

Charity number: 268321

The Godinton Charitable Trust

**Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 October 2024**

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Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers for the year ended 31 October 2024

Trustees

The Honourable J D Leigh-Pemberton
T J Bennett
M F Jennings (resigned 8 December 2023)
The Honourable W G Plumptre

Charity registered number

268321

Principal office

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Chartered Accountants
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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 October 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Structure, governance and management

• Constitution

The grant making charity was constituted by the late Alan Wyndham Green ("the settlor") by a settlement dated 21 March 1974. The trustees are required to pay or apply the income of the trust fund and at any time or times to pay or apply the whole or any part of the capital of the trust fund to or for such charitable objects or purposes as the settlor directed. Since his death on 6 February 1996, the trustees have absolute discretion as to the application of the trust fund for charitable objects or purposes. In a letter of intent dated 17 January 1991 the settlor directed the trustees, after his death, to transfer to The Godinton House Preservation Trust (registered charity no. 1002278) such amounts of capital or income at such times as the trustees think fit at their discretion.

• Organisational structure and decision making

The trustees are named on page 1. Appointment of trustees is governed by the trust deed of the charity. The board of trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of existing trustees.

Objectives and activities

• Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

• Grant-making policies

The charity is a privately funded grant-making charity. It issues no appeals for funding. While the trustees have discretion as to the application of its income or capital, for charitable objects or purposes generally, it was always the intention that the charity would help provide long-term endowment for its associated charity, The Godinton House Preservation Trust ("Godinton"). The trustees have therefore determined:

- (i) To regard the charity as available primarily for the benefit of Godinton;
- (ii) To regard Godinton as having priority over other charitable purposes or objects;
- (iii) Subject to that, to apply the charity's income mainly for the benefit of other Kent-based charities.

The trustees liaise closely with the Godinton trustees in order to decide which projects to support and, therefore, the proportions in which the charity's available income is to be provided for or towards Godinton projects and, subject thereto, for the benefit of other charities. When approving specific grants to Godinton, or in support of other charitable objects and purposes generally, the trustees do so after considering whether the proposed grant meets the test of providing public benefit in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. In conjunction with Godinton the trustees are keen to promote and support educational and training projects on the Godinton estate.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 October 2024

Achievements and performance

• Review of activities, future plans and financial review

The charity made a surplus of £619,372 for the year after realised gains of £114,307 and unrealised gains of £495,764 on investment property and assets. As at 31 October 2024 the charity had unrestricted funds of £7,432,009.

The charity has continued to make annual and one off donations for charitable purposes as set out in the accounts (note 5). The trustees received applications for grants and those applications that met the grant making policy of the charity were considered at the biannual meetings of the trustees and grants have been awarded as shown. It is expected that the charity will continue to operate in this manner in the forthcoming year.

• Investment policy and performance

The trustees have delegated the management of investments to Waverton Investment Management (Waverton) at its discretion which is exercised in the best interests of the charity.

(i) Investment objective

The aim of the charity is to secure an overall return at the best rate Waverton believes to be sustainable over the long term, to be achieved by a combination of capital growth and income, via a prudent and balanced exposure to the best stocks and funds worldwide.

(ii) Investment restrictions

The trustees have wide powers of investment. There are no specific restrictions other than that the investments should be suitable for trustees.

(iii) Investment strategy

The portfolio may be invested, consistent with the objective, in a diversified selection of equities, fixed interest stocks, bonds, funds and cash with overall medium risk.

(iv) Review

Waverton provides reports on the portfolio at least half yearly, incorporating indicators of its performance as measured periodically in relation to the agreed benchmarks. The primary benchmark is the FTSE/APCIMS Income Index.

The trustees review periodically (1) the investment objective, as stated above, in relation to the needs of the charity and (2) the arrangements under which Waverton acts as their investment manager.

The trustees are satisfied with the performance of the investment portfolio in the period under review.

• Reserves policy and going concern

As the charity is grant-making, and has no long term obligations (all its grants being discretionary, year by year) the trustees have concluded that there is no ideal level of reserves. However, if the charity's income in any year exceeds its expenditure for that year the excess is carried forward towards future expenditure, the trustees' policy being to match income and expenditure over time. In the opinion of the trustees the charity has sufficient liquid assets to meet any reasonably foreseeable liability that may arise in a period of 12 months from the date of the approval of these accounts.

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Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees and signed on their behalf by:

The Honourable J D Leigh-Pemberton

Trustee

Date: 6 December 2024

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Independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 October 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Godinton Charitable Trust ('the charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

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. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 6 December 2024

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Chavereys Limited

Chartered Accountants

Faversham

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 October 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Investments	3	157,313	157,313	182,792
Total income		157,313	157,313	182,792
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds:				
Investment management		31,140	31,140	29,662
Charitable activities	4	116,872	116,872	112,376
Total expenditure		148,012	148,012	142,038
Net income before net gains on investments		9,301	9,301	40,754
Net gains on investments		610,071	610,071	94,207
Net movement in funds		619,372	619,372	134,961
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		6,812,637	6,812,637	6,677,676
Net movement in funds		619,372	619,372	134,961
Total funds carried forward		7,432,009	7,432,009	6,812,637

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 October 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	9	6,946,141	6,378,954
Investment property	8	179,717	175,000
		<u>7,125,858</u>	<u>6,553,954</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		321,222	273,206
		<u>321,222</u>	<u>273,206</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(15,070)	(14,523)
		<u>306,152</u>	<u>258,683</u>
Net current assets			
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>7,432,010</u>	<u>6,812,637</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>7,432,010</u></u>	<u><u>6,812,637</u></u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	11	7,432,010	6,812,637
Total funds		<u><u>7,432,010</u></u>	<u><u>6,812,637</u></u>

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

The Honourable J D Leigh-Pemberton
Trustee

Date: 6 December 2024

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024

1. General information

The charity is a charitable trust (charity number 268321). The registered office is Godinton House, Godinton Park, Ashford, Kent TN23 3BP.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Godinton Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling (£) and are rounded to the nearest £1.

2.2 Going concern

In the opinion of the trustees there are no material uncertainties about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

2.3 Income

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

2.4 Expenditure

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

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'gains/(losses) on investments' in the statement of financial activities.

2.6 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.7 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

3. Investment income

	2024 £	2023 £
Interest from listed investments and cash deposits	20,258	14,621
Dividend income from listed investments	137,055	168,171
	<u>157,313</u>	<u>182,792</u>

All investment income and related investment management charges for both the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

4. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grants 2024 £	Support and governance costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants	106,600	10,272	116,872

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4. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

	Grants 2023 £	Support and governance costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants	100,250	12,126	112,376

5. Grants

	2024 £	2023 £
Godinton House Preservation Trust	74,000	71,000
The Rifles Officers Fund	1,000	1,000
Great Chart PCC	1,750	1,750
National Arts Collection Fund	1,000	1,000
Army Benevolent Fund	1,000	1,000
Glyndebourne Arts Trust	1,000	1,000
Hothfield PCC	1,750	1,750
Pilgrims Hospices in East Kent	1,000	1,000
Kent Wildlife Trust	1,000	1,000
Kentish Stour Countryside Project	1,000	1,000
Kent Community Foundation Ashford	2,000	2,000
Rochester Cathedral	2,500	2,500
Porchlight	2,000	-
Brogdale	1,000	-
Dover Sea Cadets	1,000	-
Second Chance	1,000	-
Bower Grove School	3,000	-
Kent Autistic Trust	3,000	-
Great Chart Cricket Club	1,600	-
Brook Rural Museums	2,000	-
British Triathlon Federation	3,000	-
St Mary's Church, Great Chart	-	1,250
Hypo Hounds	-	4,000
Ashford Mediation Services	-	2,000
Rising Sun	-	2,000
United Response	-	1,000
Porchlight	-	2,000
Carer's Support	-	2,000
	106,600	100,250

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6. Support and governance costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank charges	71	72
Independent examiner's fees	3,201	2,526
Management charge	7,000	6,600
Legal fees	-	2,928
	<u>10,272</u>	<u>12,126</u>

All support and governance costs for both the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds and were made in pursuance of the charity's grant making activity.

7. Trustees

During the year, no trustees, received any remuneration, benefits in kind or reimbursement of expenses (2023-£nil).

8. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 November 2023	175,000
Surplus on revaluation	4,717
At 31 October 2024	<u>179,717</u>

The 2024 valuations was made by L Nesfield MRICS FAAV, on an open market value for existing use basis.

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9. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash at brokers £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 November 2023	5,899,931	479,023	6,378,954
Additions	1,395,941	-	1,395,941
Disposals	(1,337,176)	17,374	(1,319,802)
Revaluations	491,047	-	491,047
At 31 October 2024	<u>6,449,744</u>	<u>496,397</u>	<u>6,946,141</u>

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>15,070</u>	<u>14,523</u>

11. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 November 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 October 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	<u>6,812,637</u>	<u>157,313</u>	<u>(148,011)</u>	<u>610,071</u>	<u>7,432,010</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 November 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 October 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	<u>6,677,676</u>	<u>182,792</u>	<u>(142,038)</u>	<u>94,207</u>	<u>6,812,637</u>

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12. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 November 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 October 2024 £
General funds	<u>6,812,637</u>	<u>157,313</u>	<u>(148,011)</u>	<u>610,071</u>	<u>7,432,010</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 November 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 October 2023 £
General funds	<u>6,677,676</u>	<u>182,792</u>	<u>(142,038)</u>	<u>94,207</u>	<u>6,812,637</u>

13. Related party transactions

The Godinton House Preservation Trust (registered charity no. 1002278) is a charity established by the late Alan Wyndham Green to preserve Godinton House, its grounds, surrounding parkland and contents for public benefit. The Hon J D Leigh-Pemberton and the Hon W G Plumptre are trustees of this charity. During the year the charity incurred a management charge for administration work of £7,000 (2023: £6,600).