foundation (the "Persimmon Foundation"), registered number 1163608, present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Persimmon Foundation's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102).

Trustees

The trustees who held office during the period and to the date of this report were as follows:

Anthony Vigor (Chair)
 Roger Devlin
 Dean Finch
 Joanna Place (resigned 26 April 2023)
 Tracy Davison
 Kevin Murphy (resigned 29 February 2024)

Auditor

Ernst & Young LLP
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Principal office

The charity's principal office is:

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Objectives and activities for the public benefit

As one of the UK's leading housebuilders conscious of its social responsibility, in 2015 Persimmon Plc established the Persimmon Charitable Foundation to assist supporting communities in the areas which the Persimmon Group operates. Persimmon Plc aims to positively transform communities directly connected to its activities, and supporting sustainable communities is a key priority for the business which is complemented by its 'transforming communities' sustainability pillar.

The Persimmon Foundation is a charitable incorporated organisation. Its constitution sets out its objectives (as set out in its constitution), are to further such charitable purposes as the trustees see fit from time to time, in particular (but not limited to) making grants to charities or organisations furthering charitable purposes that:

- promote urban regeneration in areas of economic and social deprivation by all or any of the following means:
 - the advancement of education, training or re-training, particularly among the young and unemployed people;
 - the maintenance, improvement or provision of public amenities; and
 - the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large, and in particular those who, by reason of youth, age, infirmity, disability, poverty or social or economic circumstances, have need for such facilities;
- promote sustainable development, particularly with regard to the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources and the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;
- advance young people in life through education and developing their skills, capacity and capability to enable their participation in society;
- advance amateur sport (the advancement of which promotes mental and physical health);
- advance health and relieve sickness; and
- relieve those in need whether because of poverty, youth, ill health, disability or other disadvantage.

Trustees' report (*continued*)

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

In keeping with the Persimmon Foundation's objectives, the trustees' aim is to improve local communities in the UK for the public benefit by improving health, education and skills, relieving poverty, advancing amateur sport, improving the local environment and the advancement of arts and culture.

The Persimmon Foundation's strategy is to make donations to charities, particularly small local charities and groups, who provide support to their local community. As noted previously, during 2022 Persimmon plc notified the trustees that it would prefer to fund the Community Champions campaign directly, instead of donating the relevant funds to the Persimmon Foundation. This took effect from 1 October 2022. Persimmon plc have been funding this on a quarterly basis since this date.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and performance

The trustees have measured the success of their work during the year through the charitable donations made by the Persimmon Foundation. During 2023 the Persimmon Foundation made a number of charitable donations totalling £287,333.34. Further details are provided below:

- £50,000 was donated to Place2Be, a mental health charity providing mental health support to children and young people in schools.
- £50,000 was donated to the Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity, a national mental health charity focussed on the construction sector. The donation was used to support the MakeItVisible on-site initiative.
- £33,333.34 was donated to The Place, York (formerly the Westfield Centre), a community-embedded learning centre with an aim to improve educational attainment and social mobility in one of the most disadvantaged areas of York. This is a three-year agreement, with the first instalment having been paid during the year.
- £20,000 was donated to Hungry Minds, York, a regional charity which provides free breakfasts for lower-income families in York schools;
- £20,000 was donated to Saints Foundation, Southampton, a charity established for the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of children in full-time education and disadvantaged adults residing in the county of Hampshire and other neighbouring areas by the provision of facilities and opportunities for the playing of and learning through football;
- £20,000 was donated to Rachel House Children's Hospice, Kinross. Part of the Children's Hospices Across Scotland Group, which is a charity which operates across all or most of Scotland and provides respite, relaxation and support services for those in need, particularly babies, children and young people with life-shortening conditions;
- £20,000 was donated to Young Minds Matter, Stratford Upon Avon, which provides educational and mentoring support to young people, especially those with mental health challenges. Providing reactive support and proactive education, they endeavour to deliver social and emotional learning programmes to groups of young people to help develop their skills and capabilities;
- £10,000 was donated to 2wish, Llantrisant, a charity which provides a support and counselling service to young people throughout Wales who have lost loved ones at an early age;
- £10,000 was donated to Children's Hospice South West, which provides full family support services for babies, children and young people with life-shortening conditions;
- £10,000 was donated to Whizz Kidz, a national charity which provides mobility-impaired children and young people with equipment, training and advice to live an independent life;
- £10,000 was donated to Feeding Britain, a national charity with regional and local partnerships to implement projects across affordable food clubs, Healthy Holidays, fuel banks and Pathways from Poverty;
- £10,000 was donated to Street Child, an international charity helping to educate children who are not in school, especially in low resource environments and emergencies;
- £10,000 was donated to The University of Salford's Friends of Energy House 2.0 Impact Fund. The Fund supports programmes and initiatives in climate change and poverty, increasing diversity in the energy efficiency pipeline, including running educational outreach activities;
- £5,000 was donated to Band of Builders, a national construction charity which works to help members of the construction industry and their families in their hour of need.
- £5,000 was donated to LandAid, a property industry charity with a mission to end youth homelessness. The donation contributed towards a SleepOut, where property professionals and wider built environment professionals brave one night outside to raise funds for homeless 16-25 year olds.

Trustees' report (*continued*)

Achievements and performance (*continued*)

- £3,000 was donated to The Story of Christmas, a national charity that relieves poverty amongst homeless individuals by providing grants to homeless charities. The donation contributed towards initiatives to work to provide support, accommodation and opportunities for work and education to homeless individuals.
- £1,000 was donated to the Great Yarmouth 221 Squadron, Royal Airforce Air Cadets.

Through making individual charitable donations, the trustees believe that the aims and objectives of the Persimmon Foundation have been achieved during the year. In total, donations of over £9.0m have been made to good causes since the Persimmon Foundation was established in 2015.

Financial review

Income

The Persimmon Foundation's main source of income during the year under review were donations from independent financial advisers (IFAs). The IFAs who made donations were those companies or firms that gave advice on mortgage products to customers buying a home from Persimmon Homes Limited and Charles Church Development Limited, both companies being part of the Persimmon Group.

During the year under review, the Persimmon Foundation received donations of £494,136 (2022: £1,325,006). As stated previously, the Persimmon Group funded the Community Champions campaign directly during this year. This resulted in a decrease in contributions being made to the Persimmon Foundation. Their donations to the Persimmon Foundation reduced from £651,403 in 2022 to £10,000 in 2023. There was also a decrease in donations received as a result of a reduction in the funding provided by IFAs, which changed from £660,425 in 2022 to £468,225 in 2023. During the year, donations from the Persimmon Group in respect of waived salaries/fees remained unchanged at £12,000 (2022: £12,000) and Persimmon Group staff and other donations increased from £1,178 in 2022 to £3,911 in 2023."

The Persimmon Charitable Foundation made a donation of £50,000 in 2019 to The Prince's Foundation for the Dumfries House equine project. Due to long delays in the project's commencement, the trustees requested that the donation be returned. The Prince's Foundation returned the £50,000 donation during the year.

Expenditure

The Persimmon Foundation made donations of £287,333 (2022: £630,120) and had other expenditure of £4,772 during 2023 (2022: £591).

At the end of the year the Persimmon Foundation held a surplus of £774,500 (2022: surplus of £516,793). This surplus is the result of the Persimmon Foundation's income (mainly received from IFAs) exceeding its expenditure (donations to charities or other community groups which are aligned to the Foundation's objectives) in 2023.

This is explained by the trustees decision to not run the Building Futures charitable campaign (a previously-run campaign which focussed on donations to charities and groups supporting under-18s in the fields of education and the arts, sport and health).

During the year, it came into effect that a Persimmon Group employee would be seconded to the Persimmon Foundation. Under this arrangement, the employee's working hours (and employment costs) were split between the Persimmon Group (50%) and the Persimmon Foundation (50%).

Going concern

The Persimmon Foundation is primarily reliant on donations from IFAs and the Persimmon Group to fund its donations, with minimal reliance on fundraising activities.

The Directors of Persimmon plc have assessed the future funding requirements of the Persimmon Group and compared it to the level of long-term debt, committed bank facilities and cash resources over the medium-term. The Directors of Persimmon plc considered the impact of these risks on the going concern of the Persimmon Group by performing a range of sensitivity analyses including severe but plausible scenarios materialising together with the likely effectiveness of mitigating actions that would be executed by the Directors of Persimmon plc.

Trustees' report *(continued)*

Going concern *(continued)*

Having considered the Group's forecasts, sensitivity analysis and the Group's significant financial headroom, the Directors of Persimmon plc have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The Group's treasury policy and management is controlled by Persimmon plc. As such, the trustees have received an undertaking from Persimmon plc that the necessary funds will be made available to enable the Foundation to operate for the foreseeable future.

Having undertaken this full review and obtained reasonable assurances, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Foundation has adequate resources to fund its operations for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

Principal Risks

The Persimmon Foundation's principal risks are reputational and fraud. The trustees have put in place systems and procedures to monitor how money is raised and how donations are made. The Persimmon Foundation is also supported by Persimmon Plc, which has made resources available to the trustees, including its head office functions in order that the trustees have relevant financial controls, monitoring and reporting, to reduce the risk of fraud. The trustees are satisfied that the major risks identified have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

Plans for future periods

Building Futures campaign

The trustees have discussed the refocusing of Building Futures with an emphasis on training in skills development to focus on providing apprentices and job opportunities, especially for "harder to reach groups" who may currently be excluded from the employment market. Further to this, during the period under review, the trustees confirmed their intention to relaunch Building Futures at some point in the future, with the aim of helping young people gain a route to skilled employment through apprenticeships. The donations which the Persimmon Foundation have made during the year have all remained in line with the objectives of its constitution and would fit well with a refreshed Building Futures campaign.

Going forward, the Persimmon Foundation expects to relaunch a revised Building Futures campaign. The trustees have considered avenues to further this, including a partnership which would allow the Persimmon Foundation to support increased social mobility and increasing exposure and engagement from under-represented groups to skilled employment. This would fulfil the Persimmon Foundation's objectives relating to the advancement of education, training or re-training, particularly among young and/or employed people; and the advancement of young people in life through education and developing their skills, capacity and capability to enable their participation in society. A pilot scheme in relation to this has commenced in the North East and North West of England. If the trustees consider the pilot successful, the project will be broadened to more areas.

Additional resource

Further to their discussions during the prior year, the trustees noted a number of active and emerging strands of community and charitable engagement work, including that these required greater day-to-day coordination and resource than available. Consequently, to provide additional resource and to support the future development of the Persimmon Foundation's work, the trustees agreed with Persimmon plc that a Persimmon Group employee would be seconded to the Persimmon Foundation. Under this arrangement, the employee's working hours (and employment costs) were split between the Persimmon Group (50%) and the Persimmon Foundation (50%). This came into effect during the year under review.

The Place, York (formerly the Westfield Centre)

The Place, York (formerly the Westfield Centre) is a new community-embedded learning centre in York, designed to support up to 800 children and their families each year. The Centre, which is a joint project between the University of York and local schools, aims to improve educational attainment and social mobility in one of the most disadvantaged areas of York. Having been approached to support the Centre, the trustees agreed to make a £100,000 donation over three years to this important local project and have made the first instalment of £33,333.34 toward this. In doing so, the Persimmon Foundation is further achieving its objective of promoting urban regeneration in areas of economic and social deprivation, including via the advancement of education and training, particularly among young and/or unemployed people.

Trustees' report *(continued)*

Plans for future periods *(continued)*

The trustees will continue to consider potential new campaigns which support the objective of the Persimmon Foundation to improve local communities in the UK for the public benefit.

Structure, governance and management

The Persimmon Foundation was incorporated on 17 September 2015 as a charitable incorporated organisation governed by its constitution. The objects of the Persimmon Foundation are contained in its constitution. Trustees may be appointed by a resolution of the existing trustees or may be nominated by Persimmon plc. Persimmon plc is the parent company of a large group of companies whose principal activity is that of housebuilding in the United Kingdom. The minimum number of trustees is three and there is no maximum. The Persimmon Foundation is supported by Persimmon plc, which provides financial and administrative support.

During the year under review, Joanna Place, the Persimmon Group's Workforce Non-Executive Director resigned as a trustee of the Persimmon Foundation. Kevin Murphy also resigned and left the Persimmon Foundation in February 2024.

The trustees continue to work in accordance with the strategy of the Persimmon Foundation. They also consider and agree all new campaigns, as well as determining how donations are made.

To further improve the governance of the Persimmon Foundation the trustees have previously agreed to adopt the Charity Governance Code for Smaller Charities (the "Code"). The Foundation's application of the seven principles of the Code is generally good, although some small changes have been made to continually improve governance. The changes included the introduction of policies covering conflicts of interest and complaints, and the production of a formal summary of services provided by Persimmon plc. The Persimmon Foundation's compliance against the Code will be reviewed again during 2024.

Approved by the Board of trustees and signed on its behalf by



Tracy Davison
Trustee

Persimmon House
Fulford
York
YO19 4FE

28 October 2024

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP. Under that 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 the affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PERSIMMON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Persimmon Charitable Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise Income Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 8, 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 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 below. 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 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 charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period to 31 December 2024.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the trustee's ability to continue as a going concern.

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 in the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this 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 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 the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PERSIMMON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION *(continued)*

Opinion on other matter 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, which includes the directors' report and the strategic report prepared for the purpose of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- ▶ The strategic report and the directors' report included within the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have identified no material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the 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.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, 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 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 management either intends to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or has 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.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PERSIMMON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION *(continued)*

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (continued)

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company and determined that the most significant which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those that relate to the reporting framework (FRS 101 and the Companies Act 2006) and compliance with the relevant direct and indirect tax regulation in the United Kingdom.
- We understood how The Persimmon Charitable Foundation is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management and those charged with governance. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of board minutes and papers provided to the Board, and made inquiries of management to identify if there are matters where there is a risk of breach of such frameworks that could have a material adverse impact on the company, as well as consideration of the results of our audit procedures across the company.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, through internal team conversations and inquiry of management and those charged with governance to understand where it considered there was a susceptibility for fraud. We corroborated our enquiries through other work performed, and made inquiries of management to identify if there are matters where there is a risk of breach of such frameworks that could have a material adverse impact on the company, as well as consideration of the results of our audit procedures across the company. We considered the programmes and controls that the company has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud; and how senior management monitors those programmes and controls. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included testing manual journals and were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud and error. We also utilised our analytics tools and paid particular attention to manual journals in order to address the risk of management override. Where necessary we involved forensic specialists to support the audit team in evaluating and concluding on our testing performed in relation to management override.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. In addition, we completed procedures to conclude on the compliance of the disclosures in the Annual Report and Accounts with the requirements of the relevant accounting standards and UK legislation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Ernst & Young LLP

Victoria Venning (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor

Manchester

28 October 2024

Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Income			
Donations		494,136	1,325,006
Income from other trading activities		1,926	-
Other Income	3	53,750	-
Total Income		549,812	1,325,006
Expenditure			
Charitable activities (donations)	1	287,333	630,120
Other expenditure	4	4,772	591
Total Expenditure		292,105	630,711
Net income for the period	8	257,707	694,295
Reconciliation of funds: -			
Total funds brought forward		516,793	(177,502)
Total funds carried forward		774,500	516,793

Balance sheet
As at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	6	779,127	516,793
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(4,627)	-
Net Assets		<u>774,500</u>	<u>516,793</u>
Charity funds:			
Total unrestricted income funds	5	<u>774,500</u>	<u>516,793</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees on 28 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


Tracy Davison
Trustee

Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	7	262,334	307,245
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the period		<u>262,334</u>	<u>307,245</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		<u>516,793</u>	<u>209,548</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period		<u>779,127</u>	<u>516,793</u>

Notes

(forming part of the accounts)

1 Principal accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2015), Charity Law and under the historical cost accounting rules.

This is the organisation's set of accounts which cover the year ended 31 December 2023.

Going concern

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The Directors of Persimmon plc have assessed the future funding requirements of the Persimmon Group and compared it to the level of long-term debt, committed bank facilities and cash resources over the medium term. The Directors of Persimmon plc considered the impact of these risks on the going concern of the Persimmon Group by performing a range of sensitivity analyses including severe but plausible scenarios materialising together with the likely effectiveness of mitigating actions that would be executed by the Directors of Persimmon plc.

Having considered the Group's forecasts, sensitivity analysis and the Group's significant financial headroom, the Directors of Persimmon plc have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The Group's treasury policy and management is controlled by Persimmon plc. As such, the trustees have received an undertaking from Persimmon plc that the necessary funds will be made available to enable the Foundation to operate for the foreseeable future.

Having undertaken this full review and obtained reasonable assurances, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Foundation has adequate resources to fund its operations for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income. All income recognised during the period has come from cash donations.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis.

The following donations have been made in the year;

£50,000 Place2Be,
£50,000 Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity
£33,333.34 The Place, York (formerly the Westfield Centre)
£20,000 Hungry Minds, York
£20,000 Saints Foundation, Southampton
£20,000 Rachel House Children's Hospice, Kinross
£20,000 Young Minds Matter, Stratford Upon Avon
£10,000 2wish, Llantrisant
£10,000 Children's Hospice South West
£10,000 Whizz Kidz
£10,000 Feeding Britain
£10,000 Street Child
£10,000 The University of Salford's Friends of Energy House 2.0 Impact Fund
£5,000 Band of Builders
£5,000 LandAid
£3,000 The Story of Christmas
£1,000 Great Yarmouth 221 Squadron, Royal Airforce Air Cadets.

Taxation

Due to the organisation's charitable status no tax is payable on the charity's income for the period. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the organisation, consequently all expenditure in these accounts is stated inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Notes (continued)

1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

Accumulated funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds which are available at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

2 Staff numbers and costs

In September 2023, an employee of Persimmon plc was placed on secondment with the foundation. Their costs have been accrued for and are included under employee costs within note 3.

The trustees, who are not remunerated for their services to the Persimmon Foundation, are set out in the Trustees Report.

3 Other income

	2023 £	2022 £
Returned donations	50,000	-
Lapsed cheques	3,750	-
	<u>53,750</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Other expenditure

	2023 £	2022 £
Employee costs	4,627	-
Bank charges	145	591
	<u>4,772</u>	<u>591</u>

5 Reconciliation of funds

	2023 £	2022 £
Charity funds brought forward	516,793	(177,502)
Movement in funds in the period	257,707	694,295
Charity funds carried forward	<u>774,500</u>	<u>516,793</u>

6 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>779,127</u>	<u>516,793</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>4,627</u>	<u>-</u>

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the period	257,707	694,295
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	4,627	(387,050)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>262,334</u>	<u>307,245</u>

Notes *(continued)*

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the period, and none of them were reimbursed any travelling expenses.

10 Related party transactions

The cost of the Independent Auditor's report was borne by Persimmon plc.

11 Ultimate controlling party

The trustees of the Persimmon Foundation are nominated by the directors of Persimmon Plc, but they act in the independent interest of the Persimmon Foundation to further its charitable aims.

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