



## Roper-Hall Eye Foundation CIO

Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the year  
ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity number 1170780

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## **Report of the Trustees**

The Trustees of the Roper-Hall Eye Foundation CIO (“the Charity”) have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 15 December 2016 and the final funds were transferred from the Birmingham Eye Foundation (‘BEF’) on 21 May 2018 when BEF ceased activities.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act, the Charity’s Constitution 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 (FRS102) (updated 1 January 2019).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Charity’s objects are to promote education and research into the study of ophthalmology for the public benefit, in particular but not exclusively by:

- Supporting world-class scientific and clinical research into sight loss and other manifestations of eye disease;
- Enhancing the education and training of professionals involved in eye care and in ophthalmic research and education;
- Supporting engagement with patients and the public to better understand eye disease and support eye health.

The Charity will undertake the following activities in order to fulfill its objectives:

- Continue to support the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital Alumni meetings
- Continue to support the Roper-Hall Medal and the Sir Adrian Cadbury Lecture
- Continue to support activities that meet the Charity’s objectives
- Promote the named University of Birmingham medical student electives bursaries, conference travel awards and undergraduate prize essay
- Promote various grant giving schemes and awards
- Undertake fundraising activities
- Recruit to fill Trustee vacancies as necessary

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity’s aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

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## **Report of the Trustees (continued)**

### **ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND FUTURE PLANS**

In the current year the Charity has provided support for the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital Alumni Annual Meeting, the Roper-Hall Prize Medal and approved an Innovation Grant and Small Funding Award. We maintained communication with the managers of the Barbara Mary Wilmot Discretionary Trust and continued processes for the University of Birmingham medical student electives bursaries, conference travel awards and undergraduate prize essay. We intend to extend our undergraduate prize to Aston University Medical School. We are introducing (a) an exciting Patient Benefit/Wellbeing grant scheme to enable NHS staff to bring about impactful improvements in patient benefit and/or wellbeing, (b) a Conference/Training course award for non-medical staff and early career researchers and (c) a vision-related Research Development feasibility/preliminary data award through the University of Birmingham. Fundraising activities were led by Mr. Keith Mainwaring (Associate Member) through various cake sales etc.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Overall, the Foundation experienced an improved year with investment income achieved of £49,298 (2023: £47,433). Total grants payments were £nil during the year (2023: £44,489). The Foundation finishes the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 with net assets of £1,939,543 an increase of £133,082 on 2023. This is largely due to the increase in the investment portfolio.

Based on the expected income and expenditure levels, Trustees consider that the Charity has adequate resources to maintain its ongoing work and expand its services as outlined above.

#### **Reserves policy**

Trustees have agreed to continue with their existing reserves policy as follows:

‘To maintain unrestricted funds at a level sufficient to cover management and administrative costs, to respond to emergency applications for grants which arise and to meet on-going commitments approved by Trustees’.

The Foundation has approximately £1.73m of investment assets and retains a cash reserve outside of the portfolio to ensure the ongoing costs and grant making ability of the charity does not result in having to sell of any of the assets held within the portfolio which represents the charity’s long term financial assets.

The foundation aims to distribute grants of between £30,000 to £50,000 per annum but this can vary from year to year depending on grant making opportunities, requests for funding and investment returns. The investment objective is to generate an income return of approximately 3-4% per annum over the long term.

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## **Report of the Trustees (continued)**

The free reserves at 31 December 2024 are in line with the policy and will be regularly reviewed with regard to both current and expected future expenditure.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing Document**

The Roper-Hall Eye Foundation CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and a registered Charity governed by its Constitution. The only voting members are its Trustees.

The Charity was registered on 15 December 2016 when it became a legal organisation. It commenced activity on 29 December 2017 following the transfer of initial funds and activities from the Birmingham Eye Foundation.

#### **Appointment of Trustees, induction & training**

New Trustees may be appointed by invitation to join the Board given that they have the necessary skills and experience to contribute to the Charity's activities and to be able to discharge their obligations as Trustees.

New Trustees will be provided with copies of the Charity's Constitution and all relevant policies and procedures and will be given the necessary training to enable them to carry out their duties as Trustees.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

The Charity is managed by the Chairman, the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary.

#### **Trustees:**

Philip Murray (Chair)  
Saaeha Rauz  
Sunil Shah  
Max Spurgeon  
Rohan Deva Situnayake  
Graham Wallace  
Lisa Page (appointed 14 May 2024)

#### **Trustee (Finance):**

Saaeha Rauz

#### **Honorary Secretary:**

Charlotte Harris

**Registered Charity Name:** Roper-Hall Eye Foundation CIO

**Charity Number:** 1170780

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**Report of the Trustees (continued)**

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Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Philip I. Murray  
*Chair of Trustees*

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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## **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit incurred by the Charity for that year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments 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 to exist.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

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 and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the Charity is operating efficiently and effectively;
- its assets are safeguarded against unauthorized use or disposition;
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the Charity or for publication is reliable;
- the Charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Roper-Hall Eye Foundation CIO**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Roper-Hall Eye Foundation ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than the requirement that the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Karen Hanlan, ACA,ACIE  
Karen Hanlan Independent Examiner Limited  
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Date : 14 March 2025



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**Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2024**

		Restricted funds £	Un- restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Note				
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations & legacies	1	-	10,434	<b>10,434</b>	46,196
Fundraising		-	2,459	<b>2,459</b>	-
Investment income	2	-	49,298	<b>49,298</b>	47,433
<b>Total income</b>		-	62,191	<b>62,191</b>	93,629
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Costs of raising funds:					
<i>Investment management costs</i>		-	10,720	<b>10,720</b>	9,962
Charitable activities	3	-	16,439	<b>16,439</b>	67,259
<b>Total expenditure</b>		-	27,159	<b>27,159</b>	77,221
<b>Net income before gains on investments</b>		-	35,032	<b>35,032</b>	16,408
<b>Net gains on investments</b>	4	-	98,050	<b>98,050</b>	104,342
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		-	133,082	<b>133,082</b>	120,750
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
<b>Total fund brought forward</b>		<b>1,760</b>	<b>1,804,701</b>	<b>1,806,461</b>	1,685,711
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,760</b>	<b>1,937,783</b>	<b>1,939,543</b>	1,806,461

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

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**Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	4	<u>1,730,827</u>	<u>1,612,935</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		212,131	196,723
Debtors		<u>160</u>	<u>160</u>
		<u>212,291</u>	<u>196,883</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>(3,575)</u>	<u>(3,357)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>208,716</u>	<u>193,526</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>1,939,543</u></u>	<u><u>1,806,461</u></u>
<b>Funds of the Charity:</b>			
Restricted Funds	6	1,760	1,760
Unrestricted Funds		<u>1,937,783</u>	<u>1,804,701</u>
<b>Total Charity funds</b>		<u><u>1,939,543</u></u>	<u><u>1,806,461</u></u>

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Philip I. Murray, Chair of Trustees

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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## **Principal accounting policies**

### **Basis of preparation**

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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (updated 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The Roper-Hall Eye Foundation CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

### **Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Charity will continue to operate. The validity of this assumption is dependent upon the Charity generating sufficient income to meet its commitments and in pursuing a viable budget. The Charity's business plan shows that the Charity will be able to operate in the foreseeable future. Based on this understanding the Trustees believe that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments, which would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

### **Funds**

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the objectives of the charity and include funds designated for a particular purpose; the use of such funds remains at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are funds subject to conditions imposed by the donor or by specific terms of the appeal under which the funds are raised. The restrictive conditions are binding upon the Charity.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled, ultimate receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

### **Expenditure**

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.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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## **Principal accounting policies (Continued)**

### **Investments**

Investments are initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Charity does not acquire or use put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

### **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.

### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and in hand and short term deposits repayable on or within a three month notice period.

### **Debtors**

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

### **Creditors**

Creditors 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.

### **Taxation**

As a registered Charity no provision is considered necessary for taxation.

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## Notes to the financial statements

### 1. Donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Restricted grant from the Barbara Mary Wilmot Discretionary Trust	-	44,489
Donations	10,434	1,572
Gift Aid on donations	-	135
	<u>10,434</u>	<u>46,196</u>

The grants from the Barbara Mary Wilmot Discretionary Trust are restricted to the purchase of equipment for research/education. £44,489 was awarded for the purchase of an Ocumet Beacon Device to be used at the Birmingham and Midland Eye Centre.

### 2. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Dividends - Equities	30,333	32,137
Interest – fixed interest securities	18,592	14,931
Bank interest	373	365
	<u>49,298</u>	<u>47,433</u>

### 3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Restricted grant	-	44,489
Repayment of excess grant from previous year	-	9,008
	<u>-</u>	<u>53,497</u>
Student Bursaries	400	1,320
Roper-Hall Prize medal award	350	350
Roper-Hall medal costs	564	-
Alumni Event	6,576	10,000
Small fund awards	6,300	-
Treasurer & Secretary honoraria	1,000	1,000
Subscriptions	83	-
Travel & subsistence	-	51
Trustee Indemnity Insurance	231	231
Bank charges	60	60
Independent Examiners fee	875	850
	<u>16,439</u>	<u>13,862</u>

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## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

The Charity is controlled and managed by the Trustees and employs no staff. No Trustee has received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year. No Trustee expenses were reimbursed in the year (2023: no Trustee expenses reimbursed).

### 4. Fixed Asset Investments

The movement in investments is detailed below

	2024 £	2023 £
Balance at start of the year	1,612,935	1,492,632
Additions at cost	311,702	319,725
Disposal proceeds	(291,860)	(303,764)
Revaluations	98,050	104,342
	<u>1,730,827</u>	<u>1,612,935</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>1,730,827</u>	<u>1,612,935</u>
Historical cost	<u>1,461,617</u>	<u>1,382,720</u>

#### Investments comprised:

	2024 £	2023 £
UK Bonds	191,938	112,718
Overseas bonds	86,534	169,735
UK Equities	252,859	309,632
North American Equities	640,012	507,338
European Equities	131,558	91,747
Japanese Equities	54,779	51,311
Asia Pacific Equities	90,918	82,941
Global Investments	85,903	66,288
Other	196,326	221,225
	<u>1,730,827</u>	<u>1,612,935</u>

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### 5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	<u>3,575</u>	<u>3,357</u>

### 6. Movement in funds 2024

	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment gains £	Carried Forward £
<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>					
General Funds	1,804,701	62,191	(27,159)	98,050	1,937,783
<b>Restricted Fund</b>					
Retinopathy Project	1,760	-	-	-	1,760
Barbara Mary Wilmot Discretionary Trust	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,760</u>
Total Funds	<u>1,806,461</u>	<u>62,191</u>	<u>(27,159)</u>	<u>98,050</u>	<u>1,939,543</u>

### 2023

	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment losses £	Carried Forward £
<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>					
General Funds	1,674,943	49,140	(23,724)	104,342	1,804,701
<b>Restricted Fund</b>					
Retinopathy Project	1,760	-	-	-	1,760
Barbara Mary Wilmot Discretionary Trust	9,008	44,489	(53,497)	-	-
	<u>10,768</u>	<u>44,489</u>	<u>(53,497)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,760</u>
Total Funds	<u>1,685,711</u>	<u>93,629</u>	<u>(77,221)</u>	<u>104,342</u>	<u>1,806,461</u>

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Restricted grants were received from the Barbara Mary Wilmot Discretionary Trust in 2021 for payments for the purchase of equipment as detailed in note 1 above during 2022.

### 7. Net Assets by Fund

<b>2024:</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2024 Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investments	1,730,827	-	1,730,827
Cash at bank and in hand	210,371	1,760	212,131
Debtors	160	-	160
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,575)	-	(3,575)
	<u>1,937,783</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>1,939,543</u>
 <b>2023:</b>	 <b>Unrestricted funds</b>	 <b>Restricted funds</b>	 <b>2023 Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investments	1,612,935	-	1,612,935
Cash at bank and in hand	194,963	1,760	196,723
Debtors	160	-	160
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,357)	-	(3,357)
	<u>1,804,701</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>1,806,461</u>

### 8. Controlling Interest and related party transactions

The Charity is controlled by the Trustees.

Donations from Trustees totalling £nil (2023: £nil) were made during the year.

There were no other transactions with related parties during the year.



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## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 9. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the prior year

	Restricted funds £	Un- restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income</b>			
Donations & legacies	44,389	1,807	<b>46,196</b>
Investment income	-	47,433	<b>47,433</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>44,389</b>	<b>49,240</b>	<b>93,629</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Costs of raising funds:			
<i>Investment management costs</i>	-	9,962	<b>9,962</b>
Charitable activities	53,397	13,862	<b>67,259</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>53,397</b>	<b>23,824</b>	<b>77,221</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before gains on investments</b>	<b>(9,008)</b>	<b>25,416</b>	<b>16,408</b>
<b>Net gains on investments</b>	-	104,342	<b>104,342</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/ income and net movement in funds</b>	<b>(9,008)</b>	<b>129,758</b>	<b>120,750</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
<b>Total fund brought forward</b>	<b>10,768</b>	<b>1,674,943</b>	<b>1,685,711</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>1,804,701</b>	<b>1,806,461</b>