

**Charity Registration No. 270749**

**THE ASHENDENE TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021**

# THE ASHENDENE TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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# THE ASHENDENE TRUST

## TRUSTEES REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021**

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

### Objectives and activities

The Trust objectives are to continue the policy of supporting a wide variety of charitable causes.

The trust was originally set up in December 1975 to permit Pusey Gardens to be used as a garden and arboretum for the public and for research in horticulture.

When Pusey House was sold in September 1990, the purpose of the charity changed.

The trust's current purpose is to provide grants to relatively small organisations where the grant will have a real impact.

The trust aims to support the following groups:

- Children/young people
- Elderly/old people
- Charities/voluntary bodies

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Trust should undertake.

The trust supports the following types of organisations:

- General charitable purposes
- Arts/culture/heritage/science
- Environment/conservation/heritage
- Education/training
- Prevention or relief of poverty
- Religious activities

### Achievements and performance

The gross income of the Trust for the year was £34,316 (2020: £59,623). The Trust made donations during the year in favour of 19 (2020: 26) separate charities to a total value of £57,750 (2020: £63,950).

### Financial review

For the year under review, income and expenditure on the unrestricted Income Funds yielded a deficit of £1,250 (2020: deficit £8,681), and on the Capital Fund a surplus of £126,527 (2020: deficit of £291,280). The total unrestricted funds surplus carried forward at the year end is £1,095,318 (2020: £970,041).

It is the policy of the Trust that funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Trust's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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## TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

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The trust intends to continue to invest its assets in a number of income-producing unitised investments.

The aim is to distribute the income from these investments on an annual basis to the various charities as chosen by the trustees.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Ashendene Trust was established by a charitable trust deed on 19 December 1975, which stipulates that its income shall be applied solely towards such charitable purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion shall determine, and that the trustees may not be paid any remuneration.

The trust is recognised as a charity by the UK Charity Commission: Number 270749.

The principal office of the trust is at 34 Sackville Street, London, W1S 3ED

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Nicholas Hornby  
James Spence  
Camilla Pugh

All three members on the trustee board are responsible for the process of recruitment, ensuring that it complies with any requirements set out in the charity's governing body.

The trustees interview the short-listed candidates and assess what skills and knowledge they would bring to the board.

References, formal vetting and approval by the full trustee board are required to invite a candidate to join the trustees.

The Chairman, Nick Hornby, writes to the prospective trustee, setting out their duties and expectations. The prospective trustee signs and returns a copy of the letter.

An induction process is arranged and all relevant parties, such as funders, solicitors and accountants, are notified of the new appointment.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Nicholas Hornby  
Trustee  
Dated: 10 December 2021



# THE ASHENDENE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ASHENDENE TRUST

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I report on the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 11

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The Trust's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### 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 the 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.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 10 December 2021

# THE ASHENDENE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

	Notes	Income funds £	Capital funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>					
Investments	3	34,316	-	34,316	59,623
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>					
Charitable activities	4	60,566	-	60,566	68,304
Net gains on investments	9	-	151,527	151,527	(291,280)
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers</b>		(26,250)	151,527	125,277	(299,961)
Gross transfers between funds		25,000	(25,000)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(1,250)	126,527	125,277	(299,961)
Fund balances at 6 April 2020		2,292	967,749	970,041	1,270,002
<b>Fund balances at 5 April 2021</b>		1,042	1,094,276	1,095,318	970,041

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Investments	10	894,145		950,514	
Cash at bank and in hand		222,373		22,017	
		<u>1,116,518</u>		<u>972,531</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	(21,200)		(2,490)	
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1,095,318</u>		<u>970,041</u>	
<b>Represented by</b>					
Capital fund		1,094,276		967,749	
Income fund		1,042		2,292	
		<u>1,095,318</u>		<u>970,041</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 10 December 2021

Nicholas Hornby  
Trustee



James Spence  
Trustee





# THE ASHENDENE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

The Ashendene Trust is an Unincorporated Charity whose registered address is 34 Sackville Street, London, W1S 3ED.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). 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 applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 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. 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.

#### 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.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenses are allocated on an accruals basis and have been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

#### Governance Costs

These include costs of administration, any costs for preparation and examination of statutory accounts and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

#### 1.6 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.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.7 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.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors 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 creditors, 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.

Creditors 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. Creditors 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.

### 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 5 APRIL 2021

### 3 Income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income from listed investments	34,308	59,601
Interest receivable	8	22
	<u>34,316</u>	<u>59,623</u>

### 4 Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 5)	57,750	65,350
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	2,816	2,954
	<u>60,566</u>	<u>68,304</u>

### 5 Grants payable

	2021	2020
Donations > £2,000	52,500	55,500
Donations < £2,000	5,250	9,850
	<u>57,750</u>	<u>65,350</u>

Donations of more than £2,000 made during the year include the following:

- Whitley Fund for Nature £5,000
- Tetbury Music Festival £5,000
- Barns Theatre £5,000
- Cherie Blair Foundation for Women £5,000
- Gloucestershire Society £5,000
- Chailey Heritage Foundation £5,000
- Smart Works Charity £5,000
- EPI £5,000
- Springboard Chippenham £5,000
- Prince's Trust £5,000
- Allegra's Ambition £2,500

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

### 6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	2020 £	Basis of allocation
Accountancy	-	1,110	1,110	1,200	Based on time spent
Sundry	-	1,706	1,706	1,754	Based on cost allocation
	-	2,816	2,816	2,954	
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	2,816	2,816	2,954	

### 7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

### 8 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

### 9 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Revaluation of investments	146,006	(290,929)
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	5,521	(351)
	151,527	(291,280)

### 10 Current asset investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Listed investments	894,145	950,514

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

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### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	20,000	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,200	2,490
	<u>21,200</u>	<u>2,490</u>

### 12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

