

**AMBROSE AND ANN APPELBE TRUST**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

**REGISTERED CHARITY No. 208658**



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# **AMBROSE AND ANN APPELBE TRUST**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual Trustees' Report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Full name: Ambrose and Ann Appelbe Trust

Registered Charity number: 208658

Principal address: One Bartholomew Close  
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Trustees: Mr F Appelbe  
Mrs V Thomas  
Dr L Hobby  
Mr A Appelbe  
Mr W Thomas

Independent Examiner: Mrs Julia Strike TEP  
One Bartholomew Close  
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### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust dated 25 December 1944, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### **Appointment of Trustees and Trustee induction and training**

Trustees are appointed by deed. New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, informed of the contents of the deed, decision-making processes and recent financial performance of the charity. Before taking on the role they meet key advisors and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

#### **Risk Management**

The Trustees recognise that they have a duty to identify and review risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees have considered the main areas of risk and are of the opinion that the Charity has the resources that, under normal conditions would allow these risks to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Charity was created by deed of trust dated 25 December 1944 and exists to benefit such legally charitable objects as the Trustees at their discretion select.

The Trustees consider applications for grants at meetings and generally throughout the year.

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025 (cont.)**

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and deciding on the grants for the year. The Charity's objects are for the public benefit. Those objects are achieved by virtue of the grants made by the Trustees to Charities in England and Wales and to individuals to assist with their education.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Trustees met and discussed grants on various occasions and to consider the Charity's activities and achievements in the year. Charitable donations were agreed and 29 were made during the year (2024: 19) as shown in note 2 to these accounts.

The trust funds were held in investments and cash. Income for the year in the form of dividends and interest amounted to £72,104 (2024: £75,759)

The market value of the investments at the date of the Balance Sheet was £1,453,145 (2024: £1,391,820).

The Trustees keep the assets under constant review and are aware of the continuing economic uncertainty and current issues in global politics that could affect values and the income arising from the investments. The Trustees hold these investments for the long term continue to review performance with this in mind.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Charitable Expenditure**

The 2025 grants totalled £51,700 (2024: £39,100).

#### **Other Expenditure**

Expenditure relating to the management, administration and governance of the Charity amounted to £4,612 (2024: £5,494), less than 1% of the value of the Charity at 5 April 2025.

#### **Investment Policy and Performance**

The Trustees have an investment portfolio with M&G comprising shares in their Sterling Charifund with units held in both their Income and Accumulation funds. The investment in these funds offers the trustees the right mix of capital growth and income to meet their policy and is actively managed by M&G direct. The Trustees monitor the performance at their meetings and when the quarterly reports are received.

The Trustees were pleased to receive a donation of £75,004 from Valentine Thomas (including Gift Aid) (2024: £92,500) in the year, which has been invested into the M & G Income Units.

After accounting for the donation in the year, the investment portfolio showed a decrease in market value over the period, with unrealised losses of £16,663 (2024: £8,172).

There were no realised gains or losses (2024: none).

#### **Reserves Policy and going concern**

The Trustees only use income arising during each year for grants and do not spend more than their annual income each year. It is not envisaged that there will be future commitments that exceed future income on an annual basis therefore the trustees are happy with the current reserve level. The trustees are of the view that the Trust is a going concern.

#### **Exemptions from Disclosure**

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

## **AMBROSE AND ANN APPELBE TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025 (cont.)**

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. 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.

-----Valerie Thoma-----

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Date: 13.8.2025.

## AMBROSE AND ANN APPELBE TRUST

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ambrose and Ann Applebe Trust for the year ended 5 April 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

#### 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 the 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.



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Mrs Julia Strike TEP  
One Bartholomew Close  
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Date: 21/8/2025

## AMBROSE AND ANN APPELBE TRUST

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Investments	5	72,104.45	75,759
Donations and other sums received	2	75,003.75	92,500
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>147,108.20</b>	<b>168,259</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>			
Grants	3	51,700.00	39,100
Support costs	3	4,612.14	5,494
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>56,312.14</b>	<b>44,594</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>90,796.06</b>	<b>123,665</b>
Net (losses) on investments	4	(16,662.55)	(8,172)
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>74,133.51</b>	<b>115,493</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Fund balances brought forward		1,421,847.37	1,306,354
<b>Total funds carried forward at 5 April 2025</b>		<b>1,495,980.88</b>	<b>1,421,847</b>

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	4	1,453,145.07	1,391,820
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash		32,835.06	30,981
Debtor - HMRC		15,000.75	-
		<u>47,835.81</u>	<u>30,981</u>
<b>Less: Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Broadfield Law LLP fee		-	954
Grants payable		<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>42,835.81</b>	<b>30,027</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	6	<u><b>1,495,980.88</b></u>	<u><b>1,421,847</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u><b>1,495,980.88</b></u>	<u><b>1,405,106</b></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and were signed on their behalf by:

Valentine Thomas

Mrs V Thomas  
Trustee

Date: 13.8.2025.

# AMBROSE AND ANN APPELBE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception that investments are shown at market value as at the balance sheet date and are in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective, 1 January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Having assessed the Charity's financial position and plans for the foreseeable future, the Trustees are satisfied that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Where necessary estimates and judgements are based on historical experience and other factors.

#### Expenditure

A liability and related expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, that it is likely to be settled and that it can be measured reliably.

#### Funds

The Unrestricted Fund comprises those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

#### Charitable Grants

Grants are recognised when the Trustees have made a decision to make a payment and that decision had been communicated to the recipient and it is probable that payment will take place. However, the recognition of any liability will be dependent on any conditions attaching to the commitment.

#### Investments

Investments are stated at market value as at 5 April 2025. Investment gains and losses are disclosed in the

#### Investment Income

Investment income and tax recoverable are accounted for on a receivable basis.

### 2. Donations and other sums received

	2025 £	2024 £
Donations (including Gift Aid)	<u>75,003.75</u>	<u>75,759</u>

### 3. Charitable Expenditure

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants made during the year totalled:	51,700.00	39,100
Support costs		
Metro bank charge	0.12	10
Legal & professional	3,835.00	4,570
VAT (non recoverable)	777.02	914
	<u>4,612.14</u>	<u>5,494</u>
	<u>56,312.14</u>	<u>44,594</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025 (cont.)

#### 4. Investments

Movements on quoted investments were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Market value brought forward	1,391,820.51	1,306,859
Add: acquisitions at cost	77,987.11	93,133
Net (loss) on revaluation	(16,662.55)	(8,172)
Market value at year end	<u>1,453,145.07</u>	<u>1,391,820</u>
Historic cost value at year end	<u>1,179,553</u>	<u>1,101,566</u>

All investments are situated in the UK and listed on a recognised stock exchange.

Investments which represent 5% or more of the total portfolio are considered by the Trustees to be material and are:

	2025	2024
M & G Charifund - Income Units	61.20%	61.07%
M & G Charifund - Accum Units	38.80%	38.93%

#### 5. Investment income

	2025 £	2024 £
Income from UK investments	<u>72,104.45</u>	<u>75,759</u>

#### 6. Movement in Funds

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
General fund		
Fund value brought forward	1,421,847.37	1,306,354
Add:		
Net movement in funds	74,133.51	115,493
Fund value at year end	<u>1,495,980.88</u>	<u>1,421,847</u>

Net movement in funds (above), arises as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
General fund		
Income	147,108.20	168,259
Gains and losses	(16,662.55)	(8,172)
	<u>130,445.65</u>	<u>160,087</u>
Less: Expenditure	56,312.14	44,594
	<u>74,133.51</u>	<u>115,493</u>

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### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025 (cont.)**

#### **7. Disclosure of Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses**

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity, no trustee expenses have been incurred nor have there been any related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure. (2024 also £0 in all cases). Independent examination fees are charged but they are part of Broadfield Law UK LLP's general expenses. The functions are carried out separately within Broadfield Law UK LLP.

#### **8. Employees**

The Trust does not have any employees (2024: none).