

Charity registration number: 274309

# Howard Charitable Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

## **Howard Charitable Trust**

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## **Howard Charitable Trust**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Mr M J H Hodgskin-Brown
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	Mr DP Ensell
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	274309
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# Howard Charitable Trust

## Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025.

### Objectives and activities

#### *Objects and aims*

All decisions on the furtherance of the charity's aims, and the donations given, are made at the trustees meeting. When planning grant making activities in the year, the trustees have considered the commission guidance on public benefit.

#### *Public benefit*

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

### Structure, governance and management

#### *Nature of governing document*

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### *Recruitment and appointment of trustees*

The trustees have the power of appointment of additional trustees. They appoint as and when necessary, taking into account the mix of skills and experience that the trustees feel is necessary for the charity to fulfil its objectives.

#### *Major risks and management of those risks*

##### *Risk management*

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. They have identified the major risks which the trust faces and have put in place procedures to minimise them.

The trustees regularly review the investments of the charity to ensure that there is a good spread of assets, to try and reduce the overall risk of the portfolio.

### Financial instruments

#### *Objectives and policies*

The charity holds assets in the form of cash, shares and property. These are invested to provide for both the short and long-term needs of the charity to enable it to meet its objectives. The trustees consider that in order to meet its objectives in the long-term the charity is required to hold significant reserves.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 2/12/25 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Mr DP Ensell  
Trustee

## Howard Charitable Trust

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities 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 the Charities 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 in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 21/12/25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr DP Ensell  
Trustee

## Howard Charitable Trust

### Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Howard Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Howard Charitable Trust for the year ended 5 April 2025.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Howard Charitable 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 Howard Charitable Trust's accounts carried out 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 Howard Charitable Trust 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 accounting 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.

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David Bezan  
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Date:.....

## Howard Charitable Trust

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

|                                          | Note | Unrestricted<br>£ | Total<br>2025<br>£ |
|------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income and Endowments from:</b>       |      |                   |                    |
| Investment income                        | 2    | 43,485            | 43,485             |
| Other income                             |      | <u>49,986</u>     | <u>49,986</u>      |
| Total Income                             |      | <u>93,471</u>     | <u>93,471</u>      |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                   |      |                   |                    |
| Raising funds                            |      | (47,309)          | (47,309)           |
| Charitable activities                    |      | <u>(72,719)</u>   | <u>(72,719)</u>    |
| Total Expenditure                        |      | <u>(120,028)</u>  | <u>(120,028)</u>   |
| Net expenditure                          |      | (26,557)          | (26,557)           |
| Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments |      | <u>36,770</u>     | <u>36,770</u>      |
| Net movement in funds                    |      | 10,213            | 10,213             |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds</b>           |      |                   |                    |
| Total funds brought forward              |      | <u>2,125,243</u>  | <u>2,125,243</u>   |
| Total funds carried forward              | 13   | <u>2,135,456</u>  | <u>2,135,456</u>   |
|                                          | Note | Unrestricted<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ |
| <b>Income and Endowments from:</b>       |      |                   |                    |
| Investment income                        | 2    | 53,766            | 53,766             |
| Other income                             |      | <u>40,177</u>     | <u>40,177</u>      |
| Total Income                             |      | <u>93,943</u>     | <u>93,943</u>      |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                   |      |                   |                    |
| Raising funds                            |      | (11,954)          | (11,954)           |
| Charitable activities                    |      | <u>(163,895)</u>  | <u>(163,895)</u>   |
| Total Expenditure                        |      | <u>(175,849)</u>  | <u>(175,849)</u>   |
| Net expenditure                          |      | (81,906)          | (81,906)           |
| Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments |      | <u>(558,866)</u>  | <u>(558,866)</u>   |
| Net movement in funds                    |      | (640,772)         | (640,772)          |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds</b>           |      |                   |                    |
| Total funds brought forward              |      | <u>2,766,015</u>  | <u>2,766,015</u>   |
| Total funds carried forward              | 13   | <u>2,125,243</u>  | <u>2,125,243</u>   |

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.


The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 13.

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Howard Charitable Trust**  
**(Registration number: 274309)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2025**

|                                                       | Note | 2025<br>£        | 2024<br>£        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |      |                  |                  |
| Tangible assets                                       | 8    | 745,292          | 667,550          |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |      |                  |                  |
| Debtors                                               | 9    | 12,085           | 9,842            |
| Investments                                           | 10   | 1,332,647        | 1,348,636        |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              | 11   | 91,872           | 130,595          |
|                                                       |      | <u>1,436,604</u> | <u>1,489,073</u> |
| <b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b> | 12   | <u>(46,440)</u>  | <u>(31,380)</u>  |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |      | <u>1,390,164</u> | <u>1,457,693</u> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |      | <u>2,135,456</u> | <u>2,125,243</u> |
| <b>Funds of the charity:</b>                          |      |                  |                  |
| <b>Unrestricted income funds</b>                      |      |                  |                  |
| Unrestricted                                          |      | <u>2,135,456</u> | <u>2,125,243</u> |
| <b>Total funds</b>                                    | 13   | <u>2,135,456</u> | <u>2,125,243</u> |

The financial statements on pages 5 to 13 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21/12/25 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Mr DP Ensell  
 Trustee



## **Howard Charitable Trust**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Howard Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

##### **Going concern**

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

##### **Income and endowments**

##### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

##### **Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

During the year, £52,719 was donated to the charity Christadelphian Care Homes (CCH) who own and manage multiple care homes throughout the UK. The donation is to help subsidise the residents who are non-Christadelphian (£163,225 2024).

In addition, £1,324 was donated to CCH to fund travel expenses so that residents are able to go on outings (£670 2024).

##### **Grant provisions**

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

##### **Support costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

## **Howard Charitable Trust**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2025 (continued)**

#### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### **Current asset investments**

Current asset investments are included at market value based on a vacant possession basis.

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of is established when there is objective evidence that the will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

#### **Financial instruments**

##### ***Classification***

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

## Howard Charitable Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2025 (continued)

#### *Recognition and measurement*

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### *Investments*

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

#### *Fair value measurement*

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

## 2 Investment income

|                                           | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>General<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Other income from fixed asset investments | 43,485                                | 43,485              |
| <b>Total for 2025</b>                     | <b>43,485</b>                         | <b>43,485</b>       |
| <b>Total for 2024</b>                     | <b>53,766</b>                         | <b>53,766</b>       |

## Howard Charitable Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2025 (continued)

#### 3 Other income

|                       | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>General<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Rental income         | 37,807                                | 37,807              |
| <b>Total for 2025</b> | <b>37,807</b>                         | <b>37,807</b>       |
| <b>Total for 2024</b> | <b>37,380</b>                         | <b>37,380</b>       |

#### 4 Expenditure on raising funds

##### a) Costs of trading activities

|                                                       | Note | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>General<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Other direct costs of activities for generating funds |      | 58,985                                | 58,985              |
| <b>Total for 2025</b>                                 |      | <b>58,985</b>                         | <b>58,985</b>       |
| <b>Total for 2024</b>                                 |      | <b>16,563</b>                         | <b>16,563</b>       |

#### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

|                             | Note | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>General<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Grant funding of activities |      | 72,719                                | 72,719              |
| <b>Total for 2024</b>       |      | <b>163,895</b>                        | <b>163,895</b>      |

## Howard Charitable Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2025 (continued)

#### 6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

#### 7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 8 Fixed asset investments

|                 | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£      |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Tangible assets | <u>745,292</u> | <u>667,550</u> |

#### Investment properties

|                          | Tangible assets<br>£ |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Cost or Valuation</b> |                      |
| At 6 April 2024          | 667,550              |
| Revaluation              | <u>77,742</u>        |
| At 5 April 2025          | 745,292              |
| <b>Provision</b>         |                      |
| At 5 April 2025          | <u>-</u>             |
| <b>Net book value</b>    |                      |
| At 5 April 2025          | <u>745,292</u>       |
| At 5 April 2024          | <u>667,550</u>       |

There has been a valuation of investment property by an independent valuer in this year.

#### 9 Debtors

|               | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£    |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Trade debtors | <u>12,085</u> | <u>9,842</u> |

## Howard Charitable Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2025 (continued)

#### 10 Current asset investments

|                       | 2025<br>£        | 2024<br>£        |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Listed other shares   | 1,206,521        | 1,206,745        |
| Unlisted other shares | <u>126,126</u>   | <u>141,891</u>   |
|                       | <u>1,332,647</u> | <u>1,348,636</u> |

#### 11 Cash and cash equivalents

|              | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£      |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Cash at bank | <u>91,872</u> | <u>130,595</u> |

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

|                 | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£     |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Other creditors | <u>46,440</u> | <u>31,380</u> |

#### 13 Funds

|                           | Balance at 6<br>April 2024<br>£ | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Other<br>recognised<br>gains/(losses)<br>£ | Balance at 5<br>April 2025<br>£ |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                                 |                            |                            |                                            |                                 |
| General                   | <u>2,125,243</u>                | <u>93,471</u>              | <u>(120,028)</u>           | <u>36,770</u>                              | <u>2,135,456</u>                |
|                           |                                 |                            |                            |                                            |                                 |
|                           | Balance at 6<br>April 2023<br>£ | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Other<br>recognised<br>gains/(losses)<br>£ | Balance at 5<br>April 2024<br>£ |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                                 |                            |                            |                                            |                                 |
| General                   | <u>2,766,015</u>                | <u>93,943</u>              | <u>(175,849)</u>           | <u>(558,866)</u>                           | <u>2,125,243</u>                |

## Howard Charitable Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2025 (continued)

#### 14 Analysis of net assets between funds

|                         | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>General<br/>£</b> | <b>Total funds at<br/>5 April<br/>2025<br/>£</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Fixed asset investments | 745,292                                         | 745,292                                          |
| Current assets          | 1,436,604                                       | 1,436,604                                        |
| Current liabilities     | (46,440)                                        | (46,440)                                         |
| Total net assets        | <u>2,135,456</u>                                | <u>2,135,456</u>                                 |
|                         | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>General<br/>£</b> | <b>Total funds at<br/>5 April<br/>2024<br/>£</b> |
| Fixed asset investments | 667,550                                         | 667,550                                          |
| Current assets          | 1,489,073                                       | 1,489,073                                        |
| Current liabilities     | (31,380)                                        | (31,380)                                         |
| Total net assets        | <u>2,125,243</u>                                | <u>2,125,243</u>                                 |

## Howard Charitable Trust

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

|                                                 | Total<br>2025<br>£      | Total<br>2024<br>£      |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Income and Endowments from:</b>              |                         |                         |
| Investment income (analysed below)              | 43,485                  | 53,766                  |
| Other income (analysed below)                   | <u>49,986</u>           | <u>40,177</u>           |
| Total income                                    | <u>93,471</u>           | <u>93,943</u>           |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                          |                         |                         |
| Raising funds (analysed below)                  | (47,309)                | (11,954)                |
| Charitable activities (analysed below)          | <u>(72,719)</u>         | <u>(163,895)</u>        |
| Total expenditure                               | <u>(120,028)</u>        | <u>(175,849)</u>        |
| Net expenditure                                 | (26,557)                | (81,906)                |
| Unrealised gain on investments (analysed below) | <u>36,770</u>           | <u>(558,866)</u>        |
| Net movement in funds                           | 10,213                  | (640,772)               |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds</b>                  |                         |                         |
| Total funds brought forward                     | <u>2,125,243</u>        | <u>2,766,015</u>        |
| Total funds carried forward                     | <u><u>2,135,456</u></u> | <u><u>2,125,243</u></u> |

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements.



## Howard Charitable Trust

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2025 (continued)

|                                                                             | Total<br>2025<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b><i>Investment income</i></b>                                             |                    |                    |
| Income from listed investments                                              | 43,485             | 53,766             |
|                                                                             | <u>43,485</u>      | <u>53,766</u>      |
| <b><i>Other income</i></b>                                                  |                    |                    |
| Rental income                                                               | 37,807             | 37,380             |
| Other income                                                                | 12,179             | 2,797              |
|                                                                             | <u>49,986</u>      | <u>40,177</u>      |
| <b><i>Raising funds</i></b>                                                 |                    |                    |
| Rental property expenses                                                    | (58,985)           | (16,563)           |
| Charitable donations                                                        | (300)              | (8,011)            |
| Independent examiner's fee                                                  | (1,440)            | (1,380)            |
| (Profit)/loss on sale of intangible fixed assets held for charity's own use | 13,416             | 14,000             |
|                                                                             | <u>(47,309)</u>    | <u>(11,954)</u>    |
| <b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>                                         |                    |                    |
| Grants payable - institutions                                               | (72,719)           | (163,895)          |
|                                                                             | <u>(72,719)</u>    | <u>(163,895)</u>   |
| <b><i>Unrealised gain on investments</i></b>                                |                    |                    |
| Funds - Transfer of realised revaluation profits                            | 36,770             | (558,866)          |