

# ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1179863

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2018-09-10

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** Cripps LLP  
2nd Floor  
80 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1E 5JL

**Phone** 02075913321

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE "OBJECTS" ARE SUCH EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES (ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES) AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

**Activities:** The charity makes grants solely in support and furtherance of its charitable objects and exclusively for the public benefit.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Algeria
- Angola
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Central African Republic
- Congo
- Congo (Democratic Republic)
- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Germany
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea-bissau
- Ivory Coast
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Madagascar
- Maldives
- Mali
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Portugal
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan

- Sudan
- The Gambia
- Togo
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£24,572	£4,484	-	-
2024-04-05	£28,115	£8,078	-	-
2023-04-05	£387,924	£24,327	-	-
2022-04-05	£14,975	£20,665	-	-
2021-04-05	£13,423	£38,028	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>PHILIP ADRIAN BURKS</b>	Chair	2018-05-30
ANJA Burks		2018-05-30
Dominic Ribet		2023-01-19
JAMES CHARLES BANKS		2018-05-30
Jonathan Lawrence Sutton		2023-01-19

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# Accounts

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**THE ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

**Charity number: 1179863**

**THE ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

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**Year ended 5 April 2024**

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**G E N E R A L I N F O R M A T I O N**

**Year ended 5 April 2024**

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<b>Date of Settlement</b>	30 May 2018
<b>Charity number</b>	1179863
<b>Trustees</b>	Philip Burks Anja Burks James Banks Jonathan Sutton Dominic Ribet
<b>Settlor</b>	Philip Burks
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Year ended 5 April 2024

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### Reserves policy

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### Risk management

The principal risks faced by the charity lie in the level of investment return and the performance of the investment markets and risks from ineffective grant making. The trustees keep under review the investment held. They restrict donations to registered charities.

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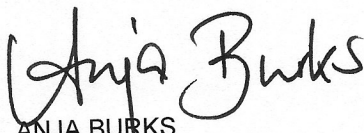
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The report of the trustees was approved by the trustees on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



PHILIP BURKS  
Trustee



ANJA BURKS  
Trustee

**THE ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Year ended 5 April 2024**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Roots and Wings Foundation**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the trust for the year ended 5 April 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You are satisfied that an audit is not required for this year under charity law and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act. Dixon Wilson, a firm of Chartered Accountants of which I am a director has provided bookkeeping services to the Trust and I have applied the FRC's Revised Ethical Standard in carrying out my examination.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.


**Independent examiner's statement**

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.

  
S J Wakefield ACA  
Dixon Wilson  
22 Chancery Lane  
London WC2A 1LS

24 January 2025

**THE ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**Year ended 5 April 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>			
Donations		-	366,950
<i>Investments:</i>			
Dividends		28,115	20,974
		<u>28,115</u>	<u>387,924</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
<i>Charitable activities:</i>			
Grants made	3	2,500	20,000
Accountancy	2	3,000	2,160
Legal fees	2	1,500	2,368
Bank charges	2	1,078	799
		<u>8,078</u>	<u>24,327</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>8,078</u>	<u>24,327</u>
Net unrealised loss on investments	4	<u>(70,912)</u>	<u>(152,761)</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(50,875)</u>	<u>210,836</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Total funds brought forward at 6 April 2023		925,813	714,977
<b>Total funds carried forward at 5 April 2024</b>		<u>874,938</u>	<u>925,813</u>

THE ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

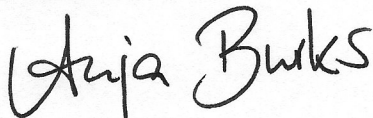
At 5 April 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>			
Investments at market value	4	631,659	702,571
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		248,067	202,610
Debtors	5	2,712	25,000
		<u>250,729</u>	<u>227,610</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	(7,500)	(4,368)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>243,279</u>	<u>223,242</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>874,938</u>	<u>925,813</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted funds		874,938	925,813
<b>Total</b>		<u>874,938</u>	<u>925,813</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 11 were approved by the Trustees on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



PHILIP BURKS  
Trustee



ANJA BURKS  
Trustee

# THE ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 5 April 2024

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### 1. Accounting policies

#### (a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by 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 and the Charities Act 2011.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the trust's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no significant areas of judgement and key assumptions that affect items in the accounts. With respect to the next reporting period, the most significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the trust are the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets (see the risk management section of the trustees' annual report for more information).

#### (b) Fund structure

The unrestricted fund comprises those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

#### (c) Income recognition

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.

Donations are recognised when the trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period. Gift aid is accrued on recognition of the corresponding cash receipt.

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. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and the notification has been received of the dividend due.

#### (d) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure 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.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust. In the case of an unconditional grant offer, this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant.

#### (e) Irrecoverable VAT

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

**THE ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Year ended 5 April 2024**

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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**(f) Support and governance costs**

The charity does not incur support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Governance costs relate to charitable activities.

**(g) Charitable activities**

Costs of charitable activities include grants made and governance costs.

**(h) Fixed asset investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair 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 trust does not acquire put options, derivatives, or other complex financial instruments.

**(i) 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 shown separately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**(j) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash equivalents in the form of unpresented cheques.

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<b>2. Governance Costs</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy fees	2,250	1,410
Independent examination fees	750	750
Legal fees	1,500	1,368
Bank charges	1078	799
<b>Total Governance Costs</b>	<b><u>5,578</u></b>	<b><u>4,327</u></b>

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**3. Grants made**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
The Ruth Strauss Foundation	-	20,000
Connected Planet Foundation	2,500	-
<b>Total grants made</b>	<b><u>2,500</u></b>	<b><u>20,000</u></b>

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Year ended 5 April 2024

4. Fixed asset investments	2024 £	2023 £
Market value brought forward at 6 April 2023	702,571	613,382
Additions	-	241,950
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	(70,912)	(152,761)
Market value carried forward at 5 April 2024	<u>631,659</u>	<u>702,571</u>
<b>Historical cost</b>	<u>574,966</u>	<u>574,966</u>
<b>Investments at fair value consists of:</b>		
UK real estate investment fund	612,659	692,831
UK pharmaceutical and biotechnology investment fund	19,000	9,740
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All investments are carried at fair value. Investments are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost.

5. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
Tax rebate on PIDs	2,712	-
Gift Aid	-	25,000
	<u>2,712</u>	<u>25,000</u>

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
Accountancy fees	6,000	3,000
Legal fees	1,500	1,368
	<u>7,500</u>	<u>4,368</u>

7. Related party disclosures

J Sutton, a trustee of the charity is a partner of Dixon Wilson. Dixon Wilson provided accountancy services to the charity during the year and charged a fee of £3,000 (2023- £2,160). At the year end, fees of £6,000 were outstanding (2023- £3,000). D Ribet, a trustee of the charity is an employee of Cripps. Cripps provided legal services to the charity during the year and charged a fee of £1,500 (2023 - £1,368). At the year end, fees of £1,500 were outstanding (2023 - £1,368).

The charity received no donations without conditions from a trustee (2023 - £241,950)

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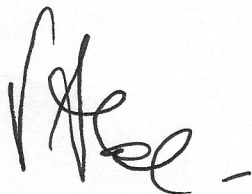
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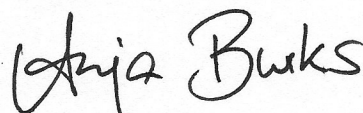
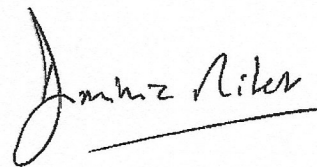
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# Accounts

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**THE ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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#### **Reserves policy**

The charity carries out no direct charitable activities, makes no financial commitments from year to year and the donations that are made vary according to the income generated. As such minimal reserves are required to ensure the Trust's continued operations.

#### **Risk management**

The principal risks faced by the charity lie in the level of investment return and the performance of the investment markets and risks from ineffective grant making. The trustees keep under review the investment held. They restrict donations to registered charities.

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

The charity relies in part on dividend yield to finance its work and therefore volatility in yields is a risk to the charity. Liquidity risk is considered to be low as all assets are traded in markets with good liquidity.

#### Plans for future periods

The trustees intend to continue their present policies for investment management and to continue making charitable donations.

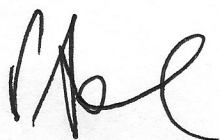
#### Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the 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:

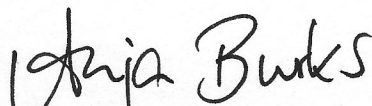
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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.

The report of the trustees was approved by the trustees on 1.2. 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



PHILIP ADRIAN BURKS  
Trustee



ANJA BURKS  
Trustee

## THE ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 5 April 2023

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#### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Roots and Wings Foundation

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the trust for the year ended 5 April 2023.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You are satisfied that an audit is not required for this year under charity law and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act. Dixon Wilson, a firm of Chartered Accountants of which I am a director has provided bookkeeping services to the Trust and I have applied the FRC's Revised Ethical Standard in carrying out my examination.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.



S J Wakefield ACA  
Dixon Wilson  
22 Chancery Lane  
London WC2A 1LS

1 February 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Year ended 5 April 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2022 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>			
Donations		366,950	-
<i>Investments:</i>			
Dividends		20,974	14,976
		<u>387,924</u>	<u>14,976</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
<i>Charitable activities:</i>			
Grants made	3	20,000	15,000
Accountancy	2	2,160	2,520
Legal fees	2	1,368	2,640
Bank charges	2	799	505
		<u>24,327</u>	<u>20,665</u>
Net unrealised loss on investments	4	(152,761)	161,710
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>210,836</u>	<u>156,021</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Total funds brought forward at 6 April 2022		714,977	558,957
<b>Total funds carried forward at 5 April 2023</b>		<u>925,813</u>	<u>714,977</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET**

**At 5 April 2023**

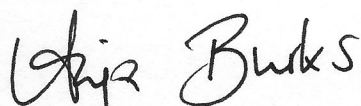
	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>			
Investments at market value	4	702,571	613,382
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		202,610	105,685
Debtors	5	25,000	50
		<u>227,610</u>	<u>105,735</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	(4,368)	(4,140)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>223,242</u>	<u>101,595</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>925,813</u>	<u>714,977</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted funds		925,813	714,977
<b>Total</b>		<u>925,813</u>	<u>714,977</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 11 were approved by the Trustees on their behalf by:

1.2. 2024 and signed on



PHILIP ADRIAN BURKS  
Trustee



ANJA BURKS  
Trustee

# THE ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 5 April 2023

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### I. Accounting policies

#### (a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by 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 and the Charities Act 2011.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the trust's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no significant areas of judgement and key assumptions that affect items in the accounts. With respect to the next reporting period, the most significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the trust are the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets (see the risk management section of the trustees' annual report for more information).

#### (b) Fund structure

The unrestricted fund comprises those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

#### (c) Income recognition

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.

Donations are recognised when the trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period. Gift aid is accrued on recognition of the corresponding cash receipt.

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. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and the notification has been received of the dividend due.

#### (d) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure 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.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust. In the case of an unconditional grant offer, this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant.

#### (e) Irrecoverable VAT

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

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 5 April 2023

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#### **I. Accounting policies (continued)**

##### **(f) Support and governance costs**

The charity does not incur support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Governance costs relate to charitable activities.

##### **(g) Charitable activities**

Costs of charitable activities include grants made and governance costs.

##### **(h) Fixed asset investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair 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 trust does not acquire put options, derivatives, or other complex financial instruments.

##### **(i) 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 shown separately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

##### **(j) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash equivalents in the form of unrepresented cheques.

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**THE ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Year ended 5 April 2023**

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<b>2. Governance Costs</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy fees	2,160	2,520
Legal fees	1,368	2,640
Bank charges	799	505
<b>Total Governance Costs</b>	<b>4,327</b>	<b>5,665</b>

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<b>3. Grants made</b>	<b>Unrestricted income fund £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted income fund £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Seed Madagascar	-	-	15,000	15,000
The Ruth Strauss Foundation	20,000	20,000	-	-
<b>Total grants made</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>

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## THE ROOTS AND WINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4. Fixed asset investments	2023 £	2022 £
Market value brought forward at 6 April 2022	613,382	451,672
Additions	241,950	-
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	(152,761)	161,710
Market value carried forward at 5 April 2023	<u>702,571</u>	<u>613,382</u>
<b>Historical cost</b>	<u>574,966</u>	<u>333,016</u>
<b>Investments at fair value consists of:</b>		
UK real estate investment fund	692,831	613,382
UK pharmaceutical and biotechnology investment fund	9,740	-
Market value carried forward at 5 April 2023	<u>702,571</u>	<u>613,382</u>
Market value brought forward at 6 April 2022	<u>613,382</u>	<u>451,672</u>

All investments are carried at fair value. Investments are all traded in quoted public markets. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost.

5. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	2023 £	2022 £
Gift Aid	25,000	50
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>50</u>

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023 £	2022 £
Accountancy fees	3,000	3,000
Legal fees	1,368	1,140
	<u>4,368</u>	<u>4,140</u>

#### 7. Related party disclosures

J Sutton, a trustee of the charity is a partner of Dixon Wilson. Dixon Wilson provided accountancy services to the charity during the year and charged a fee of £2,160. At the year end, fees of £3,000 were outstanding. D Ribet, a trustee of the charity is an employee of Cripps. Cripps provided legal services to the charity during the year and charged a fee of £1,368. At the year end, fees of £1,368 were outstanding.

During the year the charity received donations without conditions of shares from a trustee of £241,950 and cash of £100,000. Gift aid will be received on the cash donation.