

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 271333

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 5 April 2023

INDEX

	PAGE
Report of the Trustees	2 - 4
Independent Examiner's report	5
Statement of financial activities	6
Balance sheet	7
Accumulated Income Fund	8
Capital Fund and Investment summary	9
Management expenses	10
Donations paid and committed	11
Accounting policies	12

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 271333

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Administrative information, governance and management

Trustees	Mr P E Haynes FCA Mr W J Wallis BA FCA
Honorary Secretary	Mr W J Wallis, 5 Harestone Drive, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6HX
Board of Advisors	Prof. C C Dyer CBE, BA, PhD, FBA, FSA, FRHS Mr Peter Draper MA, FSA Dr Ken Emond MA, PhD, FSA
Independent Examiner	Mr D P Wheeler, FCCA Cheeld Wheeler and Co, Chartered Certified Accountants Redhill Chambers, 2d High Street, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1RJ
Investment Managers	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited, 30 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7QN
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Telephone	Trustees: 01737 842186 / 01883 347763
Email:	philip.haynes@tiscali.co.uk

The Trust is a registered charity operating in accordance with a Trust Deed dated 22 December 1975, under which the late Dr M F B Fitch established a Trust Fund. The trustees hold this Fund, both capital and income, for such exclusively charitable purposes as they may determine. The Trust Deed provided specifically for a power of accumulation, so as to add to the Capital of the Fund, for a period of 21 years from the date of its execution. This period ended on 21 December 1996.

Following the Settlor's death, the Trustees have the power to appoint new and additional Trustees. The Trustees also appoint Advisors from time to time to provide informed comment on applications for donations.

The Trustees are required under the Trust Deed and the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust, and of its income and expenditure for that year.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, and
- apply the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to do so.

The Trustees are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records;
- safeguarding the Trust's assets; and
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

(continued)

The Trustees have reviewed the risks that the charity might face and are satisfied that appropriate and effective procedures are in place to minimise any potential impact should any of those risks materialise. The Trustees regularly review the position. The principal risks concern investment performance and the Trust's ability to continue to meet its objectives.

The Capital Fund represents a permanent endowment to which no further additions are expected and is represented by Stock Exchange investments which the Trustees expect to increase in value so as to more than match changes in real purchasing power and inflation in the long term whilst providing sufficient funds to enable the Trustees to make those grants and donations they agree upon and which fall within the Trust's objectives.

The Trust has no income other than the dividends and interest derived from its invested capital and deposited funds. The Trust Deed imposes no restrictions on the nature of investments in which the funds of the Trust may be invested.

The Investment Portfolio has been managed on a Total Return basis since 22nd April 2021 under which the Trustees may agree to transfer capital to income in order to maintain an acceptable level of donations even though the value of the portfolio may decrease as well as increase.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

During the Settlor's lifetime, the income of the Fund was distributed broadly to reflect his interests in the conservation of culture inherited from the past and the dissemination of knowledge, particularly in the humanities field. Since the Settlor's death, in April 1994, the Trustees have continued to support these interests and it is their present intention to continue with this policy but whilst income is reduced due to the current economic conditions they are concentrating on physical conservation projects.

Applications for donations are received by the Trustees or put forward by the Advisors. The Trustees apply their discretion, with informed comment from their Advisors, as to which should be supported, generally in respect of specific projects. General administrative and/or operational costs are not felt to fall within these objectives and donations are only made to recognised charitable organisations. The Trustees have complied with the requirement to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission but believe that all recipient charitable organisations meet the appropriate *public benefit* test. No donations are made to individuals.

The Trustees meet or confer twice a year with the Advisors in order to identify and discuss the merits of a variety of projects which broadly accord with the objectives referred to above, donations being made as and when appropriate.

Achievements and performance

Total donations approved and paid or committed during the past ten years have been as follows:

	£
2013/14	75,500
2014/15	100,546
2015/16	89,722
2016/17	81,247
2017/18	87,427
2018/19	91,165
2019/20	93,309
2020/21	65,702
2021/22	77,187
2022/23	79,800

Details of donations made & committed during the year are set out on page 11.

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

(continued)

Investec Wealth & Investment Limited has been appointed by the trustees to manage the investment portfolio and an Investment Management Agreement has been agreed with them. Outline details are shown on page 9 setting out a broad analysis of the portfolio and its performance over the year. Portfolio management fees continue to be charged to the capital fund together with other fees relating to the portfolio.

Performance is considered on a medium/long term basis in view of the endowed nature of the investment portfolio, quarterly reports are received and meetings with the fund managers held when considered necessary to review performance and the Trust's future requirements.

The Trust Deed sets no restrictions on the investments which may be made and, after due consideration of all relevant issues, the Trustees have decided not to place any restrictions on the investments which may be made by the fund managers within the Discretionary Agreement entered into.

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

The financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023 are set out on pages 6 to 12. As indicated in the Accounting Policies on page 12, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities ("Charities SORP (FRS 102)").

The main items in the Accumulated Income Account, set out on page 8, are as follows:

	2022/2023 £'000	2021/2022 £'000
Investment income	64	66
Transfer of capital to income	20	10
Management expenses	(7)	(7)
Donations paid & committed	(80)	(77)
(Deficit) carried to Income Fund	(3)	(8)

Investment income decreased slightly during the year, reflecting the lower level of dividends paid following the economic circumstances and the change to a total return approach to investment. Donations made and committed increased as compared to the previous year but were met in part by a transfer of realised capital gains to income.

The Trustees believe that the structure of the portfolio and the total return approach to investment will continue to deliver an acceptable level of income and capital growth, enabling them to respond appropriately to the requests for relevant donations they receive. It is hoped that the portfolio will more than maintain its value in real terms whilst providing returns to gradually increase the support available for beneficiaries..

Taking one year with another, the Trustees expect to distribute net income arising, after management expenses, whilst retaining sufficient funds to meet any non-binding indicative support they may have given. Provision is made in the financial statements for any binding commitments made in respect of donations to be paid in subsequent years.

P E Haynes.....P E Haynes

W J Wallis.....W J Wallis

Trustees

5th July 2023

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Aurelius Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Aurelius Charitable Trust for the year ended 5th April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts as required under section 145 of the 2011 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

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. That accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. That 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 the 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 Wheeler - Independent Examiner

David Wheeler FCCA
Cheeld Wheeler & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
Redhill Chambers
2d High Street
Redhill
Surrey
RH1 1RJ

Dated: 6th July 2023

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 5 April 2023

	Pag e	Accumulated Income Fund £	Endowed Capital Fund £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from					
Investments		63,133		63,133	66,536
Bank and deposit interest		599		599	7
Total Income	8	63,732		63,732	66,543
Expenditure on					
Raising funds	9/10	341	15,362	15,703	16,855
Charitable donations	11	79,800		79,800	77,187
Management expenses	10	7,095		7,095	6,756
Total expenditure		87,236	15,362	102,598	100,798
Net (loss)/gain on sale of investments	9		(40,126)	(40,126)	49,268
Net (Deficit)/Income for the year		(23,504)	(55,488)	(78,992)	15,013
Transfer from capital to income		20,000	(20,000)	-	-
(Losses)/Gains on revaluation of investments	9		(166,587)	(166,587)	43,310
Net Movement in Funds		(3,504)	(242,075)	(245,579)	58,323
Reconciliation of funds					
Fund balances brought forward		4,419	2,539,284	2,543,703	2,485,380
Fund balances carried forward		915	2,297,209	2,298,124	2,543,703

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

as at 5 April 2023

	Page	£	2023	£	£	2022	£
Investment assets:							
Investments at market value	9			2,239,323			2,447,264
Investec Wealth & Investment Ltd – Cash held on investment account	9			28,790		79,797	
<i>Total fixed assets</i>				2,268,113			2,527,061
Current assets:							
Bank balances			55,255			30,110	
<i>Total current assets</i>			55,255			30,110	
Liabilities:							
Amounts falling due within one year:							
Accrued expenses			8,244			7,498	
Grants committed			17,000			5,970	
			25,244			13,468	
<i>Net current assets</i>				30,011			16,642
Total net assets				2,298,124			2,543,703
The Funds of the charity:							
Endowed Capital Fund	9			2,297,209			2,539,284
Accumulated Income Fund	8			915			4,419
Total Charity Funds	6			2,298,124			2,543,703

These accounts were approved and signed by the Trustees on 5th July 2023

P E Haynes

W J Wallis

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

ACCUMULATED INCOME FUND

for the year ended 5 April 2023

	Page	2023 £	2022 £
Investment income and interest	6	63,732	66,543
Direct charitable expenditure			
Donations paid, committed and conditional	11	79,800	77,187
Management expenses	10	341	373
		80,141	77,560
Other expenditure			
Accountancy and review fees	10	7,095	6,756
Expenditure on Income Account		87,236	84,316
Transfer of Capital to Income		20 000	10,000
(Deficit) for the year		(3,504)	(7,773)
Opening balance		4,419	12,192
Closing balance	7	915	4,419
Represented by:			
Cash at bank		9,159	13,889
Creditors		(8,244)	(9,470)
		915	4,419

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

ENDOWED CAPITAL FUND

for the year ended 5 April 2023

	Page	2023 £	2022 £
Opening balance		2,539,284	2,473,188
Realised (losses)/gains on sales of portfolio investments		(40,126)	49,268
Unrealised (losses)/gains on portfolio investments		(166,587)	43,310
		2,332,571	2,565,766
Less:			
Transfer of capital to income		20,000	10,000
Investment management fees		15,362	16,482
Closing balance	7	2,297,209	2,539,284
Represented by:			
Investment Portfolio	7	2,268,113	2,527,061
Creditors		(17,000)	(3,998)
Cash at bank		46,096	16,221
		<u>2,297,209</u>	<u>2,539,284</u>

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO SUMMARY as at 5 April 2023

Structure of Portfolio	Actual Ranges	Agreed Ranges	5 April 2023 £	5 April 2022 £
Fixed Interest Stocks & Funds	13.14%	10-25%	298,002	289,793
UK Equities & Funds	32.54%	20-50%	738,202	915,037
International Equities & Funds	37.75%	20-50%	856,187	833,257
Property, Infrastructure & Alternative Funds	15.30%	5-15%	346,932	409,177
Cash and money market instruments	1.27%	0-10%	28,790	79,797
Total			2,268,113	2,527,061
Historical Cost of Investments			2,139,616	2,190,407

The agreed ranges and benchmarks were agreed with Investec Wealth & Investment Ltd to apply from 22 April 2021 when the portfolio moved to a total return approach.

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

for the year ended 5 April 2023

	Page	2023 £	2022 £
Management expenses chargeable to income			
Philip Haynes FCA (a trustee) Accountancy and advisory services		6,315	6,050
Independent Examination Fee		780	706
	8	7,095	6,756
Grant management expenses and bank charges		341	373
		7,436	7,129
 Management expenses chargeable to capital			
Investment Management fees		15,362	16,482
	9	15,362	16,482
 Total management expenses		23,798	23,611

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

DONATIONS PAID & COMMITTED

for the year ended 5 April 2023

PAID:	£
St Mary's Church, Poslingford, Sudbury - re conservation of 13C. Clamped Chest	1,000
St Paul's Cathedral - re Wren Library project	1,200
Ashmolean Museum - re conservation of the Alan Sorrell Archive	3,500
Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation - re publication of <i>Arma Scotica</i> by Eilean & John Malden	2,000
York Archaeological Trust - re Archaeology on Prescription project	3,000
Wilts & Berks Canal Trust - re Pewsham Dry Dock Restoration project	2,000
The Leighton Library - re restoration of the Leighton Library Cartouche	2,000
The Institute of Conservation - re funding of accreditation fees for low-paid students	1,500
Selby Abbey - re Update of Conservation Plan	2,500
Disability Arts Cymru - re archive conservation project	2,500
The National Theatre - re <i>Preservica</i> Archive Access Project	2,500
Bath Preservation Trust - repairs to Beckford's Tower	2,000
St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham - re conservation work and display cabinet in The Trigge Library	3,600
Grange-over-Sands Methodist Church - re re-installation of heritage windows	1,000
Oxfordshire VCH Trust - re support for two remaining volumes in Series	4,000
Textile Conservation Foundation - re conservation equipment for Kelvin Centre	4,000
Royal Pavilion & Museums Trust - re funding for conservation equipment	4,000
William Morris Craft Fellowship Trust - re specialist conservation education	3,000
National Trust for Scotland - re conservation of Rennie Mackintosh Gates at Hill House, Glasgow	3,500
The College of Arms - re conservation of volumes in its Library	5,000
Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens - re restoration work on Music Room	4,000
The British Academy - re Opening Up The British Academy	5,000
	<u>£62,800</u>
CONDITIONAL on raising necessary funds by 31st December 2023:	
Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Now Paid	4,000 0
Suffolk Building Preservation Trust Now Paid	3,000

St Mary's Church, Hemsby	4,000
Now Paid	0
Exeter Phoenix	2,500
Traverse Theatre Edinburgh	3,500
	<u>£17,000</u>
TOTAL:	<u>£79,800</u>
CONDITIONAL last year but now paid:	
St James the Great, Ildridgehay, Derby - re repairs to church spire	2,000
Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust - re conservation project at Blists Hill Victorian Town	3,970
	<u>£5,970</u>

THE AURELIUS CHARITABLE TRUST

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

for the year ended 5 April 2023

- 1 The charity is a public benefit entity and, as a charity, is exempt from taxation.
- 2 The accounts have been prepared in accordance with The 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 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)). The trustees believe the trust is a going concern.
- 3 Income from the investment portfolio is accounted for by reference to the payment date of dividends and interest falling due for payment within the accounting period.
- 4 Interest on bank accounts and cash held within the investment portfolios is accounted for on a receipts basis, interest being credited on a quarterly basis.
- 5 All income is accounted for gross. Dividends declared on accumulation shares are added to the cost of investment.
- 6 The portfolio of investments is shown at market value, with unrealised surpluses or deficits being disclosed in the Statement of Financial Activities. Realised surpluses and deficits are also shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. All investment surpluses and deficits are credited to the Capital Fund. Interest accrued on fixed interest securities at the valuation date is not included in the financial statements.
- 7 The investment portfolio is managed on a total return basis and transfers may be made from capital to income to bring income up to an acceptable level.
- 8 Investment portfolio management fees are charged to the Capital Fund together with other professional fees relating to the investment portfolio.
- 9 Expenses incurred are reimbursed to trustees. Professional fees payable to one trustee are disclosed on page 10.
- 10 The Trust does not meet the definition of a 'larger charity' as set out in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) so is not required to prepare a Cash Flow Statement.