

Charity registration number 233696 (England and Wales)

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

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Property & Agricultural Committee	Mr C R Anstey Mr D B Dale Mr P W Hughes Mr J V Panter Mrs N J Rogers
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Each Committee meeting is attended by the Clerk and/or the Agent as appropriate.

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By a Resolution passed at a duly constituted meeting of the Trustees of Laslett's (Hinton) Charity on the 30th day of October 1962 there was conferred upon any three or more of the Trustees the power to execute Deeds or instruments in the names of the Trustees in accordance with the provisions of Section 34 of the Charities Act 1960.

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LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 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 2019)

Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are provided on the pages preceding this report. Details of the Trustees serving during the year are given below in the structure, governance and management section.

Objectives and activities

Objectives

The charitable purposes of the Charity are set out in the 1879 Trust Deed and the Trustees consider that the following (quoting from the deed) are the most relevant:-

- assisting in the repair, restoration, rebuilding or refitting of any Churches and Chapels connected with the Established Church of England;
- assisting poor, aged or infirm persons in such a manner as the Trustees may think fit;
- providing and maintaining Almshouses or other homes for aged poor men or women either in conjunction with or separate from and in addition to the Almshouses in the City of Worcester already established and endowed by the said William Laslett

The Charity carries out these objectives primarily by:

- providing grants to churches notably in relation to the repair and upkeep of the fabric but also to their overall improvement by the creation of additional facilities;
- providing grants to charitable organisations which have as their key priority the health and welfare of persons in need; and;
- acting in conjunction with and providing financial assistance if and when required to the Laslett's Almshouse Charity.

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

The benefit derived from grants awarded is evident from:

a. the improvement of church structures enabling them to continue to provide a place of worship for the local community and in turn for the church as a body to provide support to local groups largely of a volunteer kind. Some 49 churches were offered grant provision during the course of 2024 which was a significant increase on the previous year's figure of 32. The payment is then dependent on the work proceeding and is available to be claimed for a period of two years as from the date of the award. This may be extended with discretion

b. the ability of a variety of charitable organisations to maintain their presence and viability and provide help and support whether of a financial, social, medical or advisory kind to members of the public who rely on such acts of generosity. Some 27 organisations (including the 18 referred to elsewhere in this report with longer term funding) were the beneficiaries of such grants during the course of 2024;

c. the knowledge that the residents of the Almshouses can be assured of continued housing provision in a pleasant and safe environment.

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Activities

The main activities for the charity relate first to the management of the farms and residential properties and the liaison with their respective tenants and then secondly to the distribution of any surplus derived from those rents in the form of grant funding. These land and property holdings are located primarily in and around the village of Hinton on the Green near Evesham though during the course of the last couple of years the decision has been taken as part of the property portfolio review to acquire residential properties on the southern and south-eastern outskirts of Worcester due to the buoyant housing market there. These assets along with a portfolio of investments are managed with a view to securing a consistent revenue stream which can be utilised towards the provision of grants. The management of the residential properties includes their improvement and renewal and having plans in place for repair and maintenance works to be carried out. With the financial surplus generated from the property rentals, the provision and administration of grants is an important resulting activity.

Achievements and performance

(a) Income (Rents)

During the course of the year the level of income from farming and residential tenants remained good with rents being paid broadly on time. This has been commendable given the ever present economic uncertainties in the farming industry and the budget pressures for residential tenants. The level of long term rent arrears has remained at £0. This allowed the charity to consolidate its balance sheet and to contemplate with greater certainty how future surpluses could be channelled towards its charitable objectives namely grant provision.

In addition to ensuring a satisfactory rental income stream from farm tenants, the Agent worked with them to maintain and enhance their farming practices particularly in relation to Greville Hall Farm. Primarily as a result of the occupational tenant's astute business management and exemplary herd management, their business continues to flourish allowing cow numbers to increase. As a consequence of securing an improved milk contract and with an increasing priority being rightfully given to animal welfare, the Charity supported the tenant with their proposal to erect a further cubicle building to provide more space per cow and also access to external grazing and exercise paddocks. In addition to providing additional accommodation for the existing herd, the new building facilitated the number of cows being milked to be increased to 600 head.

During the year the Charity continued to progress its application for new build dwellings at Downrip Farm in place of the Class Q approval for conversion of a steel framed building that had been secured previously. It took the majority of 2024 for the Local Planning Authority to agree a final design in terms of external appearance and unit numbers. Following rather protracted negotiation a courtyard arrangement of 4 new dwellings was agreed. At the end of the year solicitors were instructed to agree the terms of a Section 106 Agreement that was to be a condition of planning permission being granted. The Section 106 Agreement will require the ultimate developer to make a contribution of £51,188 towards off-site affordable housing provision. It is anticipated that the final Planning Permission will be granted early in 2025.

At another location known as Manor Farm, the Charity submitted an application to replace an extant Class Q approval with a new build scheme of 5 units providing a courtyard style scheme. This proposal ensured each unit would be provided with allocated parking spaces and a private garden. The key design principles followed those that were agreed with the Local Authority following the extensive engagement in respect of the Downrip Farm scheme. At the end of 2024 a decision was awaited.

Towards the end of 2024 and following a competitive tender process, the Charity accepted a quotation for extensive external works to one of its main farmhouses known as Ballard's Farmhouse. This property has suffered from meaningful structural movement over the years. The Charity is obliged to complete the necessary repairs under the terms of the lease by which the farm is occupied. The Trustees take their obligations seriously and as a result the brief provided to the instructed structural engineer and architect was to complete a schedule of works that would secure the external fabric of the property for a period of 50 years save for limited routine maintenance.

The Charity continues to look to implement the long-term disposal strategy agreed some years ago involving further properties that were considered unsuitable for producing a long-term and sustainable net income stream. However, no further disposals were made in 2024 and neither were there any acquisitions of land or buildings within its estate.

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(b) Grants

A reading of the original trust deed and interpreting that into the modern era suggests that grant awards can be made in two specific areas.

First, by giving support to the work of the Church of England mainly within the historic Worcester Diocese (but also to the five adjoining dioceses of Hereford, Gloucester and Lichfield as well as Birmingham and Coventry) by contributing towards the cost of church fabric repairs and improvements to facilities for the congregation.

Secondly, to support a whole variety of organisations who themselves can demonstrate charitable objectives in the provision of financial, social, educational, health and welfare assistance to those members of the community who are unable economically or physically to do so themselves. Grants are not made to individuals direct.

In 2024 grant support was provided to some 49 churches and 27 charities. Of those charities 18 receive long term support as detailed below and nine were given grants in response to one-off applications.

Initially in 2024 the Grants Committee worked to a budget of £250,000 for awarding grants. That figure was split as between:

- a sum of £93,750 allocated to churches within the six defined dioceses and
- the balance of £156,250 for charitable organisations fulfilling the terms of the grants policy.

However, during the course of the year it was noted that the number of grant applications from churches for worthwhile projects which could be supported was showing a considerable uplift. Consequently the Board agreed to increase the budget available by £20,000 to a total of £113,750. This sum was utilised in full.

In terms of grants to the charities, as in previous years after having accounted for the long term grant awards and the one-off applications, there was surplus within the budget. In 2024 this amounted to £13,250. This was then allocated equally as a "bonus payment" to each of the 18 long term supported charities. As a result the budget of £156,250 became fully utilised.

A combination of grants awarded which were paid out this year plus grants awarded but payable in future years amounted to £295,424. Adding the separate grant awarded to the Incumbent of the Parish of Hinton on the Green of £600, leads to the figure shown in the accounts of £296,024.

(i) Grants to Churches

Grants to churches are paid out upon receipt of invoices relating to the work specified in the application and completed. A period of two years plus a discretionary provision for extension is allowed for such works to be completed for example if the church has encountered delays in completing the fundraising, or delay in obtaining requisite consents or difficulties with appointment of contractors.

If the claim is unlikely to be made within a further period of one year, applicants may be advised to re-apply and with the original grant offer being rescinded.

A grant may be rescinded if the work has been completed without recourse to the grant

(ii) Grants to Charities

Grants to charities are paid out shortly after the formal offer has been made.

In administering the grants to charities, the trustees rely on the grant policy they adopted in January 2018 and subject to minor revision in October 2020 and again in October 2023. This sets out the criteria to be considered when making a decision as to whether or not to award a grant and if so in what sum. In exercising their discretion under the policy the trustees are aided in this process by a scoresheet which they may utilise to help them to refine an initial judgement. A further review is currently ongoing and due for adoption in early 2025.

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Although historically grants were made in response to one-off applications from charitable organisations, the Trustees have felt that two such organisations based in Worcester but also operating within the county should be grant aided over a longer period of time and to an enhanced degree compared with others.

One such organisation that was based in Worcester but which operated throughout Worcestershire and further afield was Youth Support Services (YSS). This group was well established and had a particular focus on providing support for the rehabilitation of offenders following completion of their custodial sentence. Laslett's has supported YSS with grants since June 2015; its present stream of funding was renewed in 2024.

A further organisation that the Trustees felt should be given longer term support was the Worcester Citizen's Advice Bureau. This organisation has been well established in Worcester. Laslett's has supported the CAB with grants to fund an Advice and Housing Support Worker since April 2017; the present stream of funding was renewed in 2021 for a further period of three years.

During 2020 given the success appertaining to the YSS and CAB grants noted above, the trustees extended the concept of providing certain other charities with longer term funding up to a maximum of 3 years. Charities which have received grant funding from Laslett's in at least two of the previous three years are invited to submit applications for such funding with supporting documentation and to attend formal interviews. A further 16 charities have been successful (including one addition in 2024) with such applications and which has then provided them with the benefit of having the certainty of funding for that longer period and avoided the necessity of submitting new applications each year. This provided some reduction in the administrative process for both the charities concerned and Laslett's. The total awarded for the calendar year 2024 under this heading amounted to £119,000.

Financial review

During 2024 the income for the Charity was £644,707 and the expenditure (including grants) was £457,698.

With gains in the value of investments of £115,456 and an upward revaluation of properties of £1,260,343, the overall value of the charity increased by £1,562,808 from £22,741,187 to £24,303,995.

Following their appointment Quilter Cheviot drafted a fresh statement of investment policy which was approved by the Trustees. Although it was reviewed in 2024, no changes were made to it. The key features of this are;

- a. Investment objective - Longer-term assets (reserves and endowment) will be invested with the aim of at least maintaining the value or purchasing power in real terms (i.e. against inflation).
- b. Total return target - The total return target for the investment portfolios has been set at inflation (CPI) plus 3.5% p.a. net of fees.
- c. Income requirement - Income target has been set at a minimum of 3% per annum.
- d. Time Horizon - The time horizon for the investment portfolio is considered to be long term (i.e. more than five years).

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Reserves policy

The total reserves of the charity are as shown on the Statement of Financial Activities. They comprise two principal headings:

- a. the capital fund, which represents permanent endowed assets and is hence restricted in the nature of its application; and;
- b. the income funds, which are less restricted in their application and contain two component parts –
 - the designated fund to be utilised for (a) refurbishment of properties and (b) grants
 - the general fund which the trustees can utilise within their overall discretion.

The endowed fund is represented mainly by the value of freehold land and buildings together with some financial investments and any cash arising on property disposals held on a temporary basis that will be utilised to acquire further properties.

The position is summarised within figures taken from the balance sheet as follows:

Description	2023	Gain/(Loss)	2024
<u>Capital (Restricted) Fund</u>			
Endowed Fund	£21,394,503	£1,343,453	£22,737,956
<u>Income (Unrestricted) Funds</u>			
Designated (Refurbishment) Fund	£436,000	£0	£436,000
Designated (Grants) Fund	£297,015	(£2,523)	£294,492
General (Unrestricted) Fund	£613,669	£221,878	£835,547
Total	£22,741,187	£1,562,808	£24,303,995

The Designated Fund comprises two elements – one for refurbishment of properties and one for future payment of grants.

Refurbishment. The Trustees took the decision some while ago that given the nature, age and use of the various properties in their ownership it was prudent to have a healthy fund available for any necessary refurbishments particularly in respect of works which are beyond the usual liability of their agricultural and residential tenants. This stands at £296,000. It is likely that part of this fund will be used during 2025.

Grants. Although discretionary in its nature, the provision of grant funding to charities and churches is one that the Trustees wish to maintain on a regular basis and enhance if possible. Consequently they have determined that it is important that there should also be set aside in advance an amount equivalent to the anticipated budget for grant provision for the ensuing year. That figure for 2024 is £250,000. Allowing as well for grants awarded but not yet paid (largely applications from churches for repair and upgrade projects where funding needs to be assembled first) the fund now stands at £434,492.

The General Fund increased in 2024 by £221,878 and now stands at £835,547. The Trustees have aimed to retain a level of unrestricted reserves equivalent to the running costs of the Charity for a period of at least one year. In 2024 those running costs amounted to £457,698. The Trustees determined, therefore, that the reserves were sufficient.

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Investment Powers

The Trustees' Stock Exchange investments are either equities or government stocks. The Trustees regularly consult with their investment adviser and take due regard of any recommendations and investments made.

The Trustees will invest the funds in accordance with the Trustee Act 2000. Within the Act the Trustees:

- shall exercise such power with the care that a prudent person of business would in making investments for a person for whom they felt morally obliged to provide;
- shall not make any speculative or hazardous investment (and for avoidance of doubt this power to invest does not extend to laying out money on the acquisition of futures and or trading options);
- shall have regard to the need for diversification of investments in the circumstances of the charity and to the suitability of the proposed investments;
- there are no ethical or geographical restrictions.

Trustees additionally have a duty to review their investments at regular intervals. The Trustees will review the investment policy at least annually. The Trustees may change any part of the policy at any time.

The Investment Manager must be an authorised person who is entitled to carry out investment business under the provisions of the Financial Services Act 1986.

The Trustees have delegated the powers of investment management to Quilter Cheviot.

Performance

The balance sheet shows that as at 31 December 2024, investments amounted to £2,068,606 compared with £1,953,150 as at 31 December 2023, an increase of £115,456.

The majority of such monies were invested by Quilter Cheviot in their bespoke Global Income & Growth Fund for Charities; the balance was held with M&G Charity Multi Assets Fund.

The income derived from investments increased during 2024 as compared with the previous year by £38,049 from £110,196 to £148,245.

Cash deposits

Cash deposits are placed with approved banks with suitable credit ratings. The Trustees agreed last the year, having taken advice, to open an account with Flagstone Investment Management Limited. This enabled the Charity to select and operate deposit accounts with selected financial institutions on behalf of the Charity. All such deposits were made with banks covered by the FSCS guarantee scheme. The deposits are made on a variety of terms. Some accounts are instant access, some are fixed term, some are notice accounts ranging from 35 to 95 days' notice. At the end of the term or the notice period the cash can be reinvested in the same or different deposit holding. This has substantially raised the level of income compared with that when held at the Charity's own bank.

Cash deposits may also be retained within the charity fund managed by Quilter Cheviot.

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Risk management

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which they consider the Charity has been exposed and concluded that these lie in the inherent risks of prevailing conditions in agriculture and in the residential property market and in the stock exchange. The Trustees are well aware of the economic uncertainties both in agriculture and the stock market generally and will take whatever steps they consider necessary after taking professional advice to mitigate and reduce those risks.

During the course of the pandemic the trustees were very mindful of the threat posed to the business operations of the charity, and in particular to the ability of the farming and residential tenants to maintain rental payments. The trustees have considered themselves fortunate that again in 2024 and to date such payments have not fallen into arrears and the farming businesses of their tenants appear to remain strong.

Risk identification and management are specifically discussed and minuted at all Board meetings. At its February meeting and following discussions in 2023, the Board adopted the substantially revised risk register based on recognised standard formats identifying risk of a governance, operational, financial, environmental or reputational nature. Such risks had been appropriately scored by Board members. None had been identified as being in the red category but rather all fell within the moderate or low risk category. The Board will now review this document on a regular basis each year.

The Trustees confirm that no serious incident has taken place which they should have reported to the Charity Commission but have not.

Plans for the future

The Trustees overall objective is to maximise the level of income that is available for grants and thereby fulfil the objectives of the Trust Deeds. They will continue to do this by pursuing a policy of sound estate management. Arising from the review of the property portfolio in 2017, the Trustees will continue with the disposal of certain dwellings and building plots. Aligned to those disposals the Trustees will continue their programme to invest in alternative (more modern and energy efficient) properties which can produce a higher rental return from which an increased level of grants to churches and charitable organisations can be made thus fulfilling the objectives of the Trust Deed. As an interim measure whilst seeking to purchase such properties, the Trustees will look to hold cash with banks and building societies (including deposits held through Flagstone referred to above) which can pay an attractive rate of interest.

In respect of the agricultural land and holdings it remains the Trustees' overall view that there should be no largescale disposal of the Estate though as and when opportunities present themselves, they would look to enhance value.

During the course of 2023 the Trustees had made the decision to convert the charity from its current legal status of being unincorporated to that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and selected and engaged a firm of well-established solicitors to carry out the necessary legal work for this to be achieved. During 2024 the Clerk has coordinated the necessary procedures and provided the detailed instructions with a view to the submission of an application to the Charity Commission in the early part of 2025. It is hoped this work will be completed during the course of the coming year.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity was established by William Laslett (1799-1884), a Worcester member of parliament, mayor, civic dignitary and philanthropist. It operates under the terms of a Trust Deed dated 17 January 1879. Its Registered Charity number is 233696.

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The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

- Mr C R Anstey
- Mr G W Ballard (Appointed 1st April 2025)
- Mrs L C Baxter
- Mr T J Bridges
- Mr D B Dale
- Mr P W Hughes
- Mrs A T King
- Mrs G T Newman
- Mr J V Panter
- Mrs L A Preece
- Mrs N J Rogers
- Mrs K M Vincent (Retired 31st December 2024)

The Trustees of this Charity also serve as Trustees of Laslett's Almshouses and have been appointed by a long series of Deeds of Appointment and/or Retirement since 1879. There is no provision as to the length of service or requirement for re-appointment after a specified period of time.

All Trustees give their time freely and no remuneration was paid to any of them during the year. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and to register them with the Clerk. The Trustees are also required to give details of any interest that may relate to an agenda item in which event if there is a conflict or perceived conflict of interest, they will withdraw from the meeting.

Appointment of Trustees

The Board of Trustees have a wide range of professional and commercial experience including agriculture, charitable bodies, church architecture, estate management, social work, care for the elderly, and accountancy. The Charity seeks to appoint Trustees who have skills and expertise which are relevant to the areas in which the Charity operates.

At the time of appointment, new Trustees are provided with an induction pack within which are notes setting out the history and background of the charity including its original objectives, current policies and copies of Board and Committee minutes for the preceding twelve months or longer period if necessary. Prior to formal appointment, potential new Trustees who have been interviewed and accepted the role in principle are provided with the opportunity to have some one-to-one discussion with the Clerk and Agent and with the Chairman. In addition they are invested in a guest and confidential capacity to the Board meeting prior to the date of their intended appointment to gain first-hand experience of the Board and its workings.

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Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees meets on a regular quarterly basis. Usually the venue for those meetings is the community room in Laslett's Almshouses, Union Street, Worcester but for the July quarterly meeting, it meets at Elmley Castle Village Hall close to the Hinton Estate properties. With the input of their Agent, Clerk and Investment Advisor by way of written reports and/or attendance at the meetings, they initiate, review and adopt policies which further the objects of the Charity as set out in the Trust Deed and ensure compliance with current legislation and recommended good practice. The Trustees are also responsible for setting the remuneration levels of staff appointed by the charity.

To enable the more expeditious conduct of business the Trustees have created three Committees which may examine relevant issues in more detail and which may make recommendations to the Trustees to make a formal decision.

The Grants Committee which meets on a regular quarterly basis is given the duty of giving detailed consideration to all grant applications received and to recommend approval or rejection to the Board of Trustees. It does not have delegated power to make a final decision. Applications for grants are submitted to the Clerk prior to their submission to the Grants Committee. The form on which applications are submitted is designed to provide the Trustees with the data they require to make informed decisions.

The Finance and Investment Committee meets quarterly with one of those meetings being attended by the Charity's investment managers when the overall direction and performance of the investments can be reviewed and heed given to emerging trends. The Committee receives and reviews management accounts throughout the year and approves those for the year-end in readiness for audit. The Committee also has responsibility for producing a budget for the forthcoming year within which it endeavours to maximise the amount available for grant awards.

The Property and Agriculture Committee meets on an ad hoc basis to consider issues relating to the management of the Charity's assets (primarily farms and landholdings) where decisions of a significant nature are required to be taken and which the Agent feels would benefit from closer scrutiny. A full recommendation can then be made to the Board.

Trustees are required to declare any specific interest before any discussion relating to grants or any other matters discussed at either Trustees' meetings or at the Grants and Investment Committee meetings. There have been no declared interests in the year of account.

The Agent to the Charity is Mr Adrian Robinson of ARC Surveyors Limited, The Cedar Office, 5 Thackholme, Worcester, WR4 0RZ whose duties and responsibilities include the following:

- Management of the Charity's properties including liaison with tenants and licensees and overseeing finances;
- Reporting to each quarterly meeting of the Trustees
- All aspects of financial administration including the Charity's needs and cash flow position and the preparation of quarterly management accounts.
- Advising the Trustees on what funds are available for distribution as grants.

The Clerk to the Charity is Mr Stephen Inman whose duties and responsibilities include the following:

- Preparation of agendas for quarterly Trustee Board meetings, Committee meetings and drafting of minutes;
- Provision of guidance on legal and governance issues at meetings and generally
- Liaison with Agent, Accountants, Investment Manager and Trustees as to administrative matters
- Oversight of the process in relation to grant applications.

Related charities

The Charity has a close relationship with Laslett's (Almshouse) Charity given its Agent, Clerk and investment advisers, as well as its Trustees are common on both. This arises historically from both Charities have a common benefactor and founding philosophy.

The main object of Laslett's Almshouses is to manage the almshouses situated at Union Street Worcester for its residents.

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On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Mr J V Panter
Chairman

18 August 2025

Mr D B Dale
Trustee

18 August 2025

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Laslett's (Hinton) Charity (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows 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).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 Charity 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 Charity'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.

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees 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 Charity'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 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

- an understanding of the risk assessment process (including the assessment of the risk of fraud) adopted by the Trustee Board is obtained and their attitude to risk ascertained.
- an assessment of the susceptibility to material mis-statement of the financial statements as a result of management over-ride or fraud is made.
- it is ensured that the engagement team have, collectively, the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to be involved in the assignment, are fully briefed and understand the risks specific to the charity.

Audit responses to risks identified

- processes to test the outcomes of our assessment include, a review of Trustee Board minutes, analytical review, the relevance and accuracy of significant accounting estimates, substantive testing of significant transactions, work to identify unusual or unexpected accounting entries including the testing of journal entries, information disclosed in the financial statements is traced to supporting documentation. In all instances it is acknowledged that material mis-statements that arise from fraud may involve deliberate concealment or collusion and are, therefore, by their very nature harder to detect than those arising from error.
- an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework as applicable to the charity is obtained together with knowledge of the procedures put in place by the charity in order to comply with the same.
- it is established if there have been any instances of non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations, where there are such breaches, a full understanding, including gathering of relevant documentation appertaining to the event is obtained and assessed.

It should be noted that Auditing standards limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

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.

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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)" (as amended) 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 now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Use of our report

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.

Sarah Morley BA (Hons) ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Kendall Wadley LLP

18 August 2025

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Merevale House
27 Sansome Walk
Worcester
WR1 1NU

Kendall Wadley LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes					
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Charitable activities	3	496,462	-	-	496,462	462,122
Investments	4	148,245	-	-	148,245	110,196
Other income	5	-	-	-	-	9,604
Total income and endowments		644,707	-	-	644,707	581,922
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Raising funds	6	1,894	-	-	1,894	1,815
Charitable activities	7	455,804	-	-	455,804	407,699
Total expenditure		457,698	-	-	457,698	409,514
Net income before investment movements		187,009	-	-	187,009	172,408
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	32,346	-	83,110	115,456	128,000
Net incoming resources before transfers		219,355	-	83,110	302,465	300,408
Gross transfers between funds	14	2,523	(2,523)	-	-	-
Net incoming resources		221,878	(2,523)	83,110	302,465	300,408
<u>Other recognised gains and losses</u>						
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		-	-	1,260,343	1,260,343	890,000
Net movement in funds		221,878	(2,523)	1,343,453	1,562,808	1,190,408
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		613,669	733,015	21,394,503	22,741,187	21,550,779
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		835,547	730,492	22,737,956	24,303,995	22,741,187

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Charitable activities	3	462,122	-	-	462,122
Investments	4	110,196	-	-	110,196
Other income	5	-	-	9,604	9,604
Total income and endowments		572,318	-	9,604	581,922
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	6	1,815	-	-	1,815
Charitable activities	7	407,699	-	-	407,699
Total expenditure		409,514	-	-	409,514
Net incoming resources before investment movements		162,804	-	9,604	172,408
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	36,966	-	91,034	128,000
Net incoming resources before transfers		199,770	-	100,638	300,408
Gross transfers between funds	14	(103,458)	103,458	-	-
Net incoming resources		96,312	103,458	100,638	300,408
<u>Other recognised gains and losses</u>					
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		-	-	890,000	890,000
Net movement in funds		96,312	103,458	990,638	1,190,408
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		517,357	629,557	20,403,865	21,550,779
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		613,669	733,015	21,394,503	22,741,187

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15	20,550,725		19,290,382	
Investments	16	2,068,606		1,953,150	
		<u>22,619,331</u>		<u>21,243,532</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	17	125,322		88,940	
Investments	18	637,431		426,507	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,294,148		1,346,172	
		<u>2,056,901</u>		<u>1,861,619</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	(320,237)		(327,964)	
Net current assets		<u>1,736,664</u>		<u>1,533,655</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>24,355,995</u>		<u>22,777,187</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	20	(52,000)		(36,000)	
Net assets		<u><u>24,303,995</u></u>		<u><u>22,741,187</u></u>	
Capital funds					
Endowment funds	22	22,737,956		21,394,503	
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	23	730,492		733,015	
General unrestricted funds		<u>835,547</u>		<u>613,669</u>	
		<u>1,566,039</u>		<u>1,346,684</u>	
		<u><u>24,303,995</u></u>		<u><u>22,741,187</u></u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 18 August 2025

Mr J V Panter
Chairman

D B Dale
Trustee

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	26		10,653		87,255
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(10,110)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		-		10,000	
Proceeds from disposal of investment		-		458,040	
Investment income received		148,245		110,197	
Net cash generated from investing activities			148,245		568,127
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			158,898		655,382
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,772,681		1,117,299
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,931,579		1,772,681

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Laslett's (Hinton) Charity is a charity registered in England and Wales (number 233696). Its registered address is Kateryn Heywood House, Berkeley Court, The Foregate, Worcester, WR1 3QG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 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 2019). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements 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 Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. 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 Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that there are no material uncertainties about its ability to continue. 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.

Designated funds are to be maintained, if possible, at a level adequate to cover major future liabilities where both the timing and quantum cannot be accurately ascertained.

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the Charity, principally property and investments.

1.4 Income

Income from investments and property is recognised when the Charity 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.

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 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. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Governance costs are the costs associated with the running of the charity and are wholly attributable to the charitable activities undertaken.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Properties whose fair value can be measured reliably are held under the revaluation model and are carried at a revalued amount, being their fair value at the date of valuation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. The fair value of the land and buildings is usually considered to be their market value.

Revaluation gains and losses are recognised in other recognised gains and losses and accumulated in equity, except to the extent that a revaluation gain reverses a revaluation loss previously recognised in net income/(expenditure) or a revaluation loss exceeds the accumulated revaluation gains recognised in equity; such gains and loss are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

The Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) requires that a provision be made for depreciation of tangible fixed assets having a finite use of life. However, the Trustees are of the opinion that the residual value at the end of the estimated useful life of the property is not likely materially to differ from its cost, or re-valued amount (reviewed annually). Therefore, any element of depreciation is considered to be immaterial and no provision is made, movements in valuation are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as determined.

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.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity 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).

1.9 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.

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

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 Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Charitable activities		
Charitable rental income	488,848	460,683
Other income	7,614	1,439
	<u>496,462</u>	<u>462,122</u>

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from listed investments	58,369	55,966
Interest receivable	89,876	54,230
	<u>148,245</u>	<u>110,196</u>

5 Other income

	Endowment funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2023 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	9,604
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,604</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Investment management	1,894	1,815
	<u>1,894</u>	<u>1,815</u>

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

7 Charitable activities

	Grants payable £	Property Expenditure £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Refurbishment costs				
Ballards Farm	-	12,182	12,182	8,144
	-	12,182	12,182	8,144
Other costs				
Insurance	-	22,207	22,207	19,305
Repairs and renovations	-	35,807	35,807	61,987
Professional fees	-	23,080	23,080	7,361
Grants to other charities	296,024	-	296,024	249,878
Share of support costs (see note 9)	-	64,739	64,739	59,344
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	-	1,765	1,765	1,680
	296,024	159,780	455,804	407,699
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds - general	296,024	159,780	455,804	
	296,024	159,780	455,804	
For the year ended 31 December 2023				
Unrestricted funds - general	249,878	157,821		407,699
	249,878	157,821		407,699

8 Grants payable

	Grants payable 2024 £	Grants payable 2023 £
Grants to institutions:		
Rector of Hinton	600	1,200
Other Charities	295,424	248,678
	296,024	249,878

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

9 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Agent's management fees	51,347	47,646
Clerk's fees	5,538	5,187
Sundry expenses	2,645	2,053
Accountancy	1,585	968
Accountancy - agent	3,624	3,490
Governance costs	1,765	1,680
	<u>66,504</u>	<u>61,024</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>66,504</u>	<u>61,024</u>
	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs comprise:		
Auditors' fees: audit	<u>1,765</u>	<u>1,680</u>
	<u>1,765</u>	<u>1,680</u>

10 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year nor were any expenses re-imbursed.

During the year the Charity has again taken out insurance for Trustees' and individual liability, employment practices liability and professional and legal liability in each instance to a limit of £1 million.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Included in clerks fees is remuneration recharged from Laslett's (Almshouse) Charity of £5,538 (2023: £5,187) in respect of this appointment.

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

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

13 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Endowment funds 2024	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023	Endowment funds 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gains/(losses) arising on:						
Revaluation of investments	32,346	83,110	115,456	36,966	91,034	128,000

14 Transfers

Transfers have been made between the unrestricted and designated funds to cover the costs of refurbishment projects and present/future grant commitments.

15 Tangible fixed assets

	Tenanted farms and land	Tenanted cottages and residential property	Woodlands and other land	Development sites	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2024	12,998,957	4,990,000	126,425	1,175,000	19,290,382
Revaluation	680,343	580,000	-	-	1,260,343
At 31 December 2024	13,679,300	5,570,000	126,425	1,175,000	20,550,725
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2024	13,679,300	5,570,000	126,425	1,175,000	20,550,725
At 31 December 2023	12,998,957	4,990,000	126,425	1,175,000	19,290,382

Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £20,550,725 were revalued at 31 December 2024 by ARC Chartered Surveyors, independent valuers, on the basis of market value. The valuation conforms to International Valuation Standards and was based on recent market transactions on arm's length terms for similar properties.

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

16 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024	1,953,150
Valuation changes	115,456
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At 31 December 2024	2,068,606
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	2,068,606
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At 31 December 2023	1,953,150
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17 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	89,908	55,116
Prepayments and accrued income	35,414	33,824
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	125,322	88,940
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18 Current asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Term deposits	637,431	426,507
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19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security		22,857	21,368
Deferred income	21	25,078	24,895
Other creditors		254,399	271,412
Accruals		17,903	10,289
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		320,237	327,964
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LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

20 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals for grants payable	52,000	36,000

21 Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Arising from rents paid in advance	25,078	24,895

All the above relate to the following period and are released in full.

22 Endowment funds

The endowed funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the Charity, principally investments and property.

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Revaluation on tangible fixed assets £	Fixed asset investments gains/(losses) £	At 31 December 2024 £
Permanent endowments						
Endowed funds	21,394,503	-	-	1,260,343	83,110	22,737,956
	21,394,503	-	-	1,260,343	83,110	22,737,956
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Revaluation on tangible fixed assets £	Fixed asset investments gains/(losses) £	At 31 December 2023 £
Permanent endowments						
Endowed funds	20,403,865	9,604	-	890,000	91,034	21,394,503
	20,403,865	9,604	-	890,000	91,034	21,394,503

Income arising on the listed investments held in the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the Charity and is included as unrestricted income. The above income is in connection with the disposal of freehold property and is necessarily held in the fund and will be used to acquire further freehold property.

LASLETT'S (HINTON) CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

23 Unrestricted funds - Designated

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

	At 1 January 2024	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£
Refurbishment fund	436,000	-	436,000
Designated grants fund	297,015	(2,523)	294,492
	<u>733,015</u>	<u>(2,523)</u>	<u>730,492</u>
	<u><u>733,015</u></u>	<u><u>(2,523)</u></u>	<u><u>730,492</u></u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£
Refurbishment fund	296,000	-	296,000
Designated grants fund	333,557	103,458	437,015
	<u>629,557</u>	<u>103,458</u>	<u>733,015</u>
	<u><u>629,557</u></u>	<u><u>103,458</u></u>	<u><u>733,015</u></u>

The purpose of the refurbishment fund is to finance essential expenditure on property owned by the Charity.

The designated grants fund is to finance grants awarded in the year which are yet to be claimed and to also provide for future grant awards.

24 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£
At 31 December 2024:				
Tangible assets	-	-	20,550,725	20,550,725
Investments	592,488	128,457	1,347,661	2,068,606
Current assets/(liabilities)	295,059	602,035	839,570	1,736,664
Long term liabilities	(52,000)	-	-	(52,000)
	<u>835,547</u>	<u>730,492</u>	<u>22,737,956</u>	<u>24,303,995</u>
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24 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 December 2023:				
Tangible assets	-	-	19,290,382	19,290,382
Investments	560,142	118,920	1,274,088	1,953,150
Current assets/(liabilities)	89,527	614,095	830,033	1,533,655
Long term liabilities	(36,000)	-	-	(36,000)
	<u>613,669</u>	<u>733,015</u>	<u>21,394,503</u>	<u>22,741,187</u>

Included in unrestricted funds are unrealised gains on investments for the year of £32,346 (2023: £36,966).

Included in endowment funds are unrealised gains on investments for the year of £73,573 (2023: £91,034) and unrealised gains on tangible fixed assets of £1,260,343 (2023: £890,000).

25 Related party transactions

Laslett's (Hinton) Charity is related to Laslett's Almshouses due to the charities having common Trustees. Laslett's Almshouses charged remuneration for the year amounting to £5,538 (2023: £5,187). At the year end there was £nil (2023: £nil) due to Laslett's Almshouses.

26 Cash generated from operations

	2024 £	2023 £
Surplus for the year	302,465	300,408
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(148,245)	(110,196)
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(9,604)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(115,456)	(128,000)
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(36,384)	(29,239)
Increase in creditors	8,090	63,488
Increase in deferred income	183	398
Cash generated from operations	<u>10,653</u>	<u>87,255</u>

27 Analysis of changes in net funds

The Charity had no material debt during the year.