

THE VISIONARY CHARITABLE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2023

THE VISIONARY CHARITABLE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	A Pitalia A Pitalia R Grisewood N Halverson (Appointed 26 October 2023)
Charity number	1192652
Principal address	25 Chorley New Road Bolton Greater Manchester BL1 4QR
Auditor	Champion Accountants LLP 1 Worsley Court High Street Worsley Manchester M28 3NJ
Solicitors	Gateley Ship Canal House 98 King Street Manchester M2 4WU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 October 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 charitable trust's Declaration of Trust, 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

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

TVCT was established in 2019 and although there are no restrictions in terms of how funds can be gifted, the charity aims to support a number of worthy causes of which many will be focused on restoring sight and healthcare.

Achievements and performance

It is a pleasure to present our third annual report.

During the year, TVCT have been working extremely hard behind the scenes to establish a support function for The Bright Sight Mission both via funding routes and advisory services. While doing so we have also donated to support causes across the world.

Financial review

During the period, TVCT received £300,199 in return on investments.
TVCT have provided grants of £22,640 to causes across the world.

Plans for future periods

As we look forward to the coming months and years, we are exploring how we can assist in achieving one of our many mutual objectives in helping to restore eyesight in third world countries.
We will continue to donate to other causes across the world which the trustees deem to align with our objectives.

Structure, governance and management

The Visionary Charitable Trust (TVCT) is a non-exempt charity governed by a Declaration of Trust dated 17 September 2019. All TVCT investments were managed by the trustees during the period and the trustees have reviewed all risks surrounding the investments. The Trustees have due regard to the guidance published by the Charities Commission regarding public benefit.

The Trustees are responsible for the investment strategy and distribution of funds. Due regard to the aims and objectives of the charity is considered by the Trustees each time a donation is made.

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

A Pitalia
A Pitalia
R Grisewood
N Halverson

(Appointed 26 October 2023)

Trustees are nominated by the existing Trustees. They retire by rotation every three years but may offer themselves for re-election.

Trustees are appointed with a view to providing a variety of skills, culture, age and gender.

New Trustees are appraised of the Philosophy of the Trust and are issued with an induction folder which includes the Charity Commission publications and guidance.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the trust. All of the trustees are members of the trust and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2023

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the trust's contractual and other legal obligations.

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 charitable trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charitable trust 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 charitable trust 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 charitable trust 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.



N Halverson
Trustee

12 March 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VISIONARY CHARITABLE TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Visionary Charitable Trust (the 'charitable trust') for the year ended 5 October 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 5 October 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 charitable trust 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 charitable trust'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 VISIONARY CHARITABLE TRUST

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 charitable trust'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.

As part of our planning process:

- We enquired of management the systems and controls the company has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are mostly susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged fraud. The company did not inform us of any known, suspected or alleged fraud.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the company. We determined that the following were most relevant: FRS 102 and the Charities Act 2011.
- We considered the incentives and opportunities that exist in the trust, including the extent of management bias, which present a potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetuated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly.
- Using our knowledge of the trust, together with the discussions held with the trustees at the planning stage, we formed a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and tailored our procedures according to this risk assessment.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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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.



Mark Turner FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Champion Accountants LLP

12 March 2024

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

1 Worsley Court
High Street
Worsley
Manchester
M28 3NJ

Champion Accountants LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charitable trust 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 5 OCTOBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	9,394	4,130,421
Investments	4	393,696	172,794
Total income		<u>403,090</u>	<u>4,303,215</u>
Charitable activities	5	<u>97,302</u>	<u>76,956</u>
Net income and movement in funds		305,788	4,226,259
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 6 October 2022		<u>4,246,215</u>	<u>19,956</u>
Fund balances at 5 October 2023		<u><u>4,552,003</u></u>	<u><u>4,246,215</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 OCTOBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	428,480		143,995	
Investments	12	3,223,816		3,445,658	
Cash at bank and in hand		904,507		662,562	
		<u>4,556,803</u>		<u>4,252,215</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	4,800		6,000	
Net current assets			<u>4,552,003</u>		<u>4,246,215</u>
The funds of the charitable trust					
Unrestricted funds			<u>4,552,003</u>		<u>4,246,215</u>
			<u>4,552,003</u>		<u>4,246,215</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12 March 2024



N Halverson
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	16		(373,593)		3,915,470
Investing activities					
Purchase of investments		(330,658)		(3,445,658)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		552,500		-	
Investment income received		393,696		172,794	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			615,538		(3,272,864)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			241,945		642,606
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			662,562		19,956
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			904,507		662,562

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Visionary Charitable Trust is an unincorporated charity.

1.1 Reporting period

The prior year was extended and represented an eighteen month period and as such is not directly comparable with the current figures which represent a period of 1 year.

1.2 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable trust's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") 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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charitable trust 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 charitable trust. 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.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable trust 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.

1.4 Charitable funds

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

1.5 Income

Income is recognised when the charitable trust 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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charitable trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charitable trust has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

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

Financial instruments are recognised in the charitable trust's balance sheet when the charitable trust becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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

Basic financial assets

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charitable trust's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2023

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts	9,394	4,130,421

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	393,696	172,794

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Grants awarded 2023 £	Grants awarded 2022 £
Direct costs		
Grants awarded	22,640	41,914
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Governance	74,662	35,042
	97,302	76,956
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	97,302	76,956

6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Governance costs	74,662	35,042
Analysed between:		
Grants awarded	74,662	35,042

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2023

6 Support costs allocated to activities

(Continued)

	2023 £	2022 £
Governance costs comprise:		
Audit fees	5,160	6,000
Legal and professional	3,144	-
Bank charges	(15)	243
Investment management	66,373	28,799
	<u>74,662</u>	<u>35,042</u>

Within Governance Costs there are unrelated and unconnected third-party management costs of £66,373 (2022: £28,799). These investment costs resulted in monies generated for charitable purposes of £393,696 (2022: £172,794).

7 Trustees

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

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	-	-

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

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel for the year was nil (2022: nil).

9 Taxation

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

10 Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	<u>3,223,816</u>	<u>3,445,658</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2023

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	428,480	143,995

12 Current asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Unlisted investments	3,223,816	3,445,658

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	4,800	6,000

14 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 6 October 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 October 2023 £
General funds	4,246,215	403,090	(97,302)	4,552,003
Previous period:	At 6 October 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 October 2022 £
General funds	19,956	4,303,215	(76,956)	4,246,215

15 Related party transactions

During the year, Pitalia Ltd, a company controlled by a member of the board of trustees, gifted £9,144 (2022: £nil) to the trust.

During the year A Pitalia, a member of the board of trustees, gifted £nil to the trust (2022: £4,130,421).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2023

16	Cash generated from operations	2023 £	2022 £
	Surplus for the year	305,788	4,226,259
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(393,696)	(172,794)
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase) in debtors	(284,485)	(143,995)
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(1,200)	6,000
	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(373,593)	3,915,470

17 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charitable trust had no material debt during the year.