

Kirby Laing Foundation
A Registered Charity

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2023

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

at 31 December 2023

The Trustees present their financial statements and annual report for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed dated 14 June 1972, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) and update Bulletins 1 and 2.

Settlor Sir (William) Kirby Laing - deceased 12 April 2009

Date of Settlement 14 June 1972

Trustees Simon Webley
David Eric Laing -died 3 March 2024
Charles Edward Burch
Frederick Terence Wyndham Weller Lewis

The power of appointing Trustees is vested in the existing Trustees.

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Destination of Funds

(a) Income Exclusively for charitable purposes.

(b) Expendable Endowment To be retained by the Trustees or, at their discretion, applied as for income.

Investment Powers Unrestricted.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Kirby Laing Foundation was established in 1972 by Sir Kirby Laing. The Settlement governing the Foundation states that the income from the trust funds and, at the Trustees' discretion, the capital too, is to be distributed in donations "for charitable purposes". This is achieved through the Foundation's grant-making programme, which is its only charitable activity.

For the past 15 years, the Foundation's Board of Trustees has been ably led by David Laing, who took over the Chairmanship from his father, Sir Kirby Laing, in 2009, having been a Trustee since 1986. It was with great sadness that Trustees and staff learnt just before the year end that David was terminally ill; he died at the beginning of March 2024. David was actively involved with numerous local (first in Hertfordshire, then in Northamptonshire) and national charities. His charitable interests reflected his keen interest in literature, music, the wider arts and sport, along with his passion for historic buildings and encouraging the preservation of heritage crafts and skills...and his Christian faith, all of which he brought to the Kirby Laing Foundation. The award of a CBE in the 2024 New Year's Honours list for services to Charity and Philanthropy was richly deserved; his leadership and warm good humour are sorely missed by Trustees and staff alike.

The power to appoint new Trustees rests with the existing trustees as a body and they are currently actively reviewing the range of skills and experience represented among their number in order to ensure that they are adequate for the effective governance of the Foundation and to inform the appointment of new Trustees. As a first step towards strengthening the Trustee Board, they are pleased to have been able to recruit one of David's daughters-in-law, Alison Laing, who brings with her a variety of interests and experience, including in early years education, the arts and church matters. Policies and procedures for the induction of new Trustees are in place.

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Structure, Governance and Management - continued

The Trustees meet four times a year to consider the performance of their investment portfolio, reflect upon their grant-making strategy, approve the distribution of grants and review policies on reserves and risk assessment. The day-to-day administration of grants and the processing of applications prior to consideration by the Trustees, including meetings with applicants and project visits where larger grants are anticipated, have been delegated to the Trust Director, who is supported by a small staff team. The staff are all employees of the Kirby Laing Foundation but are shared with the Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust, the Beatrice Laing Trust and the Martin Laing Foundation, which contribute towards employment costs. The four trusts, known collectively as the Laing Family Trusts, also share office space owned by the Reculver Trust, making quarterly contributions towards the maintenance of the property at 33 Bunns Lane, Mill Hill.

An application to any one of the Laing Family Trusts is treated as an application to all, although, after the initial sifting process, applications considered suitable for further consideration by the Kirby Laing Foundation follow the Foundation's own administrative procedures and decision-making processes. Application is by letter and the grant application process, guidance on which appears on the Laing Family Trusts' website, is designed to be as simple as possible, while drawing out the key information required for a decision.

Objectives and Activities

As anticipated in last year's report, following a process of due diligence, a decision was made to divide a proportion of the Foundation's endowment fund between the three foundations established by Sir Kirby's descendants (the Martin, David and Christopher Laing Foundations), thus enabling younger generations to continue the family's tradition of Christian philanthropy. The process was finally formally completed in June 2024 and is thus not reflected in the financial statements currently under review. The transfer of shares was part of a spend down programme which the Trustees have since decided to discontinue, in the belief that, for the foreseeable future, the Foundation has a continuing and valuable role to play in providing funding in sectors facing significant financial challenges eg. the arts, Christian education and outreach, and social care. They are currently reviewing their grant-making priorities in the light of this decision and of the reduction in income which will result from the share transfer but are likely to continue to focus on the five funding streams originally identified as part of the spend down programme, with themes within them reflecting the interests of the founder, interpreted to respond to present day issues. Subject to ongoing review, these are:

- 1. Promotion of the Evangelical Christian Faith:**
 - Theological education and training – practical application & Christian ethics
 - Nurturing Christian faith in teens to 30s age group
 - English Cathedrals – sustainability, access and Christian outreach
- 2. Medical Welfare and Research – Education & Welfare in Ageing**
 - Improving understanding of the process and treatment of ageing and age-related conditions
 - Development of innovative models of care to improve the lives of older people
 - Programmes supporting the education & training of health professionals in ageing and age-related conditions
 - Development of sustainable models of palliative care at end of life
- 3. Performing Arts – Developing Talent**
 - Encouraging participation at grassroots level in order to identify talent
 - Programmes supporting young professionals
- 4. Overseas Development Projects**
 - Projects benefiting girls/young women and those with disabilities, with a geographical focus on Nepal and Bangladesh
- 5. Science & Engineering Innovation** – The Trustees are currently considering adopting a new approach to maximise the use of funds and impact, further details of which will appear on the website in due course.

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Objectives and Activities - continued Grants may be made towards capital projects, programme development costs or capacity building for future sustainability; grants are rarely made towards core costs, the delivery of ongoing projects or to individuals.

The Foundation's grant-making programme is financed by income derived solely from the Foundation's investment portfolios and its holding in the Diversified Property Fund for Charities, its holding in Eskmuir Properties having been gifted to the three family foundations referred to above. The two investment portfolios are managed on a discretionary basis by the Foundation's stockbrokers, Brewin Dolphin and Quilter Cheviot. Their performance is reviewed, and measured against published indices, on a regular basis. The objective has been to invest for a combination of capital and income growth on a long-term basis. The Trustees do not invest in companies whose core business is pornography, gambling, tobacco or the production and/or distribution of alcohol. Investment managers are required to comment on their overall approach to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues and the way in which these factors are influencing their investment advice/decisions, and on ESG performance relating specifically to holdings within the Foundation's portfolios, when reporting to the Trustees.

Achievements and Performance Grant expenditure in 2023 totalled £2,727,677, a reduction of 7.4% on the previous year's total of £2,946,257. All grants of £5,000 and above are listed by category in note 7 to the accounts, with additional details of all grants of £25,000 and over, broadly spread across the five funding streams identified above, provided below.

<u>Children & Young People</u>	<u>Paid</u>
Christian Youth Enterprises Sailing Centre	
<i>Project Delta - New changing and staff accommodation facilities</i>	£25,000
Fellowship Afloat Charitable Trust	
<i>Trinity Development Project</i>	£25,000

<u>Education & Training</u>	
Princes Trust	
<i>Get Into Health Care Programme (Last of 3 grants)</i>	£25,000

<u>Environment & Heritage</u>	
David Laing Foundation	
<i>Sir John Laing Statue</i>	£30,000

<u>Health & Medical Welfare</u>	
Hospice UK	
<i>Project ECHO - Frailty Network (3 of 6 grant instalments)</i>	£590,115
National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery	
<i>Rare Dementia Support Champions Scheme (1st of 2 grants)</i>	£125,000

<u>Overseas Development</u>	
The Leprosy Mission	
<i>FOUND (Fuelling Opportunities to end Unemployment for Nepalis with Disabilities) Project, Nepal (2 of 5 grant instalments)</i>	£257,464

<u>Religion</u>	
Bible Reading Fellowship	
<i>Church Lead for Anna Chaplaincy (2nd of 3 grants)</i>	£53,198
Cathedral Isle of Man	
<i>Reordering Project</i>	£25,000
Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership	
<i>Growing Faith Foundation Learning Hubs (1st of 2 grants)</i>	£26,250
Exeter Cathedral	
<i>New Cloister Gallery</i>	£250,000

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Achievements and Performance - continued	<u>Religion - continued</u>	<u>Paid</u>
	Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology in Cambridge	
	<i>Core Costs (2nd of 3 grants)</i>	£100,000
	London Institute for Contemporary Christianity	
	<i>Equipping the 'Emerging Generations' (2nd of 3 grants)</i>	£100,000
	SAT-7 Trust Ltd	
	<i>Digital Media and Viewer Support Work</i>	£100,000
	The Auckland Project	
	<i>Creation of the Faith Museum</i>	£135,000
	<u>The Arts</u>	
	Birmingham Royal Ballet	
	<i>Establishment of a Junior Company (2nd of 3 grants)</i>	£50,000
	Garsington Opera	
	<i>Garsington Studios - Arts Hub Project</i>	£225,000

As well as the grants listed in note 7, a further 7 grants totalling £16,250 were distributed through the Charities Aid Foundation. Taken together the Trustees are confident that the grants demonstrate a high degree of public benefit to a number of different sections of society, including vulnerable and disadvantaged people whatever their age, background, ability or additional needs.

In addition to grant expenditure, a further £115,849 was spent on investment manager's fees and £139,715 on support and governance costs. Income generated from the Foundation's investments fell by 3.2% to £2,220,047. The excess of expenditure over income, combined with a loss of £886,245 on the value of the Foundation's investments meant that the value of the Foundation's expendable endowment fell by £1,649,439 to £65,039,233, a figure which will be significantly reduced in the next set of financial statements following the transfer of the shares in Eskmuir Properties.

Risk Assessment	The Trustees annually review the major risks to which they feel the charity is exposed. These fall into three main areas: protection of assets and income, integrity of the grant-making process and employment and retention of staff. Having carried out their annual review of these risks they remain confident that they have in place systems and procedures which mitigate the risks as far as possible.
Auditors	In accordance with Chapter 3 S147 of Part VIII of the Charities Act 2011 the Charity's financial statements are subject to audit for the year to 31 December 2023.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities for the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed require 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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.

Approved by the Trustees on:

25th September 2024

Date

and signed on their behalf by:

Charles Bond

Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Trustees of the Kirby Laing Foundation - A Registered Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Kirby Laing Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

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

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; 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 [set out on page 7], the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charity and the environment in which it operates and considered the risk of acts by the charity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and the financial report (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate entries including journals to overstate revenue or understate expenditure and management bias in accounting estimates.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- discussions with management, including considerations of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- gaining an understanding of management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities; and
- identifying and testing journal entries.

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 is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit \(frc.org.uk\)](https://www.frc.org.uk/auditor-responsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's 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 auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Steve Robinson, Senior Statutory Auditor
Mercer & Hole LLP Chartered Accountants
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Date: 15 October 2024

Mercer & Hole LLP is eligible to act as an auditor 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

		Unrestricted Funds		Total	Total
		Expendable	Income	2023	Unrestricted
	Note	Endowment			Funds
		£	£	£	2022
					Restated
					£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Investments	2	-	2,220,047	2,220,047	2,293,555
TOTAL INCOME		-	2,220,047	2,220,047	2,293,555
EXPENDITURE					
Cost of raising funds	3	115,849	-	115,849	116,815
Charitable activities	4	-	2,867,392	2,867,392	2,973,876
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		115,849	2,867,392	2,983,241	3,090,691
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		(115,849)	(647,345)	(763,194)	(797,136)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	(886,245)	-	(886,245)	1,158,922
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AFTER GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		(1,002,094)	(647,345)	(1,649,439)	361,786
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		(647,345)	647,345	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(1,649,439)	-	(1,649,439)	361,786
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		66,788,672	-	66,788,672	66,426,886
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		65,139,233	-	65,139,233	66,788,672

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	Restated £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	10	63,617,539	64,619,634
		<u>63,617,539</u>	<u>64,619,634</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	1,153,237	199,794
Cash at bank	12	451,106	2,028,239
		<u>1,604,343</u>	<u>2,228,033</u>
LIABILITIES: amounts falling due within one year	13	(82,649)	(58,995)
		<u>1,521,694</u>	<u>2,169,038</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,521,694</u>	<u>2,169,038</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>65,139,233</u>	<u>66,788,672</u>
Representing:			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	14	<u>65,139,233</u>	<u>66,788,672</u>

Registered Charity No: 264299

Approved by the Trustees on:

25th September 2024
Date

and signed on their behalf by:

Charles Birch
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

for the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	16	(3,913,030)	(3,243,208)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income		2,220,047	2,293,555
Proceeds from sale of investments		791,585	3,045,972
Purchase of investments		(707,575)	(1,415,361)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		2,304,057	3,924,166
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(1,608,973)	680,958
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		2,868,115	2,187,157
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		1,259,142	2,868,115
Represented by:			
Cash held within the investment portfolio	10	808,036	839,876
Cash at bank	12	451,106	2,028,239
		<u>1,259,142</u>	<u>2,868,115</u>

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) and update Bulletins 1 and 2, and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of fixed asset investments. The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) Funds structure

The expendable endowment represents the funds settled originally by the Settlor and the Trustees are permitted to apply the capital as though it were income. Income is to be used for charitable purposes only.

c) Income recognition

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

Interest on funds held is included upon notification of the interest paid or payable. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. Credit is taken in the accounts for income tax deducted from investment income which has or will be reclaimed from H M Revenue & Customs up to 31 December 2023.

d) Expenditure recognition and irrecoverable VAT

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Single or multi-year grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the Trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attached to the grant is outside the control of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

e) Allocation of governance and other support costs

Governance and support costs have been allocated between charitable activities and governance. Governance and support costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned based on the estimated time spent by staff at the office of the Laing Family Trusts in the administration of donations and assessment of projects. The allocation of governance and support costs is analysed in note 5.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include the accountancy and audit costs relating to these financial statements together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

f) Cost of raising funds

Cost of generating funds comprises the investment managers' charges.

g) Charitable activities

The expenditure on charitable activities comprises grants made in the year and governance and support costs. An analysis of the grant expenditure for the year is shown in note 7.

h) Fixed asset investments

Listed investments are valued in the Balance Sheet at market value. Unlisted investments are included at the Trustees' estimate of market value. The net gain/(loss) on revaluation and disposal of investments is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

j) Pensions

The Foundation operates a group stakeholder pension scheme for employees. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable.

k) Foreign exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at year-end rates and translation differences are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

l) Currency

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

2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Unquoted £	Quoted £	Total £
2023			
Investment income from assets in the UK	1,379,864	603,159	1,983,023
Investment income from assets outside the UK	-	234,450	234,450
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	1,379,864	837,609	2,217,473
Less: non-recoverable tax credits and foreign taxation	-	(22,574)	(22,574)
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	1,379,864	815,035	2,194,899
Deposit interest			25,148
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			2,220,047
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2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS – continued

	Unquoted £	Quoted £	Total £
2022			
Investment income from assets in the UK	1,451,040	627,633	2,078,673
Investment income from assets outside the UK	-	236,172	236,172
	1,451,040	863,805	2,314,845
Less: non-recoverable tax credits and foreign taxation	-	(22,241)	(22,241)
	1,451,040	841,564	2,292,604
Deposit interest			951
			2,293,555

3. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	2023 £	2022 £
Investment managers' charges	115,849	116,815

4. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 Restated £
Grant funded activity (see note 7)	2,727,677	2,846,257
Support and governance costs		
- charitable activities (see note 5)	100,598	89,809
- governance (see note 5)	39,117	37,810
	2,867,392	2,973,876

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5. ALLOCATION OF OVERHEAD AND SUPPORT COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds			
	Expendable	Income	Total	Total
	Endowment		2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Property maintenance costs	-	3,751	3,751	3,006
Auditors' remuneration	-	4,680	4,680	4,620
Accountancy services	-	23,017	23,017	23,017
Office expenses	-	7,785	7,785	12,500
Trustee/meeting expenses	-	1,233	1,233	2,274
Computer support costs	-	2,768	2,768	2,149
Staff costs	-	96,102	96,102	79,607
Bank charges	-	379	379	446
	-	139,715	139,715	127,619

Staff costs are disclosed net of contributions recovered from The Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust, The Beatrice Laing Trust and The Martin Laing Foundation as disclosed below.

The Foundation is administered alongside The Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust, The Beatrice Laing Trust and The Martin Laing Foundation with which it shares its three full-time members of staff. Mr D Laing, a Trustee, was also a Trustee of The Beatrice Laing Trust. The staff are employees of the Foundation, the net employee costs for the year being £96,102 (2022 £79,607). Employment costs outstanding at the year-end amount to £49,832 (2022 £90,515).

The Foundation received contributions from the aforementioned Laing Family Trusts towards the cost of staff. Staff costs comprise the following:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross salaries	226,894	179,644
Benefits in kind	15,868	14,578
Employer's National Insurance costs	26,746	22,894
Employer's pension contributions	33,596	30,579
Recruitment and payroll costs	1,110	1,128
	304,214	248,823
Less contributions from other Laing Family Trusts:		
The Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust	(97,935)	(79,631)
The Beatrice Laing Trust	(97,935)	(79,631)
The Martin Laing Foundation	(12,242)	(9,954)
Total staff costs borne by Foundation	96,102	79,607

One employee received emoluments in the £90,000 - £100,000 band during the year (2022 - one employee in the £90,000 - £100,000 band). Pension contributions to the stakeholder pension scheme of £21,190 (2022 - £20,051) were made in respect of this employee. Three employees were members of the stakeholder pension scheme.

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5. ALLOCATION OF OVERHEAD AND SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Overhead and support costs were allocated between governance and charitable activities as detailed below:

2023	Governance	Charitable	Total
	£	Activities	£
UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUND		£	
Property maintenance costs	375	3,376	3,751
Auditors' remuneration	4,680	-	4,680
Accountancy fees	23,017	-	23,017
Office expenses	778	7,007	7,785
Trustee/Meeting expenses	-	1,233	1,233
Computer support costs	278	2,490	2,768
Staff costs	9,610	86,492	96,102
Bank charges	379	-	379
	<u>39,117</u>	<u>100,598</u>	<u>139,715</u>
2022	Governance	Charitable	Total
	£	Activities	£
UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUND		£	
Property maintenance costs	301	2,705	3,006
Auditors' remuneration	4,620	-	4,620
Accountancy fees	23,017	-	23,017
Office expenses	1,250	11,250	12,500
Trustee/Meeting expenses	-	2,274	2,274
Computer support costs	215	1,934	2,149
Staff costs	7,961	71,646	79,607
Bank charges	446	-	446
	<u>37,810</u>	<u>89,809</u>	<u>127,619</u>

6. TRUSTEES' EXPENSES AND REMUNERATION

The Trustees received no remuneration during the year (2022 - £nil). Three Trustees were reimbursed travelling costs totaling £305 (2022 - three Trustees - £604) and no subsistence costs were incurred (2022 - £nil).

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7. GRANTS

The charity awarded grants to a number of institutions in furtherance of its charitable activities which are summarised as follows:

	2023		2022	
	No	£	No	£
Children & Young People	3	57,500	5	110,000
Education & Training	4	53,700	-	-
Environment & Heritage	2	50,000	-	-
Health & Medical Welfare	8	786,115	14	242,480
Overseas Development	14	394,664	12	348,385
Religion	15	859,448	19	1,922,537
Social Welfare	3	20,000	3	15,000
The Arts	28	464,500	28	282,855
Charities Aid Foundation	1	45,000	1	25,000
Donation adj to loan		-		(100,000)
Grant returned		(3,250)		-
		<u>2,727,677</u>		<u>2,846,257</u>

Children & Young People

Chance to Shine	7,500
Christian Youth Enterprises Sailing Centre	25,000
Fellowship Afloat Charitable Trust	25,000
	<u>57,500</u>

Education & Training

Princes Trust	25,000
Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust	10,000
Salisbury Cathedral Trust	7,500
The King's Foundation	11,200
	<u>53,700</u>

Environment & Heritage

David Laing Foundation	30,000
Loughborough Bell Foundry Trust	20,000
	<u>50,000</u>

Health & Medical Welfare

Association of British Neurologists	10,000
BRACE (2 payments)	30,000
Brain Research UK	6,000
British Heart Foundation	10,000
Hospice UK (3 payments)	590,115
Motor Neurone Disease Association	5,000
National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery Development Foundation	125,000
University of Aberdeen	10,000
	<u>786,115</u>

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7. GRANTS - continued	2023 £
<u>Overseas Development</u>	
British Red Cross UK/International	15,000
Carers Worldwide	6,000
Dhaka Ahsania Mission UK	10,000
Frank Water	6,200
Gurkha Welfare Trust	10,000
IMPACT Foundation	15,000
International Nepal Fellowship	5,000
Interserve Great Britain & Ireland	20,000
LAMB Health Care Foundation	5,000
Mines Advisory Group	10,000
Plan International UK	20,000
The Leprosy Mission (2 payments)	257,464
United Purpose	5,000
World Vision UK	10,000
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	394,664
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<u>Religion</u>	
Bible Reading Fellowship	53,198
Bristol International Student Centre	5,000
Cathedral Isle of Man	25,000
Chichester Cathedral Restoration & Development Trust	20,000
Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership	26,250
Exeter Cathedral	250,000
Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology in Cambridge	100,000
Lichfield Cathedral	5,000
London Institute for Contemporary Christianity	100,000
Oak Church, Stevenage	7,500
Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability	7,500
SAT-7 Trust Ltd	100,000
St Paul's Cathedral Foundation	20,000
The Auckland Project	135,000
The Royal School of Church Music	5,000
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	859,448
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<u>Social Welfare</u>	
John Laing Charitable Trust	5,000
Literature Works	5,000
Redhills	10,000
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7. GRANTS - continued

	2023
	£
<u>The Arts</u>	
Academy of Ancient Music	5,000
Art Fund	10,000
Awards for Young Musicians	10,000
Birmingham Royal Ballet	50,000
Buxton Festival	5,000
Creative Oundle	10,000
Dorset Opera	5,000
Garsington Opera (2 payments)	225,000
Hatfield House Chamber Music Festival	5,000
Help Musicians UK	10,000
London Philharmonic Orchestra	5,000
London Symphony Orchestra	5,000
National Youth Jazz Orchestra	20,000
National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain	10,000
Nevill Holt Opera	10,000
Opera Holland Park Friends	5,000
Royal & Derngate Northamptonshire	10,000
Royal College of Music	18,500
Royal Northern College of Music	10,000
Southbank Sinfonia	9,000
St Albans International Organ Festival	12,000
Wallace Collection	5,000
Welsh National Opera	10,000
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	464,500
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Charities Aid Foundation	45,000
Grant returned	(3,250)
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	41,750
TOTAL DONATIONS TO CHARITIES	<hr/>
	2,727,677

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8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No related party transactions were made during the year.

9. FUTURE COMMITMENTS

The Trustees have made non-binding grant commitments of £5,000 and above payable in the next four years as follows:

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
	£	£	£	£	£
Commitments brought forward	1,615,277	593,804	7,500	7,500	-
Commitments paid during year	(1,615,277)	-	-	-	-
Commitments made during year	-	106,900	73,700	50,000	10,000
Commitments deferred	-	-	-	-	-
Commitments at 31 December 2023	-	700,704	81,200	57,500	10,000

During 2023 the Trustees also made further non-binding grant commitments to future projects, the timing of which is unknown, totaling £1,720,000 (2022 - £1,041,000).

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10. INVESTMENTS

	Quoted Investments		Unquoted Investments		Cash held in Capital Accounts	2023 Total	2022 Total
	Brewin Dolphin	Quilter Cheviot	Trustees' Names	£			
Market value at 1 January 2023	16,153,027	8,178,940	39,447,791	839,876	64,619,634	64,608,861	
Disposal proceeds	(490,635)	(300,950)	-	-	(791,585)	(3,045,972)	
Add: Acquisitions at cost	667,957	39,618	-	-	707,575	1,415,361	
Investment gains/(losses)	549,272	778,311	(2,213,828)	-	(886,245)	1,158,922	
Movement in cash	-	-	-	(31,840)	(31,840)	482,462	
Market value at 31 December 2023	16,879,621	8,695,919	37,233,963	808,036	63,617,539	64,619,634	
Historical cost at 31 December 2023	12,878,287	5,621,693	13,606,760		32,106,730		
Historical cost at 31 December 2022	12,770,956	5,837,894	13,606,760		32,215,610		

The market values of the unquoted investments have been calculated using the Trustees' best estimate of market values as follows:

Eskmuir Properties Ltd	£11.54 per share (2022- £12.81)
The Diversified Property Fund for Charities	£1.3770 per share (2022- £1.3556)

David Laing was a Director of Eskmuir Properties Limited.

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10. INVESTMENTS - continued

The following investments comprise more than 5% of the value of the investment portfolio.

Investment	Holding	Market Value £
Eskmuir Properties Ltd	1,926,722 Ordinary shares of £1	22,234,372
Diversified Property Fund for Charities	10,892,949 units	14,999,591

	Quoted Investments		Unquoted Investments		2022	
	Brewin Dolphin £	Quilter Cheviot £	Trustees' Names £	2023 Total £	Total £	
Investment assets in the UK	9,271,557	3,324,371	37,233,963	49,829,891	52,052,371	
Investment assets outside the UK	7,608,064	5,371,548	-	12,979,612	11,727,387	
Cash held within the investment portfolios	420,723	387,313	-	808,036	839,876	
	<u>17,300,344</u>	<u>9,083,232</u>	<u>37,233,963</u>	<u>63,617,539</u>	<u>64,619,634</u>	

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11. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
		Restated
	£	£
Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust	23,450	42,595
Beatrice Laing Trust	23,450	42,595
Martin Laing Foundation	2,931	5,325
Tax recoverable	3,108	4,692
Loan - Coventry Cathedral	1,000,000	-
Loan - Rock UK	100,000	100,000
Dividends due	298	4,587
	<u>1,153,237</u>	<u>199,794</u>

During the year the Trustees made an interest-free bridging loan to Coventry Cathedral of £1 million for the purchase of 9-10 Priory Row.

An adjustment was made to 2022 for a loan made to Rock UK which was previously recorded as a donation. The loan is due to be repaid by the end of August 2024.

12. CASH

The cash at bank is made up as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current account	406,252	1,983,433
Brewin Dolphin income account	44,854	44,806
	<u>451,106</u>	<u>2,028,239</u>

13. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditors	4,800	4,620
Accountants	46,033	23,017
Reculver Trust	-	348
Trustee Expense	-	58
Pension	2,848	-
Curo	-	120
Aviva	-	2,012
Investment managers	28,968	28,820
	<u>82,649</u>	<u>58,995</u>

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14. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

2023	Expendable Endowment £	Income Account £	Total £
Unrestricted funds comprise the following:			
Investments	63,617,539	-	63,617,539
Cash	1,550,662	(1,099,556)	451,106
Debtors	-	1,153,237	1,153,237
Creditors	(28,968)	(53,681)	(82,649)
	<u>65,139,233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,139,233</u>
2022	Expendable Endowment £	Income Account £	Total £
Unrestricted funds comprise the following:			
Investments	64,619,634	-	64,619,634
Cash	2,197,858	(169,619)	2,028,239
Debtors	-	199,794	199,794
Creditors	(28,820)	(30,175)	(58,995)
	<u>66,788,672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,788,672</u>

15. VOLUNTEERS

Other than the Trustees, the Charity receives no contribution from volunteers.

16. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 Restated £
Net movement in funds (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(1,649,439)	361,786
(Gains)/losses on investments shown in investing activities	886,245	(1,158,922)
Deduct investment income shown in investing activities	(2,220,047)	(2,293,555)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(953,443)	(151,098)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	23,654	(1,419)
	<u>(3,913,030)</u>	<u>(3,243,208)</u>