



P and C Hickinbotham Charitable Trust

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year
ended 5 April 2025

Registered Charity number 216432

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Report of the trustees

The trustees of the P & C Hickinbotham Charitable Trust (“the Trust”) have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Trust Deed, 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 (FRS102) (updated 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Trust are to support charitable organisations through grants and donations.

It supports a wide range of projects - disability, social deprivation, homelessness, substance and alcohol abuse, prisoner education and rehabilitation, asylum and immigration issues, rehabilitation of prostitutes, the arts, cultural projects, historical projects, youth, community development, environmental and more. The Trust is unable to support individuals or any group that does not have charitable status.

Grant making policy

Preference is given to applications from groups working in Leicestershire and Rutland along with a small number of applications from North Wales and Northern Ireland although Trustees will look at applications from outside these areas for Quaker applications or special applications. Grants tend to range from £500 to £2,000 although there is no upper set limit for very special applications.

The Trust does not normally support applications for every day running expenses and prefers to support specific projects such as the purchase of specialist equipment, contributions towards the purchase of new premises or the renovation of a building, contributions towards the startup costs of a new post and other one off costs. It does not make regular repeat grants & in general does not support the larger, high profile national charities unless they have a project specific to our area of interest.

The Trustees confirm they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust’s aims and objectives and in planning future activities. When making charitable donations the trustees seek to support organisations whose objectives are in line with the public benefit.

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Report of the trustees (continued)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The last year has again been very difficult with health problems and trustee changing to more demanding jobs. We hope to enlist the help of the Ludlow Trust to manage our trust's programme starting in the very near future.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trust fund generated income of £97,475 (2024: £118,725) and made donations to charitable institutions totalling £1,400 (2024: £1,300) in the year. After support and governance costs the Trust had net income of £53,349 (2024: £81,607), before gains on the investment portfolio.

The value of the investment portfolio has increased to £5,519,570 (2024: £5,513,746) during the year. Since the year end the value of the portfolio, including cash for reinvestment, has increased slightly to £6,777,987 as at 21 January 2026.

The investment property was renovated in 2019/20 following which an updated valuation of £275,000 was given by a qualified property surveyor. The market value of the property was uplifted accordingly and remains the same.

Investment policy

There are no restrictions on the Trust's power to invest. The funds are invested in low and medium risk investments in order to provide a steady stream of income, whilst maintaining the real value of the expendable endowment fund. The performance of investments is reviewed periodically with the investment manager.

Reserves policy and risks

It is the intention of the trustees that the income generated from the investment portfolio shall be distributed for charitable purposes. The objective is to hold a balance of unrestricted income of around £50,000 which the Trustees consider is a level which will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for donations and ensure there are sufficient funds available to cover support and governance costs for a period of approximately 12 months. The un-restricted fund at 5 April 2025 was £430,605 which is above the target set by the Trustees. Trustees will seek to reduce this over the next few years by ensuring charitable expenditure exceeds income until funds are more in line with policy. It is hoped that if the Trust's management passes to the Ludlow trust, they will be in a position to accomplish this.

Funds are held in an expendable endowment fund representing the investments held for the purpose of generating future investment income and to support the continuity of the Trust.

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Amounts included within these funds have been generated through voluntary income (donations, bequest income) and net gains and losses on investments over the history of the Trust. The trustees have power at their discretion to distribute the expendable endowment.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trust, through careful management of its investments and resources, continues to generate investment income allowing it to carry on supporting charitable organisations into the future.

With the level of donations paid being at the discretion of the trustees, they are confident that they retain the ability to appropriately manage the distribution of their resources and safeguard the longevity of the Trust. It is hoped that the Ludlow Trust will fulfil this aim.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The P and C Hickinbotham Charitable Trust is a registered charity (number 216432) and is constituted under a Deed of Settlement dated 5 May 1947.

The Trust was founded through a donation in 1947 from Mr Paul S Cadbury. Over subsequent years further sums have been added to the Trust in order for it to carry on its work in supporting charitable organisations. The Trust does not actively fundraise and seeks to continue its charitable operations through careful stewardship of its existing resources.

The provisions of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to pay or apply the income of the fund and such parts of the capital thereof (which the Trustees shall raise by the sale of the requisite part of the fund) to or for such charitable purposes as the Trustees shall approve.

The accumulated fund is categorised as between an expendable endowment fund, which may at the determination of the trustees become unrestricted income, and an unrestricted income fund representing income received but not yet paid out for charitable purposes.

The purpose of the expendable endowment fund is to provide a relatively secure and predictable stream of income to fund charitable expenditure.

The Trust is managed by its Trustees who communicate at least once per quarter to consider applications for grants and donations. Trustees, typically family members, are invited to join the Trust given they have the necessary skills required.

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Report of the trustees (continued)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees:

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Rachel Elizabeth Hickinbotham
Anna Claire Steiger
Charlotte Mary Palmer
Frances Kate Hickinbotham
Alice Amelia Hickinbotham

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Charity Number: 216432

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Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

RP Hickinbotham
Trustee

Date: 27 January 2026

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit incurred by the charity for that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 130 of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the P and C Hickinbotham Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the P and C Hickinbotham Charitable Trust ('the Trust') for the year ended 5 April 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Karen Hanlan, ACA

Date: 27 January 2026

Karen Hanlan Independent Examiner Limited
1 Saracen Close, Ettington, CV37 7SZ

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Statement of financial activities

	Notes	Un- restricted funds 2025 £	Expendable Endowment fund 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income:					
Investment income	1	97,475	-	97,475	105,342
Other income – returned grant		-	-	-	13,383
Total income		97,475	-	97,475	118,725
Expenditure:					
<i>Costs of raising funds:</i>					
Investment management costs		-	29,958	29,958	27,268
Investment property costs		11,014	-	11,014	5,674
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Grants payable	2	1,400	-	1,400	1,300
Support & governance costs	3	1,754	-	1,754	2,876
Total expenditure		14,168	29,958	44,126	37,118
Net income/(expenditure) before gains on investments		83,307	(29,958)	53,349	81,607
Net gains on investments	6	-	69,138	69,138	413,030
Net income and net movement in funds		83,307	39,180	122,487	494,637
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		347,298	5,816,972	6,164,270	5,669,633
Total funds carried forward	9	430,605	5,856,152	6,286,757	6,164,270

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Balance sheet

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	5	-	-
Investments:			
Listed investments	6	5,519,570	5,513,746
Cash held for re-investment		111,392	78,036
Investment property	7	275,000	275,000
		<u>5,905,962</u>	<u>5,866,782</u>
Current Assets			
Cash held by investment managers		15,004	14,605
Cash at bank and in hand		368,236	284,383
		<u>383,240</u>	<u>298,988</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(2,445)</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>
Net current assets		<u>380,795</u>	<u>297,488</u>
Total net assets		<u>6,286,757</u>	<u>6,164,270</u>
Funds of the charity	9		
Un-restricted income fund		430,605	347,298
Expendable endowment		5,856,152	5,816,972
Total Charity Funds		<u>6,286,757</u>	<u>6,164,270</u>

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

RP Hickinbotham, Trustee

Date: 27 January 2026

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Principal accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared 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 (FRS102) updated 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The P & C Hickinbotham Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historic cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

Going Concern statement

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Trust will continue to operate. The validity of this assumption is dependent upon investment returns being adequate to cover the costs of grants made. However, it is the aim of the Trust to only make grants where income or capital is sufficient. Based on this understanding the trustees believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments, which would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

Investment income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Costs of raising funds comprise those costs directly attributable to managing the investment portfolio and raising investment income.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled.

Support and governance costs comprise costs for the running of the charity itself as an organisation.

Tangible fixed assets

Capital items costing over £450 are capitalised and included in fixed assets. Depreciation is provided to write the cost of the asset off over its estimated useful economic life by equal annual instalments as follows:

- IT equipment – 4 years

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Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments comprise investment properties and listed investments and are included at market value. Listed investments are included at closing mid-market value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment property comprises freehold property that is used to generate rentals and for capital appreciation. It is not depreciated but held at market value, with any gains or losses arising being recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is allocated to the expense heading to which it relates in accordance with standard accounting practice.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and in hand and short term deposits repayable on or within a three month notice period. Cash held by Investment managers for reinvestment is treated as a fixed asset investment.

Funds

All funds of the charity are un-restricted funds available for distribution at the discretion of Trustees.

The Expendable Endowment fund has been set aside and is invested for the long term to provide income for distribution to Charitable organisations. However, the fund is available for distribution at the discretion of Trustees.

Notes to the financial statements

1. Investment income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Dividends on listed investments	71,611	79,517
Interest on fixed interest securities	7,265	6,278
Rent receivable	12,000	13,200
Bank interest receivable	6,599	6,347
	97,475	105,342

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2. Grants payable

Grants were payable to the following institutions in the year:

	2025
	£
Other donations less than £1,500 each	1,400
Total	<u>1,400</u>

Grants were payable to the following institutions in the year:

	2024
	£
Other donations less than £1,500 each	1,300
Total	<u>1,300</u>

3. Support & governance costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Support costs:		
- IT costs	254	701
- Depreciation	-	675
Governance costs		
- Independent Examiners' fee (including accountancy fees of £600)	1,500	1,500
	<u>1,754</u>	<u>2,876</u>

4. Trustees remuneration and expenses

The Trustees received no remuneration for their services during the year and no expenses were reimbursed (2024: £nil).

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
At beginning & end of year	<u>2,700</u>
Depreciation	
At beginning & end of year	<u>2,700</u>
Net Book Value	
At 5 April 2025	<u>-</u>
At 5 April 2024	<u>-</u>

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6. Fixed asset Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Listed Investments		
Market value at beginning of year	5,513,746	5,117,956
Acquisitions at cost	1,046,619	382,178
Sales proceeds from disposals	(1,109,933)	(399,418)
Net gains in year	69,138	413,030
Market value at end of year	5,519,570	5,513,746
Historic cost at end of year	3,769,968	3,687,648

Listed Investments comprise:	£	£
Fixed interest securities - UK	1,067,048	771,744
Equity shares/funds - UK	1,751,167	1,616,656
- Offshore	1,883,938	2,925,767
Alternative Investments	817,417	199,579
	5,519,570	5,513,746

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investments in individual entities over 5% of portfolio value:		
Invesco Markets III PLC EQQQ NASDAQ	-	287,275
Wisdomtree Metal Securities ETFs Physical Gold	421,219	331,134
UK Government Treasury Stock 1.25% 2027	333,634	326,179

7. Investment property

	2025	2024
	£	£
Freehold property at market value		
At beginning and end of year	275,000	275,000

28 Laureston Drive, Stonegate, Leicester was bequeathed during 2007/8 from the estate of Paul Frederick John Hickinbotham deceased at a probate valuation of £175,000 at 25 January 2007. The property was renovated in March 2020 and valued, on an informal basis, by a qualified surveyor at a market value of £275,000, subject to Assured Shorthold Tenancy. The Trustees are confident that the valuation is in line with current market value.

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8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	1,500	1,500
Other creditors	945	-
	<u>2,445</u>	<u>1,500</u>

9. Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 5 April 2025 are represented by:

	Income fund £	Expendable endowment £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Investment Assets	49,810	5,856,152	5,905,962
Current assets	383,240	-	383,240
Liabilities	(2,445)	-	(2,445)
Total	<u>430,605</u>	<u>5,856,152</u>	<u>6,286,757</u>

Fund balances at 5 April 2024 are represented by:

	Income fund £	Expendable endowment £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Investment Assets	49,810	5,816,972	5,866,782
Current assets	298,988	-	298,988
Liabilities	(1,500)	-	(1,500)
Total	<u>347,298</u>	<u>5,816,972</u>	<u>6,164,270</u>

10. Controlling Interests

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

11. Related party transactions

There have been no transactions with related parties in the year (2024: None)

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12. Prior Year Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for 2024

	Un- restricted funds 2024 £	Expendable Endowment fund 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income:			
Investment income	105,342	-	105,342
Other income – returned grant	13,383	-	13,383
Total income	118,725	-	118,725
Expenditure:			
<i>Costs of raising funds:</i>			
Investment management costs	-	27,268	27,268
Investment property costs	5,674	-	5,674
<i>Charitable activities:</i>			
Grants payable	1,300	-	1,300
Support & governance costs	2,876	-	2,876
Total expenditure	9,850	27,268	37,118
Net income/(expenditure) before gains on investments	108,875	(27,268)	81,607
Net gains on investments	-	413,030	413,030
Net income and net movement in funds	108,875	385,762	494,637
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	238,423	5,431,210	5,669,633
Total funds carried forward	347,298	5,816,972	6,164,270