

Charity registration number 1187143 (England and Wales)

**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND CIO**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

# CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND CIO

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees	Professor P M Broadfoot CBE Mr R Tyson Mr S Smith Mr D Crofts Mr R G Brown Ms H Mackenzie Mr C Evers Dr C E Feehily	(Appointed 28 May 2024)
Charity number (England and Wales)	1187143	
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# CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND CIO

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 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 charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Objectives and aims**

Our objectives are to promote and encourage the improvement and protection of the English countryside and in particular that of Gloucestershire and its towns and villages - and the better development of the rural environment.

##### **Public benefit**

In planning the charity's activities for the year the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **Charitable activities**

Working to promote and protect the Gloucestershire countryside, the charity achieved its aims in the following broad areas, guided by our annually-reviewed Business Plan:

##### **1. Reviewing and responding to planning applications**

We reviewed and responded to planning applications that had potential to impact our charitable objectives, focusing primarily on major housing developments and solar farm proposals amongst other potential threats to the countryside. These applications were considered at both a county-wide level and amongst our six coordinated District Committees locally - North Cotswolds; South Cotswolds and Tetbury; Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury; Berkeley Vale, Stroud; and Forest of Dean. This approach ensured that local insights informed our responses across all areas of Gloucestershire.

##### **2. Contributing to Local Plans**

Our six District Committees participated in consultation of Local Plans across the county's six planning authorities. Notable contributions during the year included: a submission from our Forest of Dean District Committee to the draft Forest of Dean Local Plan; feedback provided from our South Cotswolds and Tetbury District Committee to the proposed changes to Cotswold District Council's Local Plan; and evidence submitted by our Stroud District Committee to the Inspectors of the Stroud District Council Local Plan. Other District Committees also made contributions, ensuring our charity's voice was represented across Gloucestershire.

##### **3. Strategic communications, events and fundraising**

In line with our Communications and Events Plan, we operated a strategic approach to engaging members, supporters, and stakeholders through channels such as social media, email, our magazine, and website, whilst maintaining strong internal communication across our board, volunteers, and the wider CPRE national network.

We delivered a diverse calendar of events, including our flagship fundraiser at Stanway House, our annual Awards Ceremony, our AGM, and training sessions for Parish and Town Councils led by our planning expert Trustee. Our District Committees also ran local events, helping to raise our profile, engage supporters, and generate vital funds for our work.

Alongside this, we implemented a variety of fundraising initiatives, successfully securing both individual and corporate support to further our charitable objectives. We also continued to focus on promoting donations, pursuing grant applications, and encouraging legacy contributions to sustain our charity's mission.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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### **4. Campaigns**

Our campaigning work continued to align with CPRE's national efforts, focusing on key issues affecting the countryside. In 2024, this notably included contributing to CPRE's unified response to the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation.

Alongside supporting national advocacy, we strengthened our engagement with local Gloucestershire MPs, championing important legislation such as the Climate and Nature Bill and the Sunshine Bill, both spearheaded by Gloucestershire MPs.

We also continued to build relationships with key environmental groups, other charitable organisations and other key stakeholders to deliver our mission to protect and enhance Gloucestershire's countryside.

### **5. CPRE Gloucestershire Awards 2024**

We once again delivered our annual CPRE Gloucestershire Awards, with a ceremony celebrating local projects that exemplify environmental protection and enhancement, as well as meaningful contributions to local communities.

### **6. Hedgerow Heroes Project - completion of Phase 3 and launch of Phase 4**

We successfully completed the third phase of CPRE's Hedgerow Heroes Project in the first quarter of the year (with the support of the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG), South West) and commenced the fourth phase later in the Autumn. Throughout both phases taking place in the year, our efforts resulted in 1.5km of hedgerow planted and laid across Gloucestershire. We continued to foster our community of hedgerow volunteers, whilst also providing support and education on the vital role these ecosystems play in our countryside.

### **Financial review**

#### **Investment policy and objectives**

There are no restrictions on the charity's policy to invest. Management of the investment portfolio is carried out by M&G Investments on a discretionary basis against a very clear strategy to achieve balanced growth commensurate with funding needs in low and medium risk investments.

#### *Reserves policy*

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves in unrestricted funds at a level that equates to twelve months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The Trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to cover fixed and governance costs. At the end of the year, our unrestricted reserves were in excess of the level required to provide this cover.

### **Plans for future periods**

Our activity is guided by a Branch Plan that we review annually. Future activity will develop our main areas of expertise, particularly in the area of environmental planning but the Plan also highlights the need to:

- Expand our campaigning work on countryside matters, working with others when many voices would make a greater difference.
- Promote our messages with greater vigour to the wider public.
- Increase our efforts to recruit and retain supporters: we are a membership organisation and our success depends on enthusiastic followers.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution dated 24 December 2019.

### **Policies**

Policies are in place covering: Conflict of Interest; Safeguarding; General Data Protection; Complaints Handling; Risk Management; Bullying and Harassment; Equality and Diversity; Communications; Finance; Reserves; and Volunteering.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.



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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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### Trustees

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

Professor P M Broadfoot CBE

Mr R Tyson

Mr S Smith

Mrs M Chalk

(Retired 28 May 2024)

Mr D Crofts

Mr R G Brown

Ms H Mackenzie

Mr C Evers

Mr J C Oxley

(Retired 28 May 2024)

Dr C E Feehily

(Appointed 28 May 2024)

### 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).

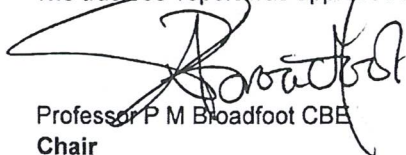
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

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 adequate 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 Companies Act 2006. 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 trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Professor P M Broadfoot CBE  
Chair

1 September 2025

# CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND CIO

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND CIO

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Campaign to Protect Rural England CIO (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

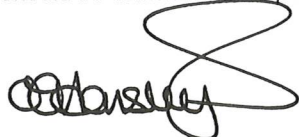
#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) 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. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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1 September 2025

# CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND CIO

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted
		funds	funds		funds
		2024	2024	2024	2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	26,637	-	26,637	91,823
Charitable activities	3	3,036	20,543	23,579	853
Investments	4	7,479	-	7,479	5,754
<b>Total income</b>		<u>37,152</u>	<u>20,543</u>	<u>57,695</u>	<u>98,430</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	<u>43,898</u>	<u>20,543</u>	<u>64,441</u>	<u>73,595</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>43,898</u>	<u>20,543</u>	<u>64,441</u>	<u>73,595</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>8,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>7,610</u>
<b>Net income and movement in funds</b>		<u>1,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,754</u>	<u>32,445</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		<u>251,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251,080</u>	<u>218,635</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2024</b>		<u>252,834</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>252,834</u>	<u>251,080</u>



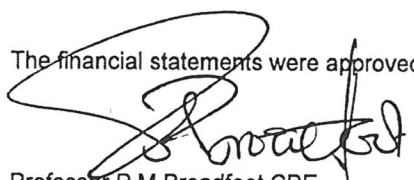
# CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND CIO

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	10		273,354		264,854
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	11	5,066		6,250	
Cash at bank and in hand		42,015		55,641	
		47,081		61,891	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(66,628)		(73,369)	
<b>Net current liabilities</b>			(19,547)		(11,478)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			253,807		253,376
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	13		(973)		(2,296)
<b>Net assets</b>			252,834		251,080
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds	16		252,834		251,080
			252,834		251,080

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 1 September 2025

  
 Professor P M Broadfoot CBE  
 Chair

# CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". 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. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### 1.3 Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### 1.4 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.

##### Transactions from Predecessor Organisation

In May 2022 the activities, assets and funds of Campaign to Protect Rural England Gloucestershire (Charity No: 248577) were transferred to this Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

A bank account has remained open in the name of the predecessor organisation in the event that any subsequent donations or legacies received.

The activities of the CIO are reported here as for the year ended 31 December 2024 include activity received in the bank account in the name of the predecessor organisation bank account as follows: Income £1,574 and Expenditure £313.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	5,252	4,839
Legacies	1,000	64,000
Subscriptions	20,385	22,984
	<u>26,637</u>	<u>91,823</u>

### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Events	3,036	-	3,036	853	-	853
Grants	-	20,543	20,543	-	-	-
	<u>3,036</u>	<u>20,543</u>	<u>23,579</u>	<u>853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>853</u>

#### Grants analysis

	Total 2024 £
Hedgerow Heros 4	<u>20,543</u>

### 4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Investment income	<u>7,479</u>	<u>5,754</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Rent	3,332	3,467
Insurance	630	605
Telephone	420	1,280
Postage and stationery	837	256
Travel and meetings	1,041	1,997
Publishing	3,133	2,746
Public relations	700	1,928
Awards scheme	2,021	1,623
Partnership projects	2,625	2,625
Director and staff costs	40,801	52,652
Recruitment and training	-	210
Project Hedgerow Heroes 4	17,458	-
Overhead contribution HH3	(8,259)	-
Overhead contribution HH4	(3,085)	-
	<u>61,654</u>	<u>69,389</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)</b>		
Governance	2,787	4,206
	<u>64,441</u>	<u>73,595</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	43,898	73,595
Restricted funds	20,543	-
	<u>64,441</u>	<u>73,595</u>

### 6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs	<u>2,787</u>	<u>4,206</u>
<b>Governance costs comprise:</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Accountancy	1,018	2,171
Legal and professional	1,685	1,794
Bank charges	84	241
	<u>2,787</u>	<u>4,206</u>



# CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 7 Trustees

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

##### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the period ended 31 December 2023.

#### 8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2024 Number	2023 Number
2	2

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

#### 9 Taxation

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

#### 10 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £	
<b>Market value</b>		
At 1 January 2024		264,854
Revaluations		8,500
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At 31 December 2024		273,354
		<hr/>
<b>Carrying amount</b>		
At 31 December 2024		273,354
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At 31 December 2023		264,854
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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Investments at fair value comprise:	£	£
Valuation in 2022	(34,669)	(34,669)
Valuation in 2023	22,610	22,610
Valuation in 2024	8,500	-
Cost	276,913	276,913
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	273,354	264,854
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

<b>11 Debtors</b>			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Other debtors			5,066	6,250
			<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Notes</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans	<b>14</b>		1,450	1,450
Other creditors			65,178	71,919
			<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
			66,628	73,369
			<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Notes</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans	<b>14</b>		973	2,296
			<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>14 Loans and overdrafts</b>			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans			2,423	3,746
			<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Payable within one year			1,450	1,450
Payable after one year			973	2,296
			<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	<b>At 1 January 2024</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>At 31 December 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Hedgerow Heros 4	-	20,543	(20,543)	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

# CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 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 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fighting fund	92,500	-	-	-	-	92,500
Partnership fund	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000
Development fund	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000
Districts funds	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Training fund	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
General funds	68,580	37,152	(43,898)	-	8,500	70,334
	<u>251,080</u>	<u>37,152</u>	<u>(43,898)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>252,834</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fighting fund	100,000	-	-	(7,500)	-	92,500
Partnership fund	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000
Development fund	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000
Districts funds	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Training fund	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
General funds	28,635	98,430	(73,595)	7,500	7,610	68,580
	<u>218,635</u>	<u>98,430</u>	<u>(73,595)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,610</u>	<u>251,080</u>

#### 17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).