

THE WALKER TRUST
UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE TRUST, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	Major General J Crackett, Chair Mr V Hunt (Chairman of Shropshire Council) (resigned 1 June 2025) Mrs C Paton-Smith Lady Forester Mrs S Reynolds (Borough of Telford and Wrekin) Mr D Borrowman (Chair Shropshire Council) (appointed 1 June 2025) Mr B Williams (Vice Chair Shropshire Council) (resigned 28 April 2025) Mr G Groves (Vice Chair Shropshire Council (appointed 1 June 2025)
Charity registered number	215479
Principal office	5 Smithy Croft Church Eaton Staffordshire ST20 0AF
Clerk to the Trust	Mr A Jones
Accountants	WR Partners Chartered Accountants Belmont House Shrewsbury Business Park Shrewsbury Shropshire SY2 6LG
Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC 1 Pride Hill Shrewsbury Shropshire SY1 1DG
Trustees Investments Advisors	Cazenove Capital Liverpool House Lower Bridge Street Chester CH1 1RS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Trust for the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The duties placed upon the Trustees under the Will are as follows:-

- (a) to invest the capital of such Trust Fund in any of the securities hereby authorised.
- (b) to apply the income of such investments to all or such of the following purposes as my Residuary Trustees from time to time think beneficial, viz:
 - i. in the establishment or towards the maintenance of any hospital, infirmary, convalescent home or other institution having for its object the relief of sickness or promoting convalescence.
 - ii. the provision of medical or surgical aid or appliances.
 - iii. any institution for the maintenance and education of orphans.
 - iv. the provision of such means of education as are not, for the time being, provided for by imperial or local taxation.
- (c) and I expressly direct that in case, for the purposes aforesaid my residuary Trustees shall unanimously resolve that it is expedient to expend any part of the capital of such Trust funds in the erection or furnishing of any building for any of the aforesaid purposes, they shall have full power so to do.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

The aim of the Trust is to make grants for the purposes set out above to improve the life or make better opportunities for the people of Shropshire assisting with grants for buildings, aids and equipment or to assist with the costs of education or educational opportunities. The Trust's main objectives for each year are therefore to use its income for these purposes and achieve these objects through being widely known throughout the County, known to organisations that are providing facilities which meet the Trust's charitable objects, and through its contacts with hospitals, hospices, councils, schools, colleges and universities.

c. Grant-making policies

The objective of the Trust is to make grants in accordance with the criteria set out by the Benefactor. These cover in broad terms the assistance of health and disability, orphans and education and training. The Trustees consider applications under any of these heads and interpret them in a wide and general sense. The Trustees will not normally assist in cases outside Shropshire unless the County would specifically benefit thereby. In the case of applications for assistance from individuals the Trustees would normally expect the applicant to be resident within Shropshire at the time of the application and for the previous 12 months. The Trustees have decided that at certain intervals they will consider the financing of some major project of lasting benefit to Shropshire. They have established a reserve fund for this purpose. The Trustees will use the bulk of their income in any year for grants within their objectives. A copy of the Trustees full grant policy is available from the Clerk.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Main activities undertaken to further the Trust's purposes for the public benefit

The Trustees have considered a report on Public Benefit and have received and considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on "Charities and Public Benefit". The Trust's objects clearly come within the descriptions of charitable purposes as set out in the Charities Act and there are identifiable benefits from the grants made. The benefits are to the public, i.e. the people of Shropshire and grants are only made in accordance with the Trust's aims and objectives.

Whilst grants to hospitals, hospices and educational institutions and organisations benefit the whole population of the County or increase the opportunities available to them, in considering individual applications, the means of applicants and where appropriate their families are looked at and the Trustees target their help to applicants with low incomes. This group includes young people leaving care, young people estranged from their families, single parents and children from families with low incomes, and frequently those relying on state benefits.

The Trustees are therefore satisfied that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

The Trustees have maintained their policy of restricting their grants to Shropshire persons or projects benefiting such persons. Grants continue to be made towards a camping equipment bank run by the Shropshire Council Youth Services and the Shropshire Schools and Colleges Athletics Association which provides opportunities, grants or assistance to young people of exceptional sporting ability.

The requests for grants within the Trust's objectives continue to be made both in the areas of Health and Disability and Education and Training. In the area of individual grants for educational purposes, the Trustees continue to concentrate on the further education sector and the areas of music, drama and the arts where student's costs are considerable. The Trustees have maintained their previous decision that unless there are exceptional circumstances such as disability, they will not assist students in higher education as assistance is available from student finance, with the exception of medical and veterinary courses particularly where these are taken as second degrees.

In the area of education and training the Trustees made grants of £1,000 or more to: Derwen College - £30,000, Pioneer Centre - £4,000, Engineering Development Trust - £6,000, Police Community Clubs - £2,000, The Longmynd Adventure Camp, - £5,000, Guide Dogs, - £1,020, Stretton Pool Action - £2,000, Wenlock Olympian Society - £15,000, Educating Kids Outdoors - £3,900, Shropshire Schools Sports Association - £5,000, Community Safety Education - £2,200, 4 All - £1,400, VCH Shropshire - £5,000, Shrewsbury & Oswestry Crucial Crew - £3,000, Whittington Music Festival - £1,000, Shropshire Army Cadet Force - £1,500, Climbing Out - £2,000.

Some grants were made to individuals and organisations ranging from £500 to £4,500. Of these, 2 were from single parent families 3 from families whose main income was benefits and 2 from young people estranged from their families. Four were grants for music, drama or art studies, many of which were substantial. Without the trusts support most of these individuals would have been unable to undertake their courses.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

In the area of health and disability, the Trustees made grants of £1,000 or more to: Dream holidays - £1,700, Deafblind UK - £2,000, Royal Airforce Benevolent Fund - £2,000, RNIB - £1,835, Revitalise - £3,000, Lyneal Trust - £10,000, The RJ & AH Orthopedic Hospital - £5,000, Hope House Children's Hospice - £8,389, AT Society - £1,000, Blind Veterans UK - £2,500, The Firefighters Charity - £2,000, Dementia UK - £2,000, MNDS - £2,500, Bliss - £2,000, The Lullaby Trust - £1,200, Neuro Muscular Centre - £1,500, Combat Stress - £2,000, Kids Cancer Charity - £2,200, The Movement Centre - £2,500.

All of these grants enabled the Charity to meet the objectives set by the benefactor to provide grants in the areas set out in the Will and meet the public benefit requirements.

The Charity has some funds that were given to them by the Acton Reynald Educational Trust for the specific purpose of assisting Shropshire girls in private education. No grants from these funds were made this year.

b. Investment policy and performance

The Trustees make their grants from the income from the material investments held. The Trust investments are managed by Cazenove Capital. The Trustees' general policy is to look for capital growth to maintain and hopefully increase, in real terms, the capital value of the Trust's portfolio thus maintaining the value of the portfolio in real terms for the future, whilst also maintaining a good level of income to enable the Trustees to meet their charitable objectives. The Trustees, mindful of their legal duties, operate a conservative investment policy and do not undertake undue risks with regard to investments.

Following the appointment of Cazenove Capital as their Investment Managers, Trustees agreed with them a benchmark of growth of inflation + 3% for the new Portfolio. Trustees agreed this was a move for greater capital growth than their previous investment strategy and would provide a lower income, but overall a total return of approximately 8%. In agreeing this new strategy, Trustees were aware that they did have the ability, if they wished, to use capital for appropriate projects.

The Trustees receive quarterly reports on the value of their portfolio and on the economic and market outlooks and whether any changes should be made to the investment strategy. Twice yearly the Investment Managers attend a Trustees' meeting to give oral reports, make suggestions for investment strategy and for review of benchmarks and for improving the management of the Trust's Portfolio. The performance of the funds is measured against the benchmark.

In this year 2024-25 the portfolio performed well and was showing a return of 10%. This was tempered in the final quarter with volatility created by US tariffs proposed reducing its growth for the year to 3.3%.

The return on the portfolio in income was 1.9%.

Trustees will keep performance under review.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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

b. Reserves policy

The results of the year's operation are set out in the attached Financial Statements. The net movement in funds for the year amounted to an increase of £77,019 (2024 - increase £664,246). The retained reserves at 31 March 2025 amount to £7,416,787 (2024 £7,339,768).

Free reserves amounted to £286,628 (2024 £379,650).

The Trustees closely match their grant giving to their income. Income and expenditure are closely monitored during the year. The Trustees do not have any funds in deficit.

The Trustees have agreed a formal Reserves Policy taking into account income and expenditure estimates and governance and support costs. They have agreed that free reserves should be maintained at a revised figure of £50,000. In setting this figure, Trustees noted that their administrative costs had reduced in recent years and this revised figure would cover four years of running costs if no new grants were made.

c. Material investments policy

The Charity's principal funding sources are its investments detailed above. The income from these investments support the key funding objectives of the Charity. The Trustees have not applied any social, environmental or ethical considerations in their investment policy. They did review this some years ago but decided to continue to maintain the existing policy. This is because no restrictions were specified by the benefactor when the Charity was established and that whilst applying such a policy would not materially effect performance and income at this time it could do so in the future. The Trustees do not feel therefore that they should adopt any policies that might affect the Trust's financial performance in the future.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Walker Trust is a registered charity, number 215479, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

The Trust was formed under the Will of Charles Clement Walker, JP, of Lilleshall Old Hall, Newport, Shropshire, who established a Trust devoting a large part of his Estate to charitable purposes and established the Charity of Charles Clement Walker known as "The Walker Trust".

The Charity was constituted with three representative Trustees together with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the time being of the Shropshire Council. Subsequently, it was agreed to invite the Telford and Wrekin Borough Council also to nominate a Trustee. The names of the persons currently occupying these three charitable positions are set out earlier.

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

Structure, governance and management (continued)

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Trust is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

When a vacancy for a representative Trustee occurs, the Trustees seek to replace with someone who wishes to serve in the charity sector, has a knowledge of education and/or health, has a knowledge of the County of Shropshire and also seek to achieve a geographical spread of Trustees around the County so that they are able to bring their local knowledge to bear on applications. The Trustees also seek to appoint younger persons as Trustees. Names of people to be considered as Trustees are suggested by the Trustees and then have a preliminary interview with the Clerk to explain the objectives history and operation of the Trust prior to the Trustees making a formal appointment.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Charity Trustees usually meet four times a year and collectively take decisions in relation to applications. The Chairman and Clerk have delegated authority to take urgent decisions in between meetings. The Chairman is delegated to take decisions in all cases while the Clerk's delegated authority is limited to grants up to £500.

The Charity is not part of a wider network and has no subsidiaries. A formal procedure for receiving and considering complaints is in place.

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

When new Trustees are appointed they invariably have already served in this capacity on smaller Trusts and are given an introduction to the work of the Trust, a brief history of the Trust, an account of the recent workings and copies of the Annual Report and previous agendas. They go through training sessions with the Clerk if required, on the responsibilities of Trustees, the overriding duties of Trustees and the need to declare any interests or related party transactions they might have at meetings. Trustees and the Clerk also attend relevant seminars and training courses. At recent meetings, Trustees have considered the five minute briefing papers prepared for Trustees by the Charity Commission.

During the year Trustees have considered a series of briefing papers provided by the Charity Commission on issues relating to their duties and responsibilities.

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

Structure, governance and management (continued)

e. Financial risk management

The Trustees have in place a risk matrix which identifies the risks facing the charity, the control procedures in place, individuals responsible for such controls and monitoring processes. The matrix was last reviewed in January 2025. In assessing risks Trustees took into account that they do not have any property or any direct employees. Trustees also rely on their capital endowment and do not fundraise on an ongoing basis. Occasionally, funds are contributed to the Trust by other organisations. The Trustees closely match their grant giving to their income. Income and expenditure are closely monitored during the year with reports to the Trustees quarterly meetings. If all income is not allocated during the year, then it is either carried forward or transferred to an accumulated income reserve account so that reserves are available for future major capital grants. The Trustees do occasionally agree to grant aid a project with contributions being made over the next two or three years. However these only form a small proportion of projected annual income and would not compromise the Trustees if there was a downturn in income in any one year. The Trustees have formal banking arrangements and have entered into an undertaking and agreement with their bankers, as Banks are required to do under legislation. The Trust has substantial invested funds and this carries some risks. To minimise these risks, Trustees operate a conservative investment policy and use the services of professional investment managers. Trustees invest in funds which carry low risk and have low volatility. See section on investment policy and performance.

The Trustees accounts are independently prepared and reviewed reducing risks of fraud and corruption.

The Trustees are therefore satisfied that risks have been identified and that procedures are in place to manage those risks effectively. Risks are reviewed on an annual basis.

Plans for future periods

The Trustees plan to continue with their current aims and key objectives on distributing grants in accordance with the objectives set by the benefactor. They will continue to do this by making their grant policies known throughout the geographical County of Shropshire and by considering applications from organisations, groups and individuals. In 2025/26 they are hoping to continue support to VCH Shropshire and the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust and the Shropshire Schools Athletics Association.

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

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

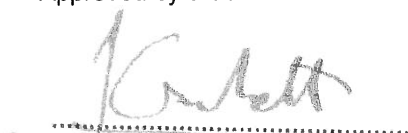
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Trust's transactions and 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Major General J Crackett
Chair of Trustees

Date: 20 Oct 25

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Walker Trust ('the Trust')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent Examiner's Statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Trust has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.

This report is made solely to the Trust's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trust's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trust's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

S J Tweedie

Dated:

30 October 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Investments	2	10,364	139,940	150,304	172,438
Total income		10,364	139,940	150,304	172,438
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3	2,836	37,375	40,211	36,705
Charitable activities:					
Grants		-	160,427	160,427	74,012
Governance		-	11,881	11,881	11,127
Total expenditure		2,836	209,683	212,519	121,844
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains on investments		7,528	(69,743)	(62,215)	50,594
Net gains on investments		10,456	128,778	139,234	613,652
Net movement in funds		17,984	59,035	77,019	664,246
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		519,290	6,820,478	7,339,768	6,675,522
Net movement in funds		17,984	59,035	77,019	664,246
Total funds carried forward		537,274	6,879,513	7,416,787	7,339,768

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	8	7,087,939	6,928,230
		<u>7,087,939</u>	<u>6,928,230</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	12,714	8,261
Cash at bank and in hand		350,477	448,955
		<u>363,191</u>	<u>457,216</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(34,343)	(45,678)
		<u>328,848</u>	<u>411,538</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>7,416,787</u>	<u>7,339,768</u>
Total net assets			
		<u>7,416,787</u>	<u>7,339,768</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	11	537,274	519,290
Unrestricted funds	11	6,879,513	6,820,478
		<u>7,416,787</u>	<u>7,339,768</u>
Total funds			
		<u>7,416,787</u>	<u>7,339,768</u>

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


 Major General J Crackett
 Chair of Trustees

Date: 20 Oct 25

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Walker Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

After making enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Trust has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Trust, can be reliably measured.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and investment management fees.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Trust's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

1.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.10 Financial instruments

The Trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Trust and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Trust for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Investment income

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Income from local listed investments	-	3,576	3,576	-
Income from cash	2,084	20,240	22,324	29,919
Other Investment income	8,280	116,124	124,404	142,519
Total 2025	<u>10,364</u>	<u>139,940</u>	<u>150,304</u>	<u>172,438</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>11,713</u>	<u>160,725</u>	<u>172,438</u>	

3. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Investment management fees	2,836	37,375	40,211	36,705
Total 2025	<u>2,836</u>	<u>37,375</u>	<u>40,211</u>	<u>36,705</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>2,620</u>	<u>34,085</u>	<u>36,705</u>	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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3. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

4. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2025 £	Grants to Individuals 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Health & Disability	56,907	-	56,907	36,558
Schools & Other Organisations	90,520	-	90,520	11,554
Foreign Travel	-	500	500	1,300
Grants, Acton Reynald Fund	-	-	-	7,000
College Course	-	-	-	5,100
Music & Drama	-	9,500	9,500	-
University Course	-	3,000	3,000	5,000
Total 2025	<u>147,427</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>160,427</u>	<u>66,512</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>48,112</u>	<u>25,900</u>	<u>74,012</u>	

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4. Analysis of grants (continued)

The Trust has made the following material grants to the following institutions during the year.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Schools & Other Organisations		
Derwen College	30,000	-
University Centre Shrewsbury	-	15,000
Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer	4,000	-
VCH - Shropshire	5,000	5,000
Wenlock Olympian Society	15,000	-
Longmynd Adventrue camp	5,000	-
Educating Kids Outdoors	3,900	-
The Police Community Clubs	2,000	-
Engineering Development Trust	6,000	-
Shrewsbury & Oswestry Crucial Crew	3,000	-
Communication Safety Education	2,200	-
Stretton Pool Action	2,000	-
4 All	1,400	-
Climbing Out	2,000	-
Shropshire Army Cadet Force	1,500	-
Guide Dogs	1,020	-
Shropshire Schools and Sports Association	5,000	5,000
Whittington Music Festival	1,000	-
Other grants	500	(13,446)
	90,520	11,554
 Health & disability grants	 56,907	 36,558
	147,427	48,112

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	2025 £	2024 £
Health & Disability Grants		
Lyneal Trust	10,000	-
Robert Jones & Agnus Hunt Orthopedic Hospital	5,000	-
Dementia UK	2,000	3,500
Bliss	2,000	-
The Movement Centre Oswestry	2,500	2,000
Orthopaedic Institute Robert Jones & Agnus Hunt	-	5,000
SSAFA	-	5,000
The AT Society	-	1,000
The Lullaby Trust	-	1,000
Revitalise	3,000	-
Hope House Children's Hospice	8,389	-
Kids Cancer Charity	2,200	-
Blind Veterans	2,500	-
MNDA	2,500	-
Deafblind UK	2,000	-
RAF Benevolent Fund	2,000	-
Combat Stress	2,000	-
Firefighters Charity	2,000	-
The Albrighton Trust	-	2,000
Grants <£2000	8,818	17,058
	<u>56,907</u>	<u>36,558</u>

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5. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Audit and accountancy	4,110	4,110	3,420
Sundry expenses	1,682	1,682	1,615
Postage and stationery	249	249	192
Honararia	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services provided by Shropshire Council	4,000	4,000	4,000
Exchange rate (gains) & losses	40	40	100
Total 2025	11,881	11,881	11,127

6. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £1,245 (2024 - £1,140), and annual accounts preparation of £2,745 (2024 - £2,520).

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

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8. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	6,928,230
Additions	2,834,119
Disposals	(2,776,416)
Revaluations	102,006
At 31 March 2025	7,087,939
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	7,087,939
At 31 March 2024	6,928,230

9. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	12,714	8,261
	12,714	8,261

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	6,853	6,138
Accruals and deferred income	3,990	3,540
Grants accrued	23,500	36,000
	34,343	45,678

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11. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	6,820,478	139,940	(209,683)	128,778	6,879,513
Restricted funds					
Acton Reynald Fund	519,290	10,364	(2,836)	10,456	537,274
Total of funds	7,339,768	150,304	(212,519)	139,234	7,416,787

Restricted funds

The Charity has funds which were given to them by the Acton Reynald Educational Trust for the specific purpose of assisting Shropshire Girls in private education. The movement in the year related to investment income, charges and valuations.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds - all funds	6,196,676	160,725	(110,224)	3,660	569,641	6,820,478
Restricted funds						
Restricted Funds - all funds	478,846	11,713	(11,620)	(3,660)	44,011	519,290
Total of funds	6,675,522	172,438	(121,844)	-	613,652	7,339,768

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12. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Fixed asset investments	495,054	6,592,885	7,087,939
Current assets	42,220	320,971	363,191
Creditors due within one year	-	(34,343)	(34,343)
Total	<u>537,274</u>	<u>6,879,513</u>	<u>7,416,787</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Fixed asset investments	487,402	6,440,828	6,928,230
Current assets	31,888	425,328	457,216
Creditors due within one year	-	(45,678)	(45,678)
Total	<u>519,290</u>	<u>6,820,478</u>	<u>7,339,768</u>

13. Related party transactions

The Trust has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Trust at 31 March 2025.