

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024  
for  
THE EARTHSONG FOUNDATION**

Richardson Swift Audit Limited  
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# **THE EARTHSONG FOUNDATION**

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# THE EARTHSONG FOUNDATION

## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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

#### Objectives and aims

Earthsong works to bring about impactful transformation in three main areas: music education, herbal medicine, and environmental regeneration.

We take a strategic approach to grant-making and do not respond to unsolicited applications. Instead we build long term relationships and work closely with organisations that align with our values and demonstrate public benefit.

#### Significant activities

Some of the Projects we have supported in the last year are:

##### Herbal Medicine

Through running the website Herbal Reality [www.herbalreality.com](http://www.herbalreality.com) we share traditional, scientific, and practical insights into herbal medicine. Herbal Reality is an educational platform using an active website, podcasts, newsletters and social media to share resources and accurate information about using herbs safely for health. Data shows a good increase in the numbers of people accessing the platform and we have had much positive feedback and appreciation for the resource.

Continuing our commitment to Herbal education we offer supported bursaries for study at two UK herbal medicine colleges: Betonica and Heartwood.

##### Music Education

The Earthsong Programme is a major education programme based at the Bristol Beacon concert hall which we have supported for 5 years. Since September 2019 we have worked intensively with over 3000 young people across 13 primary schools in Bristol.

By engaging children across every year of primary school life we work long term and in depth to support schools to transform their relationship with music so that a school's musical identity and the power of music are central to who they are. The Earthsong Programme is referenced in the 2022 Nation Plan for Music Education and In February 2024, was shortlisted for a National Music and Drama Award for Outstanding Musical Initiative. We will share and advocate the learning of the Earthsong Programme locally, regionally and nationally.

We also support a Bristol Pre School with a 3 year Musician in Residence programme as well as a local theatre organisation working in school settings and the Bristol Jazz festival.

##### Environment

We have long term relationships with national organisations such as The Soil Association, Pesticide Action Network and Client Earth and support their work in Food systems transformation, Nature protection and environmental legislation.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Financial position

The charity commenced grant-making from April 2022.

Both grants made and spending on the Herbal Reality website increased on the prior year, but donations received exceeded this so the charity maintains a strong reserves position.

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## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Reserves policy

The trustees will only award grants up to the value of the funds already held by the charity and do not expect to need to hold significant reserves. The trust will hold a reserve of £5,000, to cover unforeseen administrative costs.

### FUTURE PLANS

We will continue to prioritize grant making to UK based charities in the areas of music education, environmental conservation and regeneration and herbal medicine research and information via the website Herbal Reality. We have strong relationships with our grantees and our intention is wherever appropriate to build longer term relationships with the beneficiaries of our larger grants.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Governing document

The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission on 30 March 2021. It is governed by a constitution based on the Charity Commission's Association model constitution..

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

#### Registered Charity number

1193963

#### Principal address

North Barn  
Cameley  
Somerset  
BS39 5AH

#### Trustees

S A Pole Chair  
R S V Corbishley  
P Raby  
S F Pole  
T J M Korbusz

#### Independent Examiner

Richardson Swift Audit Limited  
11 Laura Place  
Bath  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10/10/2024 ..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
S A Pole - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Earthsong Foundation**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Earthsong Foundation**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Earthsong Foundation (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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



Catherine Edwards

Richardson Swift Audit Limited  
11 Laura Place  
Bath  
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Date: 15/10/24

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## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>fund<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>  |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| Donations and legacies             |       | 384,012                   | -                       | 384,012                     | 380,000                     |
| Investment income                  | 2     | 893                       | -                       | 893                         | -                           |
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | <u>384,905</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>384,905</u>              | <u>380,000</u>              |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| Raising funds                      | 3     | 4,743                     | -                       | 4,743                       | 3,114                       |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| Grants To Institutions             |       | 228,131                   | -                       | 228,131                     | 168,076                     |
| Online resource                    |       | 77,814                    | -                       | 77,814                      | 73,587                      |
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | <u>310,688</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>310,688</u>              | <u>244,777</u>              |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                  |       | 74,217                    | -                       | 74,217                      | 135,223                     |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| Total funds brought forward        |       | 135,223                   | -                       | 135,223                     | -                           |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> |       | <u><u>209,440</u></u>     | <u><u>-</u></u>         | <u><u>209,440</u></u>       | <u><u>135,223</u></u>       |

The notes form part of these financial statements

# THE EARTHSONG FOUNDATION

## Balance Sheet 31 March 2024

|                                                  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>fund<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                              |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| Investments                                      | 6     | 1                         | -                       | 1                           | 1                           |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                            |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| Cash at bank                                     |       | 212,080                   | -                       | 212,080                     | 137,223                     |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                                 |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| Amounts falling due within one year              | 7     | (2,641)                   | -                       | (2,641)                     | (2,001)                     |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       | <u>209,439</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>209,439</u>              | <u>135,222</u>              |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT<br/>LIABILITIES</b> |       | <u>209,440</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>209,440</u>              | <u>135,223</u>              |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                |       | <u>209,440</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>209,440</u>              | <u>135,223</u>              |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                                     | 8     |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| Unrestricted funds                               |       |                           |                         | <u>209,440</u>              | <u>135,223</u>              |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                               |       |                           |                         | <u>209,440</u>              | <u>135,223</u>              |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10/10/2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:

*Suran A. Pole*

S A Pole - Trustee

# THE EARTHSONG FOUNDATION

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

#### 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.

#### 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 offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund accounting

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.

### 2. INVESTMENT INCOME

|                          | 2024       | 2023     |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|
|                          | £          | £        |
| Deposit account interest | 893        | -        |
|                          | <u>893</u> | <u>-</u> |

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## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 March 2024

### 3. RAISING FUNDS

#### Raising donations and legacies

|               | 2024         | 2023         |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|               | £            | £            |
| Support costs | <u>4,743</u> | <u>3,114</u> |

### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### Trustees' expenses

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

### 5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

|                                    | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>fund<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>  |                           |                         |                     |
| Donations and legacies             | <u>380,000</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>380,000</u>      |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |                           |                         |                     |
| Raising funds                      | 3,114                     | -                       | 3,114               |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       |                           |                         |                     |
| Grants To Institutions             | 168,076                   | -                       | 168,076             |
| Online resource                    | <u>73,587</u>             | <u>-</u>                | <u>73,587</u>       |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <u>244,777</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>244,777</u>      |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                  | <u>135,223</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>135,223</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> | <u>135,223</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>135,223</u>      |

### 6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

The investment is 100% of the issued share capital of Earthsong Seeds Limited.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2024

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

|                 | 2024<br>£    | 2023<br>£    |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Other creditors | <u>2,641</u> | <u>2,001</u> |

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

|                           | At 1.4.23<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.3.24<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                                  |                    |
| General fund              | 135,223        | 74,217                           | 209,440            |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>135,223</u> | <u>74,217</u>                    | <u>209,440</u>     |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

|                           | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund              | 384,905                    | (310,688)                  | 74,217                    |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>384,905</u>             | <u>(310,688)</u>           | <u>74,217</u>             |

Comparatives for movement in funds

|                           | At 1.4.22<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.3.23<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                                  |                    |
| General fund              | -              | 135,223                          | 135,223            |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>-</u>       | <u>135,223</u>                   | <u>135,223</u>     |

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

|                           | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund              | 380,000                    | (244,777)                  | 135,223                   |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>380,000</u>             | <u>(244,777)</u>           | <u>135,223</u>            |

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## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 March 2024

### 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

|                           | At 1.4.22<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.3.24<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                                  |                    |
| General fund              | -              | 209,440                          | 209,440            |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>-</u>       | <u>209,440</u>                   | <u>209,440</u>     |

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

|                           | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund              | 764,905                    | (555,465)                  | 209,440                   |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>764,905</u>             | <u>(555,465)</u>           | <u>209,440</u>            |

### 9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The income was received from the trustees.

**THE EARTHSONG FOUNDATION**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

|                                 | 2024<br>£ | 2023<br>£ |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>    |           |           |
| <b>Donations and legacies</b>   |           |           |
| Donations                       | 384,012   | 380,000   |
| <b>Investment income</b>        |           |           |
| Deposit account interest        | 893       | -         |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b> | 384,905   | 380,000   |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>              |           |           |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>    |           |           |
| Online resource                 | 77,814    | 73,587    |
| Grants to institutions          | 228,131   | 168,076   |
|                                 | 305,945   | 241,663   |
| <b>Support costs</b>            |           |           |
| <b>Finance</b>                  |           |           |
| Bank charges                    | 113       | 94        |
| <b>Governance costs</b>         |           |           |
| Accountancy and legal fees      | 4,630     | 3,020     |
| <b>Total resources expended</b> | 310,688   | 244,777   |
| <b>Net income</b>               | 74,217    | 135,223   |

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements