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MRS VERA LEIGH CHARITABLE TRUST

Registered Charity Number 274872

Financial Statements and Trustees Report for year ended 5th April 2025



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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION as at 5 April 2025

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT: The Trust was established on 16 March 1977 by the Will of Mrs Vera Leigh Deceased.

CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 274872

CURRENT TRUSTEES: Mr T A Cole and Mr J H Woolcombe

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Specific Investment Powers

The Trustees' powers include full discretionary powers to make grants. They also have full discretionary power to make investments.

Appointment of New Trustees

The current Trustees have power to appoint new trustees

Objects of the Charity

In accordance with its governing instrument, to distribute revenue only by way of grants for the benefit of such institution(s), object(s) or purposes as are charitable within the legal meaning of the term as the trustees may in their absolute discretion select.

Future Plans of the Charity

Future plans of the Charity are to continue its grant making activities.

Organisational structure and decision making process of the Charity

The Trustees make grants throughout the year after conferring electronically, or by telephone, or at periodic meetings.

Investment policy and the performance achieved against the policy

The Trust has a diverse equity and fixed interest portfolio managed by Rathbones (formerly Investec Wealth and Investment), through which it is hoped the portfolio will outperform the FTSE All Share Index over time. In the year to 5 April 2025, the value of the portfolio fell from £1,124,982 to £1,077,041, a fall of 4.26% (2024: rise of 1.18%). During the same period, the FTSE All Share Index rose by 0.65% (2024: rise of 3.66%).

Review of the development, activities and achievements of the Charity during the year

In 2024/25 the Trust had net assets of £1,091,491 (2024: £1,160,398) and net outgoing resources of £21,021 (2024: incoming £18,976). In the year, grants totalling £15,500 (2024: £20,000) have been paid, in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Regard for public benefit

The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit and to that end have continued to make grants to varied charitable organisations within the charity's charitable objects.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 5 April 2025

Grants Paid	£
Appin Community Development Trust	1,000
Multiple Sclerosis Society	750
Christian Aid	750
Blood Cancer UK Research	750
Thrombosis Research Institute	750
British Heart Foundation	750
Stroke Association	750
Versus Arthritis	750
Cystic Fibrosis Trust	750
Army Benevolent Fund	500
Asthma and Lung UK	750
Muscular Dystrophy Group of GB & NI	750
Motor Neurone Disease Association	750
St Stephen Society	500
Friends of Holy Cross Hospital	750
Kings Medical Research Trust	750
Save The Children	750
Glencoe Mountain Rescue	1,000
International Teams UK	1,000
Pursue	1,000
Total grants paid during year	15,500

Reserves Policy

In accordance with the governing instrument, the Trustees will only make distributions of available Revenue, annotated as 'Unrestricted Fund' in the accounts. Capital Reserves are maintained, annotated as 'Endowment Fund' in the accounts. The available revenue as at 5 April 2025 is £11,932 (2024: £9,706)

Risk Management

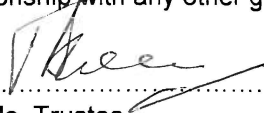
The Trust has no operational risks. Its risks are related to investment strategy and it guards against those risks by ensuring, with advice from its investment managers, a reasonable diversification on investments.

Commentary on Accounts

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the Trust, the results for the year and the situation at the year-end. The Accounts comply with current statutory requirements and with the Trust Deed.

Relationship with other charities

There is no relationship with any other general grant making charitable organisations.

Signed:.....
Mr T A Cole, Trustee

Date:.....7/11/25.....

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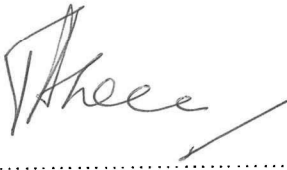
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 5 April 2025

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total Funds £
Income Receipts						
Investment Income						
Bank Interest	455	--	455	583	--	583
Other Interest	9,124	--	9,124	10,887	--	10,887
UK Company Dividends	5,481	--	5,481	10,817	--	10,817
Unit Trust Dividends	2,247	--	2,247	3,327	--	3,327
Property Income Distributions	--	--	--	455	--	455
Foreign dividends	10,049	--	10,049	6,748	--	6,748
	<u>27,356</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>27,356</u>	<u>32,817</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>32,817</u>
Other Receipts						
Proceeds from sale of investments	--	290,373	290,373	--	854,826	854,826
Total Receipts	<u>27,356</u>	<u>290,373</u>	<u>317,729</u>	<u>32,817</u>	<u>854,826</u>	<u>887,643</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure						
Grants paid	15,500	--	15,500	20,000	--	20,000
Other Expenditure						
Purchase of investments	--	302,255	302,255	--	827,267	827,267
Legal & Professional fees	8,880	11,364	20,244	9,900	10,706	20,606
Independent Examiner's fees	750	--	750	750	--	750
Travel expenses	--	--	--	45	--	45
Rounding adjustment	--	1	1	(1)	--	(1)
Total Payments	<u>25,130</u>	<u>313,620</u>	<u>338,750</u>	<u>30,694</u>	<u>837,973</u>	<u>868,667</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for year	2,226	(23,247)	(21,021)	2,123	16,853	18,976
Cash and bank balances at 5 April 2024	9,706	28,490	38,196	7,583	11,637	19,220
Cash and bank balances at 5 April 2025	<u>11,932</u>	<u>5,243</u>	<u>17,175</u>	<u>9,706</u>	<u>28,490</u>	<u>38,196</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 5th April 2025

	2025		2024	
	Endowment Fund £	Unrestricted Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Unrestricted Fund £
Cash Funds				
Cash and bank balances:				
HSBC (Penningtons) Client Account	--	11,932	--	9,706
Investec Deposit Account	5,243	--	28,490	--
Investec Income Account	--	--	--	--
	<u>5,243</u>	<u>11,932</u>	<u>28,490</u>	<u>9,706</u>
Liabilities				
Creditors				
Due to Investment Manager	(2,725)	--	(2,780)	--
	<u>(2,725)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>(2,780)</u>	<u>--</u>
Investment Assets				
Investments at cost:				
Shares and Securities at Investec Portfolio	<u>1,024,134</u>	<u>82,800</u>	<u>1,009,132</u>	<u>82,800</u>
Market Value of investments	<u>994,241</u>	<u>82,800</u>	<u>1,042,182</u>	<u>82,800</u>

Signed: 
Mr T A Cole, Trustee

Date: 7 Nov 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Mrs Vera Leigh Charitable Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025 which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. 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:

- ensure that the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts 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 accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (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), issued in October 2019 in preference to the Accounting and Reporting Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Independent Examiner's statement

In accordance with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 19 November 2025