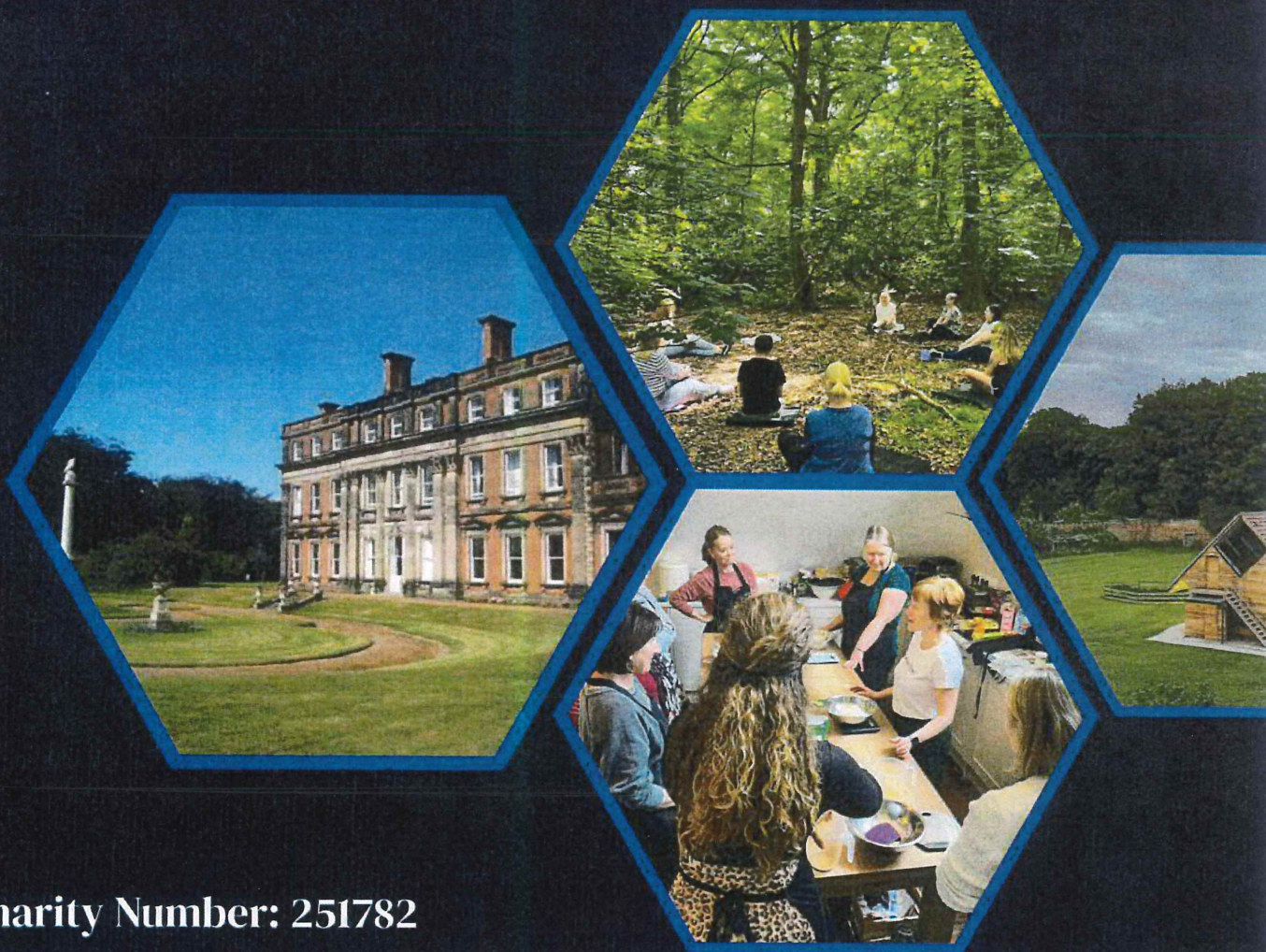


Ince Blundell Hall Carers' Respite



Trustee Annual Report & Accounts *To 30th June 2024*



Charity Number: 251782

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Legal and administrative Information

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Chair's Report 2023/2024



It is my privilege to present this year's annual report on behalf of the Trustee Board. 2023 has been a defining year for Ince Blundell Hall, marked by growth, new initiatives, and a renewed commitment to both our mission and heritage. Our focus remains on providing valuable support for our beneficiaries, embracing the traditions of the Augustinian Sisters and ensuring that our values guide everything we do. This year, we have expanded our services, strengthened our leadership team, and have exciting upcoming plans to reconnect with our community to celebrate the history and beauty of Ince Blundell Hall.

Carers' Respite – Supporting Those Who Care

A major milestone this year is of the future re-opening of the Hall to provide respite for carers' in Summer 2025, offering much-needed support for unpaid carers' in Sefton and surrounding areas. Recognising their dedication, we will be utilising Ince Blundell Hall's grounds and comfortable accommodation, to offer short-term respite breaks at Ince Blundell Hall to allow carers' time to rest, reflect and renew. The response has been overwhelmingly positive, reaffirming the need for respite services in our community.

As part of our commitment to clarity, accessibility, and community engagement, we made the decision to change our name from *The Congregation of the Canonesses Regular Hospitallers of the Mercy of Jesus of the Order of St Augustine at Ince Blundell* to **Ince Blundell Hall Carers Respite**. While we continue to honour our rich heritage and the legacy of the Augustinian Sisters, this new name more clearly reflects our mission and the vital respite services we provide. It ensures that carers' and families in need can easily recognise and access the support we offer, reinforcing our dedication to compassionate support in a welcoming and inclusive environment. To support our evolving services, we were pleased to appoint a new Manager for Ince Blundell Hall.

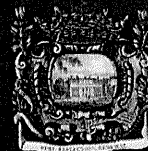
Reconnecting with Our Heritage

Ince Blundell Hall has a rich and fascinating history. The Hall and its grounds, including the Pantheon, an 18th-century neoclassical structure inspired by the Roman Pantheon, are significant landmarks of architectural and cultural heritage. As we look to the future, we are exploring ways to reopen the Hall and welcome the community. Plans are underway to invite local schools, community groups, and history enthusiasts to experience guided tours, learn about the Augustinian Sisters', and appreciate the historic beauty of the Hall and its surroundings. By reconnecting with our heritage in this way, we ensure that Ince Blundell Hall remains not just a place of respite, but a valued part of the wider community for generations to come.

We are also delighted to welcome 3 new volunteers who have joined us to support our heritage and tours. As we continue to reconnect with the community, we are slowly developing the 'Friends of Ince Blundell Hall'—a dedicated community group that will help with fundraising and special events, ensuring its long-term success and community engagement.

Chair's Report 2023/2024

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Ince Benet – Part of the Ince Blundell Hall Trust

The past year has been one of exciting progress and renewed energy at Ince Benet Retreat Centre. At the heart of this positive momentum is the appointment of our new manager, whose vision and dedication have brought fresh vitality to the Centre's mission. Under their leadership, bookings across all faiths have increased by more than 40%, with a particularly significant rise in retreats from the Roman Catholic community.

The Centre remains committed to being a welcoming space for all who seek rest and renewal. The increase in bookings has also created opportunities for deeper connections with local faith groups, individuals, and wider networks—further embedding Ince Benet within its community.

Looking ahead, we are excited to build on this success. We plan to further develop relationships with local parishes and the Liverpool Archdiocese, continuing to offer a space for peace, reflection, and spiritual nourishment.

Evolving Our Charitable Objectives

This year, the Trustee Board reviewed our objectives to ensure we continue to meet the needs of our beneficiaries and the wider community. We are committed to strengthening partnerships with local organisations to expand our outreach and support unpaid carers'. Through the Ince Blundell Hall Carers' Respite Project, we continue to enhance our facilities to ensure comfort, and also focusing on financial stability to sustain our mission for future generations. We remain committed to innovation while staying true to our founding mission.

Looking Ahead...

Our focus for 2025/26 is on expanding the Carers' Respite Project, strengthening community ties, and maintaining Ince Blundell Hall as a lifeline for carers' in Sefton and surrounding areas. I extend my sincere gratitude to our staff, volunteers, and Trustees, whose dedication makes our work possible. With continued commitment, we look forward to another year of service, growth, and compassion.

Mr Raymond Harrison

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond Harrison".

Chair of the Trustee Board
Ince Blundell Hall Carers' Respite

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ince Blundell Hall Carers Respite

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 June 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the trust you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act),

I report in respect of my examination of the trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charly Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

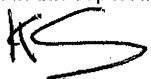
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting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

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

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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


Kevin Guy FCA
On behalf of Ashurst Accountancy Ltd
Chartered Accountants

Date: 25th April 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:				
Income from Charitable activities	129,412		129,412	29,471
Income from Investments	56,419		56,419	51,392
Total income and endowments	185,831		185,831	80,863
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	(234,195)		(234,195)	(280,127)
Total expenditure	(234,195)		(234,195)	(280,127)
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	144,909		144,909	37,045
Net expenditure				
Net movement in funds	96,545		96,545	(162,219)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	4,107,348		4,107,348	4,269,567
Total funds carried forward	4,203,893		4,203,893	4,107,348

Income and expenditure relate to both restricted and unrestricted activities derived from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		1,784,562		1,800,283
Investments			<u>2,019,108</u>		<u>1,880,295</u>
			3,803,670		3,680,578
Current assets					
Debtors	16	2,311		2,309	
Cash at bank		<u>423,791</u>		<u>446,108</u>	
Total current assets		426,102		448,417	
Creditors					
Amounts due within one year	17	<u>(25,879)</u>		<u>(21,647)</u>	
Net current assets			400,223		426,770
Total assets less current liabilities			4,203,893		4,107,348
Creditors					
Amounts due after more than one year					
Net assets			<u>4,203,893</u>		<u>4,107,348</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds	8		4,203,893		4,107,348
Total charity funds			<u>4,203,893</u>		<u>4,107,348</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue on by the Board of Trustees and signed on 25/04/2025.

Sr G M Hughes (Trustee)

Sister Gemma Maria Hughes

Ince Blundell Hall Carers Respite

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

Ince Blundell Hall Carers Respite is a Registered Charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the trust's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102) and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the trust.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the trust has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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

Freehold land and buildings	0%
Leasehold improvements	10% straight line
Plant and equipment	20% straight line

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

1.7 Non-current investments

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

1.8 Impairment of non-current assets

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

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

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

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Employee benefits

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

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

1.12 Retirement benefits

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and Judgements

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Other	0	1,564

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Trust		
Charitable rental income	27,580	26,466
Other income	101,832	1,441
	129,412	27,907

5 Income from Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income from unlisted investments	50,595	48,039
Interest receivable	5,824	3,353
	56,419	51,392

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets		

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Trust 2024 £	Trust 2023 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	78,939	69,419
Depreciation and impairment	15,721	56,000
General expenses of the Order	22,776	12,229
Motor expenses	557	1,277
Sundry expenses	0	96
Bank charges	385	1,090
Rent, rates and water	6,602	16,969
Insurance	25,940	29,097
Light and heat	42,806	56,307
Telephone and Internet	4,933	6,045
Repairs and renewals	7,523	7,474
Subscriptions	574	750
PPS	1,494	1,137
General	7,898	509
Professional Fees	18,047	12,106
	234,195	270,505
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Governance		9,622
	234,195	280,127
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	234,195	280,127

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs		9,622
Analysed between:		
Trust		

9 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned property, plant and equipment	15,721	56,000

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the trust during the year.

11 Employees

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	77,961	64,666
Social security costs	0	3,839
Other pension costs	978	914
	78,939	69,419

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

12 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Sale of Investments	144,586	37,045
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13 Taxation

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

14 Property, plant and equipment	Freehold land and buildings £	Leasehold improvements £	Plant and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost	1,800,194	439,928	109,142	22,574	2,371,838
At 1 July 2023					
Additions					
At 30 June 2024	1,800,194	439,928	109,142	22,574	2,371,838
Depreciation and impairment	145,000	297,346	106,635	22,574	571,555
At 1 July 2023		14,258	1,463		15,721
Depreciation charged in the year					
At 30 June 2024	145,000	311,604	108,098	22,574	587,276
Carrying amount	1,655,194	128,324	1,044		1,784,562
At 30 June 2024					
At 30 June 2023	1,655,194	142,582	2,507		1,800,283

Freehold land and buildings were valued, by Garside Waddingham, Chartered surveyors, on 29 January 2015, on an asset valuation basis, in accordance with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Statement of Asset Valuation Practice.

The trustees do not believe the current value of the land and buildings is materially different from the valuation within the financial statements,

15 Fixed asset Investments

	Unlisted Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 July 2023	1,880,295
Movements	144,586
Valuation changes	(49,434)
Income	50,595
At 30 June 2024	2,019,108
Carrying amount	
At 30 June 2024	2,019,108
At 30 June 2023	1,880,295

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

16 Trade and other receivables		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade receivables		
Other receivables	1,827	1,827
Prepayments and accrued income	483	482
	<u>2,310</u>	<u>2,309</u>
17 Current liabilities		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade payables	11,261	11,261
Other payables	2,757	109,369
Accruals and deferred income	11,861	62,808
	<u>25,879</u>	<u>182,170</u>
18 Retirement benefit schemes		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>978</u>	<u>914</u>

The trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the trust in an independently administered fund.

19 Unrestricted funds

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

	At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	2,541,806	185,831	(234,195)	49,434		2,542,876
Investment revaluation fund	428,878			(49,434)	144,909	524,353
Property revaluation fund	836,664					836,664
Future care fund	300,000					300,000
	<u>4,107,348</u>	<u>185,831</u>	<u>(234,195)</u>		<u>144,909</u>	<u>4,203,893</u>

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Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

	Previous year: At 1 July 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	2,668,410	80,863	(260,127)	52,660		2,541,806
Investment revaluation fund	444,493			(52,660)	37,045	428,878
Property revaluation fund	856,664		(20,000)			836,664
Future care fund	300,000					300,000
	4,269,567	80,863	(280,127)		37,045	4,107,348

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 "none").