

The Lawrence Charitable Trust

Charity's principal address: Suite 18 Charter House, 11 Courtlands Road, Eastbourne, BN22 8UY

Charity Commission Registration Number 1174242

Trustees' Annual Report For the year ended 5 April 2025

Names of the charity trustees who managed the charity throughout the year:

Trustee name	Office
Margaret Downey	Chair
Crispin Freeman	
Andrew Leaper	
Gemma Mantell	
Ian Turnbull	

Structure, governance and management

The Charity was founded by the Will of the late Michael Piper who died on 26 February 2017. The Trust was constituted by deed on 23 June 2017 and registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 14 August 2017.

There were no changes to the trustees during the year. The trustees review the skills and competencies required for the board of trustees, and where a requirement is identified they initiate a recruitment process. New trustees receive training from the existing trustees. There is no formal training programme.

The charity holds its bank account with Barclays Bank Plc, and has appointed stockbrokers J M Finn & Co. Limited to manage its investment portfolio on the discretionary management basis.

Regular trustee meetings are held, and the trustees met twice formally during the year. The trustees also had frequent informal communication on operational matters throughout the year.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to advance educational charitable purposes and such other charitable purposes generally as the trustees may from time to time determine for charities operational in the East Sussex area.

The trustees must apply the income of the charity, and at their discretion all or part of the capital endowment, in furthering the charity's objectives.

During the year the trust continued to own two residential properties for letting to generate income. The balance of the endowment fund is largely invested in a portfolio of listed investments managed by the stockbrokers J M Finn & Co. Limited

When planning and carrying out their activities, the charity trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2011 Charities Act, to have due regard to Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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Achievements and performance

A website has been maintained to inform interested applicants of the objectives of the charity and to invite applications for grants - www.thelawrencecharitabletrust.org.

Grants totalling £37,500 were paid during the year to the following organisations:

Chyngton School	£8,000	One-to-one early literacy interventions for KS1 students, and an online reading platform for pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
East Sussex College Group	£10,000	Laptops and large format screens for T-level design, surveying & planning course
Haven Primary School	£14,000	Purchases of ipads
Motcombe Primary School	£3,000	Hygge style external lighting
Ocklynge Junior School	£2,500	Contribution to playground equipment

Financial review

Unrestricted expenditure exceeded income during the year by £4,800. The deficit was deducted from the unrestricted fund brought forward of £8,743, leaving the unrestricted fund carried forward at 5 April 2025 £3,943.

The charity's reserve policy has been set at £5,000 being approximately two months' rent from the let properties to cover sudden and unforeseen expenses on them, such as storm damage, and to enable continuity of grant giving in the event of fluctuations of income.

The endowment fund carried forward at 5 April 2025 was £1,306,770, comprising the portfolio at cost £762,147 and the two rental properties at cost £544,623.

The trustees consider the charity has sufficient resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	<i>M S Downey</i>
Full name	Margaret Susan Downey
Position	Chair
Date	28 November 2025

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Receipts and payments account

For Year Ended 5 April 2025

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	<i>Last year</i>
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Rental Income	26,550	0	26,550	25,900
Portfolio Income	15,864	0	15,864	16,587
Refund of Endowment	0	2,343	2,343	0
Fund management charges paid by the Unrestricted Fund				
<i>Gross income</i>	<u>42,414</u>	<u>2,343</u>	<u>44,757</u>	<u>42,487</u>
Asset sales	0	0	0	0
Portfolio Investments	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	<u>42,414</u>	<u>2,343</u>	<u>44,757</u>	<u>42,487</u>
Payments				
Rental property expenses	2,313	0	2,313	1,558
Administration charges	4,324	1,084	5,408	6,073
Office rent	1,400	0	1,400	1,400
Office costs	0	0	0	354
Governance costs	1,677	0	1,677	2,367
Grants paid	37,500	0	37,500	27,500
	<u>47,214</u>	<u>1,084</u>	<u>48,298</u>	<u>39,252</u>

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For Year Ended 5 April 2025 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	<i>Last year</i> £
Asset purchases				
Portfolio investments	0	0	0	0
Property Investments	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total payments	<u>47,214</u>	<u>1,084</u>	<u>48,298</u>	<u>39,252</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	(4,800)	1,259	(3,541)	3,235
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Cash funds at 6 Apr 2024	8,743	(1,259)	7,484	4249
Cash funds 5 Apr 2025	<u>3,943</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,943</u>	<u>7,484</u>

Statement of assets and liabilities at 5 April 2025

		Unrestricted fund £	Endowment fund £
Cash Accounts	Bank account	3,943	
	Petty cash	0	
Investments	Portfolio at cost (Note 4)		762,147
	Properties at cost (Note 5)		544,623
Total assets		<u>3,943</u>	<u>1,306,770</u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees on 28 November 2025

M S Downey

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C P Freeman *Crispin P Freeman*

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 5 April 2025

1. Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Trustees

In accordance with the specific authority in the Declaration of Trust dated 23 June 2017 the trustees may charge their usual professional charges for time spent in the administration of the charitable trust. Note 3 discloses the amounts charged.

3. Related Party transactions

During the year the trust entered into the following transactions with related parties:

Legal and professional services were provided to the charity by Margaret Downey, Solicitor, with payments made in the year £2,887 (2024 £2,875). Accountancy services were provided during the year by Crispin Freeman Chartered Accountant with payments made in the year £4,222 (2024 £4,329). No other trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

The charity paid office rent £1,400 (2024 £1,400) to John Jackson Charitable Trust whose trustees are Margaret Downey, Crispin Freeman, and Andrew Leaper.

4. Portfolio summary for the year

Cost of the portfolio:

Amount invested into portfolio brought forward and carried forward

£762,147

Market value of the portfolio:

Market value of stocks brought forward at 6 April 2024	746,545
Stockbroker capital cash brought forward	13,821
Total portfolio at market value at 6 April 2024	<u>760,366</u>
Stock additions at cost	189,482
	<u>949,848</u>
Stock disposals at Market value brought forward plus cost since	(192,898)
	<u>756,950</u>
Movement on revaluation to market value at 5 April 2025	(33,235)
Increase in stockbroker capital cash carried forward	918
Portfolio at market value 5 April 2025	<u>£724,633</u>
Comprising	
Market value of stocks at 5 April 2025	709,894
Stockbroker capital cash at 5 April 2025	14,739
	<u>£724,633</u>

Stockbroker management charges during the year were £7,113 (2024 £6,772).

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5. Investment Properties

Cost of the investment properties:

Cost of the investment properties brought forward and carried forward	<u>£544,623</u>
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Market value of the investment properties:

Market value of the investment properties at 6 April 2024	<u>£695,000</u>
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Market value of the investment properties 6 April 2025	<u>£695,000</u>
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The investment properties were valued by Leaper Stanbrook Ltd as at 5 April 2024 and 5 April 2025. Andrew Leaper is a director of Leaper Stanbrook Ltd.

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Independent Examiner's Report

For the year ended 5 April 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Lawrence Charitable Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Lawrence Charitable Trust (the charity) for the year ended 05 April 2025.

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. 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.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

R Walsh

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Dated: 25th November 2025