

Charity registration number 212755 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 00653062

**ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees	Name	Date due for Retirement/Re-election
	Dr R H Mitchell	2027
	Ms J K Huntley	2025
	Mrs F A M Oommen	2026
	Reverend R M Djan	2027
	Dr M Hoek	2025
	Mrs J Dudgeon	2025
	Mr M Mayhew	2025
Secretary	Mr A J Proudfoot	
Charity number	212755	
Company number	00653062	
Registered office	Ashburnham Place Battle East Sussex TN33 9NF	
Auditor	HJS Accountants Limited Tagus House 9 Ocean Way Southampton Hampshire United Kingdom SO14 3TJ	

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# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The Trustees are pleased to present the annual report and audited accounts of Ashburnham Christian Trust for the year ended 31st March 2025. They confirm that these comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 1993 as amended by the Charities Act 2006, Charities SORP 2005, the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 2005 relating to small companies and the memorandum and articles.

#### Objectives and activities

The Charity's object is to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world.

Ashburnham Place is a gift. We are a catalytic community who serve and resource all whom God sends our way. We believe Ashburnham Place and its people are a unique gift. We are given to exploring and meeting the needs of the Body of Christ and wider communities. We aim to be a community that provides excellent hospitality and care to the Church and those from the margins of society. We are a connecting place and a hub that resources groups and individuals to be radical and bright through all of life. We want people to be impacted as they come in amongst the community here and that we will impact as we go out to serve and minister. Our desire is that people will come to Ashburnham Place and find exceptional levels of welcome, refuge, challenge, inspiration, learning and peace.

In the financial year 2024/25 the Trust met these objectives through:

Residential guests:	28,104
Day visitors:	2,705
Camping guests:	3,500
Orangery guests:	50,740

All these represent groups and individuals coming for training, education, prayer and/or hospitality.

Objectives were further met through our Catalyst volunteer training scheme which saw around 100 young adults from across the world complete the course.

#### PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider that the objectives and activities of Ashburnham Christian Trust provide the following benefits.

- The advancement of religion. This is our primary objective and the focus of all our activities. Our extensive grounds and gardens reflect the beauty of creation, providing our guests and staff with the opportunity to encounter God. Members of our staff and volunteers continue to go on to serve God in communities across the world.
- The advancement of education. The majority of the conferences we host are educational in nature and our volunteers undertake an extensive training programme covering areas including theology, ecology and creative skills while they are with us. This has more recently been added to, by the Closer to the Land project, which teaches children about the land, bio-diversity and where our food comes from.

The General Directors will consider requests to review fees for groups or individuals with financial problems. Fees for all Charities and Churches are subsidised.

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### Achievements and performance

It has been another good year for the Trust. We have once again provided hospitality to a large number of individuals and groups who have come to Ashburnham Place to learn, grow in their faith, and find rest in what can often be a busy and chaotic world. We continue to be encouraged by the breadth of those who visit and the many stories we hear of how their faith and relationship with God is refreshed and strengthened during their stay. It has been a delight to welcome a growing number of children and young people to Ashburnham Place over the last year, largely through the growth of our Closer to the Land project.

### Environmental Progress and Site Sustainability

One of the year's major milestones was the successful installation of a solar energy system across the site, following the granting of planning permission. This is now fully operational and generating electricity — a significant step towards reducing our environmental impact.

We've also undertaken a number of other environmentally-minded improvements, including the installation of:

- An Electrical optimiser
- Cavity wall insulation
- More efficient boiler tanks in some of our accommodation buildings

### Physical Improvements and Refurbishments

This year has also seen significant improvements to our accommodation and meeting facilities:

- We completed two full refurbishments of the bathrooms in Tent Hill House, one of our largest accommodation blocks. These updates replaced old shared facilities with individual cubicles for showers, toilets, and sinks, dramatically improving the feel and functionality of the space.
- The West Room was redecorated with new wallpaper, repainting, and lighting upgrades.
- The Great Hall, our largest and most prominent meeting space, received a full repaint, greatly enhancing the atmosphere for the many guests and groups that gather there.

To maintain a high and consistent standard across the site, we've also invested in a dedicated painter-decorator, whose ongoing role is to maintain the interior of all rooms, meeting spaces, and corridors. This has already made a visible difference, ensuring guests feel welcomed into a cared-for space.

### The Kitchen Garden and Regenerative Practice

The Kitchen Garden continues to be a place of both physical and personal growth. With a focus on regenerative farming principles, the team has grown a wide range of fruit and vegetables. These not only nourish our land, but also our guests, thanks to Jules and Kate's work with the kitchen team to integrate this produce into meals offered at the main house.

This year, the Kitchen Garden has also continued its partnership with Amberstone Hospital, providing individuals struggling with mental health challenges the chance to engage in therapeutic outdoor work. With the support of their workers, these participants have found a sense of peace, recovery, and purpose through their time in the garden during the week.

The construction of an open sided barn in the corner of the Kitchen Garden has provided a much-used covered space for wet weather activity, learning and gathering, particularly for the Closer to the Land project. The onsite community have made use of it for shared meals and the occasional Monday Prayers.

Alongside these, the food forest area has continued to grow and mature. Existing planting has flourished, yielding fruit and contributing to both beauty and biodiversity. We have worked to manage and reduce bracken regrowth through targeted cutting, and we also dug a pond during the summer, which quickly became home to dragonflies and other wildlife — another encouraging sign of healthy biodiversity on site.

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### Closer to the Land

Our Closer to the Land programme has grown significantly this year. A total of 1,047 young people and 201 adults took part in the programme. Of those young people, 663 were able to attend free of charge or at a significantly subsidised rate, thanks to the generous support of our funders — the Frank Jackson Foundation and The Jerusalem Trust.

Amongst the young people attending, 35% were in receipt of free school meals, and 91% reported feeling more connected to the land by the end of their visit. These encouraging results highlight the depth of engagement that the programme is facilitating.

Partnerships have been essential to the programme's success. We've enjoyed working with:

- Sussex County Council Foster Placement Support Team
- XLP, a London-based charity working with disadvantaged young people
- Arc Alexandra Compass, an internal alternative provision at Arc Alexandra School in Hastings
- The Country Trust, who partner with schools in areas of highest deprivation

These collaborations continue to bring meaningful encounters and transformation to children and young people from a wide range of backgrounds.

### Community Partnerships

In alignment with our desire to provide opportunities for all, we continued our valued partnership with Little Gate Farm, a local East Sussex charity supporting young people and adults with learning disabilities and autism into employment through training and supported work placements.

This year, four of their young participants joined us in supported work placements. It has been a real pleasure to have them on our team — we've learned a huge amount from them, and their presence has brought energy and insight to our daily life. It has also been a joy to see their growth in confidence and their developing capacity in the workplace. We look forward to continuing and deepening this partnership in the coming year.

We've continued to extend hospitality to the local Ukrainian refugee community, particularly by hosting summer and Christmas gatherings that bring people together for food, music, and rest. Children have enjoyed playful spaces like bouncy castles, and families have connected over shared traditions.

A highlight of the Christmas season was the Ukrainian community's contribution to the local carol service, where they brought the beauty of their own traditional carols to the wider congregation — a profoundly moving act of cultural sharing and presence.

### Catalyst Discipleship Programme

Over the last 12 months we have again welcomed young people (18 – 27) from around the world joining us as part of the Catalyst Programme. Hannah and Christian, with the wonderful support of Sally, have continued to refine the year-long module of study and training. The impact of this course is best seen on graduation night when we are given a snapshot of each participant's learning from the year. The student presentations are often moving as they share just how deeply impacting their time at Ashburnham Place has been; how much they have grown, learnt and the friendships they have formed.

### The Farmer's Market

The Ashburnham Farmer's Market has continued to thrive, becoming a valuable point of connection for the local community. The monthly event draws steady footfall, with many stalls — including our own — frequently selling out.

Highlights include:

- Our in-house bakery, whose cakes and pastries are always popular
- The Kitchen Garden's produce, freshly harvested and sold by Jules and Kate
- Our kitchen team's hot food stand, which adds warmth and hospitality to the atmosphere

The market has played a valuable role in supporting local enterprise, helping people engage with local food production, and offering a rhythm of community gathering throughout the year.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### Honouring Leadership: The Kenotic Way

This year saw the transition of our long-serving Chair of Trustees, Roger Mitchell. After many years of faithful service, Roger stepped down, and we were glad to honour his contribution with a meal of thanks and, more significantly, through the creation of the Kenotic Way.

The Kenotic Way is a guided walk through the Ashburnham Place grounds, marked with stations that reflect theological insights into the nature of the Kingdom of God — a subject Roger has devoted much of his life to exploring. The term *kenotic*, from the Greek *kenosis*, means “poured-out love” or “self-emptying” — a theme central to Christ and to Roger’s legacy. The walk offers both a contemplative journey for our guests and a lasting tribute to a trusted and thoughtful leader.

### Artistic and Cultural Engagement

We’ve once again benefited from the ongoing partnership with Epiphany, a chamber ensemble of musicians who bring their creativity and sensitivity to many different settings. Their sound portraits — spontaneous compositions offered in response to individuals — have been shared this year in the Orangery Tea Room, with guest groups, at local special needs schools, and within the refugee community.

These moments have been deeply moving and encouraging, helping guests feel seen, known, and cared for through music.

### Financial Sustainability and Gratitude

We are very grateful to report that we have again remained financially sustainable this year. This has been made possible through the faithful use of our facilities by groups and individuals, the ongoing generosity of regular supporters, and the prayers of many who stand with us.

In particular, this year we have benefited from legacy gifts, left to us in the wills of individuals who believed in our mission. These larger donations have allowed us to undertake projects that would otherwise have taken years to fund. We are humbled by this trust and seek to honour it through good stewardship and long-term vision.

We are grateful for every donation — large and small — and continue to be inspired by the generosity of those who support the life and work of Ashburnham Place. Our gratitude extends particularly to our incredible team of local volunteers who, in all weathers and conditions, turn up to tend our gardens, teach English, pray, offer pastoral support, co-ordinate car-parking, do airport runs, mow the lawns and countless other tasks. Their generosity and energy is a big part of what makes Ashburnham Place so special.

### Financial review

Unrestricted income for the year totalled £2,729,509 (2024: £2,742,595). Unrestricted expenditure totalled £2,656,677 (2024: £2,510,161). The unrestricted fund surplus is £72,900 after transfers between funds (2024: £233,208).

Restricted income for the year totalled £50,380 (2024: £433,075). Restricted expenditure totalled £265,310 (2024: £112,260). The restricted fund deficit is £214,998 after transfers between funds (2024: surplus £320,041). The deficit in 2025 is arising as a result of £208,430 spent during the year on designated environmental capital improvements, which were funded by donations and legacies received in 2024.

The property at Ashburnham Place was independently valued on the 13 May 2020 at £4,100,000. The freehold property included in the valuation has not significantly changed and it was therefore agreed the valuation remains accurate. The value of the freehold property shown in these financial statements include additions and improvements expensed since the date of the valuation report.

The Trustees have identified 40 areas of potential risk within the categories of Governance, Operational, Financial, Environmental & External and Compliance together with the potential impact each risk could have and have identified appropriate steps to mitigate them. This Risk Register is reviewed regularly by the Trustees and General Directors.



# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### Reserves

Total funds including property value of Ashburnham Place at 31 March 2025 stood at £3,710,572 with restricted funds of £129,848 and unrestricted, but not freely available, funds of £3,580,724 as detailed in note 23 to the accounts.

Current Trustee reserves guidelines are to maintain net current assets at a minimum of £100,000. At 31 March 2025 the Trust held net assets of £315,469, of which £129,848 relates to restricted funds and £185,621 to unrestricted funds. This value includes fees received in respect of future years which are treated as liabilities. On 1st April 2025, when fees for 2025-26 cease to become liabilities, net current assets amount to £742,618.

#### Plans for future periods

Looking ahead, Ashburnham Christian Trust remains committed to stewarding our resources well and continuing to serve guests and our wider community with care, hospitality, and hope.

One of our key priorities is to continue the refurbishment of our guest bedrooms. In recent years, we have been unable to complete this work, and we recognise the importance of ensuring our accommodation is suitable for modern-day use. Creating a warm, comfortable, and welcoming environment is essential to our ethos of hospitality, and we plan to invest in further refurbishments to bring more of our bedrooms up to a consistently high standard.

We will continue with renewed focus on well-being both for those who live and work as part of the Ashburnham Place community and for those who visit. We believe that caring for the whole person is deeply rooted in our Christian faith. As such, we plan to offer retreats and events centred on well-being, exploring how we flourish as human beings in a fast-paced and often overwhelming world. These events will be open and accessible to people of all backgrounds, including those with or without a faith.

Alongside this, we are planning a full refurbishment of the Cedar Dining Room. This important communal space is in need of a refresh, and our plans include updated decor, new furnishings, and enhancements that will make it a more comfortable and inviting place for meals and meaningful conversations.

We will also complete the final phase of the Tent Hill House bathroom refurbishment. One last bathroom remains, and once this work is done, the accommodation block will be greatly improved for our guests.

Another practical goal for this coming year is to restore the water supply to our fountains across the site. We have several fountains in different parts of Ashburnham Place, and it feels quite strange not to have water flowing through them. We hope to identify the source of the blockage possibly located somewhere in the woodland and restore water to the fountains, bringing back a sense of life, tranquillity and beauty that they were designed to offer.

In the year ahead, we will continue developing our various ongoing projects such as the Food Forest, Kitchen Garden, Closer to the Land, and the Farmers Market. These initiatives continue to provide meaningful engagement with the land, food, and community life. We are particularly keen to widen participation in these programmes locally, especially reaching into areas of higher deprivation where we believe these opportunities can make a tangible difference.

Our aim is to respond creatively and courageously to the evolving needs of the world in 2025, seeking to offer something meaningful and resourcing for the communities around us. Part of this includes a pilot programme we are planning with the Dialogue for Peaceful Change (DPC). We intend to work with DPC to train some of our team and young people in the skills and tools required for peacebuilding and conversations across difference. We are excited by the potential of this partnership.

Through all these plans, our heart remains the same: to provide a place of welcome, growth, rest, and transformation for all who come.

#### Structure, governance and management

Ashburnham Christian Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It was incorporated on the 18th March 1960.



# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr R H Mitchell  
Ms J K Huntley  
Reverend R M Djan  
Mrs F A M Oommen  
Dr M Hoek  
Mrs J J Dudgeon  
Mr M W Mayhew

### Reference and administration information

Charity registration no.: 212755

Company registration no.: 0653062

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### Auditor

The auditors, HJS Accountants Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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



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Reverend R M Djan  
Trustee



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Dr M Hoek  
Trustee

Date: 12/12/2025 .....

# **ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025***

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The trustees, who are also the directors of Ashburnham Christian Trust for the purpose of company law, 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).

Company law 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 Trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 UK 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 Trust 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 Trust 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 Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

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#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements of Ashburnham Christian Trust (the 'Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet 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).

#### 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 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 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 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

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#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the Trust for the purpose of company law, 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 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 liquidate the charitable company or 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.

#### **Capabilities of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud**

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

Based on our understanding of the charitable company, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of UK regulatory principles, such as food hygiene standards and employment laws. We also considered the laws and regulations which have a direct impact on the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to management bias in accounting estimates and judgemental areas of the financial statements.

Audit procedures performed by the audit engagement team included:

- Discussions with senior management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non compliance with laws and regulation or instances of fraud;
- Identifying and testing journal entries based on risk criteria;
- Designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing;
- Testing transactions entered into outside of the normal course of the charitable company's business;
- Reviewing any potential litigation or claims against the entity which indicate any potential non compliance issues.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

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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.



**Angela Trainor (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of HJS Accountants Limited

19/12/2025

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

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Notes							
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	2	146,829	50,380	197,209	368,054	433,075	801,129
Charitable activities	3	1,995,075	-	1,995,075	1,852,654	-	1,852,654
Other trading activities	4	475,083	-	475,083	418,543	-	418,543
Investments	5	60,220	-	60,220	56,192	-	56,192
Other income	6	52,302	-	52,302	47,152	-	47,152
<b>Total income</b>		<b>2,729,509</b>	<b>50,380</b>	<b>2,779,889</b>	<b>2,742,595</b>	<b>433,075</b>	<b>3,175,670</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	7	111,290	-	111,290	114,801	-	114,801
Charitable activities	8	2,545,387	265,310	2,810,697	2,395,360	112,260	2,507,620
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>2,656,677</b>	<b>265,310</b>	<b>2,921,987</b>	<b>2,510,161</b>	<b>112,260</b>	<b>2,622,421</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>72,832</b>	<b>(214,930)</b>	<b>(142,098)</b>	<b>232,434</b>	<b>320,815</b>	<b>553,249</b>
Transfers between funds		68	(68)	-	774	(774)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>72,900</b>	<b>(214,998)</b>	<b>(142,098)</b>	<b>233,208</b>	<b>320,041</b>	<b>553,249</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		3,507,824	344,846	3,852,670	3,274,616	24,805	3,299,421
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2025</b>		<b>3,580,724</b>	<b>129,848</b>	<b>3,710,572</b>	<b>3,507,824</b>	<b>344,846</b>	<b>3,852,670</b>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.



# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	14		4,835,270		4,775,436
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	15	33,285		41,848	
Debtors	16	8,059		228,630	
Cash at bank and in hand		905,660		901,272	
		947,004		1,171,750	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	(631,535)		(543,577)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			315,469		628,173
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			5,150,739		5,403,609
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	19		(1,440,167)		(1,550,939)
<b>Net assets</b>			3,710,572		3,852,670
<b>The funds of the Trust</b>					
Restricted income funds	21	129,848		344,846	
Unrestricted funds	22	3,580,724		3,507,824	
			3,710,572		3,852,670

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12/12/2025



Reverend R M Djan  
Trustee



Dr M Hoek  
Trustee

Company registration number 00653062 (England and Wales)

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Ashburnham Christian Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Ashburnham Place, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 9NF.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. 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 Going concern**

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

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

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

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

#### **1.4 Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charitable company 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.

Booking fees and deposits relating to future periods but received in advance are shown under deferred income in the balance sheet released to income in the period to which they relate.

#### **1.5 Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company 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.

#### **Raising funds**

Raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities, events and non-charitable trading.

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

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

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the Trust.

#### **Allocation and apportionment of costs**

Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

Freehold property	not provided
Biomass	5% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	25% on cost
Computer equipment	33% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on cost
Equipment	25% on cost
Online booking system	25% on cost

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

The Trustees consider that the value of the freehold property will continue to increase in time and, as such, they have decided that no depreciation should be provided.

Assets with cost in excess of £1,000 are capitalised.

### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

### 1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

### 1.9 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.

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

##### **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.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charitable company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.10 Taxation

The Trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### 1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Trust is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

#### 1.13 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

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

### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	123,664	50,380	174,044	362,921	433,075	795,996
Grants	23,165	-	23,165	5,133	-	5,133
	<u>146,829</u>	<u>50,380</u>	<u>197,209</u>	<u>368,054</u>	<u>433,075</u>	<u>801,129</u>

### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Conference fees</b>		
Conference fees	1,671,614	1,566,118
ACT Events	144,544	112,340
Individual guest fees	76,512	80,057
Summer camp	93,117	82,873
Westminster Theological Hub	4,186	994
Artisan village income	5,102	7,272
Net surplus on sale of fixed assets	-	3,000
	<u>1,995,075</u>	<u>1,852,654</u>

### 4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Shop income	64,676	63,768
Tea room income	318,969	301,674
Garden sales	91,438	53,101
Other trading activities	<u>475,083</u>	<u>418,543</u>

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Rental income	31,831	33,219
Interest receivable	28,389	22,973
	<u>60,220</u>	<u>56,192</u>

### 6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Renewable heat incentive	52,302	47,152

### 7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Trading costs		
Shop expenses	42,232	45,991
Bar expenses	9,248	7,702
Tea room expenses	59,810	61,108
	<u>111,290</u>	<u>114,801</u>



# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

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

### 8 Charitable activities costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	788,046	716,792
Depreciation and impairment	105,272	69,789
Rates and water	51,167	57,385
Insurance	42,241	82,658
Light and heat	253,172	235,322
Materials purchases	38,021	46,599
Laundry	50,566	46,804
Provisions purchases	476,030	461,990
Repairs and replacements	33,806	33,309
Vending machines	27,694	27,741
Cleaning materials	16,474	8,484
Household miscellaneous	3,130	2,250
Summer camp	26,712	15,635
ACT holiday and event costs	27,050	20,312
Volunteers expenses	19,550	16,108
Garden and grounds maintenance	42,413	33,413
Maintenance	73,167	55,461
Other charitable expenditure	437,296	241,189
	<u>2,511,807</u>	<u>2,171,241</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	-	977
Share of support costs (see note 10)	287,278	312,162
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	11,612	23,240
	<u>2,810,697</u>	<u>2,507,620</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	2,545,387	2,395,360
Restricted funds	265,310	112,260
	<u>2,810,697</u>	<u>2,507,620</u>

### 9 Grants payable

	<b>Grants to institutions 2024 £</b>
Grants to institutions:	
Other	977
	<u>977</u>

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 10 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2025 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £
Staff costs	151,122	-	151,122	162,990	162,990
Telephone	10,533	-	10,533	27,478	27,478
Postage and stationery	4,959	-	4,959	2,536	2,536
Sundries	5,478	-	5,478	12,820	12,820
Travelling and motor expenses	17,485	-	17,485	19,417	19,417
Computer and IT expenses	33,644	-	33,644	18,443	18,443
ACT holiday and events costs	4,863	-	4,863	-	-
Subscriptions	1,958	-	1,958	2,235	2,235
Marketing and advertising	15,109	-	15,109	23,764	23,764
Other staff costs and training	9,310	-	9,310	19,595	19,595
General expenses	17,318	-	17,318	11,699	11,699
Bank charges	15,499	-	15,499	11,185	11,185
Audit fees	-	10,528	10,528	-	9,819
Legal and professional	-	1,084	1,084	-	13,421
	<u>287,278</u>	<u>11,612</u>	<u>298,890</u>	<u>312,162</u>	<u>335,402</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>287,278</u>	<u>11,612</u>	<u>298,890</u>	<u>312,162</u>	<u>335,402</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £10,528 (2024 - £9,819) for audit fees.

### 11 Trustees

During the year, the Charity paid its trustees a total gross salary of £1,897 (2024: nil) and made employers pension contributions of £133 (2024: nil).

The total trustees' travel expenses in the year was £3,080 (2024: £2,939).

The total number of trustees to whom expenses were reimbursed in the year amounted to 4 (2024: 5).

### 12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Charitable staff	<u>35</u>	<u>33</u>

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

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

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12 Employees		(Continued)	
Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £	
Wages and salaries	836,668	784,868	
Social security costs	56,591	50,105	
Other pension costs	45,909	44,809	
	<u>939,168</u>	<u>879,782</u>	

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

### 13 Taxation

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

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

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

14 Tangible fixed assets		Freehold property	Biomass	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Motor vehicles	Equipment	Online booking system	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>									
At 1 April 2024		4,425,267	222,592	948,421	112,233	76,579	432,471	29,830	6,247,393
Additions		-	-	151,305	3,711	-	9,910	-	164,926
At 31 March 2025		4,425,267	222,592	1,099,726	115,944	76,579	442,381	29,830	6,412,319
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>									
At 1 April 2024		-	87,171	805,105	110,818	66,341	385,125	17,217	1,471,777
Depreciation charged in the year		-	11,124	66,110	1,811	4,800	17,753	3,674	105,272
At 31 March 2025		-	98,295	871,215	112,629	71,141	402,878	20,891	1,577,049
<b>Carrying amount</b>									
At 31 March 2025		4,425,267	124,297	228,511	3,315	5,438	39,503	8,939	4,835,270
At 31 March 2024		4,425,267	135,421	143,316	1,415	10,238	47,166	12,613	4,775,436

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 14 Tangible fixed assets

(Continued)

The Trustees undertake an annual impairment review of the freehold property.

The property at Ashburnham Place was independently valued on the 13 May 2020 at £4,100,000. The freehold property included in the valuation has not significantly changed and it was therefore agreed the valuation remains accurate. The value of the freehold property shown above includes additions and improvements expensed since the valuation report. The freehold land stands in the Balance Sheet at a nil value.

#### 15 Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Raw materials and consumables	19,783	24,382
Finished goods and goods for resale	13,502	17,466
	<u>33,285</u>	<u>41,848</u>

#### 16 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	4,432	15,478
Other debtors	3,627	213,152
	<u>8,059</u>	<u>228,630</u>

#### 17 Loans and overdrafts

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	<u>1,466,884</u>	<u>1,565,472</u>
Payable within one year	54,591	48,465
Payable after one year	<u>1,412,293</u>	<u>1,517,007</u>
Amounts included above which fall due after five years:		
Payable by instalments	<u>918,715</u>	<u>1,252,311</u>

There are two bank loans with CAF bank. These are both secured by way of a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Charity. The loan is repayable over 25 years, and will be repaid by 2041. Interest is payable at the rate of 2.25% above the Bank of England base rate.

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

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

### 18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	17	54,591	48,465
Obligations under finance leases		4,241	3,689
Other taxation and social security		35,994	22,171
Deferred income	20	427,149	353,222
Trade creditors		83,222	101,042
Other creditors		16,388	5,238
Accruals		9,950	9,750
		<u>631,535</u>	<u>543,577</u>

### 19 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	17	1,412,293	1,517,007
Obligations under finance leases		14,504	18,745
Deferred income	20	13,370	15,187
		<u>1,440,167</u>	<u>1,550,939</u>

### 20 Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
Arising from deferred income deposits and fees received in advance	<u>440,519</u>	<u>368,409</u>

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 20 Deferred income

(Continued)

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	427,149	353,222
Non-current liabilities	13,370	15,187
	<u>440,519</u>	<u>368,409</u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2024	368,409	307,916
Released from previous periods	(368,409)	(293,226)
Resources deferred in the year	<u>440,519</u>	<u>353,719</u>
Deferred income at 31 March 2025	<u>440,519</u>	<u>368,409</u>



**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

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

21 Restricted funds (Continued)

**Staff Gratuities**  
Donations from guests for the benefit of staff and volunteers.

**Prayer Centre**  
Donations help to facilitate 24/7 prayer at Ashburnham Place.

**Grounds Fund**  
Donations to assist with the upkeep of the grounds at Ashburnham Place.

**Employability Programme**  
Donations to assist with teaching new skills to people who have issues obtaining employment so that they can confidently re-enter the job market.

**Catalyst**  
Payments and donations for volunteer training programme.

**Land Engagement Lead**  
Donations received for Land engagements.

**Prayer Centre refurbishment**  
Donations received for refurbishment of the prayer centre.

**Staff/Volunteer sponsorship**  
Donations for the benefit of staff and volunteers.

**Playground**  
Donations to assist with the provision of a playground.

**Jacob Oommen**  
Donations in memory of Jacob Oommen.

**Kitchen Garden**  
Improvement in composting facilities.

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

21 Restricted funds (Continued)

**Support retreat fund**  
Donations for those unable to afford support retreats.

**WTC**  
Donations received for use in study courses with the Westminster Theological Centre.

**Kitchen/Garden refill station**  
Donations for refill station in the kitchen and garden area.

**Garden wall assistance fund**  
Funds received toward garden wall maintenance.

**Flowers**  
Donations received for dedicated ornamental flowers for the garden.

**Wrags**  
Donations received for the provision of an assistant to help with the ornamental gardens. work

**Energy Savings**  
Funds received toward specific energy saving measures.

**Marque**  
Funds received toward a marque purchase.

**Sparks Development**  
Donations received for the development of the annual Sparks conference at Ashburnham Place.

**Foraging Posts**  
Donations received for the development of a new foraging trail at Ashburnham Place.

**Benches**  
Donations received for the development of a new benches at Ashburnham Place.

**ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST**

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

21	Restricted funds	(Continued)
	<b>Emrys Support Fund</b>	
	Donations received specifically for a couple from the Ashburnham Place community.	
	<b>Songs</b>	
	Donations received for dedicated entertainment.	

# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 22 Unrestricted funds

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

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	3,496,295	2,729,509	(2,656,677)	68	3,569,195
Revaluation reserve	11,529	-	-	-	11,529
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 April 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024 £</b>
General funds	3,263,087	2,742,595	(2,510,161)	774	3,496,295
Revaluation reserve	11,529	-	-	-	11,529
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
<b>At 31 March 2025:</b>			
Tangible assets	4,835,270	-	4,835,270
Current assets/(liabilities)	185,621	129,848	315,469
Long term liabilities	(1,440,167)	-	(1,440,167)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	3,580,724	129,848	3,710,572
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 31 March 2024:</b>			
Tangible assets	4,775,436	-	4,775,436
Current assets/(liabilities)	283,327	344,846	628,173
Long term liabilities	(1,550,939)	-	(1,550,939)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	3,507,824	344,846	3,852,670
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# ASHBURNHAM CHRISTIAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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### **24 Operating lease commitments**

At the reporting end date the Trust had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Within one year	12,209	13,387
Between two and five years	20,541	31,515
	<u>32,750</u>	<u>44,902</u>

### **25 Related party transactions**

During the year, £1,800 (2024: £1,940) was paid to 2MT for training by Mrs Sue Mitchell, the wife of Trustee, Dr Roger Mitchell.

