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THE WHINFELL CHARITABLE FUND

**UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31 JANUARY 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Trust was created and continues to be governed by a trust deed dated 3 December 1973. The Trust is a registered charity, number 267333 and is also subject to the regulations of the Charity Commission.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS102) in preparing the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published October 2019 (Second Edition).

Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the charity during the year has been to support other charities, particularly in the fields of local and global social impact.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have considered the general guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in carrying out its objectives and activities and are satisfied that the objectives fall under the provisions of the Charities Act 2011. The Trust furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant-making policy.

Review of the financial year / achievements and performance

There have been no changes in the organisational structure of the charity during the year.

Income and expenditure:

The Trust received income for the year totalling £138,216 (2023: £109,671). Expenditure totalled £183,726, £150,000 of which relates to distributions made by the Trustees, at their discretion, to beneficiaries (2023: total expenditure £116,795 of which £77,000 related to distributions). Distributions have been made to eight charitable organisations (2023: seven). During this current financial year there has been a deficit of income over expenditure, before net gains/losses on investments, of £45,510 (2023: £7,124).

Investments:

At the start of the year the Trust's quoted investments were valued at £6,048,396 and by the end of the year the value had increased to £6,453,855.

Investment Managers report

Last year, global Equity markets had their best year since 2019, lifted by optimism that the US Federal Reserve will cut interest rates swiftly and that innovations in artificial intelligence (AI) will boost profits. US stocks were the main driver of the rally, with a total return of 26.3%.

This partly reflected growing confidence that the US economy is headed for a soft economic landing, with growth slowing sufficiently to permit rate cuts without tipping into recession. Inflation, which remained stubbornly high for much of 2023 in both the US and Europe, decelerated late in the year. This allowed the Federal Reserve to signal a likely end to the fastest series of rate hikes since the 1980s. At its final policy meeting of the year, the Fed laid the groundwork for easing in 2024, with the median forecast by top officials for three 0.25% interest rate cuts over the course of 2024.

The Fed's pivot also contributed to a steep rally in government Bonds late in the year. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury fell from a 16-year peak of 5% in late October to end the year at 3.86%, only a few basis points higher than where it started 2023.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

Review of the financial year (continued)

Investment Managers report (continued)

Markets also recovered from several setbacks in 2023. In March, the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank briefly raised concerns over the health of the US banking system before decisive action from the Federal Reserve helped restore confidence. For much of the summer, strong US economic data and elevated inflation kindled fears that the Fed would be forced to keep interest rates higher for longer. Also in October, the Hamas attack on Israel sparked worries that an escalating conflict in the Middle East could disrupt energy supplies and lead to another round of higher inflation. Encouragingly, markets rebounded from each of these episodes.

Part of the reason for this resilience was growing confidence in the potential for AI to boost profits. The growing visibility of generative AI, following the launch of ChatGPT at the end of 2022, was a dominant theme for the year. Top tech firms were the biggest gainers, with the "Magnificent 7" gaining 107%. The FANG+ Index, which tracks the shares of the 10 most traded US tech firms, rallied 96% over the year.

But there were also laggards. China's equity market lost 10.7% over the year, as the nation's recovery from pandemic restrictions was weaker than expected and government stimulus measures failed to impress investors. With the focus on technology stocks, markets less exposed to this sector also trailed. The MSCI UK gained only 7.7% and the Swiss market just 5.3%.

The Global High Dividend Yield Portfolio outperformed its benchmark, with the top three contributors for last year being, Broadcom (+21.1%), CVS Health (+16.2%) and Intel (+12.4%). Meanwhile the top three detractors within the portfolio were, Proctor & Gamble (-4.6%), Denso Corp (-3.6%) and Starbucks (-3.3%).

In the Sustainable Investing (SI) Growth Portfolio, we increased the relative overweight allocation to 5-year US Treasuries against 10-year US Treasuries, seeing room for long-term Bonds to decline further. Moreover, we slightly reduced the overweight position in multilateral development bank Bonds. Within Equities, the portfolio is overweight SI value stocks and underweight global ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) leaders and ESG improvers Equities.

Performance (to end of Jan 2024):

The 12-month net of fee returns to the end of January 2024 were 8.49%. This compares favourably to industry peer group (Asset Risk Consultant Steady Growth) returns of 3.92%.

The long-term portfolio returns remain positive on both an absolute and relative basis. As of the end of January 2024, the annualised net performance since December 2007 is 5.6%, versus industry peer group returns of 4.3%. The Fund withdraws the investment income and as a result this does not compound within the returns.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

J L Mitchell
K A L Duff
S E Clifford Bowles

J L Mitchell sadly passed away on 24 January 2024.

The Trustees meet at least once a year to review the regular distributions out of trust income, normally made in January. They meet as necessary at other times to review which charities will benefit from income which remains to be allocated.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

Investment policy

The Trustees review annually their policy for investment objective and management of the investments.

Investment policy (continued)

UBS AG continue as investment advisers on a discretionary basis and are instructed to hold the charity's investments as nominees.

The investment objective is for income to increase but the capital should, if possible, maintain its value in line with inflation. This is to be achieved by a balanced portfolio of equities with a risk profile not greater than medium.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 Charities SORP (FRS102) (Second Edition – October 2019);
- ~ 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;
- ~ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining 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.

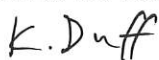
Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that the level of reserves held at 31 January 2024 to be satisfactory taking into account the future needs and objectives of the charity. The Trustees review at regular intervals the amount of income received by the charity alongside the requests for donations to beneficiaries.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified the risks to which the charity is exposed and assessed their consequential impact on the financial activity of the charity. The level of risk assessed has not changed since the previous year. The Trustees are satisfied that the necessary systems are in place to mitigate the charity's exposure to those risks.

On behalf of the Trustees



K A L Duff
7 June 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WHINFELL CHARITABLE FUND

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) 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 since been withdrawn.

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

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

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



DAVID BUTTERWORTH FCA
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7 June 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended

31 JANUARY 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £
Income and endowments from:			
Investments	3	138,216	108,771
Donations		-	900
Total income and endowments		138,216	109,671
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	4	(29,795)	(33,975)
Charitable activities	5	(153,931)	(82,820)
Total expenditure		(183,726)	(116,795)
Net (deficit) for the year		(45,510)	(7,124)
Net gains / (losses) on Investments	7	397,277	(305,125)
Net income / (deficit) and net movement in funds		351,767	(312,249)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	10	6,112,622	6,424,871
Total funds carried forward	10	6,464,389	6,112,622

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

31 JANUARY 2024

Notes	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixed asset investments		
7 Quoted	6,453,855	6,048,396
Current assets		
8 Debtors	13,166	65,474
Cash at bank	1,041	2,218
	<u>14,207</u>	<u>67,692</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
9	<u>(3,673)</u>	<u>(3,466)</u>
Net current assets	10,534	64,226
Total net assets	<u>6,464,389</u>	<u>6,112,622</u>
Charity Funds		
10 Unrestricted funds	<u>6,464,389</u>	<u>6,112,622</u>
Total charity funds	<u>6,464,389</u>	<u>6,112,622</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 7 June 2024:

K. Duff

K A L Duff
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 General information

The Trust was created and continues to be governed by a trust deed dated 3 December 1973. The Trust is a registered charity, number 267333 and is also subject to the regulations of the Charity Commission. The address of the Trust is 35 Westgate, Huddersfield, HD1 1PA.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) Second edition issued October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The charity has applied the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102), Second Edition, issued October 2019, and does not include a cashflow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS102 1A.

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

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.

Funds

Unrestricted funds 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.

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and bonds. It includes dividends and interest. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

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2 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds includes investment costs;
- Expenditure on charitable activities is the payment of grants to the charity's beneficiaries.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, these are recognised as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance the grant is recognised to the extent that the recipient has satisfied the performance conditions set out in the grant agreement at the balance sheet date.

Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency at the balance sheet date are translated using the closing rate.

Taxation

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011.

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2 Accounting policies (continued)

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

3	Income from investments	2024 £	2023 £
	Income from quoted investments	135,112	107,991
	Bank and other interest	3,104	780
		<u>138,216</u>	<u>108,771</u>
4	Expenditure on raising funds	2024 £	2023 £
	Investment management costs	29,113	29,172
	Deficit on foreign currency exchange	682	4,803
		<u>29,795</u>	<u>33,975</u>
5	Expenditure on charitable activities	2024 £	2023 £
	Independent examination fees	3,673	3,466
	Underprovision of examination fees prior year	208	1,454
	Administrative expenses	50	900
	Distributions to charities	150,000	77,000
		<u>153,931</u>	<u>82,820</u>

Details of distributions to charities are set out on page 25.

6 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2023: £ Nil).

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2023 : £ Nil).

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7	Fixed asset investments	2024 £	2023 £
	Movement in fixed asset investments		
	Market value at 1 February 2023	6,048,396	6,398,232
	Additions to investments at cost	983,418	3,027,936
	Disposals at carrying value	(971,620)	(3,206,246)
	Unrealised gains / (losses) on investments	393,661	(171,526)
		<u>6,453,855</u>	<u>6,048,396</u>
	Market value at 31 January 2024	<u>6,453,855</u>	<u>6,048,396</u>
	All fixed asset investments are listed.		
	Net gains on investments are made up of:		
	Realised (losses) / gains on disposals of investments	3,616	(133,599)
	Unrealised (losses) / gains on investments	393,661	(171,526)
		<u>397,277</u>	<u>(305,125)</u>
8	Debtors	2024 £	2023 £
	Investment capital held by investment manager	<u>13,166</u>	<u>65,474</u>
9	Creditors	2024 £	2023 £
	Accruals	<u>3,673</u>	<u>3,466</u>

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10 Fund reconciliation

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 February 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Profit on investments £	Balance at 31 January 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	6,112,622	138,216	(183,726)	397,277	6,464,389

Fund descriptions

Unrestricted funds

The general funds of the charity are available to be distributed at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

11 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year or the prior year.