

**Charity Registration No. 1172569**

**WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2024. The financial year end was changed to 31 March 2024 to align with the year end of Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP, of whom the trustees are all partners.

This report relates to the period ended 31 March 2024 for the Charity Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) charity number 1172569.

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

**Reference and administrative information**

<b>Charity number</b>	1172569
<b>Principal address</b>	C/o Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP The Spark The Helix Draymans Way Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 5DE
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Philip Holt FCA FCIE High Park Farm Kirkbymoorside York YO62 7HS
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank Plc 102 Grey Street Newcastle Upon Tyne NE99 1SL
<b>Solicitors</b>	Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP The Spark The Helix Draymans Way Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 5DE

## **WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) CIO was established by a Constitution dated 12 April 2017, last amended on 12 December 2017. The Charity is organised as a CIO and is governed by the Constitution.

The Constitution provides that there shall not be less than two trustees. There is no maximum number of trustees that may be appointed to the Charity. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity trustees. Any trustee vacancies which arise are filled by search with due regard to maintaining a proper balance of skills and experience within the members. Appointments are made following an agreed process and ratified by the Board of Trustees.

The trustees manage the affairs of the Charity in accordance with the objectives and powers set out in the Constitution.

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees who served during the period were:

Hannah Cane (resigned 22 October 2024)

Nicola Juliet Jane Shepherd (resigned 31 March 2024)

Robert Alexander Dickinson (resigned 12 December 2023)

Sarah Sally Dallow

Jonathan Charles Bower

Nicholas Huw Barwood

Andrew Richard Harding (appointed 22 January 2024)

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the Charity, as set out in the governing document, is for the public benefit, to further such exclusively charitable purposes according to the law of England and Wales as the charity trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time determine.

#### **Grant making policy**

The Charity invites applications for grants from the public and the Trustees meet regularly to decide which applications to support. Each year the aim is for as much income as possible to be distributed, however if not all of the Charity's income is distributed then this will be retained for future grants in the following years.

#### **Financial Review**

During the period under review the Charity had net outgoings of £10,735 (2023: net income £57,724) as shown on page 5 of the financial statements.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

During the period the Trustees made grants totalling £121,601 to 40 organisations (2023: £61,302 to 47 organisations).

#### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees pay due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and all grants which are made are to further the Charity's purposes and for public benefit.

#### **Reserves policy and going concern**

The Trustees have not formulated a Reserves Policy but are of the opinion that sufficient cash should be held to meet twelve months governance costs, any known liabilities and approved but unpaid donations. This would equate to a free reserves target of between £2,000 to £5,000. The Trustees consider the current level of unrestricted funds of £62,764 (2023 - £73,499), being the free reserves of the Charity, to be sufficient to meet both ongoing charitable donations and the management and administration costs of the Charity.

# WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### Risk Factors

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure of the Charity to major risks.

### Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees are continuing to look for opportunities to make grants in line with their objectives but within an overall budget governed by the income of the Unrestricted Fund which arises substantially from payments made under Gift Aid. The intention is to distribute the income within 12 months of its receipt.

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

Company law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

13-01-2025

The report was approved by the Trustees, on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

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**Sarah Sally Dallow**  
**Trustee**

**WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK)**

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I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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:

- (i) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (iii) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any 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.

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Philip Holt FCA FCIE  
Harrison Holt  
Chartered Accountants  
High Park Farm  
Kirkbymoorside  
York  
YO62 7HS

Dated: 14-01-2025  
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## WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	11 Months to 31 March 2024 £	12 Months to 30 April 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	89,683	103,233
Fundraising activities	3	18,498	15,924
Investment income	4	3,722	839
<b>Total income</b>		<b>111,903</b>	<b>119,996</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
<b>Raising funds</b>			
Fundraising costs		63	43
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants payable	5	121,601	61,302
<b>Other</b>			
Support and governance costs	6	1,014	927
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>122,678</b>	<b>62,272</b>
<b>Net income /(expenditure) for the period</b>		<b>(10,775)</b>	<b>57,724</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(10,775)</b>	<b>57,724</b>
Fund balances at 1 May 2023		73,499	15,775
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2024</b>		<b>62,724</b>	<b>73,499</b>

WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		31 March 2024		30 April 2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	8	-		22,802	
Cash at bank and in hand		63,664		51,581	
		<u>63,664</u>		<u>74,383</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(940)		(884)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>62,724</u>		<u>73,499</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>62,724</u>		<u>73,499</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>62,724</u>		<u>73,499</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted general funds	10		<u>62,724</u>		<u>73,499</u>
			<u>62,724</u>		<u>73,499</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees, on 13-01-2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:  
  
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**Nicholas Huw Barwood**  
**Trustee**



# WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are set out below.

##### 1.1 Basis of preparation

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

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 issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional and presentation currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

The financial year end was changed to 31 March 2024 to align with the year end of Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP, of whom the trustees are all partners. The comparative amounts set out in the financial statements are for the year ended 30 April 2023.

##### 1.2 Going concern

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

##### 1.3 Incoming resources

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

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

##### 1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure and liabilities are recognised on an accruals basis as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Where the Charity gives a grant with performance conditions for its payment, being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the Statement of Financial Assets once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the Charity.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the independent examiners fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

**WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****1 Accounting policies (continued)**

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Assets on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage as determined by the Trustees.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**1.5 Financial instruments**

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and Section 12 "Other Financial Instruments Issues" of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity Balance Sheet once the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the accounts, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

**1.6 Debtors and provisions**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**1.7 Creditors and provisions**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for the goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**1.8 Funds**

The unrestricted general fund handles all donations and other income, pays some grants to charities and covers all management and administration costs.

**WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****2 Donations and legacies**

	<b>31 March 2024</b>	30 April 2023
	£	£
Income from Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP	<b>71,757</b>	80,470
Other donations and gifts	<b>17,926</b>	22,763
	<b>89,683</b>	103,233

**3 Fundraising activities**

	<b>31 March 2024</b>	30 April 2023
	£	£
Staff fundraising	<b>18,498</b>	15,924
	<b>18,498</b>	15,924

**4 Investment income**

	<b>31 March 2024</b>	30 April 2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	<b>3,189</b>	443
HMRC gift aid interest received	<b>533</b>	396
	<b>3,722</b>	839

**WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****5 Grants payable**

	<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>30 April 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Grant to institutions (&gt; £500)</b>	<b>121,601</b>	<b>61,302</b>
<b>Grants to institutions - 40 grants (2023: 47)</b>		
16-25 Independent People	551	1,261
Access to Justice Foundation	23,636	2,000
Alive Activities	10,054	-
Anxious Minds	-	1,628
Bankside Open Space	900	-
Blue Ribbon Foundation	-	625
British Red Cross	30,000	10,000
Cancer Research UK	1,210	300
City Reach	4,135	2,584
DEC – Pakistan floods appeal	-	10,000
FareShare South West	-	1,611
Greggs Foundation,	-	1,763
Henshaws Society for Blind People	1,000	-
Jeremiah's Journey	-	145
Leeds North and West Foodbank	6,469	3,818
Macmillan	2,460	950
MIND	-	185
National Trust	1,250	1,000
Newcastle West End Foodbank	-	1,650
One25	-	3,571
People's Kitchen	7,913	-
Plymouth Drake Foundation	8,228	1,891
Power2	8,254	2,500
SARSAS	-	1,481
Smile for Life	250	2,600
Solent Youth Action	4,213	3,825
Southwark Foodbank	-	2,295
The Hope Foundation	5,278	-
Total other grants <£500	5,800	3,619
	<b>121,601</b>	<b>61,302</b>

## WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

## FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

**5 Grants payable (continued)**

<b>Reconciliation of grants payable:</b>	<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>30 April 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Commitments at 1 May 2023	-	-
Commitments made in the period	<b>121,601</b>	61,302
Grants paid during the period	<b>(121,601)</b>	(61,302)
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Commitments at 31 March 2024	-	-
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<b>Commitments at 31 March 2024 are payable as</b>		
Within one year	-	-
After more than one year	-	-
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**6 Support and governance costs**

	<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>30 April 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Support costs comprise:		
Bank charges	<b>114</b>	123
Other governance costs comprise:		
Independent examination fee	<b>900</b>	804
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	<b>1,014</b>	927
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**7 Employees**

There were no employees during the period.

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the current period or the previous year.

**8 Debtors**

	<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>30 April 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments	-	40
Accrued income	-	22,762
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	-	22,802
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**WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

<b>9</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>30 April 2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Trade creditors	-	-
	Other creditors	<b>40</b>	-
	Independent Examination fee accrued	<b>900</b>	884
		<b>940</b>	884

**10 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Net current liabilities £</b>	<b>Long term liabilities £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted Income Funds</b>			
Unrestricted general funds	<b>62,724</b>	-	<b>62,724</b>
	<b>62,724</b>	-	<b>62,724</b>

	<b>Net current liabilities £</b>	<b>Long term liabilities £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Fund balances at 30 April 2023 are represented by:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted Income Funds</b>			
Unrestricted general funds	73,499	-	73,499
	73,499	-	73,499

**11 Related parties**

During the period the Charity received donations of £71,757 (2023 - £80,470) from Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP of whom the Trustees are all partners. The amount outstanding at the period end was £nil (2023 - £nil).