

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1186957

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-12-16

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PAY OR APPLY THE CAPITAL OR INCOME OF THE CIO TO ANY CHARITABLE SOCIETY INSTITUTION OR OTHER BODY FOR ANY OF THE CHARITABLE PURPOSES THEREOF ("OBJECTS")

Activities: Grant Giving

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Darlington
- Durham
- Gateshead
- Hartlepool
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Stockton-on-tees
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£624,536	£1,288,664	£21,663,963	0
2024-03-31	£566,170	£509,920	£22,318,595	0
2023-03-31	£529,689	£522,201	£21,210,539	1
2022-03-31	£499,736	£335,535	-	-
2021-03-31	£18,758,382	£796,727	£21,362,289	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RICHARD DAVID LEECH	Chair	2019-12-16
Barrie Wallace		2000-01-01
David Alexander Stabler		2019-12-16
Helen Margaret Short		2022-07-13
Laura Peace		2026-01-12
Rev Professor David Adam Wilkinson		2019-12-16
Ross Patrick Covington Wilson		2026-01-12

Accounts

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THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

RD Leech
DA Stabler
B Wallace
DA Wilkinson
HM Short

Charity number

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THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 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)".

Objectives and activities

In 1972 Sir William Leech set up The William Leech Property Trust (now The William Leech Charity) and donated to it some 300 tenanted properties, the rents from which represented income for the Charity. Since then most of the properties have been sold and the proceeds of sale, together with the unsold properties, now form the Trustees' Asset Portfolio.

The Asset Portfolio is divided into two unrestricted designated funds namely The Main Fund and The Lady Leech Fund. The Main Fund makes grants and interest free loans to registered charities working in Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and County Durham, whilst The Lady Leech Fund awards grants to charities working overseas; particularly those with projects which benefit children in underdeveloped areas in the world, and which usually have links with the North East of England. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the Trustees.

Objectives and aims

The object of the Charity is to pay or apply capital or income to any charitable society, institution or other body for any charitable purposes. The Trustees take into account their Guidelines when making grant awards, but they are not binding upon them.

Grantmaking

Historically the Trust Secretary has monitored all grant and loan applications which are initially reviewed by the appeals sub-committee comprising the Chairman, a Trustee and the Trust Secretary before being placed before the Trustees with the sub-committee's recommendations, however moving forward the charity has developed and implemented a web based application system and has updated the web page to reflect this. Applications received online are now available to all trustees and the review of new applications is continuous. The trustees do however close new applications 2 weeks prior to a trustees meeting.

For some proposed grants or loans one or more Trustees may make further enquiries and report to the meeting of Trustees with a further recommendation before any grant or loan is awarded. It is the Trustees' policy wherever possible to consider all applications at their bi-monthly meetings. Successful applicants are required to provide a written undertaking when they acknowledge receipt of the donation that the grant or loan will be used for the purposes stated in the original application and to return any funds not used for that specified purpose.

Grant making policy

The Main Fund awards grants and interest free loans which are made at the discretion of the Trustees. The Trustees wish to encourage local community-spirited people who create and sustain interest in the voluntary sector, and they particularly want to support those who are voluntarily helping others; those with an active Christian involvement; and those who are engaged in areas of great deprivation. The Trustees do not favour giving charitable support to individuals, students, the Arts, holidays and expeditions or minibuses.

The Lady Leech Fund is used to make grants for overseas projects focussing primarily on the medical, educational and environmental needs of children in underdeveloped countries, and also emergency aid in response to natural disasters.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Achievements and performance

Investment performance

The Trustees' investment objective is to generate sufficient income to allow it to meet its purposes consistently year on year, while at least maintaining the real value of its capital assets. From time to time the trustees may distribute in any one year more than the income generated in that year, and will use capital to make up the difference. On very rare occasions they may distribute in any one year less than the income generated in that year and will invest the undistributed income. Over a period of years, they expect to fully distribute any undistributed income from previous years.

As both capital and income may be used at any time for the furtherance of the Charity's aims and objects, the stock market portfolio should be managed on a total return basis. The detailed investment objectives and requirements are as follows:

Objective	"Balanced" return between income and capital
Risk	Medium
Mandate	Discretionary
Time Horizon	30 years plus

The remaining 6 investment properties comprise residential tenanted properties and are included at their market value which is adjusted annually using the IPD UK residential investment index discounted from vacant possession value. Over the year the house price index in the area of the north east where the properties are situated has remained static. The Trustees review this policy from time to time and are satisfied that this method gives a realistic property valuation without incurring undue costs. When a property becomes vacant it is valued by a chartered surveyor and offered for sale at market value.

Although the Trustees have a discretionary power to distribute capital, and have done so from time to time, their long term policy is to try to ensure that the real value of the capital assets of the Trust is maintained.

Financial review

Incoming resources

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £624,536. Investment income totalled £624,536 consisting of £39,261 rental income with the balance being from dividends and interest.

Expenditure during the year

Of the total resources expended of £1,288,664, £1,098,264 was paid out as grants. Property costs amount to £22,073, with administration of charitable activities £12,283 and support and governance at £61,925.

Analysis of net assets between funds

Note 18 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the two unrestricted funds. These assets are sufficient to meet the Charity's obligations.

Trustees would wish to encourage applications from organisations traditionally supported by the Trustees, namely charities who are voluntarily helping others, as these have remained subdued. The Grant Application Management System became active at the beginning of 2020. It is hoped that now the system is fully developed that it will encourage more targeted applications and streamline the review procedures for Trustees.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



RD Leech

Trustee

Dated: 12 January 2026

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The William Leech Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

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. We are independent of the charity 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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 within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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 course of 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 this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they 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 charity'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 the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit by performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Analytical review and substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore any instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant. In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team;

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, including the legal and regulatory framework, in which the charity operates and how the charity complies with that legal and regulatory framework
- inquired with management and those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud
- discussed with management and those charged with governance any non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessments of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

The risk of management override of controls was also considered an area of potential misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included testing of manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Charity constitution

The William Leech Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered charity number 1186957. The purpose of The William Leech Charity is to make grants and interest free loans for charitable purposes.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

RD Leech

AC Gifford

DA Stabler

B Wallace

DA Wilkinson

HM Short

(Resigned 24 July 2024)

Risk management

The trustees have identified the major strategic business and operational risks to which the charity might be exposed, and confirm that these have been reviewed and strategies are established to mitigate such risks. In particular larger grants are only paid after more in depth research by trustees.

The Trustees' Asset Portfolio, other than the few remaining properties, is held in a portfolio of quoted investments which is managed by external investment managers, Investec Wealth and Management Ltd. Trustees meet twice a year with Investec who have discretionary powers but have been given a full statement of the Investment Policy by the Trustees.

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).

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 year.

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 sufficient accounting records that 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Nicholas Cunningham MSc BSc FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Robson Laidler Accountants Limited, Statutory Auditor

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12 January 2026

Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Investments	2	535,770	88,766	624,536	566,170
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3	101,133	15,059	116,192	107,577
Charitable activities	4	1,006,711	165,761	1,172,472	402,343
Total expenditure		<u>1,107,844</u>	<u>180,820</u>	<u>1,288,664</u>	<u>509,920</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>7,977</u>	<u>1,519</u>	<u>9,496</u>	<u>1,051,806</u>
Net movement in funds		(564,097)	(90,535)	(654,632)	1,108,056
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		<u>19,155,370</u>	<u>3,163,225</u>	<u>22,318,595</u>	<u>21,210,539</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		<u><u>18,591,273</u></u>	<u><u>3,072,690</u></u>	<u><u>21,663,963</u></u>	<u><u>22,318,595</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes			
<u>Income from:</u>				
Investments	2	483,315	82,855	566,170
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Raising funds	3	93,741	13,836	107,577
Charitable activities	4	297,360	104,983	402,343
Total expenditure		391,101	118,819	509,920
Net gains/(losses) on investments		908,761	143,045	1,051,806
Net movement in funds		1,000,975	107,081	1,108,056
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		18,154,395	3,056,144	21,210,539
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		19,155,370	3,163,225	22,318,595

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		892		888
Investment property	11		609,729		609,729
Investments	12		20,430,420		20,238,756
			<u>21,041,041</u>		<u>20,849,373</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	13	106,940		212,065	
Investments	14	-		200,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		542,744		1,080,626	
		<u>649,684</u>		<u>1,492,691</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(26,762)		(23,469)	
Net current assets			<u>622,922</u>		<u>1,469,222</u>
Net assets			<u>21,663,963</u>		<u>22,318,595</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds - general			18,591,273		19,155,370
Unrestricted funds - Lady Leech	17		3,072,690		3,163,225
			<u>21,663,963</u>		<u>22,318,595</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12 January 2026



RD Leech
Trustee

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	19		(1,179,832)		(235,662)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(418)		(999)	
Purchase of investments		(10,643,539)		(8,267,329)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		10,661,371		8,379,393	
Investment income received		624,536		566,170	
Net cash generated from investing activities			641,950		677,235
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(537,882)		441,573
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,080,626		639,053
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			542,744		1,080,626

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The William Leech Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number 1186957.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a 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 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.5 Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	Straight Line 33%
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.11 Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans are initially measured in the financial statements at the amount paid, adjusted for any amount which is deemed irrecoverable. Subsequent valuations are also at cost where advantage has been taken of the exemption available to public benefit organisations not to discount such loans.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Rental income	39,261	-	39,261	35,826	-	35,826
Income from listed investments	342,506	65,240	407,746	385,227	73,376	458,603
Interest receivable	154,003	23,526	177,529	62,262	9,479	71,741
	<u>535,770</u>	<u>88,766</u>	<u>624,536</u>	<u>483,315</u>	<u>82,855</u>	<u>566,170</u>

3 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Property costs						
General property running costs	13,482	-	13,482	14,004	-	14,004
Agents commissions	4,615	-	4,615	4,463	-	4,463
Insurance	2,938	-	2,938	2,633	-	2,633
Legal fees	1,038	-	1,038	-	-	-
Property costs	<u>22,073</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,073</u>	<u>21,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,100</u>
<u>Investment management</u>	<u>79,060</u>	<u>15,059</u>	<u>94,119</u>	<u>72,641</u>	<u>13,836</u>	<u>86,477</u>
	<u>101,133</u>	<u>15,059</u>	<u>116,192</u>	<u>93,741</u>	<u>13,836</u>	<u>107,577</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2025 £	Charitable activities 2024 £
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	414	111
Computer costs	2,789	4,117
Bookkeeping and support	9,080	7,854
	<u>12,283</u>	<u>12,082</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 5)	1,098,264	374,007
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Support	58,085	12,606
Governance	3,840	3,648
	<u>1,172,472</u>	<u>402,343</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	1,006,711	297,360
Unrestricted funds - Lady Leech	165,761	104,983
	<u>1,172,472</u>	<u>402,343</u>

5 Grants payable

	Grant making costs 2025 £	Grant making costs 2024 £
Grants to institutions:		
Main fund	932,503	269,025
Lady Leech fund	165,761	104,982
	<u>1,098,264</u>	<u>374,007</u>

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6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Sundries	826	895
Bank charges	821	702
Payroll costs	360	691
Travel expenses	1,078	4,318
Admin wages	2,500	6,000
Management fee	52,500	-
Governance costs	3,840	3,648
	<u>61,925</u>	<u>16,254</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>61,925</u>	<u>16,254</u>

7 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	3,840	3,648
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>414</u>	<u>111</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year other than those disclosed in the related party transactions note to the accounts.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	999
Additions	418
At 31 March 2025	1,417
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2024	111
Depreciation charged in the year	414
At 31 March 2025	525
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	892
At 31 March 2024	888

11 Investment property

	2025 £
Fair value	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	609,729

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	20,238,756
Additions	10,613,461
Valuation changes	(2,036,968)
Transfers	230,079
Disposals	(8,614,908)
At 31 March 2025	20,430,420
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	20,430,420
At 31 March 2024	20,238,756

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13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Rental debtors	6,720	7,277
Concessionary loans to charities	18,051	117,000
Other debtors	35	35
Prepayments and accrued income	8,134	7,508
	<u>32,940</u>	<u>131,820</u>

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Concessionary loans to charities	<u>74,000</u>	<u>80,245</u>
Total debtors	<u>106,940</u>	<u>212,065</u>

14 Current asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Unlisted investments	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	1,189	3,317
Other creditors	45	547
Accruals and deferred income	25,528	19,605
	<u>26,762</u>	<u>23,469</u>

16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	<u>19,155,370</u>	<u>535,770</u>	<u>(1,107,844)</u>	<u>7,977</u>	<u>18,591,273</u>

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16 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	18,154,395	483,315	(391,101)	908,761	19,155,370

17 Unrestricted funds - Lady Leech

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2025 £
	3,163,225	88,766	(180,820)	1,519	3,072,690
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
	3,056,144	82,855	(118,819)	143,045	3,163,225

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 March 2025:			
Tangible assets	892	-	892
Investment properties	609,729	-	609,729
Investments	17,357,730	3,072,690	20,430,420
Current assets/(liabilities)	622,922	-	622,922
	18,591,273	3,072,690	21,663,963

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	888	-	888
Investment properties	609,729	-	609,729
Investments	17,075,531	3,163,225	20,238,756
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,469,222	-	1,469,222
	<u>19,155,370</u>	<u>3,163,225</u>	<u>22,318,595</u>

19 Cash generated from operations

	2025 £	2024 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(654,632)	1,108,056
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(624,536)	(566,170)
Gain on disposal of investments	(2,046,463)	(1,252,501)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	2,036,967	200,695
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	414	111
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in debtors	105,125	278,085
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	3,293	(3,938)
Cash absorbed by operations	<u>(1,179,832)</u>	<u>(235,662)</u>

20 Related party transactions

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

Fees totalling £2,500 (2024: £6,000) were paid to Mrs J Leech for administration services provided. Mrs J Leech is the wife of Mr R Leech, a Trustee of the Charity.

Fees totalling £52,500 (2024: Nil) was paid to Mr R Leech and Mrs J Leech for management services provided.

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

Accounts

Charity registration number 1186957

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	RD Leech DA Stabler B Wallace DA Wilkinson HM Short
Charity number	1186957
Principal address	c/o Robson Laidler Accountants Ltd Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ
Auditor	Robson Laidler Accountants Limited Statutory Auditor Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ
Solicitors	Muckles LLP Time Central 32 Gallowgate Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 ABF
Investment managers	Investec Wealth and Investment Limited 2 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 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)".

Objectives and activities

In 1972 Sir William Leech set up The William Leech Property Trust (now The William Leech Charity) and donated to it some 300 tenanted properties, the rents from which represented income for the Charity. Since then most of the properties have been sold and the proceeds of sale, together with the unsold properties, now form the Trustees' Asset Portfolio.

The Asset Portfolio is divided into two unrestricted designated funds namely The Main Fund and The Lady Leech Fund. The Main Fund makes grants and interest free loans to registered charities working in Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and County Durham, whilst The Lady Leech Fund awards grants to charities working overseas; particularly those with projects which benefit children in underdeveloped areas in the world, and which usually have links with the North East of England. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the Trustees.

Objectives and aims

The object of the Charity is to pay or apply capital or income to any charitable society, institution or other body for any charitable purposes. The Trustees take into account their Guidelines when making grant awards, but they are not binding upon them.

Grantmaking

Historically the Trust Secretary has monitored all grant and loan applications which are initially reviewed by the appeals sub-committee comprising the Chairman, a Trustee and the Trust Secretary before being placed before the Trustees with the sub-committee's recommendations, however moving forward the charity has developed and implemented a web based application system and has updated the web page to reflect this. Applications received online are now available to all trustees and the review of new applications is continuous. The trustees do however close new applications 2 weeks prior to a trustees meeting.

For some proposed grants or loans one or more Trustees may make further enquiries and report to the meeting of Trustees with a further recommendation before any grant or loan is awarded. It is the Trustees' policy wherever possible to consider all applications at their bi-monthly meetings. Successful applicants are required to provide a written undertaking when they acknowledge receipt of the donation that the grant or loan will be used for the purposes stated in the original application and to return any funds not used for that specified purpose.

Grant making policy

The Main Fund awards grants and interest free loans which are made at the discretion of the Trustees. The Trustees wish to encourage local community-spirited people who create and sustain interest in the voluntary sector, and they particularly want to support those who are voluntarily helping others; those with an active Christian involvement; and those who are engaged in areas of great deprivation. The Trustees do not favour giving charitable support to individuals, students, the Arts, holidays and expeditions or minibuses.

The Lady Leech Fund is used to make grants for overseas projects focussing primarily on the medical, educational and environmental needs of children in underdeveloped countries, and also emergency aid in response to natural disasters.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Achievements and performance

Investment performance

The Trustees' investment objective is to generate sufficient income to allow it to meet its purposes consistently year on year, while at least maintaining the real value of its capital assets. From time to time the trustees may distribute in any one year more than the income generated in that year, and will use capital to make up the difference. On very rare occasions they may distribute in any one year less than the income generated in that year and will invest the undistributed income. Over a period of years, they expect to fully distribute any undistributed income from previous years.

As both capital and income may be used at any time for the furtherance of the Charity's aims and objects, the stock market portfolio should be managed on a total return basis. The detailed investment objectives and requirements are as follows:

Objective	"Balanced" return between income and capital
Risk	Medium
Mandate	Discretionary
Time Horizon	30 years plus

The remaining 6 investment properties comprise residential tenanted properties and are included at their market value which is adjusted annually using the IPD UK residential investment index discounted from vacant possession value. Over the year the house price index in the area of the north east where the properties are situated has remained static. The Trustees review this policy from time to time and are satisfied that this method gives a realistic property valuation without incurring undue costs. When a property becomes vacant it is valued by a chartered surveyor and offered for sale at market value.

Although the Trustees have a discretionary power to distribute capital, and have done so from time to time, their long term policy is to try to ensure that the real value of the capital assets of the Trust is maintained.

Financial review

Incoming resources

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £566,170. Investment income totalled £566,170 consisting of £35,826 rental income with the balance being from dividends and interest.

Expenditure during the year

Of the total resources expended of £509,920, £374,007 was paid out as grants. Property costs amount to £21,100, with administration of charitable activities £12,082 and support and governance at £16,254.

During the year the Trustees awarded 56 separate grants.

Analysis of net assets between funds

Note 18 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the two unrestricted funds. These assets are sufficient to meet the Charity's obligations.

Trustees would wish to encourage applications from organisations traditionally supported by the Trustees, namely charities who are voluntarily helping others, as these have remained subdued. The Grant Application Management System became active at the beginning of 2020. It is hoped that now the system is fully developed that it will encourage more targeted applications and streamline the review procedures for Trustees.

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

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Charity constitution

The William Leech Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered charity number 1186957. The purpose of The William Leech Charity is to make grants and interest free loans for charitable purposes.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

RD Leech

AC Gifford

(Resigned 24 July 2024)

DA Stabler

B Wallace

DA Wilkinson

HM Short

Risk management

The trustees have identified the major strategic business and operational risks to which the charity might be exposed, and confirm that these have been reviewed and strategies are established to mitigate such risks. In particular larger grants are only paid after more in depth research by trustees.

The Trustees' Asset Portfolio, other than the few remaining properties, is held in a portfolio of quoted investments which is managed by external investment managers, Investec Wealth and Management Ltd. Trustees meet twice a year with Investec who have discretionary powers but have been given a full statement of the Investment Policy by the Trustees.

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).

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 year.

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 sufficient accounting records that 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.

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Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



RD Leech

Trustee

Dated: 30 January 2025

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The William Leech Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

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. We are independent of the charity 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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 within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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 course of 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 this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they 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 charity'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 the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit by performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Analytical review and substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore any instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant. In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team;

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, including the legal and regulatory framework, in which the charity operates and how the charity complies with that legal and regulatory framework
- inquired with management and those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud
- discussed with management and those charged with governance any non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessments of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

The risk of management override of controls was also considered an area of potential misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included testing of manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities is available 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 charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY



Nicholas Cunningham MSc BSc ACCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

30 January 2025

Statutory Auditor

Fernwood House
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Newcastle upon Tyne
Tyne and Wear
England
NE2 1TJ

Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
<u>Income from:</u>					
Investments	2	483,315	82,855	566,170	529,689
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	3	93,741	13,836	107,577	94,696
Charitable activities	4	297,360	104,983	402,343	427,505
Total expenditure		391,101	118,819	509,920	522,201
Net gains/(losses) on investments		908,761	143,045	1,051,806	(1,411,762)
Net movement in funds		1,000,975	107,081	1,108,056	(1,404,274)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		18,154,395	3,056,144	21,210,539	22,614,813
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		19,155,370	3,163,225	22,318,595	21,210,539

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Prior financial year				
		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes			
Income from:				
Investments	2	452,824	76,865	529,689
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	3	81,665	13,031	94,696
Charitable activities	4	345,505	82,000	427,505
Total expenditure		427,170	95,031	522,201
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(1,185,880)	(225,882)	(1,411,762)
Net movement in funds		(1,160,226)	(244,048)	(1,404,274)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		19,314,621	3,300,192	22,614,813
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		18,154,395	3,056,144	21,210,539

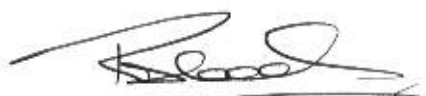
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		888		-
Investment property	11		609,729		609,729
Investments	12		20,238,756		19,299,014
			<u>20,849,373</u>		<u>19,908,743</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	13	212,065		490,150	
Investments	14	200,000		200,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,080,626		639,053	
		<u>1,492,691</u>		<u>1,329,203</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15		<u>(23,469)</u>		<u>(27,407)</u>
Net current assets			<u>1,469,222</u>		<u>1,301,796</u>
Net assets			<u><u>22,318,595</u></u>		<u><u>21,210,539</u></u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds - general			19,155,370		18,154,395
Unrestricted funds - Lady Leech	16		3,163,225		3,056,144
			<u><u>22,318,595</u></u>		<u><u>21,210,539</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 30 January 2025



RD Leech
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	19		(235,662)		(601,982)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(999)		-	
Purchase of investments		(8,267,329)		(4,702,982)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		8,379,393		4,332,939	
Investment income received		566,170		529,689	
Net cash generated from investing activities			677,235		159,646
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			441,573		(442,336)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			639,053		1,081,389
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,080,626		639,053

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The William Leech Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number 1186957.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a 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 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.5 Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	Straight Line 33%
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.11 Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans are initially measured in the financial statements at the amount paid, adjusted for any amount which is deemed irrecoverable. Subsequent valuations are also at cost where advantage has been taken of the exemption available to public benefit organisations not to discount such loans.

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2 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Rental income	35,826	-	35,826	40,764	-	40,764
Income from listed investments	385,227	73,376	458,603	360,666	68,699	429,365
Interest receivable	62,262	9,479	71,741	51,394	8,166	59,560
	<u>483,315</u>	<u>82,855</u>	<u>566,170</u>	<u>452,824</u>	<u>76,865</u>	<u>529,689</u>

3 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Property costs						
General property running costs	14,004	-	14,004	4,906	-	4,906
Agents commissions	4,463	-	4,463	4,235	-	4,235
Insurance	2,633	-	2,633	2,921	-	2,921
Legal fees	-	-	-	1,191	-	1,191
Property costs	<u>21,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,100</u>	<u>13,253</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,253</u>
<u>Investment management</u>	<u>72,641</u>	<u>13,836</u>	<u>86,477</u>	<u>68,412</u>	<u>13,031</u>	<u>81,443</u>
	<u>93,741</u>	<u>13,836</u>	<u>107,577</u>	<u>81,665</u>	<u>13,031</u>	<u>94,696</u>

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Charitable activities 2023 £
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	111	-
Computer costs	4,117	2,720
Bookkeeping and support	7,854	7,967
	<u>12,082</u>	<u>10,687</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 5)	374,007	402,188
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Support	12,606	11,077
Governance	3,648	3,553
	<u>402,343</u>	<u>427,505</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	297,360	345,505
Unrestricted funds - Lady Leech	104,983	82,000
	<u>402,343</u>	<u>427,505</u>

5 Grants payable

	Grant making costs 2024 £	Grant making costs 2023 £
Grants to institutions:		
Main fund	269,025	320,188
Lady Leech fund	104,982	82,000
	<u>374,007</u>	<u>402,188</u>

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6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Sundries	895	827
Bank charges	702	577
Payroll costs	691	1,194
Travel expenses	4,318	2,479
Admin wages	6,000	6,000
Governance costs	3,648	3,553
	<u>16,254</u>	<u>14,630</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>16,254</u>	<u>14,630</u>

7 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	3,648	3,553
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>111</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year other than those disclosed in the related party transactions note to the accounts.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
Cost	
Additions	<u>999</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>999</u>
Depreciation and impairment	
Depreciation charged in the year	<u>111</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>111</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	<u>888</u>

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11 Investment property

	2024
	£
Fair value	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	609,729

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	19,299,014
Additions	8,267,329
Valuation changes	(200,695)
Disposals	(7,126,892)
At 31 March 2024	20,238,756
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	20,238,756
At 31 March 2023	19,299,014

13 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Rental debtors	7,277	10,660
Concessionary loans to charities	117,000	331,000
Other debtors	35	35
Prepayments and accrued income	7,508	6,455
	131,820	348,150
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Concessionary loans to charities	80,245	142,000
Total debtors	212,065	490,150

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14 Current asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Unlisted investments	200,000	200,000

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	3,317	1,075
Other creditors	547	2,283
Accruals and deferred income	19,605	24,049
	23,469	27,407

16 Unrestricted funds - Lady Leech

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
	3,056,144	82,855	(118,819)	143,045	3,163,225
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2023 £
	3,300,192	76,865	(95,031)	(225,882)	3,056,144

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17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	18,154,395	483,315	(391,101)	908,761	19,155,370
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	19,314,621	452,824	(427,170)	(1,185,880)	18,154,395

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	888	-	888
Investment properties	609,729	-	609,729
Investments	17,075,531	3,163,225	20,238,756
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,469,222	-	1,469,222
	<u>19,155,370</u>	<u>3,163,225</u>	<u>22,318,595</u>
	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 March 2023:			
Investment properties	609,729	-	609,729
Investments	16,242,870	3,056,144	19,299,014
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,301,796	-	1,301,796
	<u>18,154,395</u>	<u>3,056,144</u>	<u>21,210,539</u>

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19	Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
	Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,108,056	(1,404,274)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(566,170)	(529,689)
	(Gain)/loss on disposal of investments	(1,252,501)	346,545
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	200,695	1,065,217
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	111	-
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	278,085	(74,558)
	(Decrease) in creditors	(3,938)	(5,223)
	Cash absorbed by operations	<u>(235,662)</u>	<u>(601,982)</u>

20 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

21 Related party transactions

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

During the year fees totaling £6,000 (2023: £6,000) were paid to Mrs J Leech for administration services provided. Mrs J Leech is the wife of Mr R Leech, a Trustee of the Charity.

Accounts

Charity registration number 1186957

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	RD Leech AC Gifford DA Stabler B Wallace DA Wilkinson HM Short
Charity number	1186957
Principal address	c/o Robson Laidler Accountants Ltd Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ
Auditor	Robson Laidler Accountants Limited Statutory Auditor Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ
Solicitors	Muckles LLP Time Central 32 Gallowgate Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 ABF
Investment managers	Investec Wealth and Investment Limited 2 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 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)".

Objectives and activities

In 1972 Sir William Leech set up The William Leech Property Trust (now The William Leech Charity) and donated to it some 300 tenanted properties, the rents from which represented income for the Charity. Since then most of the properties have been sold and the proceeds of sale, together with the unsold properties, now form the Trustees' Asset Portfolio.

The Asset Portfolio is divided into two unrestricted designated funds namely The Main Fund and The Lady Leech Fund. The Main Fund makes grants and interest free loans to registered charities working in Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and County Durham, whilst The Lady Leech Fund awards grants to charities working overseas; particularly those with projects which benefit children in underdeveloped areas in the world, and which usually have links with the North East of England. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the Trustees.

Objectives and aims

The object of the Charity is to pay or apply capital or income to any charitable society, institution or other body for any charitable purposes. The Trustees take into account their Guidelines when making grant awards, but they are not binding upon them.

Grantmaking

Historically the Trust Secretary has monitored all grant and loan applications which are initially reviewed by the appeals sub-committee comprising the Chairman, a Trustee and the Trust Secretary before being placed before the Trustees with the sub-committee's recommendations, however moving forward the charity has developed and implemented a web based application system and has updated the web page to reflect this. Applications received online are now available to all trustees and the review of new applications is continuous. The trustees do however close new applications 2 weeks prior to a trustees meeting.

For some proposed grants or loans one or more Trustees may make further enquiries and report to the meeting of Trustees with a further recommendation before any grant or loan is awarded. It is the Trustees' policy wherever possible to consider all applications at their bi-monthly meetings. Successful applicants are required to provide a written undertaking when they acknowledge receipt of the donation that the grant or loan will be used for the purposes stated in the original application and to return any funds not used for that specified purpose.

Grant making policy

The Main Fund awards grants and interest free loans which are made at the discretion of the Trustees. The Trustees wish to encourage local community-spirited people who create and sustain interest in the voluntary sector, and they particularly want to support those who are voluntarily helping others; those with an active Christian involvement; and those who are engaged in areas of great deprivation. The Trustees do not favour giving charitable support to individuals, students, the Arts, holidays and expeditions or minibuses.

The Lady Leech Fund is used to make grants for overseas projects focussing primarily on the medical, educational and environmental needs of children in underdeveloped countries, and also emergency aid in response to natural disasters.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Achievements and performance

Investment performance

The Trustees' investment objective is to generate sufficient income to allow it to meet its purposes consistently year on year, while at least maintaining the real value of its capital assets. From time to time the trustees may distribute in any one year more than the income generated in that year, and will use capital to make up the difference. On very rare occasions they may distribute in any one year less than the income generated in that year and will invest the undistributed income. Over a period of years, they expect to fully distribute any undistributed income from previous years.

As both capital and income may be used at any time for the furtherance of the Charity's aims and objects, the stock market portfolio should be managed on a total return basis. The detailed investment objectives and requirements are as follows:

Objective	Objective	"Balanced" return between income and capital
Risk	Risk	Medium
Mandate		Discretionary
Time Horizon		30 years plus

The remaining 6 investment properties comprise residential tenanted properties and are included at their market value which is adjusted annually using the IPD UK residential investment index discounted from vacant possession value. Over the year the house price index in the area of the north east where the properties are situated has remained static. The Trustees review this policy from time to time and are satisfied that this method gives a realistic property valuation without incurring undue costs. When a property becomes vacant it is valued by a chartered surveyor and offered for sale at market value.

Although the Trustees have a discretionary power to distribute capital, and have done so from time to time, their long term policy is to try to ensure that the real value of the capital assets of the Trust is maintained.

Financial review

Incoming resources

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £529,689. Investment income totalled £529,689 consisting of £40,764 rental income with the balance being from dividends and interest.

Expenditure during the year

Of the total resources expended of £522,201, £402,188 was paid out as grants. Property costs amount to £13,253, with administration of charitable activities £10,687 and support and governance at £14,630.

During the year the Trustees awarded 74 separate grants.

Analysis of net assets between funds

Note 14 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the two unrestricted funds. These assets are sufficient to meet the Charity's obligations.

Trustees would wish to encourage applications from organisations traditionally supported by the Trustees, namely charities who are voluntarily helping others, as these have remained subdued. The Grant Application Management System became active at the beginning of 2020. It is hoped that now the system is fully developed that it will encourage more targeted applications and streamline the review procedures for Trustees.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Charity constitution

The William Leech Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered charity number 1186957. The purpose of The William Leech Charity is to make grants and interest free loans for charitable purposes.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

RD Leech
AC Gifford
DA Stabler
B Wallace
DA Wilkinson
HM Short

Risk management

The trustees have identified the major strategic business and operational risks to which the charity might be exposed, and confirm that these have been reviewed and strategies are established to mitigate such risks. In particular larger grants are only paid after more in depth research by trustees.

The Trustees' Asset Portfolio, other than the few remaining properties, is held in a portfolio of quoted investments which is managed by external investment managers, Investec Wealth and Management Ltd. Trustees meet twice a year with Investec who have discretionary powers but have been given a full statement of the Investment Policy by the Trustees.

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).

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 year.

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.

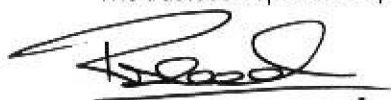
The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RD Leech', written over a horizontal line.

RD Leech

Trustee

Dated: 29 January 2024

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The William Leech Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

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. We are independent of the charity 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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 within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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 course of 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 this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they 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 charity'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 the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit by performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Other substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore any instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Robson Laidler Accountants Ltd

Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

29 January 2024

Statutory Auditor

Fernwood House
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Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Investments	2	452,824	76,865	529,689	499,736
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3	81,665	13,031	94,696	135,422
Charitable activities	4	345,505	82,000	427,505	200,113
Total expenditure		<u>427,170</u>	<u>95,031</u>	<u>522,201</u>	<u>335,535</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(1,185,880)</u>	<u>(225,882)</u>	<u>(1,411,762)</u>	<u>1,088,323</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(1,160,226)</u>	<u>(244,048)</u>	<u>(1,404,274)</u>	<u>1,252,524</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		<u>19,314,621</u>	<u>3,300,192</u>	<u>22,614,813</u>	<u>21,362,289</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		<u><u>18,154,395</u></u>	<u><u>3,056,144</u></u>	<u><u>21,210,539</u></u>	<u><u>22,614,813</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes			
<u>Income from:</u>				
Investments	2	425,815	73,921	499,736
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Raising funds	3	121,239	14,183	135,422
Charitable activities	4	187,113	13,000	200,113
Total expenditure		308,352	27,183	335,535
Net gains/(losses) on investments		837,241	251,082	1,088,323
Net movement in funds		954,704	297,820	1,252,524
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		18,359,917	3,002,372	21,362,289
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		19,314,621	3,300,192	22,614,813

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investment property	9	609,729		609,729	
Investments	10	19,299,014		20,540,732	
		<u>19,908,743</u>		<u>21,150,461</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	11	490,150		415,593	
Investments	12	200,000		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		639,053		1,081,389	
		<u>1,329,203</u>		<u>1,496,982</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(27,407)		(32,630)	
Net current assets		<u>1,301,796</u>		<u>1,464,352</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>21,210,539</u>		<u>22,614,813</u>	
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds - Lady Leech		3,056,144		3,300,192	
Unrestricted funds - general		18,154,395		19,314,621	
		<u>21,210,539</u>		<u>22,614,813</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 January 2024



RD Leech
Trustee

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	16		(601,982)		(204,050)
Investing activities					
Proceeds from disposal of investment property		-		95,000	
Purchase of other investments		(4,702,982)		(4,557,968)	
Proceeds from disposal of other investments		4,332,939		3,963,192	
Investment income received		529,689		499,736	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			159,646		(40)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(442,336)		(204,090)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,081,389		1,285,479
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			639,053		1,081,389

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The William Leech Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number 1186957.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a 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 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.5 Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.9 Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans are initially measured in the financial statements at the amount paid, adjusted for any amount which is deemed irrecoverable. Subsequent valuations are also at cost where advantage has been taken of the exemption available to public benefit organisations not to discount such loans.

2 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech	Total	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	40,764	-	40,764	37,682	-	37,682
Income from listed investments	360,666	68,699	429,365	388,062	73,916	461,978
Interest receivable	51,394	8,166	59,560	71	5	76
	<u>452,824</u>	<u>76,865</u>	<u>529,689</u>	<u>425,815</u>	<u>73,921</u>	<u>499,736</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Property costs						
General property running costs	4,906	-	4,906	23,969	-	23,969
Agents commissions	4,235	-	4,235	4,370	-	4,370
Insurance	2,921	-	2,921	4,883	-	4,883
Legal fees	1,191	-	1,191	12,421	-	12,421
	<u>13,253</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,253</u>	<u>45,643</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,643</u>
<u>Investment management</u>	<u>68,412</u>	<u>13,031</u>	<u>81,443</u>	<u>75,596</u>	<u>14,183</u>	<u>89,779</u>
	<u>81,665</u>	<u>13,031</u>	<u>94,696</u>	<u>121,239</u>	<u>14,183</u>	<u>135,422</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Grant making costs 2023 £	Grant making costs 2022 £
Computer costs	2,720	1,095
Bookkeeping and support	7,967	3,551
	<u>10,687</u>	<u>4,646</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 5)	402,188	189,314
Share of support costs (see note 6)	11,077	2,865
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	3,553	3,288
	<u>427,505</u>	<u>200,113</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	345,505	187,113
Unrestricted funds - Lady Leech	82,000	13,000
	<u>427,505</u>	<u>200,113</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5 Grants payable

	Grant making costs 2023 £	Grant making costs 2022 £
Grants to institutions:		
Main fund	320,188	176,314
Lady Leech fund	82,000	13,000
	<u>402,188</u>	<u>189,314</u>

6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £
Legal fees	827	-	827	1,506	-	1,506
Bank charges	577	-	577	303	-	303
Payroll Bureau fees	1,194	-	1,194	-	-	-
Trustee expenses	2,479	-	2,479	1,056	-	1,056
Administrative wages	6,000	-	6,000	-	-	-
Audit fees	-	3,553	3,553	-	3,288	3,288
	<u>11,077</u>	<u>3,553</u>	<u>14,630</u>	<u>2,865</u>	<u>3,288</u>	<u>6,153</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>11,077</u>	<u>3,553</u>	<u>14,630</u>	<u>2,865</u>	<u>3,288</u>	<u>6,153</u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year other than those disclosed in the related party transactions note to the accounts.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

9 Investment property

	2023 £
Fair value	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>609,729</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

10 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2022	20,540,732
Additions	4,702,982
Valuation changes	(1,065,216)
Disposals	(4,879,484)
	<u>19,299,014</u>
At 31 March 2023	19,299,014
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	<u>19,299,014</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>20,540,732</u>

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Rental debtors	10,660	14,850
Concessionary loans to charities	331,000	121,500
Other debtors	35	35
Prepayments and accrued income	6,455	26,208
	<u>348,150</u>	<u>162,593</u>

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Concessionary loans to charities	<u>142,000</u>	<u>253,000</u>
Total debtors	<u>490,150</u>	<u>415,593</u>

12 Current asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Unlisted investments	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	1,075	5,748
Other creditors	2,283	326
Accruals and deferred income	24,049	26,556
	<u>27,407</u>	<u>32,630</u>

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Lady Leech fund 2023 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Lady Leech fund 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:					
Investment properties	609,729	-	609,729	-	609,729
Investments	16,242,870	3,056,144	19,299,014	3,300,192	20,540,732
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,301,796	-	1,301,796	-	1,464,352
	<u>18,154,395</u>	<u>3,056,144</u>	<u>21,210,539</u>	<u>3,300,192</u>	<u>22,614,813</u>

15 Related party transactions

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

During the year fees totaling £6,000 (2022: £Nil) were paid to Mrs J Leech for administration services provided. Mrs J Leech is the wife of Mr R Leech, a Trustee of the Charity.

16 Cash generated from operations

	2023 £	2022 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(1,404,274)	1,252,524
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(529,689)	(499,736)
Gain on disposal of investment property	-	(12,131)
Loss/(gain) on disposal of investments	346,545	(164,227)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	1,065,217	(911,965)
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(74,558)	125,989
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(5,223)	5,496
Cash absorbed by operations	<u>(601,982)</u>	<u>(204,050)</u>

17 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

Accounts

Charity registration number 1186957

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	RD Leech AC Gifford Mr DA Stabler B Wallace DA Wilkinson
Charity number	1186957
Principal address	c/o Robson Laidler Accountants Ltd Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ
Auditor	Robson Laidler Accountants Limited Statutory Auditor Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ
Solicitors	Muckles LLP Time Central 32 Gallowgate Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 ABF
Investment managers	Investec Wealth and Investment Limited 2 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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 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)".

Objectives and activities

In 1972 Sir William Leech set up The William Leech Property Trust (now The William Leech Charity) and donated to it some 300 tenanted properties, the rents from which represented income for the Charity. Since then most of the properties have been sold and the proceeds of sale, together with the unsold properties, now form the Trustees' Asset Portfolio.

The Asset Portfolio is divided into two unrestricted designated funds namely The Main Fund and The Lady Leech Fund. The Main Fund makes grants and interest free loans to registered charities working in Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and County Durham, whilst The Lady Leech Fund awards grants to charities working overseas; particularly those with projects which benefit children in underdeveloped areas in the world, and which usually have links with the North East of England. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the Trustees.

Objectives and aims

The object of the Charity is to pay or apply capital or income to any charitable society, institution or other body for any charitable purposes. The Trustees take into account their Guidelines when making grant awards, but they are not binding upon them.

Grantmaking

Historically the Trust Secretary has monitored all grant and loan applications which are initially reviewed by the appeals sub-committee comprising the Chairman, a Trustee and the Trust Secretary before being placed before the Trustees with the sub-committee's recommendations, however moving forward the charity has developed and implemented a web based application system and has updated the web page to reflect this. Applications received online are now available to all trustees and the review of new applications is continuous. The trustees do however close new applications 2 weeks prior to a trustees meeting.

For some proposed grants or loans one or more Trustees may make further enquiries and report to the meeting of Trustees with a further recommendation before any grant or loan is awarded. It is the Trustees' policy wherever possible to consider all applications at their bi-monthly meetings. Successful applicants are required to provide a written undertaking when they acknowledge receipt of the donation that the grant or loan will be used for the purposes stated in the original application and to return any funds not used for that specified purpose.

Grant making policy

The Main Fund awards grants and interest free loans which are made at the discretion of the Trustees. The Trustees wish to encourage local community-spirited people who create and sustain interest in the voluntary sector, and they particularly want to support those who are voluntarily helping others; those with an active Christian involvement; and those who are engaged in areas of great deprivation. The Trustees do not favour giving charitable support to individuals, students, the Arts, holidays and expeditions or minibuses.

The Lady Leech Fund is used to make grants for overseas projects focussing primarily on the medical, educational and environmental needs of children in underdeveloped countries, and also emergency aid in response to natural disasters.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Achievements and performance

Investment performance

The Trustees' investment objective is to generate sufficient income to allow it to meet its purposes consistently year on year, while at least maintaining the real value of its capital assets. From time to time the trustees may distribute in any one year more than the income generated in that year, and will use capital to make up the difference. On very rare occasions they may distribute in any one year less than the income generated in that year and will invest the undistributed income. Over a period of years, they expect to fully distribute any undistributed income from previous years.

As both capital and income may be used at any time for the furtherance of the Charity's aims and objects, the stock market portfolio should be managed on a total return basis. The detailed investment objectives and requirements are as follows:

Objective	Objective	"Balanced" return between income and capital
Risk	Risk	Medium
Mandate		Discretionary
Time Horizon		30 years plus

The remaining 6 investment properties comprise residential tenanted properties and are included at their market value which is adjusted annually using the IPD UK residential investment index discounted from vacant possession value. Over the year the house price index in the area of the north east where the properties are situated has remained static. The Trustees review this policy from time to time and are satisfied that this method gives a realistic property valuation without incurring undue costs. When a property becomes vacant it is valued by a chartered surveyor and offered for sale at market value.

Although the Trustees have a discretionary power to distribute capital, and have done so from time to time, their long term policy is to try to ensure that the real value of the capital assets of the Trust is maintained.

Financial review

Incoming resources

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £499,736. Investment income totalled £461,978 consisting of £37,682 rental income with the balance being from dividends and interest.

Expenditure during the year

Of the total resources expended of £335,535, £189,314 was paid out as grants. Property costs amount to £45,643, with administration of charitable activities £4,646 and support and governance at £6,153.

During the year the Trustees awarded 50 separate grants and a detailed summary of grants is provided in note 18 and 19.

Analysis of net assets between funds

Note 14 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the two unrestricted funds. These assets are sufficient to meet the Charity's obligations.

Trustees would wish to encourage applications from organisations traditionally supported by the Trustees, namely charities who are voluntarily helping others, as these have remained subdued. The Grant Application Management System became active at the beginning of 2020. It is hoped that now the system is fully developed that it will encourage more targeted applications and streamline the review procedures for Trustees.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Charity constitution

The William Leech Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered charity number 1186957. The purpose of The William Leech Charity is to make grants and interest free loans for charitable purposes.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

RD Leech

AC Gifford

Mr DA Stabler

B Wallace

DA Wilkinson

Risk management

The trustees have identified the major strategic business and operational risks to which the charity might be exposed, and confirm that these have been reviewed and strategies are established to mitigate such risks. In particular larger grants are only paid after more in depth research by trustees.

The Trustees' Asset Portfolio, other than the few remaining properties, is held in a portfolio of quoted investments which is managed by external investment managers, Investec Wealth and Management Ltd. Trustees meet twice a year with Investec who have discretionary powers but have been given a full statement of the Investment Policy by the Trustees.

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).

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 year.

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.

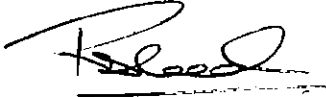
The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



RD Leech

Trustee

Dated: 26 January 2023

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The William Leech Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

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. We are independent of the charity 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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 within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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 course of 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 this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they 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 charity'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 the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit by performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Other substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore any instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Robson Laidler Accountants Ltd

Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

26 January 2023

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes				
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	18,271,147
Investments	3	425,815	73,921	499,736	487,235
Total income		<u>425,815</u>	<u>73,921</u>	<u>499,736</u>	<u>18,758,382</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	4	121,239	14,183	135,422	109,421
Charitable activities	5	187,113	13,000	200,113	687,306
Total resources expended		<u>308,352</u>	<u>27,183</u>	<u>335,535</u>	<u>796,727</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>837,241</u>	<u>251,082</u>	<u>1,088,323</u>	<u>3,400,634</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>954,704</u>	<u>297,820</u>	<u>1,252,524</u>	<u>21,362,289</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		<u>18,359,917</u>	<u>3,002,372</u>	<u>21,362,289</u>	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		<u><u>19,314,621</u></u>	<u><u>3,300,192</u></u>	<u><u>22,614,813</u></u>	<u><u>21,362,289</u></u>

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes			
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	15,808,746	2,462,401	18,271,147
Investments	3	416,082	71,153	487,235
Total income		16,224,828	2,533,554	18,758,382
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4	93,447	15,974	109,421
Charitable activities	5	627,996	59,310	687,306
Total resources expended		721,443	75,284	796,727
Net gains/(losses) on investments		2,856,532	544,102	3,400,634
Net movement in funds		18,359,917	3,002,372	21,362,289
Fund balances at 16 December 2019		-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		18,359,917	3,002,372	21,362,289

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investment properties	9	609,729		598,680	
Investments	10	20,540,732		18,963,681	
		<u>21,150,461</u>		<u>19,562,361</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	11	415,593		541,583	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,081,389		1,285,479	
		<u>1,496,982</u>		<u>1,827,062</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(32,630)</u>		<u>(27,134)</u>	
Net current assets		1,464,352		1,799,928	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>22,614,813</u>		<u>21,362,289</u>	
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds - Lady Leech		3,300,192		3,002,372	
Unrestricted funds - general		19,314,621		18,359,917	
		<u>22,614,813</u>		<u>21,362,289</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26 January 2023



RD Leech
Trustee

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	15		(204,050)		(795,873)
Investing activities					
Proceeds on disposal of investment property		95,000		-	
Cash transferred from old charity		-		982,814	
Purchase of other investments		(4,557,968)		(2,867,880)	
Proceeds on disposal of other investments		3,963,192		3,479,163	
Investment income received		499,736		487,235	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(40)		2,081,352
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(204,090)		1,285,479
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,285,479		-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,081,389		1,285,479

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The William Leech Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number 1186957.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a 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 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.5 Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.6 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net Income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.9 Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans are initially measured in the financial statements at the amount paid, adjusted for any amount which is deemed irrecoverable. Subsequent valuations are also at cost where advantage has been taken of the exemption available to public benefit organisations not to discount such loans.

2 Donations and legacies

	Total	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	-	18,271,147

The above donation represents the transfer of assets from the William Leech Foundation, charity number 265494.

3 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech	Total	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	37,682	-	37,682	41,869	-	41,869
Income from listed investments	388,062	73,916	461,978	373,531	71,149	444,680
Interest receivable	71	5	76	682	4	686
	425,815	73,921	499,736	416,082	71,153	487,235

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Property costs</u>						
General property running costs	23,969	-	23,969	10,557	-	10,557
Agents commissions	4,370	-	4,370	6,427	-	6,427
Insurance	4,883	-	4,883	4,973	-	4,973
Legal fees	12,421	-	12,421	10,035	-	10,035
Property costs	45,643	-	45,643	31,992	-	31,992
<u>Investment management</u>	75,596	14,183	89,779	61,455	15,974	77,429
	121,239	14,183	135,422	93,447	15,974	109,421

5 Charitable activities

	Grant making costs 2022 £	Grant making costs 2021 £
Secretarial support	-	111
Computer costs	1,095	9,322
Bookkeeping and support	3,551	7,308
	4,646	16,741
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	189,314	666,255
Share of support costs (see note 7)	2,865	1,094
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	3,288	3,216
	200,113	687,306
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	187,113	627,996
Unrestricted funds - Lady Leech	13,000	59,310
	200,113	687,306

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

6 Grants payable

	Grant making costs 2022 £	Grant making costs 2021 £
Grants to institutions:		
Main fund	176,314	606,945
Lady Leech fund	13,000	59,310
	<u>189,314</u>	<u>666,255</u>

A full breakdown of the grants paid in during the year ended 31 March 2022 is shown in note 18 to the accounts.

7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Legal fees	1,506	-	1,506	1,032	-	1,032
Bank charges	303	-	303	62	-	62
Trustee expenses	1,056	-	1,056	-	-	-
Audit fees	-	3,288	3,288	-	3,216	3,216
	<u>2,865</u>	<u>3,288</u>	<u>6,153</u>	<u>1,094</u>	<u>3,216</u>	<u>4,310</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>2,865</u>	<u>3,288</u>	<u>6,153</u>	<u>1,094</u>	<u>3,216</u>	<u>4,310</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Investment property

	2022 £
Fair value	
At 1 April 2021	598,680
Disposals	(82,869)
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	93,918
At 31 March 2022	<u>609,729</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

10 Fixed asset investments

	Listed Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2021	18,963,681
Additions	4,557,968
Valuation changes	818,048
Disposals	(3,798,965)
At 31 March 2022	<u>20,540,732</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	<u>20,540,732</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>18,963,681</u>

11 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Northern Homes & Estates	14,850	10,346
Concessionary loans to charities	121,500	122,000
Other debtors	35	53
Prepayments and accrued income	26,208	35,184
	<u>162,593</u>	<u>167,583</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Concessionary loans to charities	253,000	374,000
	<u>415,593</u>	<u>541,583</u>
Total debtors	<u>415,593</u>	<u>541,583</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	5,748	5,973
Other creditors	326	-
Accruals and deferred income	26,556	21,161
	<u>32,630</u>	<u>27,134</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Lady Leech fund 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Lady Leech fund 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:						
Investment properties	609,729	-	609,729	598,680	-	598,680
Investments	17,240,540	3,300,192	20,540,732	15,967,021	2,996,660	18,963,681
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,464,352	-	1,464,352	1,799,928	-	1,799,928
	<u>19,314,621</u>	<u>3,300,192</u>	<u>22,614,813</u>	<u>18,365,629</u>	<u>2,996,660</u>	<u>21,362,289</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

15 Cash generated from operations

	2022 £	2021 £
Surplus for the year	1,252,524	21,362,289
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(499,736)	(487,235)
Non cash donation	-	(18,271,149)
Gain on disposal of investment property	(12,131)	-
Gain on disposal of investments	(164,227)	(134,173)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(911,965)	(3,266,461)
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in debtors	125,989	9,177
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	5,496	(8,321)
Cash absorbed by operations	<u>(204,050)</u>	<u>(795,873)</u>

16 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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17 Grants Payable

Main fund	£
Catholic Marriage	2,000
Little Theatre	5,000
Depaul	1,000
Blyth Star Enterprises	6,000
Pelton Youth Project	2,000
Charles Young	1,500
Road to Recovery	3,000
Cowpen Quay Community Association	1,000
Vale Mill Trust	2,000
Henry Dancer Days	2,000
Veterans at Ease	4,000
Spinal Injuries	1,000
Whitfield	1,000
Community Foundation	2,000
Beyond Limits	2,000
The Altitude Found	1,050
Youth Ministry Trust	10,000
PDSA	1,000
Action for Children	2,000
Newburn and District	2,000
BELS	1,000
St Oswalds	35,000
Tyneside Hospice at Home	2,500
Ocean Youth Trust	5,000
The Wildlife Arc	1,000
Brass in Concert	1,000
Age UK	500
Charlotte Straker Project	3,000
North East Autism	3,000
Tyne rivers trust	6,632
Headway Darlington	1,000
North East Stem	6,640
The Guide Dogs	2,000
Haven Tyneside	2,000
Eyes open	1,000
ME Bradshaw	20,000
Stronger Together	1,500
Tees Valley Womens	1,500
Furniture Recy	2,262
Inspiring Minds	3,000
Foodcycle	5,000
The Community	4,500
St Andrews	2,000
The British Disabled Angling Association	1,000
NERAF	4,000
STC Philanthropy	5,000
Heel and Toe	5,000
Total main fund	176,314

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

18 Grants payable - continued

Lady Leech	£
Team Kenya	3,000
Sustainable Global	5,000
Angilican International	5,000
Total Lady Leech	13,000
TOTAL GRANTS PAYABLE	189,314

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

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THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	RD Leech AC Gifford DA Stabler B Wallace DA Wilkinson
Charity number	1186957
Principal address	c/o Robson Laidler Accountants Ltd Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ
Auditor	Robson Laidler Accountants Limited Statutory Auditor Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ
Solicitors	Muckles LLP Time Central 32 Gallowgate Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 ABF
Investment managers	Investec Wealth and Investment Limited 2 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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 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)".

Objectives and activities

In 1972 Sir William Leech set up The William Leech Property Trust (now The William Leech Charity) and donated to it some 300 tenanted properties, the rents from which represented income for the Charity. Since then most of the properties have been sold and the proceeds of sale, together with the unsold properties, now form the Trustees' Asset Portfolio.

The Asset Portfolio is divided into two unrestricted designated funds namely The Main Fund and The Lady Leech Fund. The Main Fund makes grants and interest free loans to registered charities working in Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and County Durham, whilst The Lady Leech Fund awards grants to charities working overseas; particularly those with projects which benefit children in underdeveloped areas in the world, and which usually have links with the North East of England. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the Trustees.

Objectives and aims

The object of the Charity is to pay or apply capital or income to any charitable society, institution or other body for any charitable purposes. The Trustees take into account their Guidelines when making grant awards, but they are not binding upon them.

Grantmaking

Historically the Trust Secretary has monitored all grant and loan applications which are initially reviewed by the appeals sub-committee comprising the Chairman, a Trustee and the Trust Secretary before being placed before the Trustees with the sub-committee's recommendations, however moving forward the charity has developed and implemented a web based application system and has updated the web page to reflect this. Applications received online are now available to all trustees and the review of new applications is continuous. The trustees do however close new applications 2 weeks prior to a trustees meeting.

For some proposed grants or loans one or more Trustees may make further enquiries and report to the meeting of Trustees with a further recommendation before any grant or loan is awarded. It is the Trustees' policy wherever possible to consider all applications at their bi-monthly meetings. Successful applicants are required to provide a written undertaking when they acknowledge receipt of the donation that the grant or loan will be used for the purposes stated in the original application and to return any funds not used for that specified purpose.

Grant making policy

The Main Fund awards grants and interest free loans which are made at the discretion of the Trustees. The Trustees wish to encourage local community-spirited people who create and sustain interest in the voluntary sector, and they particularly want to support those who are voluntarily helping others; those with an active Christian involvement; and those who are engaged in areas of great deprivation. The Trustees do not favour giving charitable support to individuals, students, the Arts, holidays and expeditions or minibuses.

The Lady Leech Fund is used to make grants for overseas projects focussing primarily on the medical, educational and environmental needs of children in underdeveloped countries, and also emergency aid in response to natural disasters.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Achievements and performance

Investment performance

The Trustees' investment objective is to generate sufficient income to allow it to meet its purposes consistently year on year, while at least maintaining the real value of its capital assets. From time to time the trustees may distribute in any one year more than the income generated in that year, and will use capital to make up the difference. On very rare occasions they may distribute in any one year less than the income generated in that year and will invest the undistributed income. Over a period of years, they expect to fully distribute any undistributed income from previous years.

As both capital and income may be used at any time for the furtherance of the Charity's aims and objects, the stock market portfolio should be managed on a total return basis. The detailed investment objectives and requirements are as follows:

Objective	Objective	"Balanced" return between income and capital
Risk	Risk	Medium
Mandate		Discretionary
Time Horizon		30 years plus

The remaining 7 investment properties comprise residential tenanted properties and are included at their market value which is adjusted annually using the IPD UK residential investment index discounted from vacant possession value. Over the year the house price index in the area of the north east where the properties are situated has remained static. The Trustees review this policy from time to time and are satisfied that this method gives a realistic property valuation without incurring undue costs. When a property becomes vacant it is valued by a chartered surveyor and offered for sale at market value.

Although the Trustees have a discretionary power to distribute capital, and have done so from time to time, their long term policy is to try to ensure that the real value of the capital assets of the Trust is maintained.

Financial review

Incoming resources

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £18,758,382, of which £18,271,147 related to the assets transferred from the old William Leech Charitable Foundation as part of a restructure to form new Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Investment income totalled £487,235 consisting of £41,869 rental income with the balance being from dividends and interest.

Expenditure during the year

Of the total resources expended of £796,727, £666,255 was paid out as grants. Property costs amount to £31,992, with administration of charitable activities £16,741 and support and governance at £4,310.

During the year the Trustees awarded 80 separate grants and a detailed summary of grants is provided in note 18.

Analysis of net assets between funds

Note 14 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the two unrestricted funds. These assets are sufficient to meet the Charity's obligations.

Trustees would wish to encourage applications from organisations traditionally supported by the Trustees, namely charities who are voluntarily helping others, as these have remained subdued. The Grant Application Management System became active at the beginning of 2020. It is hoped that now the system is fully developed that it will encourage more targeted applications and streamline the review procedures for Trustees.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Charity constitution

The William Leech Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered charity number 1186957. The purpose of The William Leech Charity is to make grants and interest free loans for charitable purposes.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

RD Leech
AC Gifford
DA Stabler
B Wallace
DA Wilkinson

Risk management

The trustees have identified the major strategic business and operational risks to which the charity might be exposed, and confirm that these have been reviewed and strategies are established to mitigate such risks. In particular larger grants are only paid after more in depth research by trustees.

The Trustees' Asset Portfolio, other than the few remaining properties, is held in a portfolio of quoted investments which is managed by external investment managers, Investec Wealth and Management Ltd. Trustees meet twice a year with Investec who have discretionary powers but have been given a full statement of the Investment Policy by the Trustees.

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).

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 year.

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 sufficient accounting records that 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.

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



RD Leech

Trustee

Dated: 20 January 2022

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The William Leech Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

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. We are independent of the charity 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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 within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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 course of 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 this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they 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 charity'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 the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit by performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Other substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore any instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Michael T Moran (FCA) (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

20 January 2022

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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Fernwood Road
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Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income from:</u>				
Donations and legacies	2	15,808,746	2,462,401	18,271,147
Investments	3	416,082	71,153	487,235
Total income		<u>16,224,828</u>	<u>2,533,554</u>	<u>18,758,382</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Raising funds	4	93,447	15,974	109,421
Charitable activities	5	627,996	59,310	687,306
Total resources expended		<u>721,443</u>	<u>75,284</u>	<u>796,727</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	2,856,532	544,102	3,400,634
Net movement in funds		<u>18,359,917</u>	<u>3,002,372</u>	<u>21,362,289</u>
Fund balances at 16 December 2019		-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		<u><u>18,359,917</u></u>	<u><u>3,002,372</u></u>	<u><u>21,362,289</u></u>

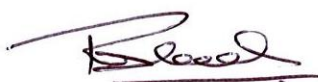
THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£
Fixed assets			
Investment properties	10	598,680	
Investments	11	18,963,681	
			<u>19,562,361</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	541,583	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,285,479	
			<u>1,827,062</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(27,134)	
			<u>1,799,928</u>
Net current assets			<u>1,799,928</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>21,362,289</u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds - Lady Leech		3,002,372	
Unrestricted funds - general		18,359,917	
			<u>21,362,289</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20 January 2022



RD Leech
Trustee

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash absorbed by operations	16		(795,873)
Investing activities			
Cash transferred from old charity		982,814	
Purchase of other investments		(2,867,860)	
Proceeds on disposal of other investments		3,479,163	
Investment income received		487,235	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			2,081,352
Net cash used in financing activities			-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			1,285,479
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,285,479

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

The William Leech Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number 1186957.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements 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 Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a 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 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.9 Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans are initially measured in the financial statements at the amount paid, adjusted for any amount which is deemed irrecoverable. Subsequent valuations are also at cost where advantage has been taken of the exemption available to public benefit organisations not to discount such loans.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and gifts	15,808,746	2,462,401	18,271,147
Donations and gifts			
William Leech Charity	15,808,746	2,462,401	18,271,147
	15,808,746	2,462,401	18,271,147

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2 Donations and legacies

(Continued)

The above donation represents the transfer of assets from the William Leech Foundation, charity number 265494.

3 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2021 £	Total 2021
Rental income	41,869	-	41,869
Income from listed investments	373,531	71,149	444,680
Interest receivable	682	4	686
	<u>416,082</u>	<u>71,153</u>	<u>487,235</u>

4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2021 £	Total 2021
<u>Property costs</u>			
General property running costs	10,557	-	10,557
Agents commissions	6,427	-	6,427
Insurance	4,973	-	4,973
Legal fees	10,035	-	10,035
	<u>31,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,992</u>
<u>Investment management</u>	61,455	15,974	77,429
	<u>93,447</u>	<u>15,974</u>	<u>109,421</u>

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

5 Charitable activities

	Grant making costs 2021 £
Secretarial support	111
Computer costs	9,322
Bookkeeping and support	7,308
	16,741
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	666,255
Share of support costs (see note 7)	1,094
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	3,216
	687,306
Analysis by fund	
Unrestricted funds - general	627,996
Unrestricted funds - Lady Leech	59,310
	687,306

6 Grants payable

	Grant making costs 2021 £
Grants to institutions (80 grants):	
Main fund	606,945
Lady Leech fund	59,310
	666,255

A full breakdown of the grants paid in during the year ended 31 March 2021 is shown in note 18 to the accounts.

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Legal fees	1,032	-	1,032
Bank charges	62	-	62
Audit fees	-	3,216	3,216
	<u>1,094</u>	<u>3,216</u>	<u>4,310</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>1,094</u>	<u>3,216</u>	<u>4,310</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds Lady Leech 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Revaluation of investments	2,743,827	522,634	3,266,461
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	112,705	21,468	134,173
	<u>2,856,532</u>	<u>544,102</u>	<u>3,400,634</u>

10 Investment property

	2021 £
Fair value	
At 16 December 2019	-
Additions	598,680
At 31 March 2021	<u>598,680</u>

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

11 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 16 December 2019	-
Additions	19,042,208
Valuation changes	3,266,460
Disposals	(3,344,987)
At 31 March 2021	18,963,681
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2021	18,963,681

12 Debtors

	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:	
Northern Homes & Estates	10,346
Concessionary loans to charities	122,000
Other debtors	53
Prepayments and accrued income	35,184
	167,583
Amounts falling due after more than one year:	
Concessionary loans to charities	374,000
Total debtors	541,583

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £
Trade creditors	5,973
Accruals and deferred income	21,161
	27,134

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Lady Leech fund 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:			
Investment properties	598,680	-	598,680
Investments	15,967,021	2,996,660	18,963,681
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,799,928	-	1,799,928
	<u>18,365,629</u>	<u>2,996,660</u>	<u>21,362,289</u>

15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions for the period ended 31 March 2021.

16 Cash generated from operations

	2021 £
Surplus for the year	21,362,289
Adjustments for:	
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(487,235)
Non cash donation	(18,271,149)
Gain on disposal of investments	(134,173)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(3,266,461)
Movements in working capital:	
Decrease in debtors	9,177
(Decrease) in creditors	(8,321)
Cash absorbed by operations	<u>(795,873)</u>

17 Analysis of changes in net funds/(debt)

The charity had no debt during the year.

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

18 Grants Payable

Main fund	£
Newcastle University	348,682
The Gateway Church	3,000
Henry Dancer Days	2,000
Womans Aid NE	500
Noah Evans	500
Age UK Northumberland	1,000
Crisis Skylight	2,000
Veterans at Ease	2,000
Blyth Star Enterprises	2,500
Support through Court	1,000
Hopespring	1,500
93rd Newcastle Scouts Group	2,000
Cowpen Quay Community Association	1,500
Clowns in the Sky	2,000
Blood Bikes	10,000
Tyneside Womens Health	1,000
The Parish of High Spen	500
Victims First Northumbria	800
British Dyslexics	1,000
The Brittle Bone Society	800
Amble Community Sports Development Centre	1,500
The Natural History Trust	2,000
Sunderland Amateur Boxing Club	3,500
Royal Theatre Sunderland	2,500
Blue Sky Trust	2,000
Sunderland Maritime	1,000
Gateshead and South	3,500
Bellingham Parochial Society	4,000
Cleveland Housing	1,000
STAGS	1,000
The Royal Airforce	2,000
Age UK Gateshead	2,000
Woodhouse Close	2,000
Beyond Limits	2,000
Dementia Matters	3,000
Tall Ships Youth Trust	3,000
PDSA	1,500
Newcastle City Centre Chaplaincy	1,000
Hunntingtons Disease Association	2,000
LUPUS UK	2,000
Action for Children	3,000
St Bartholomew Church	2,000
NC & EC - Shieldfield	2,000
St Oswald's Hospice Ltd	35,000
Northern Citrines Marching Band	500
Ashington Vetrans and Iders Institute	1,500
Allington House Community Assocation	1,000
Tees River Trust	1,000
Spennymoor Town Band	1,000
Hexham Abbey	2,500
Blyth Resource & Initiative Trust	2,000
Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall	2,500
NEPACS	2,500
The Almshouse Association	2,000

THE WILLIAM LEECH CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

19 Grants payable - continued

Main fund continued	£
Special Play & Leisure After School Hours	
Clervaux Trust Ltd	2,000
The Sick Childrens Trust	2,500
Newcastle NHS Foundation	100,000
The Douglas Bader Foundation	2,000
Gateway North East	5,000
Youth Ministry Trust	5,000
Myaware	1,000
NeuroActive UK	1,050
Teeside Hospice	1,113
Total main fund	606,946
Lady Leech	£
Team Kenya	3,000
UNICEF	3,000
Ngorongori Education	1,000
COCO	3,000
Aid For Relief	5,000
The Shamba Trust	2,000
The Northumberland Magazine	2,000
The Peru Mission	5,210
Trinity Church Gosforth	1,000
The Northumbrian Chirapat	8,600
The Peru Mission	22,500
Ghanaian Childrens Trust	3,000
Total Lady Leech	59,310
TOTAL GRANTS PAYABLE	666,255