

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 236746

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1964-09-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (I) TO GIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE OR PURPOSES ORGANISATION OR ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR THE PROMOTION OF THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS (II) TO ESTABLISH OR ENDOW ANY NEW CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS HAVING ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE LIFE OBJECTS.

Activities: To give financial support to any charitable purpose or purposes organisation or organisations (whether corporate or unincorporated) concerned with the prevention of cruelty to animals or the promotion of the welfare of animals.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£297,276	£276,980	-	-
2023-12-31	£337,202	£312,545	-	-
2022-12-31	£314,783	£329,455	-	-
2021-12-31	£370,841	£296,987	-	-
2020-12-31	£296,766	£320,493	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
EDWARD JOHN WHITLEY OBE		
JEREMY WHITLEY		
Vivien Thompson		2016-05-17

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Trustees	Mr E Whitley Mrs P A Whitley Mrs V Thompson Mr E J Whitley OBE Mr J Whitley
Charity registered number	236746
Principal office	9 Corve Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1DE
Secretary	Mrs S Smith
Independent auditors	WR Partners Chartered accountants Belmont House Shrewsbury Business Park Shrewsbury Shropshire SY2 6LG
Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC 217 Dean Street The Telford Centre Telford Shropshire TF3 4BT
Solicitors	mfg Solicitors LLP 9 Corve Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1DE
Investment Advisors	Cannaccord Genuity Wealth Limited 41 Lothbury London EC2R 7AE

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Whitley Animal Protection Trust (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Charity was established on 27 August 1964 and is governed by a Trust Deed. It is a Registered Charity, Number 236746.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees are relatives of the late Mr Edward Whitley, the founder of the Trust, and are not subject to periodic election. The Trustees meet at least twice a year to consider the business of the Trust and in particular their grant making activities.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All Trustees receive an induction and training before their first meeting which include an explanation of the structure and objectives of the Charity and their responsibilities as a Trustee.

d. Risk management

The Trustees have considered and identified the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. They are satisfied that systems are in place to manage those risks. They have also effected Trustee Indemnity insurance. The major risk and uncertainty for the Charity is the economic climate and market volatility, impacting investment values and returns. The Trustees have dealt with this risk through the engagement of professional investment advisors working to an agreed risk profile.

Policies and objectives

a. Grant making policy

The Trustees' policy is to make grants only to registered charities concerned with the charitable objectives as detailed in the following paragraph titled "Objectives". The Trustees have resolved that, before any grant can be confirmed, they require the recipient charity's formal assurance that such a grant is used only for supporting the charitable purposes of this Charity. The Trustees also require the recipient charity to report on the subsequent use of the funds. The Trustees meet biannually to determine the grants to be made.

b. Objectives

The objects, as set out in the Trust Deed are:

- (1) To give financial support to any charitable purpose or purposes, organisation or organisations (whether corporate or non corporate) concerned with the prevention of cruelty to animals or the promotion of the welfare of animals.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

(2) To establish or endow any new charitable organisation (corporate or non corporate) or institution having any one or more of the like objects.

The Trustees believe that the policy of providing grants to charities whose activities best support the activities of this Charity i.e. the prevention of cruelty to animals or the promotion of the welfare of animals, further widens the Charity's ability to support animal welfare.

c. Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance.

Achievements and performance

a. Key financial performance indicators

It is anticipated that the UK long-term inflation rate will be 2.5%. To ensure that the charity's grant making ability is maintained in real terms, from 31st December 2023 new benchmarks have been adopted. An annual income target of 2.5% of the capital value as at this date was set. Thereafter, the income amount increases by 2.5% compound per annum. Additionally, given the long-term historic performance of various asset classes, a 4% annual (compounded) increase in the capital value of the portfolio was targeted. These returns are before costs. The Trustees also monitor funds available for distribution to qualifying charities to ensure income is distributed appropriately in accordance with the Charity's objectives.

b. Review of activities

During the year new grants of £204,000 (2023: £241,000) were undertaken. 9 grants were made to 9 charitable organisations. Details of these grants are given in note 6 to the accounts.

The single largest donation was to the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust - Curlew Country to which a grant of £60,000 (2023: Whitley Fund for Nature £85,000) was made. The total committed donation to the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust amounted to 29.4% (2023: Whitley Fund for Nature 35.3%) of the total.

A majority of the grants undertaken are repeat donations, however the Trustees do provide essential core funding to these smaller charities without which they would find it hard to maintain their activities. The Charity does also make one-off grants, but a majority of the grants are in respect of longer term commitments.

c. Fundraising activities/Income generation

The Charity derives its income from investments. Funds are not raised from the public.

d. Investment policy and performance

The Charity has wide powers of investment. In accordance with the scheme of arrangement accepted by the Charity Commissioners, the Trustees have given the investment managers, Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited, discretion to manage the portfolio within an agreed risk profile. The investment managers work towards a benchmark return agreed with the Trustees and based on published indices.

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The investment mandate granted to the investment managers is reviewed annually, as the Trustees wish to ensure that their responsibility regarding both income and capital appreciation is safe-guarded. The Trustees meet with the investment managers biannually to review the past performance of their investments and the prospects for the various investment markets in which they are held.

The agreed target performance for the year 2024 was for income before any costs of £264,121 with protection for the trust Capital Fund. The accounts show that the investment income for the year was £297,276, representing a 2.67% return on the closing Capital Fund of £11,127,852 while the Capital Fund increased in value from £10,564,267 by £563,585 or 5.33%, giving a Total Return of 8.00%.

Financial review

a. Going concern

To enable long term budgeting, the trustees wished to set targets that, over time, should 1) maintain the capital value of their investments in real terms and 2) provide an income that would increase in real terms. A long-term inflation rate of 2.5% was assumed.

In conjunction with advice from their investment managers, the 2023 theoretical yield on the PIMFA Income of approximately 2.5% was selected as the base income yield target, and was applied to the 31st December 2023, generating a requirement of £264,121 for 2024. The income generated in 2024 is then targeted to grow by 2.5% in 2025 and each subsequent year. Although 2.5% inflation is anticipated, the target increase in capital value was set at 4% from 31st December 2023, reflecting the greater capital returns potential from stock markets. It is appreciated that there will periods when the returns exceed target and fall short. However, the objective is to enable a long-term, sound, budget.

The performance of the portfolio exceeded the total return target of 6.5% in 2024.

Currently the portfolio holds approximately 20% in debt instruments, which continue to offer stable returns in a more uncertain market, a broad international spread of equities – the US reflecting the significant global weighting of this area being focussed on the larger companies – and as such represents a prudent balance between risk and reward.

2025 has proved a volatile year so far, President Trump's actions being the catalyst. Understanding the arguments for tariffs is the first step to grasping their potential implications. The US runs a dual deficit (trade and budget) which is the result of the US dollar being the world's reserve currency as well as other trade-related factors. This has contributed to long-term economic imbalances and industrial decline in large cohorts of the US, contributing to massive inequality and a sense of despair. This is the 'Triffin Dilemma' in action (the conflict where a reserve currency country must run trade deficits to supply global liquidity, but this can undermine its own economy), and Trump is determined to fight it through a combination of unconventional methods, aimed at effectively 'restructuring the global trading system' in favour of middle-class America.

Tariffs announced on 'Liberation Day' are said to target balancing trade deficits.

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At the time of writing, the US has granted a 90-day extension to approximately 70 countries afflicted by the recently imposed tariffs, allowing for a small window of negotiation. In recent weeks, President Trump has made a series of unpredictable policy shifts – escalating certain tariffs and selectively removing others – making it incredibly challenging to forecast the next six months. Looking ahead, the long-term outcomes hinge on how these negotiations unfold. A constructive resolution could restore much needed stability to global markets, which are currently reacting sharply to every statement or policy signal from the administration. However, should tensions escalate further, the broader economic consequences may include slower growth, and a resurgence in inflationary pressures. Currently, we believe that it would be inappropriate to rebalance portfolios, until a clearer picture emerges, as they continue to offer the greatest prospects for delivering the required returns.

b. Reserves policy

The Charity's funds are divided between a Capital Fund and an Income Fund (described in these Accounts as a General Fund). The Capital Fund is established under the Trust Deed and represents the capital that was originally settled on trust. The General Fund represents the net income generated from the Capital Fund.

The Capital Fund balance of £11,127,852 (2023: £10,564,267) may be distributed for the Charity's purposes under the terms of the Trust Deed, however the fund is held to produce income that may be used on an annual basis in accordance with the settlor's intentions, accordingly the fund is classified as an Expendable Endowment.

The General Fund balance of £355,507 (2023: £335,211), is distributed as grants to cover this year's net investment income, with the remainder retained to cover next year's estimated net income, in case of unforeseen events.

c. Principal funding

The Trust is reliant on the income generated by its investments, the income from which was £297,276 (2023: £337,202). The Trust does not receive income from any other source but, as detailed in the reserves policy note above, does preserve the capital of the Trust for the generation of future income.

Free reserves at the balance sheet date amounted to £355,507 (2023: £335,211).

Plans for future periods

a. Future developments

The Trustees will consider grants accordingly. The Trustees believe that, in many cases, continuing support for charitable organisations, who share the same objectives as this Trust, will best achieve the objectives of this Trust.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Trustees' responsibilities statement

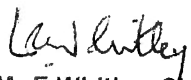
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 28/05/25 and signed on their behalf by:


Mr E Whitley, Chairman

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Whitley Animal Protection Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 11 to 22. 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).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards 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.

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.

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 requirements of 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which 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 liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 Auditors' 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.

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

The audit team obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework (FRS102), the relevant tax compliance regulations, employment law, Health and Safety Regulations and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We understood how the charity is complying with these frameworks by making enquiries of management and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures. We also reviewed board minutes to identify any recorded instances of irregularity or non compliance that might have a material impact on the financial statements.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by meeting with key management to understand where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud. Based on our understanding our procedures involved enquiries of management and those charged with governance, manual journal entry testing, cashbook reviews for large and unusual items and the challenge of significant accounting estimates used in preparing the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

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 Auditors' report and for no other purpose.

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To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



WR Partners

Chartered Accountants - Statutory Auditors

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Date:

7th July 2025

WR Partners are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Capital fund 2024 £	General fund 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investments	2	-	297,276	297,276	337,202
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		-	297,276	297,276	337,202
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	4	-	51,889	51,889	48,276
Charitable activities		-	225,091	225,091	264,269
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3	-	276,980	276,980	312,545
NET INCOME BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-	20,296	20,296	24,657
Gains/(losses) on investments		563,585	-	563,585	455,087
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		563,585	20,296	583,881	479,744
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		10,564,267	335,211	10,899,478	10,419,734
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		11,127,852	355,507	11,483,359	10,899,478

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	9		11,127,852		10,564,267
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	508		479	
Cash at bank and in hand		406,932		370,316	
		<u>407,440</u>		<u>370,795</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	(51,933)		(35,584)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>355,507</u>		<u>335,211</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>11,483,359</u>		<u>10,899,478</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Capital fund	13		11,127,852		10,564,267
General fund	13		355,507		335,211
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>11,483,359</u>		<u>10,899,478</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 28/05/25 and signed on their behalf, by:



Mr E Whitley, Chairman

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

Whitley Animal Protection Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity.

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) issued in October 2019.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 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 Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

The Capital Fund is established under the Trust Deed and represents the capital which was originally settled on the Trust. The Capital Fund may be distributed for the Charity's purpose under the terms of the Trust Deed, as an expendable endowment, however the fund is held to produce income that may be used on an annual basis.

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

1.3 Income

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

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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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.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in the professional management of the Charity's investments.

Charitable activities includes grants payable and support costs which include costs relating to the governance of the Charity.

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 Going concern

The Trustees have also assessed the potential impact on the future operations of the Charity. The Charity is considered to be well positioned given the current environment with no impact on the going concern basis of the financial statements.

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 fair 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 shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

1.7 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.8 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.9 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.

1.10 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 charity 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 relevant discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.11 Financial instruments

The Charity 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	General fund 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Equities and unit trusts	208,335	208,335	232,929
U.K. Government Stocks	813	813	344
Other fixed interest	60,757	60,757	68,556
Bank interest - gross	27,371	27,371	35,373
	<u>297,276</u>	<u>297,276</u>	<u>337,202</u>
Total 2023	<u>337,202</u>	<u>337,202</u>	

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3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Other costs 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Expenditure on investment management	51,889	51,889	48,276
Costs of raising funds	51,889	51,889	48,276
Direct costs - Activities	225,091	225,091	264,269
	276,980	276,980	312,545
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>312,545</i>	<i>312,545</i>	

4. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	General fund 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment management fees	51,889	51,889	48,276
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>48,276</i>	<i>48,276</i>	

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Grant funding of activities 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Charitable expenditure	204,000	21,091	225,091	264,269
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>241,000</i>	<i>23,269</i>	<i>264,269</i>	

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6. ANALYSIS OF GRANTS

	Grants to Institutions 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants, Institutional	204,000	204,000	241,000
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>241,000</i>	<i>241,000</i>	
	2024 £	2023 £	
Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust - Curlew Country	60,000	60,000	
Whitley Fund for Nature	50,000	85,000	
Wild Fish - River Onny	34,000	-	
Oxford WILDCRU - Whitley Analyst	25,000	25,000	
Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust	23,000	25,000	
Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust - Allerton	6,000	3,000	
COAST	2,000	5,000	
Fauna and Flora International - General	2,000	5,000	
Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland	2,000	2,500	
RSPB - Orkney	-	16,000	
The Conservation Volunteers	-	3,000	
Soil Association	-	3,000	
National Forest	-	3,000	
Plantlife	-	3,000	
RSPB Scotland - Capercaillie	-	2,500	
Total	204,000	241,000	

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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Activities £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Auditor's remuneration	8,765	8,765	8,040
Accountancy services	9,168	9,168	9,085
Legal fees	3,142	3,142	4,999
Bank charges	38	38	40
Trustee's indemnity insurance	1,190	1,190	1,105
Exchange rate difference	(1,212)	(1,212)	-
	<u>21,091</u>	<u>21,091</u>	<u>23,269</u>
Total 2023	<u>23,269</u>	<u>23,269</u>	

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

During the year, no Trustee received any remuneration (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustee received any benefits in kind (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustee received any reimbursement of expenses (2023 - £NIL).

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed securities £	Other investments £	Total £
Market value			
At 1 January 2024	9,761,386	802,881	10,564,267
Additions	2,584,085	(523,568)	2,060,517
Disposals	(2,060,517)	-	(2,060,517)
Revaluations	563,585	-	563,585
	<u>10,848,539</u>	<u>279,313</u>	<u>11,127,852</u>
At 31 December 2024			

Investments at market value comprise:

	2024 £	2023 £
Listed investments	10,848,539	9,761,386
Other fixed asset investments	279,313	802,881
Total market value	<u>11,127,852</u>	<u>10,564,267</u>

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10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £8,765 (2023 - £8,040), and accountancy services of £9,168 (2023 - £9,085).

11. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	508	479

12. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	17,933	19,584
Grants accrued - institutional (included in Notes 5 & 6)	34,000	16,000
	51,933	35,584

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13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
General fund					
General Funds	335,211	297,276	(276,980)	-	355,507
Capital fund					
Endowment Funds	10,564,267	-	-	563,585	11,127,852
Total of funds	10,899,478	297,276	(276,980)	563,585	11,483,359

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
General Funds	310,554	337,202	(312,545)	-	335,211
Endowment Funds	10,109,180	-	-	455,087	10,564,267
Total of funds	10,419,734	337,202	(312,545)	455,087	10,899,478

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13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
General fund	335,211	297,276	(276,980)	-	355,507
Capital fund	10,564,267	-	-	563,585	11,127,852
	<u>10,899,478</u>	<u>297,276</u>	<u>(276,980)</u>	<u>563,585</u>	<u>11,483,359</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
General fund	310,554	337,202	(312,545)	-	335,211
Capital fund	10,109,180	-	-	455,087	10,564,267
	<u>10,419,734</u>	<u>337,202</u>	<u>(312,545)</u>	<u>455,087</u>	<u>10,899,478</u>

The Capital Fund represents the value of the investment assets held as an expendable endowment. All income generated by these investments is treated as unrestricted and attributed to the General Fund and is used to further the Charity's objectives through grants made to charities with compatible objectives.

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14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Capital fund 2024 £	General fund 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	11,127,852	-	11,127,852
Current assets	-	407,440	407,440
Creditors due within one year	-	(51,933)	(51,933)
	<u>11,127,852</u>	<u>355,507</u>	<u>11,483,359</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Capital fund 2023 £	General fund 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	10,564,267	-	10,564,267
Current assets	-	370,795	370,795
Creditors due within one year	-	(35,584)	(35,584)
	<u>10,564,267</u>	<u>335,211</u>	<u>10,899,478</u>

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Trust made the following grants during the year to charities which are connected with it:

£50,000 (2023: £85,000) to the Whitley Fund for Nature. Mr E J Whitley OBE is a Trustee of this charity.

£23,000 (2023: £25,000) to the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust. Mr J Whitley is a Trustee of this charity.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Trustees	Mr E Whitley Mrs P A Whitley Mrs V Thompson Mr E J Whitley OBE Mr J Whitley
Charity registered number	236746
Principal office	9 Corve Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1DE
Secretary	Mrs S Smith
Independent auditors	WR Partners Chartered accountants Belmont House Shrewsbury Business Park Shrewsbury Shropshire SY2 6LG
Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC 217 Dean Street The Telford Centre Telford Shropshire TF3 4BT
Solicitors	mfg Solicitors LLP 9 Corve Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1DE
Investment Advisors	Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited 41 Lothbury London EC2R 7AE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Whitley Animal Protection Trust (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Charity was established on 27 August 1964 and is governed by a Trust Deed. It is a Registered Charity, Number 236746.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees are relatives of the late Mr Edward Whitley, the founder of the Trust, and are not subject to periodic election. The Trustees meet at least twice a year to consider the business of the Trust and in particular their grant making activities.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All Trustees receive an induction and training before their first meeting which include an explanation of the structure and objectives of the Charity and their responsibilities as a Trustee.

d. Risk management

The Trustees have considered and identified the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. They are satisfied that systems are in place to manage those risks. They have also effected Trustee Indemnity insurance. The major risk and uncertainty for the Charity is the economic climate and market volatility, impacting investment values and returns. The Trustees have dealt with this risk through the engagement of professional investment advisors working to an agreed risk profile.

Policies and objectives

a. Grant making policy

The Trustees' policy is to make grants only to registered charities concerned with the charitable objectives as detailed in the following paragraph titled "Objectives". The Trustees have resolved that, before any grant can be confirmed, they require the recipient charity's formal assurance that such a grant is used only for supporting the charitable purposes of this Charity. The Trustees also require the recipient charity to report on the subsequent use of the funds. The Trustees meet biannually to determine the grants to be made.

b. Objectives

The objects, as set out in the Trust Deed are:

(1) To give financial support to any charitable purpose or purposes, organisation or organisations (whether corporate or non corporate) concerned with the prevention of cruelty to animals or the promotion of the welfare of animals.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

(2) To establish or endow any new charitable organisation (corporate or non corporate) or institution having any one or more of the like objects.

The Trustees believe that the policy of providing grants to charities whose activities best support the activities of this Charity i.e. the prevention of cruelty to animals or the promotion of the welfare of animals, further widens the Charity's ability to support animal welfare.

c. Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance.

Achievements and performance

a. Key financial performance indicators

The Trustees set income targets for each year and review performance against appropriate benchmarks during the year. At the Trustees Meeting held on 10th May 2023, their investment managers reported that to the end of December 2022 the performance was satisfactory. The Trustees confirmed that the PIMFA income benchmark would be used going forward, with a target income yield of 2.13%, adjusted during the year to 2.5% income growth and 2.5% capital growth. The Trustees also monitor funds available for distribution to qualifying charities to ensure income is distributed appropriately in accordance with the Charity's objectives.

b. Review of activities

During the year new grants of £241,000 (2022: £250,000) were undertaken. 14 grants were made to 12 charitable organisations. Details of these grants are given in note 6 to the accounts.

The single largest donation was to the Whitley Fund for Nature to which a grant of £85,000 (2022: Whitley Fund for Nature £110,000) was made. The total committed donation to the Whitley Fund for Nature amounted to 35.3% (2022: Whitley Fund for Nature 44.0%) of the total.

A majority of the grants undertaken are repeat donations, however the Trustees do provide essential core funding to these smaller charities without which they would find it hard to maintain their activities. The Charity does also make one-off grants, but a majority of the grants are in respect of longer term commitments.

c. Fundraising activities/Income generation

The Charity derives its income from investments. Funds are not raised from the public.

d. Investment policy and performance

The Charity has wide powers of investment. In accordance with the scheme of arrangement accepted by the Charity Commissioners, the Trustees have given the investment managers, Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited, discretion to manage the portfolio within an agreed risk profile. The investment managers work towards a benchmark return agreed with the Trustees and based on published indices.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The investment mandate granted to the investment managers is reviewed annually, as the Trustees wish to ensure that their responsibility regarding both income and capital appreciation is safe-guarded. The Trustees meet with the investment managers biannually to review the past performance of their investments and the prospects for the various investment markets in which they are held.

The agreed target performance for the year 2023 was for income before any costs of £221,109 with protection for the trust Capital Fund. The accounts show that the investment income for the year was £337,202, representing a 3.19% return on the closing Capital Fund of £10,564,267 while the Capital Fund increased in value from £10,109,180 by £455,087 or 4.50%, giving a Total Return of 7.69%.

Financial review

a. Going concern

As mentioned in last year's Report & Accounts, at the Trustees meeting on 17th November 2021, it had been "queried whether the current benchmark, of a relatively high-income yield of 2.75% plus CPI, remained appropriate given that it restricted investment in areas that might provide greater prospects for capital growth. In particular, direct exposure to dynamic technology companies in the United States. Mr Caris-Harris mentioned that the PIMFA Income benchmark may be a suitable alternative and he would provide a comparison table for the Trustees' consideration".

As a consequence, the Trustees had agreed that, while still providing a worthwhile income, the trust's portfolio should in future be a more balanced one, continuing to report on a Total Return basis. They instructed their investment advisers to rebalance it in two major ways. The first being to dispose of and avoid stocks on ESG grounds, such as oils, mines and utilities such as polluting water companies, all with high yields, but whose activities are inimical to the environment and thus to the charity's objects. The second being to widen the charity's capital growth potential by replacing high-yielding investments with moderate growth prospects, with lower-yielding North American equities with much better growth prospects.

As mentioned in **Note a. Key financial performance indicators above**, the Trustees confirmed, at their meeting on 10th May 2023, that the PIMFA Income benchmark would be used going forward, with a target income yield of 2.13%, adjusted during the year to 2.5% income growth and 2.5% capital growth, a total return of 5.00%. As shown in Note d above, the actual total return of 7.69% was in excess of this, and the Trustees believe that the restructuring of the charity's portfolio they are implementing, is and will continue to be in the long-term interests of its beneficiaries, by offering greater scope for capital appreciation, albeit at a cost of some initial reduction in annual income; and they are confident that it will provide adequate resources for it to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The Charity's funds are divided between a Capital Fund and an Income Fund (described in these Accounts as a General Fund). The Capital Fund is established under the Trust Deed and represents the capital that was originally settled on trust. The General Fund represents the net income generated from the Capital Fund.

The Capital Fund balance of £10,564,267 (2022: £10,109,180) may be distributed for the Charity's purposes under the terms of the Trust Deed, however the fund is held to produce income that may be used on an annual basis in accordance with the settlor's intentions, accordingly the fund is classified as an Expendable Endowment.

The General Fund balance of £335,211 (2022: £310,554), is distributed as grants to cover this year's net investment income, with the remainder retained to cover next year's estimated net income, in case of unforeseen events.

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c. Principal funding

The Trust is reliant on the income generated by its investments, the income from which was £337,202 (2022: £314,783). The Trust does not receive income from any other source but, as detailed in the reserves policy note above, does preserve the capital of the Trust for the generation of future income.

Free reserves at the balance sheet date amounted to £335,211 (2022: £310,554).

Plans for future periods

a. Future developments

The Trustees will consider grants accordingly. The Trustees believe that, in many cases, continuing support for charitable organisations, who share the same objectives as this Trust, will best achieve the objectives of this Trust.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

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 Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 22.05.24 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr E Whitley, Chairman

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Whitley Animal Protection Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 10 to 21. 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).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards 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.

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.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which 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 liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

We reviewed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement and identified the principal risks, implementing a series of testing procedures to provide us with sufficient comfort to issue our opinion.

We reviewed the Company's regulatory environment to ensure we could conclude that it had acted in accordance with framework relevant to the Company and its environment and identify any instances of non-compliance.

The engagement team consisted of a team that the engagement partner believes is equipped with the relevant level of technical and Company awareness to carry out our work to the required standard.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 Auditors' 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 its Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date:

5th June 2024

WR Partners are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Capital fund 2023 £	General fund 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investments	2	-	337,202	337,202	314,783
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		-	337,202	337,202	314,783
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	4	-	48,276	48,276	50,801
Charitable activities		-	264,269	264,269	278,654
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3	-	312,545	312,545	329,455
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-	24,657	24,657	(14,672)
Gains/(losses) on investments		455,087	-	455,087	(1,491,395)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		455,087	24,657	479,744	(1,506,067)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		10,109,180	310,554	10,419,734	11,925,801
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		10,564,267	335,211	10,899,478	10,419,734

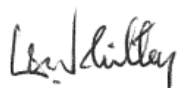
The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	9		10,564,267		10,109,180
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	479		435	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>370,316</u>		<u>331,101</u>	
		370,795		331,536	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(35,584)</u>		<u>(20,982)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>335,211</u>		<u>310,554</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>10,899,478</u>		<u>10,419,734</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Capital fund	13		10,564,267		10,109,180
General fund	13		<u>335,211</u>		<u>310,554</u>
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TOTAL FUNDS			<u>10,899,478</u>		<u>10,419,734</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22.04.24 and signed on their behalf, by:



Mr E Whitley, Chairman

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

Whitley Animal Protection Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity.

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) issued in October 2019.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 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 Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

The Capital Fund is established under the Trust Deed and represents the capital which was originally settled on the Trust. The Capital Fund may be distributed for the Charity's purpose under the terms of the Trust Deed, as an expendable endowment, however the fund is held to produce income that may be used on an annual basis.

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

1.3 Income

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

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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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.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in the professional management of the Charity's investments.

Charitable activities includes grants payable and support costs which include costs relating to the governance of the Charity.

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 Going concern

The Trustees have also assessed the potential impact on the future operations of the Charity. The Charity is considered to be well positioned given the current environment with no impact on the going concern basis of the financial statements.

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 fair 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 shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

1.7 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.8 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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**1.9 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.

1.10 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 charity 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 relevant discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.11 Financial instruments

The Charity 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	General fund 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Equities and unit trusts	232,929	232,929	219,224
U.K. Government Stocks	344	344	-
Other fixed interest	68,556	68,556	89,867
Bank interest - gross	35,373	35,373	5,692
	<u>337,202</u>	<u>337,202</u>	<u>314,783</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>314,783</u>	<u>314,783</u>	

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3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Other costs 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Expenditure on investment management	48,276	48,276	50,801
Costs of raising funds	48,276	48,276	50,801
Direct costs - Activities	264,269	264,269	278,654
	<u>312,545</u>	<u>312,545</u>	<u>329,455</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>329,455</u>	<u>329,455</u>	

4. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	General fund 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Investment management fees	48,276	48,276	50,801
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>50,801</u>	<u>50,801</u>	

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Grant funding of activities 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Charitable expenditure	241,000	23,269	264,269	278,654
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>28,654</u>	<u>278,654</u>	

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6. ANALYSIS OF GRANTS

	Grants to Institutions 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants, Institutional	<u>241,000</u>	<u>241,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	

	2023 £	2022 £
Whitley Fund for Nature	85,000	110,000
Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust - Curlew Country	60,000	50,000
Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust	25,000	22,500
Oxford WILDCRU - Whitley Analyst	25,000	30,000
RSPB - Orkney	16,000	-
COAST	5,000	5,000
Fauna and Flora International - General	5,000	5,000
The Conservation Volunteers	3,000	2,000
Soil Association	3,000	2,000
National Forest	3,000	1,000
Plantlife	3,000	-
Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust - Allerton	3,000	-
RSPB Scotland - Capercaillie	2,500	2,500
Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland	2,500	2,500
Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust - Loddington	-	2,000
Blue Marine Trust	-	5,000
Scottish Seabirds Centre	-	2,500
World Horse Welfare - British Equestrians for Ukraine	-	2,000
Canal & River Trust	-	1,000
Oxford WILDCRU - Recanati - Kaplan Centre	-	5,000
Total	<u>241,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>

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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Activities £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Auditor's remuneration	8,040	8,040	7,614
Accountancy services	9,085	9,085	8,640
Legal fees	4,999	4,999	11,379
Bank charges	40	40	64
Trustee's indemnity insurance	1,105	1,105	957
	<u>23,269</u>	<u>23,269</u>	<u>28,654</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>23,497</u>	<u>23,497</u>	

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

During the year, no Trustee received any remuneration (2022 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustee received any benefits in kind (2022 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustee received any reimbursement of expenses (2022 - £NIL).

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed securities £	Other investments £	Total £
Market value			
At 1 January 2023	9,393,995	715,185	10,109,180
Additions	1,428,304	87,696	1,516,000
Disposals	(1,516,000)	-	(1,516,000)
Revaluations	<u>455,087</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>455,087</u>
 At 31 December 2023	 <u>9,761,386</u>	 <u>802,881</u>	 <u>10,564,267</u>

Investments at market value comprise:

	2023 £	2022 £
Listed investments	9,761,386	9,393,995
Other fixed asset investments	<u>802,881</u>	<u>715,185</u>
 Total market value	 <u>10,564,267</u>	 <u>10,109,180</u>

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10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £8,040 (2022 - £7,614), and accountancy services of £9,085 (2022 - £8,640).

11. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>479</u>	<u>435</u>

12. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	19,584	20,982
Grants accrued - institutional (included in Notes 5 & 6)	16,000	-
	<u>35,584</u>	<u>20,982</u>

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13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
General fund					
General Funds	<u>310,554</u>	<u>337,202</u>	<u>(312,545)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>335,211</u>
Capital fund					
Endowment Funds	<u>10,109,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>455,087</u>	<u>10,564,267</u>
Total of funds	<u>10,419,734</u>	<u>337,202</u>	<u>(312,545)</u>	<u>455,087</u>	<u>10,899,478</u>

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
General Funds	<u>325,226</u>	<u>314,783</u>	<u>(329,455)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>310,554</u>
Endowment Funds	<u>11,600,575</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,491,395)</u>	<u>10,109,180</u>
Total of funds	<u>11,925,801</u>	<u>314,783</u>	<u>(329,455)</u>	<u>(1,491,395)</u>	<u>10,419,734</u>

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13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
General fund	310,554	337,202	(312,545)	-	335,211
Capital fund	10,109,180	-	-	455,087	10,564,267
	<u>10,419,734</u>	<u>337,202</u>	<u>(312,545)</u>	<u>455,087</u>	<u>10,899,478</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
General fund	325,226	314,783	(329,455)	-	310,554
Capital fund	11,600,575	-	-	(1,491,395)	10,109,180
	<u>11,925,801</u>	<u>314,783</u>	<u>(329,455)</u>	<u>(1,491,395)</u>	<u>10,419,734</u>

The Capital Fund represents the value of the investment assets held as an expendable endowment. All income generated by these investments is treated as unrestricted and attributed to the General Fund and is used to further the Charity's objectives through grants made to charities with compatible objectives.

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14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Capital fund 2023 £	General fund 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	10,564,267	-	10,564,267
Current assets	-	370,795	370,795
Creditors due within one year	-	(35,584)	(35,584)
	<u>10,564,267</u>	<u>335,211</u>	<u>10,899,478</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Capital fund</i> 2022 £	<i>General fund</i> 2022 £	<i>Total funds</i> 2022 £
Fixed asset investments	10,109,180	-	10,109,180
Current assets	-	331,536	331,536
Creditors due within one year	-	(20,982)	(20,982)
	<u>10,109,180</u>	<u>310,554</u>	<u>10,419,734</u>

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Trust made the following grants during the year to charities which are connected with it:

£85,000 (2022: £110,000) to the Whitley Fund for Nature. Mr E J Whitley OBE is a Trustee of this charity.

£25,000 (2022: £22,500) to the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust. Mr J Whitley is a Trustee of this charity.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Trustees	Mr E Whitley Mrs P A Whitley Mrs V Thompson Mr E J Whitley OBE Mr J Whitley
Charity registered number	236746
Principal office	9 Corve Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1DE
Secretary	Mrs S Smith
Independent auditors	WR Partners Chartered accountants Belmont House Shrewsbury Business Park Shrewsbury Shropshire SY2 6LG
Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC 217 Dean Street The Telford Centre Telford Shropshire TF3 4BT
Solicitors	mfg Solicitors LLP 9 Corve Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1DE
Investment Advisors	Cannaccord Genuity Wealth Limited 41 Lothbury London EC2R 7AE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Whitley Animal Protection Trust (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Charity was established on 27 August 1964 and is governed by a Trust Deed. It is a Registered Charity, Number 236746.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees are relatives of the late Mr Edward Whitley, the founder of the Trust, and are not subject to periodic election. The Trustees meet at least twice a year to consider the business of the Trust and in particular their grant making activities.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All Trustees receive an induction and training before their first meeting which include an explanation of the structure and objectives of the Charity and their responsibilities as a Trustee.

d. Risk management

The Trustees have considered and identified the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. They are satisfied that systems are in place to manage those risks. They have also effected Trustee Indemnity insurance. The major risk and uncertainty for the Charity is the economic climate and market volatility, impacting investment values and returns. The Trustees have dealt with this risk through the engagement of professional investment advisors working to an agreed risk profile.

Policies and objectives

a. Grant making policy

The Trustees' policy is to make grants only to registered charities concerned with the charitable objectives as detailed in the following paragraph titled "Objectives". The Trustees have resolved that, before any grant can be confirmed, they require the recipient charity's formal assurance that such a grant is used only for supporting the charitable purposes of this Charity. The Trustees also require the recipient charity to report on the subsequent use of the funds. The Trustees meet biannually to determine the grants to be made.

b. Objectives

The objects, as set out in the Trust Deed are:

(1) To give financial support to any charitable purpose or purposes, organisation or organisations (whether corporate or non corporate) concerned with the prevention of cruelty to animals or the promotion of the welfare of animals.

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(2) To establish or endow any new charitable organisation (corporate or non corporate) or institution having any one or more of the like objects.

The Trustees believe that the policy of providing grants to charities whose activities best support the activities of this Charity i.e. the prevention of cruelty to animals or the promotion of the welfare of animals, further widens the Charity's ability to support animal welfare.

c. Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance.

Achievements and performance

a. Key financial performance indicators

The Trustees set income targets for each year and review performance against appropriate benchmarks during the year. At the Trustees Meeting held on 11th May 2022, their investment managers reported that to the end of December 2021 the performance was satisfactory. The Trustees confirmed that the PIMFA income benchmark would be used going forward, with a target income yield of 2.33%. The Trustees also monitor funds available for distribution to qualifying charities to ensure income is distributed appropriately in accordance with the Charity's objectives.

b. Review of activities

During the year new grants of £250,000 (2021: £222,975) were undertaken. 17 grants were made to 15 charitable organisations.

The single largest donation was to the Whitley Fund for Nature to which a grant of £110,000 (2021: Whitley Fund for Nature £132,475) was made. The total committed donation to the Whitley Fund for Nature amounted to 44.0% (2021: Whitley Fund for Nature 59.4%) of the total.

A majority of the grants undertaken are repeat donations, however the Trustees do provide essential core funding to these smaller charities without which they would find it hard to maintain their activities. The Charity does also make one-off grants, but a majority of the grants are in respect of longer term commitments.

c. Activities for achieving objectives

During the year ended 31 December 2022 the Trustees agreed grants payable of £250,000 (2021: £222,975) to various charities which fulfilled the objects of the Trust. Details of these grants are given in note 6 to the accounts.

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d. Investment policy and performance

The Charity has wide powers of investment. In accordance with the scheme of arrangement accepted by the Charity Commissioners, the Trustees have given the investment managers, Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited, discretion to manage the portfolio within an agreed risk profile. The investment managers work towards a benchmark return agreed with the Trustees and based on published indices.

The investment mandate granted to the investment managers is reviewed annually, as the Trustees wish to ensure that their responsibility regarding both income and capital appreciation is safe-guarded. The Trustees meet with the investment managers biannually to review the past performance of their investments and the prospects for the various investment markets in which they are held.

The agreed target performance for the year 2022 was for income before any costs of £269,288 with protection for the trust Capital Fund. The accounts show that the investment income for the year was £314,783, representing a 3.11% return on the closing Capital Fund of £10,109,180 while the Capital Fund decreased in value by £1,491,395 or 12.85%, giving an overall return of -9.74%.

Financial review

a. Going concern

The trustees have considered the likely income for 2023 with their investment advisers. The expectation is that investment income will fall below that for 2022 of £314,783 to £260,000, which is a 17.4% decrease. During the year, the uncertainty occasioned by a substantial rise in inflation, resulting in a sharp rise in interest rates combined with the continuing war between Russia and Ukraine, caused significant headwinds and fluctuations in asset prices. However, a review of the mandate was the principal reason for the anticipated income.

At the Trustees Meeting on 17th November 2021, it was "queried whether the current benchmark of a relatively high-income yield of 2.75% plus CPI, remained appropriate given that it restricted investment in areas that might provide greater prospects for capital growth. In particular, direct exposure to dynamic technology companies in the United States. Mr Caris-Harris mentioned that the PIMFA Income benchmark may be a suitable alternative and he would provide a comparison table for the Trustees' consideration".

As a consequence of this, the trustees agreed that, while still providing a worthwhile income, the trust's portfolio should in future, be a more balanced one, continuing to report on a Total Return basis. They instructed their investment advisers to rebalance it in two major ways. The first being to dispose of and avoid stocks on ESG grounds, such as oils, mines and utilities such as polluting water companies, all with high yields, but whose activities are inimical to the environment and thus to the charity's objects. The second being to widen the charity's capital growth potential by replacing high-yielding investments with moderate growth prospects, with lower yielding North American equities with much better growth prospects.

The trustees also accepted Mr Caris-Harris' recommendation to change from their previous customised benchmark (consisting of an income target and an inflation measure) to the PIMFA Income index. When benchmarking and budgeting income, the theoretical yield on the PIMFA Income, as at the prior year's end, would be used as a comparison for the subsequent year. This approach was adopted in 2022. During this necessary restructuring period, total returns generated by the portfolio are likely to diverge from those of the benchmark.

The trustees believe this restructuring of its portfolio to be in the long-term interests of its beneficiaries, by offering greater scope for capital appreciation, albeit at a cost of some initial reduction in annual income; and are confident that it will provide adequate resources for it to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. For this

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reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The Charity's funds are divided between a Capital Fund and an Income Fund (described in these Accounts as a General Fund). The Capital Fund is established under the Trust Deed and represents the capital that was originally settled on trust. The General Fund represents the net income generated from the Capital Fund.

The Capital Fund balance of £10,109,180 (2021: £11,600,575) may be distributed for the Charity's purposes under the terms of the Trust Deed, however the fund is held to produce income that may be used on an annual basis in accordance with the settlor's intentions, accordingly the fund is classified as an Expendable Endowment.

The General Fund balance of £310,554 (2021: £325,226) is distributed as grants in pursuance of the charity's charitable purposes.

c. Principal funding

The Trust is reliant on the income generated by its investments, the income from which was £314,783 (2021: £370,841). The Trust does not receive income from any other source but, as detailed in the reserves policy note above, does preserve the capital of the Trust for the generation of future income.

Free reserves at the balance sheet date amounted to £310,554 (2021: £325,226).

Plans for future periods

a. Future developments

The Trustees expect that the level of grants to be undertaken in the coming year will decrease in comparison to the current year, which was a 15% decrease in investment income on the previous year (2021). The Trustees will consider grants accordingly. The Trustees believe that, in many cases, continuing support for charitable organisations, who share the same objectives as this Trust, will best achieve the objectives of this Trust.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

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 Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the

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Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 23 May 23 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr E Whitley, Chairman

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Whitley Animal Protection Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 11 to 22. 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).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards 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.

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.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which 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 liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 Auditors' 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.

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

We reviewed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement and identified the principal risks, implementing a series of testing procedures to provide us with sufficient comfort to issue our opinion.

We reviewed the Company's regulatory environment to ensure we could conclude that it had acted in accordance with framework relevant to the Company and its environment and identify any instances of non-compliance.

The engagement team consisted of a team that the engagement partner believes is equipped with the relevant level of technical and Company awareness to carry out our work to the required standard.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

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 Auditors' 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 its Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

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Date:

23rd May 2023

WR Partners are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Capital fund 2022 £	General fund 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investments	2	-	314,783	314,783	370,841
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		-	314,783	314,783	370,841
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	4	-	50,801	50,801	51,923
Charitable activities		-	278,654	278,654	245,064
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3	-	329,455	329,455	296,987
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-	(14,672)	(14,672)	73,854
Gains/(losses) on investments		(1,491,395)	-	(1,491,395)	1,045,645
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(1,491,395)	(14,672)	(1,506,067)	1,119,499
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		11,600,575	325,226	11,925,801	10,806,302
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		10,109,180	310,554	10,419,734	11,925,801

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	9		10,109,180		11,600,575
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	435		348	
Cash at bank and in hand		331,101		346,421	
		<u>331,536</u>		<u>346,769</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	(20,982)		(21,543)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>310,554</u>		<u>325,226</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>10,419,734</u>		<u>11,925,801</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Capital fund	13		10,109,180		11,600,575
General fund	13		310,554		325,226
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>10,419,734</u>		<u>11,925,801</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 23 May 2023 and signed on their behalf, by:



Mr E Whitley, Chairman

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

Whitley Animal Protection Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 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 Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

The Capital Fund is established under the Trust Deed and represents the capital which was originally settled on the Trust. The Capital Fund may be distributed for the Charity's purpose under the terms of the Trust Deed, as an expendable endowment, however the fund is held to produce income that may be used on an annual basis.

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

1.3 Income

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

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in the professional management of the Charity's investments.

Charitable activities includes grants payable and support costs which include costs relating to the governance of the Charity.

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 Going concern

The Trustees have also assessed the potential impact on the future operations of the Charity. The Charity is considered to be well positioned given the current environment with no impact on the going concern basis of the financial statements.

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 fair 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 shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

1.7 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.8 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.9 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.

1.10 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 charity 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 relevant discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.11 Financial instruments

The Charity 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	General fund 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Equities and unit trusts	219,224	219,224	273,001
Other fixed interest	89,867	89,867	97,840
Bank interest - gross	5,692	5,692	-
	314,783	314,783	370,841
<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>370,841</i>	<i>370,841</i>	

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Other costs 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Expenditure on investment management	50,801	50,801	51,923
Costs of raising funds	50,801	50,801	51,923
Direct costs - Activities	278,654	278,654	245,064
	329,455	329,455	296,987
<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>296,987</i>	<i>296,987</i>	

4. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	General fund 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Investment management fees	50,801	50,801	51,923
<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>51,923</i>	<i>51,923</i>	

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Grant funding of activities 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Charitable expenditure	250,000	28,654	278,654	245,064
<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>222,975</i>	<i>22,089</i>	<i>245,064</i>	

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6. ANALYSIS OF GRANTS

	Grants to Institutions 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Grants, Institutional	250,000	250,000	222,975
<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>222,975</i>	<i>222,975</i>	
	2022 £	2021 £	
Whitley Fund for Nature	110,000	132,475	
Oxford WILDCRU - Whitley Analyst	30,000	25,000	
Oxford WILDCRU - Recanati - Kaplan Centre	5,000	-	
Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust	22,500	23,000	
Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust - Curlew Country	50,000	20,000	
Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust - Loddington	2,000	-	
Blue Marine Trust	5,000	5,000	
COAST	5,000	5,000	
Fauna and Flora International - General	5,000	5,000	
RSPB Scotland - Capercaillie	2,500	2,500	
Scottish Seabirds Centre	2,500	2,500	
Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland	2,500	2,500	
World Horse Welfare - British Equestrians for Ukraine	2,000	-	
The Conservation Volunteers	2,000	-	
Soil Association	2,000	-	
Canal & River Trust	1,000	-	
National Forest	1,000	-	
Total	250,000	222,975	

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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Activities £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Auditor's remuneration	7,614	7,614	6,480
Accountancy services	8,640	8,640	9,048
Legal fees	11,379	11,379	5,730
Bank charges	64	64	12
Trustee's indemnity insurance	957	957	819
	28,654	28,654	22,089
<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>22,089</i>	<i>22,089</i>	

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

During the year, no Trustee received any remuneration (2021 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustee received any benefits in kind (2021 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustee received any reimbursement of expenses (2021 - £NIL).

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed securities £	Other investments £	Total £
Market value			
At 1 January 2022	11,033,791	566,784	11,600,575
Additions	1,335,644	148,401	1,484,045
Disposals	(1,484,045)	-	(1,484,045)
Revaluations	(1,491,395)	-	(1,491,395)
At 31 December 2022	9,393,995	715,185	10,109,180

Investments at market value comprise:

	2022 £	2021 £
Listed investments	9,393,995	11,033,791
Other fixed asset investments	715,185	566,784
Total market value	10,109,180	11,600,575

All the fixed asset investments are held in the UK

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10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £7,614 (2021 - £6,480), and accountancy services of £8,640 (2021 - £8,350).

11. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	435	348

12. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	20,982	16,543
Grants accrued - institutional (included in Notes 5 & 6)	-	5,000
	20,982	21,543

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13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
General fund					
General Funds	325,226	314,783	(329,455)	-	310,554
Capital fund					
Endowment Funds	11,600,575	-	-	(1,491,395)	10,109,180
Total of funds	11,925,801	314,783	(329,455)	(1,491,395)	10,419,734

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
General Funds	251,372	370,841	(296,987)	-	325,226
Endowment Funds	10,554,930	-	-	1,045,645	11,600,575
Total of funds	10,806,302	370,841	(296,987)	1,045,645	11,925,801

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
General fund	325,226	314,783	(329,455)	-	310,554
Capital fund	11,600,575	-	-	(1,491,395)	10,109,180
	<u>11,925,801</u>	<u>314,783</u>	<u>(329,455)</u>	<u>(1,491,395)</u>	<u>10,419,734</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
General fund	251,372	370,841	(296,987)	-	325,226
Capital fund	10,554,930	-	-	1,045,645	11,600,575
	<u>10,806,302</u>	<u>370,841</u>	<u>(296,987)</u>	<u>1,045,645</u>	<u>11,925,801</u>

The Capital Fund represents the value of the investment assets held as an expendable endowment. All income generated by these investments is treated as unrestricted and attributed to the General Fund and is used to further the Charity's objectives through grants made to charities with compatible objectives.

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Capital fund 2022 £	General fund 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fixed asset investments	10,109,180	-	10,109,180
Current assets	-	331,536	331,536
Creditors due within one year	-	(20,982)	(20,982)
	<u>10,109,180</u>	<u>310,554</u>	<u>10,419,734</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Capital fund 2021 £	General fund 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fixed asset investments	11,600,575	-	11,600,575
Current assets	-	346,769	346,769
Creditors due within one year	-	(21,543)	(21,543)
	<u>11,600,575</u>	<u>325,226</u>	<u>11,925,801</u>

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Trust made the following grant during the year to a charity which is connected with it:

£110,000 (2021: £132,475) Whitley Fund for Nature. Mr E J Whitley OBE is a Trustee of this charity.

£22,500 (2021: £23,000) to the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust. Mr J Whitley is a Trustee of this charity.

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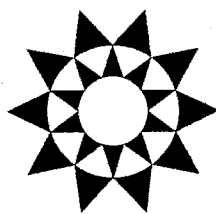
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WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Trustees	Mr E Whitley Mrs P A Whitley Mr E J Whitley OBE Mr J Whitley Mrs V Thompson
Charity registered number	236746
Principal office	9 Corve Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1DE
Secretary	Mrs S Smith
Independent auditors	WR Partners Chartered accountants Belmont House Shrewsbury Business Park Shrewsbury Shropshire SY2 6LG
Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC 217 Dean Street The Telford Centre Telford Shropshire TF3 4BT
Solicitors	mfg Solicitors LLP 9 Corve Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1DE
Investment Advisors	Cannaccord Genuity Wealth Limited 41 Lothbury London EC2R 7AE

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Whitley Animal Protection Trust (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Charity was established on 27 August 1964 and is governed by a Trust Deed. It is a Registered Charity, Number 236746.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees are relatives of the late Mr Edward Whitley, the founder of the Trust, and are not subject to periodic election. The Trustees meet at least twice a year to consider the business of the Trust and in particular their grant making activities.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All Trustees receive an induction and training before their first meeting which include an explanation of the structure and objectives of the Charity and their responsibilities as a Trustee.

d. Risk management

The Trustees have considered and identified the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. They are satisfied that systems are in place to manage those risks. They have also effected Trustee Indemnity insurance. The major risk and uncertainty for the Charity is the economic climate and market volatility, impacting investment values and returns. The Trustees have dealt with this risk through the engagement of professional investment advisors working to an agreed risk profile.

Policies and objectives

a. Grant making policy

The Trustees' policy is to make grants only to registered charities concerned with the charitable objectives as detailed in the following paragraph titled "Objectives". The Trustees have resolved that, before any grant can be confirmed, they require the recipient charity's formal assurance that such a grant is used only for supporting the charitable purposes of this Charity. The Trustees also require the recipient charity to report on the subsequent use of the funds. The Trustees meet biannually to determine the grants to be made.

b. Objectives

The objects, as set out in the Trust Deed are:

(1) To give financial support to any charitable purpose or purposes, organisation or organisations (whether corporate or non corporate) concerned with the prevention of cruelty to animals or the promotion of the welfare of animals.

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

(2) To establish or endow any new charitable organisation (corporate or non corporate) or institution having any one or more of the like objects.

The Trustees believe that the policy of providing grants to charities whose activities best support the activities of this Charity i.e. the prevention of cruelty to animals or the promotion of the welfare of animals, further widens the Charity's ability to support animal welfare.

c. Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance.

Achievements and performance

a. Key financial performance indicators

The Trustees set income targets for each year and review performance against appropriate benchmarks during the year. At the Trustees Meeting held on 12th May 2021, their investment managers reported that to the end of December 2020 the performance was satisfactory. The Trustees confirmed that the PIMFA income benchmark would be used going forward, with a target income yield of 2.33%. The Trustees also monitor funds available for distribution to qualifying charities to ensure income is distributed appropriately in accordance with the Charity's objectives.

b. Review of activities

During the year new grants of £222,975 (2020: £250,000) were undertaken. 10 grants were made to 10 charitable organisations.

The single largest donation was to the Whitley Fund for Nature to which a grant of £132,475 (2020: Whitley Fund for Nature £145,000) was made. The total committed donation to the Whitley Fund for Nature amounted to 59.4% (2020: Whitley Fund for Nature 58%) of the total.

A majority of the grants undertaken are repeat donations, however the Trustees do provide essential core funding to these smaller charities without which they would find it hard to maintain their activities. The Charity does also make one-off grants, but a majority of the grants are in respect of longer term commitments.

c. Activities for achieving objectives

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Trustees agreed grants payable of £222,975 (2020: £250,000) to various charities which fulfilled the objects of the Trust. Details of these grants are given in note 6 to the accounts.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

d. Investment policy and performance

The Charity has wide powers of investment. In accordance with the scheme of arrangement accepted by the Charity Commissioners, the Trustees have given the investment managers, Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited, discretion to manage the portfolio within an agreed risk profile. The investment managers work towards a benchmark return agreed with the Trustees and based on published indices.

The investment mandate granted to the investment managers is reviewed annually, as the Trustees wish to ensure that their responsibility regarding both income and capital appreciation is safe-guarded. The Trustees meet with the investment managers biannually to review the past performance of their investments and the prospects for the various investment markets in which they are held.

The agreed target performance for the year 2021 was for income before any costs of £288,424 with protection for the trust Capital Fund. The accounts show that the investment income for the year was £370,841, representing a 3.20% return on the closing Capital Fund of £11,600,575 while the Capital Fund increased in value by £1,045,645 or 9.9%, giving an overall return of 13.1%.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Financial review

a. Going concern

In light of the continuing Covid-19 health crisis, the Trustees have considered likely income for 2022 with their investment brokers. The expectation is that investment income will remain consistent with the current year, which is a 25% increase on the previous year (2020) and has returned to levels similar to accounting periods prior to the covid pandemic. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity 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.

b. Reserves policy

The Charity's funds are divided between a Capital Fund and an Income Fund. The Capital Fund is established under the Trust Deed and represents the capital that was originally settled on trust. The Income Fund represents the net income generated from the Capital Fund.

The Capital Fund balance of £11,600,575 (2020: £10,554,930) may be distributed for the Charity's purposes under the terms of the Trust Deed, however the fund is held to produce income that may be used on an annual basis in accordance with the settlor's intentions, accordingly the fund is classified as an Expendable Endowment.

The Income Fund balance of £325,466 (2020: £251,372) is distributed on an annual basis as grants in pursuance of the charity's charitable purposes.

c. Principal funding

The Trust is reliant on the income generated by its investments, the income from which was £370,841 (2020: £296,766). The Trust does not receive income from any other source but, as detailed in the reserves policy note above, does preserve the capital of the Trust for the generation of future income.

Free reserves at the balance sheet date amounted to £325,466 (2020: £251,372).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Plans for future periods

a. Future developments

The Trustees expect that the level of grants to be undertaken in the coming year will stay consistent with the current year, which was a 25% increase in investment income on the previous year (2020) because of the Coronavirus pandemic. The Trustees will consider grants accordingly. The Trustees believe that, in many cases, continuing support for charitable organisations, who share the same objectives as this Trust, will best achieve the objectives of this Trust.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

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 Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 11/05/2021 and signed on their behalf by:


Mr E Whitley, Chairman

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Whitley Animal Protection Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 set out on pages 11 to 22. 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).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards 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.

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.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance

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conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

The Trustees have assessed the potential impact on the future operations of the Charity with regard to the Covid-19 outbreak. The Charity is considered to be well positioned given the current environment with no impact on the going concern basis of the financial statements. 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 where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which 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 liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 Auditors' 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.

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

We reviewed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement and identified the principal risks, implementing a series of testing procedures to provide us with sufficient comfort to issue our opinion.

We reviewed the Company's regulatory environment to ensure we could conclude that it had acted in accordance with framework relevant to the Company and its environment and identify any instances of non-compliance.

The engagement team consisted of a team that the engagement partner believes is equipped with the relevant level of technical and Company awareness to carry out our work to the required standard.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

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 Auditors' 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 its Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date:

17th May 2022

WR Partners are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	Capital fund 2021 £	General fund 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investments	2	-	370,841	370,841	296,766
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		-	370,841	370,841	296,766
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	4	-	51,923	51,923	46,055
Charitable activities		-	245,064	245,064	274,438
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3	-	296,987	296,987	320,493
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES					
		-	73,854	73,854	(23,727)
Gains/(losses) on investments		1,045,645	-	1,045,645	(132,874)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,045,645	73,854	1,119,499	(156,601)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		10,554,930	251,372	10,806,302	10,962,903
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		11,600,575	325,226	11,925,801	10,806,302

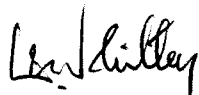
The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	9		11,600,575		10,554,934
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	348		331	
Cash at bank and in hand		346,421		279,272	
		346,769		279,603	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	(21,543)		(23,235)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			325,226		256,368
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			11,925,801		10,811,302
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	13		-		(5,000)
NET ASSETS			11,925,801		10,806,302
CHARITY FUNDS					
Capital fund	14		11,600,575		10,554,930
General fund	14		325,226		251,372
TOTAL FUNDS	T		11,925,801		10,806,302

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11/05/2022 and signed on their behalf, by:



Mr E Whitley, Chairman

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

Whitley Animal Protection Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 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 Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

The Capital Fund is established under the Trust Deed and represents the capital which was originally settled on the Trust. The Capital Fund may be distributed for the Charity's purpose under the terms of the Trust Deed, as an expendable endowment, however the fund is held to produce income that may be used on an annual basis.

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

1.3 Income

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

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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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.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in the professional management of the Charity's investments.

Charitable activities includes grants payable and support costs which include costs relating to the governance of the Charity.

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 Going concern

The Trustees have also assessed the potential impact on the future operations of the Charity with regard to the Covid-19 outbreak. The Charity is considered to be well positioned given the current environment with no impact on the going concern basis of the financial statements.

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 fair 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 shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

1.7 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.8 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.

1.9 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 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.10 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 charity 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 relevant discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.11 Financial instruments

The Charity 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	General fund 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Equities and unit trusts	273,001	273,001	201,140
U.K. Government Stocks	-	-	5,532
Other fixed interest	97,840	97,840	88,374
Bank interest - gross	-	-	1,720
	<u>370,841</u>	<u>370,841</u>	<u>296,766</u>
Total 2020	<u>296,766</u>	<u>296,766</u>	

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3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Other costs 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Expenditure on investment management	51,923	51,923	46,055
Costs of raising funds	51,923	51,923	46,055
Direct costs - Activities	245,064	245,064	274,438
	296,987	296,987	320,493
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>320,493</i>	<i>320,493</i>	

4. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	General fund 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Investment management fees	51,923	51,923	46,055
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>46,055</i>	<i>46,055</i>	

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Grant funding of activities 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Charitable expenditure	222,975	22,089	245,064	274,438
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>250,000</i>	<i>24,438</i>	<i>274,438</i>	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

6. ANALYSIS OF GRANTS

	Grants to Institutions 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants, Institutional	222,975	222,975	250,000
<i>Total 2020</i>	250,000	250,000	

	2021 £	2020 £
Whitley Fund for Nature	132,475	145,000
Oxford WILDCRU	25,000	25,000
Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust	23,000	22,500
Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust - Curlew Country	20,000	30,000
Blue Marine Trust	5,000	5,000
COAST	5,000	5,000
Fauna and Flora International - General	5,000	5,000
RSPB Scotland - Capercaillie	2,500	5,000
Scottish Seabirds Centre	2,500	5,000
Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland	2,500	2,500
Total	222,975	250,000

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Activities £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Auditor's remuneration	6,480	6,480	5,958
Accountancy services	9,048	9,048	8,350
Legal fees	5,730	5,730	9,322
Bank charges	12	12	41
Trustee's indemnity insurance	819	819	767
	22,089	22,089	24,438
<i>Total 2020</i>	24,438	24,438	

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

During the year, no Trustee received any remuneration (2020 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustee received any benefits in kind (2020 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustee received any reimbursement of expenses (2020 - £NIL).

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed securities £	Other investments £	Total £
Market value			
At 1 January 2021	9,707,596	847,338	10,554,934
Additions	622,431	(280,554)	341,877
Disposals	(341,881)	-	(341,881)
Revaluations	1,045,645	-	1,045,645
	<u>11,033,791</u>	<u>566,784</u>	<u>11,600,575</u>
At 31 December 2021			

Investments at market value comprise:

	2021 £	2020 £
Listed investments	11,033,791	9,707,592
Other fixed asset investments	566,784	847,338
Total market value	<u>11,600,575</u>	<u>10,554,930</u>

All the fixed asset investments are held in the UK

10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £5,958 (2020 - £5,785), and accountancy services of £8,350 (2019 - £8,935).

11. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>348</u>	<u>331</u>

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12. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	16,543	18,235
Grants accrued - institutional (included in Notes 5 & 6)	5,000	5,000
	<u>21,543</u>	<u>23,235</u>

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Grants accrued - institutional (included in Notes 5 & 6)	-	5,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

14. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
General fund					
General Funds	251,372	370,841	(296,987)	-	325,226
Capital fund					
Endowment Funds	10,554,930	-	-	1,045,645	11,600,575
Total of funds	10,806,302	370,841	(296,987)	1,045,645	11,925,801

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
General Funds	276,635	296,766	(320,493)	(1,536)	251,372
Endowment Funds	10,686,268	-	-	(131,338)	10,554,930
Total of funds	10,962,903	296,766	(320,493)	(132,874)	10,806,302

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14. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
General fund	251,372	370,841	(296,987)	-	325,226
Capital fund	10,554,930	-	-	1,045,645	11,600,575
	<u>10,806,302</u>	<u>370,841</u>	<u>(296,987)</u>	<u>1,045,645</u>	<u>11,925,801</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
General fund	276,635	296,766	(320,493)	(1,536)	251,372
Capital fund	10,686,268	-	-	(131,338)	10,554,930
	<u>10,962,903</u>	<u>296,766</u>	<u>(320,493)</u>	<u>(132,874)</u>	<u>10,806,302</u>

The Capital Fund represents the value of the investment assets held as an expendable endowment. All income generated by these investments is treated as unrestricted and attributed to the General Fund and is used to further the Charity's objectives through grants made to charities with compatible objectives.

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15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Capital fund 2021 £	General fund 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fixed asset investments	11,600,575	-	11,600,575
Current assets	-	346,769	346,769
Creditors due within one year	-	(21,543)	(21,543)
	<u>11,600,575</u>	<u>325,226</u>	<u>11,925,801</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Capital fund 2020 £	General fund 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Fixed asset investments	10,554,930	-	10,554,930
Current assets	-	279,603	279,603
Creditors due within one year	-	(23,231)	(23,231)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
	<u>10,554,930</u>	<u>251,372</u>	<u>10,806,302</u>

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Trust made the following grant during the year to a charity which is connected with it:

£132,475 (2020: £145,000) to the Whitley Fund for Nature. Mr E J Whitley OBE is a Trustee of this charity.

£23,000 (2020: 22,500) to the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust. Mr J Whitley is a Trustee of this charity.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Trustees	Mr E Whitley Mrs P A Whitley Mr E J Whitley OBE Mr J Whitley Mrs V Thompson
Charity registered number	236746
Principal office	Padmore House Hall Court Hall Park Way Telford Shropshire TF3 4LX
Secretary	Mr M T Gwynne T.D D.L
Independent auditors	WR Partners Chartered accountants Belmont House Shrewsbury Business Park Shrewsbury Shropshire SY2 6LG
Bankers	National Westminster Bank PLC 217 Dean Street The Telford Centre Telford Shropshire TF3 4BT
Solicitors	mfg Solicitors LLP Padmore House Hall Court Hall Park Way Telford Shropshire TF3 4LX
Investment Advisors	Cannaccord Genuity Wealth Limited 41 Lothbury London EC2R 7AE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Whitley Animal Protection Trust (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Charity was established on 27 August 1964 and is governed by a Trust Deed. It is a Registered Charity, Number 236746.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The Trustees are relatives of the late Mr Edward Whitley, the founder of the Trust, and are not subject to periodic election. The Trustees meet at least twice a year to consider the business of the Trust and in particular their grant making activities.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All Trustees receive an induction and training before their first meeting which include an explanation of the structure and objectives of the Charity and their responsibilities as a Trustee.

d. Risk management

The Trustees have considered and identified the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. They are satisfied that systems are in place to manage those risks. They have also effected Trustee Indemnity insurance. The major risk and uncertainty for the Charity is the economic climate and market volatility, impacting investment values and returns. The Trustees have dealt with this risk through the engagement of professional investment advisors working to an agreed risk profile.

Policies and objectives

a. Grant making policy

The Trustees' policy is to make grants only to registered charities concerned with the charitable objectives as detailed in the following paragraph titled "Objectives". The Trustees have resolved that, before any grant can be confirmed, they require the recipient charity's formal assurance that such a grant is used only for supporting the charitable purposes of this Charity. The Trustees also require the recipient charity to report on the subsequent use of the funds. The Trustees meet biannually to determine the grants to be made.

b. Objectives

The objects, as set out in the Trust Deed are:

(1) To give financial support to any charitable purpose or purposes, organisation or organisations (whether corporate or non corporate) concerned with the prevention of cruelty to animals or the promotion of the welfare of animals.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

(2) To establish or endow any new charitable organisation (corporate or non corporate) or institution having any one or more of the like objects.

The Trustees believe that the policy of providing grants to charities whose activities best support the activities of this Charity i.e. the prevention of cruelty to animals or the promotion of the welfare of animals, further widens the Charity's ability to support animal welfare.

c. Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance.

Achievements and performance

a. Key financial performance indicators

The trustees set income targets for each year and review performance against appropriate benchmarks during the year. At the Trustees Meeting held on 12th May 2020, their investment managers reported that to the end of December 2019 the performance was satisfactory. However, the impact on the market for the quarter to 31st March 2020 by the Covid 19 pandemic had been substantial. However, this portfolio had not suffered as drastically as others due, in no small measure, to the absence of fossil fuel investments, and the trustees confirmed that the target yield should remain at CPI+3.25%. The trustees also acknowledged and agreed that, in view of these very difficult times, some tolerance should be allowed. The trustees also monitor funds available for distribution to qualifying charities to ensure income is distributed appropriately in accordance with the Charity's objectives.

b. Review of activities

During the year new grants of £250,000 (2019: £300,357) were undertaken. 10 grants were made to 10 charitable organisations. There was also a further grant paid to a charitable organisation that was already committed towards in a previous year.

The single largest donation was to the Whitley Fund for Nature to which a grant of £145,000 (2019: Whitley Fund for Nature £131,090) was made. The total committed donation to the Whitley Fund for Nature amounted to 58% (2019: Whitley Fund for Nature 43.65%) of the total.

A majority of the grants undertaken are repeat donations, however the Trustees do provide essential core funding to these smaller charities without which they would find it hard to maintain their activities. The Charity does also make one-off grants, but a majority of the grants are in respect of longer term commitments.

c. Activities for achieving objectives

During the year ended 31 December 2020 the Trustees agreed grants payable of £250,000 (2019: £300,357) to various charities which fulfilled the objects of the Trust. Details of these grants are given in note 6 to the accounts.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

d. Investment policy and performance

The Charity has wide powers of investment. In accordance with the scheme of arrangement accepted by the Charity Commissioners, the Trustees have given the investment managers, Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited, discretion to manage the portfolio within an agreed risk profile. The investment managers work towards a benchmark return agreed with the Trustees and based on published indices.

The investment mandate granted to the investment managers is reviewed annually, as the Trustees wish to ensure that their responsibility regarding both income and capital appreciation is safe-guarded. The Trustees meet with the investment managers biannually to review the past performance of their investments and the prospects for the various investment markets in which they are held.

The agreed target performance for the year 2020 was for income before any costs of £280,000 with protection for the trust Capital Fund. The accounts show that the investment income for the year was £296,766, representing a 2.81% return on the closing Capital Fund of £10,554,930 while the Capital Fund decreased in value by £131,338 or 1.23%, giving an overall return of 1.58%.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Financial review

a. Going concern

In light of the continuing Covid-19 health crisis, the Trustees have considered likely income for 2021 with their investment brokers. The expectation is that investment income will remain consistent with the current year, which is a 15.7% decrease on the previous year (2019). Despite this fall, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, although it is expected that grants the charity provides will decrease. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The charity's funds are divided between a Capital Fund and an Income Fund. The Capital Fund is established under the Trust Deed and represents the capital that was originally settled on trust. The Income Fund represents the net income generated from the Capital Fund.

The Capital Fund balance of £10,554,930 (2019: £10,686,288) may be distributed for the Charity's purposes under the terms of the Trust Deed, however the fund is held to produce income that may be used on an annual basis in accordance with the settlor's intentions, accordingly the fund is classified as an Expendable Endowment.

The Income Fund balance of £251,372 (2019: £276,635) is distributed on an annual basis as grants in pursuance of the charity's charitable purposes.

c. Principal funding

The Trust is reliant on the income generated by its investments, the income from which was £296,766 (2019: £352,017). The Trust does not receive income from any other source but, as detailed in the reserves policy note above, does preserve the capital of the Trust for the generation of future income.

Free reserves at the balance sheet date amounted to £251,372 (2019: £276,635).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Plans for future periods

a. Future developments

The Trustees expect that the level of grants to be undertaken in the coming year will stay consistent with the current year, which suffered a 15.7% reduction in investment income on the previous year (2019) because of the Coronavirus pandemic. The Trustees will consider grants accordingly. The Trustees believe that, in many cases, continuing support for charitable organisations, who share the same objectives as this Trust, will best achieve the objectives of this Trust.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 12.5.2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr E Whitley, Chairman

WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Whitley Animal Protection Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 10 to 21. 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).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards 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.

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.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

The Trustees have assessed the potential impact on the future operations of the Charity with regard to the Covid-19 outbreak. The Charity is considered to be well positioned given the current environment with no impact on the going concern basis of the financial statements. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which 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 liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 Auditors' 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.

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

We reviewed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement and identified the principal risks, implementing a series of testing procedures to provide us with sufficient comfort to issue our opinion.

We reviewed the Company's regulatory environment to ensure we could conclude that it had acted in accordance with framework relevant to the Company and its environment and identify any instances of non-compliance.

The engagement team consisted of a team that the engagement partner believes is equipped with the relevant level of technical and Company awareness to carry out our work to the required standard.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 Auditors' 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 its Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

WR Partners

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Date:

WR Partners are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	Capital fund 2020 £	General fund 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investments	2	-	296,766	296,766	352,017
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		-	296,766	296,766	352,017
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	4	-	46,055	46,055	47,360
Charitable activities		-	274,438	274,438	326,727
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3	-	320,493	320,493	374,087
NET EXPENDITURE BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-	(23,727)	(23,727)	(22,070)
Gains/(losses) on investments		(131,338)	(1,536)	(132,874)	1,021,899
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(131,338)	(25,263)	(156,601)	999,829
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		10,686,268	276,635	10,962,903	9,963,074
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		10,554,930	251,372	10,806,302	10,962,903

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	9		10,554,930		10,686,268
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	331		303	
Investments	12	-		152,720	
Cash at bank and in hand		279,272		157,798	
		<u>279,603</u>		<u>310,821</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	13	(23,231)		(24,186)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			256,372		286,635
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			10,811,302		10,972,903
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(5,000)		(10,000)
NET ASSETS			<u>10,806,302</u>		<u>10,962,903</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Capital fund	15		10,554,930		10,686,268
General fund	15		251,372		276,635
TOTAL FUNDS	T		<u>10,806,302</u>		<u>10,962,903</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12.5.2021 and signed on their behalf, by:



Mr E Whitley, Chairman

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

Whitley Animal Protection Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 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 charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

The Capital Fund is established under the Trust Deed and represents the capital which was originally settled on the Trust. The Capital Fund may be distributed for the Charity's purpose under the terms of the Trust Deed, as an expendable endowment, however the fund is held to produce income that may be used on an annual basis.

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

1.3 Income

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

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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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.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in the professional management of the Charity's investments.

Charitable activities includes grants payable and support costs which include costs relating to the governance of the charity.

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 Going concern

The Trustees have also assessed the potential impact on the future operations of the Charity with regard to the Covid-19 outbreak. The Charity is considered to be well positioned given the current environment with no impact on the going concern basis of the financial statements.

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 fair 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 shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

1.7 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.8 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.

1.9 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 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.10 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 charity 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 relevant discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	General fund 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Equities and unit trusts	201,140	201,140	245,524
U.K. Government Stocks	5,532	5,532	7,873
Other fixed interest	88,374	88,374	96,304
Bank interest - gross	1,720	1,720	2,316
	296,766	296,766	352,017
<i>Total 2019</i>	<i>352,017</i>	<i>352,017</i>	

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3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Other costs 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Expenditure on investment management	46,055	46,055	47,360
Costs of raising funds	46,055	46,055	47,360
Direct costs - Activities	274,438	274,438	326,727
	320,493	320,493	374,087
<i>Total 2019</i>	<i>374,087</i>	<i>374,087</i>	

4. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	General fund 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Investment management fees	46,055	46,055	47,360
<i>Total 2019</i>	<i>47,360</i>	<i>47,360</i>	

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Grant funding of activities 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Charitable expenditure	250,000	24,438	274,438	326,727
<i>Total 2019</i>	<i>300,357</i>	<i>26,370</i>	<i>326,727</i>	

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6. ANALYSIS OF GRANTS

	Grants to Institutions 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Grants, Institutional	250,000	250,000	300,357
<i>Total 2019</i>	<i>300,357</i>	<i>300,357</i>	

	2020 £	2019 £
Whitley Fund for Nature	145,000	131,090
Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust - Curlew Country	30,000	30,000
Oxford WILDCRU	25,000	30,000
Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust	22,500	10,000
Blue Marine Trust	5,000	7,000
Scottish Seabirds Centre	5,000	-
Fauna and Flora International - General	5,000	10,000
RSPB Scotland - Capercaillie	5,000	5,000
COAST	5,000	5,000
Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland	2,500	-
Fauna and Flora International - Grauer's Gorilla appeal	-	20,000
RSPB Scotland - Acquisition of Coll land	-	20,000
Woodland Trust	-	5,000
The Tree Council	-	5,000
Campaign to Protect Rural England	-	5,000
The National Forest Charitable Trust	-	5,000
Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (South West)	-	5,000
Songbird Survival	-	1,767
Daneline International	-	1,500
Brooke Hospital for Animals	-	1,000
World Animal Protection - Rescue of Dancing Bears	-	1,000
SPANNA	-	1,000
Orangutan Foundation	-	1,000
Total	250,000	300,357

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Activities £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Auditor's remuneration	5,958	5,958	5,785
Accountancy services	8,350	8,350	8,935
Legal fees	9,322	9,322	10,829
Bank charges	41	41	93
Trustee's indemnity insurance	767	767	728
	<u>24,438</u>	<u>24,438</u>	<u>26,370</u>
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>26,370</u>	<u>26,370</u>	

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2019 - £NIL).
 During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2019 - £NIL).
 During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2019 - £NIL).

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed securities £	Other investments £	Total £
Market value			
At 1 January 2020	9,869,439	816,829	10,686,268
Additions	654,372	30,509	684,881
Disposals	(684,881)	-	(684,881)
Revaluations	(131,338)	-	(131,338)
	<u>9,707,592</u>	<u>847,338</u>	<u>10,554,930</u>
At 31 December 2020			

Investments at market value comprise:

	2020 £	2019 £
Listed investments	9,707,592	9,869,439
Other fixed asset investments	847,338	816,829
	<u>10,554,930</u>	<u>10,686,268</u>
Total market value		

All the fixed asset investments are held in the UK

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10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £5,958 (2019 - £5,785), and accountancy services of £8,350 (2019 - £8,935).

11. DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments and accrued income	331	303

12. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Listed investments	-	152,720

Listed investments

The market value of the listed investments at 31 December 2020 was £NIL (2019: £152,720)).

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and deferred income	18,231	19,186
Grants accrued - institutional (included in Notes 5 & 6)	5,000	5,000
	23,231	24,186

14. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Grants accrued - institutional (included in Notes 5 & 6)	5,000	10,000

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
General fund					
General Funds	276,635	296,766	(320,493)	(1,536)	251,372
Capital fund					
Endowment Funds	10,686,268	-	-	(131,338)	10,554,930
Total of funds	10,962,903	296,766	(320,493)	(132,874)	10,806,302

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2019 £
General Funds	301,015	352,017	(374,087)	(2,310)	276,635
Endowment Funds	9,662,059	-	-	1,024,209	10,686,268
Total of funds	9,963,074	352,017	(374,087)	1,021,899	10,962,903

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15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
General fund	276,635	296,766	(320,493)	(1,536)	251,372
Capital fund	10,686,268	-	-	(131,338)	10,554,930
	<u>10,962,903</u>	<u>296,766</u>	<u>(320,493)</u>	<u>(132,874)</u>	<u>10,806,302</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2019 £
General fund	301,015	352,017	(374,087)	(2,310)	276,635
Capital fund	9,662,059	-	-	1,024,209	10,686,268
	<u>9,963,074</u>	<u>352,017</u>	<u>(374,087)</u>	<u>1,021,899</u>	<u>10,962,903</u>

The Capital Fund represents the value of the investment assets held as an expendable endowment. All income generated by these investments is treated as unrestricted and attributed to the General Fund and is used to further the Charity's objectives through grants made to charities with compatible objectives.

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Capital fund 2020 £	General fund 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Fixed asset investments	10,554,930	-	10,554,930
Current assets	-	279,603	279,603
Creditors due within one year	-	(23,231)	(23,231)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
	<u>10,554,930</u>	<u>251,372</u>	<u>10,806,302</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Capital fund 2019 £	General fund 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Fixed asset investments	10,686,268	-	10,686,268
Current assets	-	310,821	310,821
Creditors due within one year	-	(24,186)	(24,186)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
	<u>10,686,268</u>	<u>276,635</u>	<u>10,962,903</u>

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Trust made the following grant during the year to a charity which is connected with it:

£145,000 (2019: £131,090) to the Whitley Fund for Nature. Mr E J Whitley OBE is a Trustee of this charity.

£22,500 (2019: 10,000) to the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust. Mr J Whitley is a Trustee of this charity.