

THE DORCAS TRUST

**TRUSTEES REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

CHARITY NUMBER: 275494

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Trustees hold Unrestricted Funds and so all funds are available to meet the charity's objectives. The funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for expenditure on the general objectives of the charity. The stated intention is that the income, after operating expenses, should be used to provide help in the following charitable purposes:

To advance the Christian Religion, relieve poverty and advance education.

If the Trustees decide, capital can be distributed as well as income. The Trustees have a policy of supporting charitable causes throughout the United Kingdom as well as overseas. The Trustees also make loans to individuals and organisations as they see fit.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and policies.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year the charity made grants to about 40 beneficiaries. The beneficiaries included other charities (both Christian and secular organisations) as well as retired missionaries and clergy, who are going through difficult times.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income received in the year was £54,834 (2023: £55,524) and total expenditure was £111,302 (2023: £107,160) resulting in a deficit for the year of £56,468 (2023: £51,636). During the year grants totalling £94,768 (2023: £89,766) were made to various beneficiaries.

The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year. For the year ended 5 April 2024 these net gains totalled £79,856 (2023 losses £109,674). The value of the Trust's investment portfolio as at 5 April 2024 totalled £1,864,898, an increase from £1,796,878 as at 5 April 2023. The Trustees have reviewed the performance, in accordance with their Policy Statement and do not propose to make any changes to their policies at this time. They will continue to review the position.

INVESTMENTS

The Trust's capital is invested in marketable investments or held in cash. As there are no specific restrictions under the governing deed the Trustees have full discretion over the investments and so have delegated to Rathbone Investment Management full discretionary day to day control of the investments. They have agreed objectives with the Investment Manager to secure a reasonable growth in income consistent with the long-term preservation of capital in real terms. Investment decisions should be made based on the views of a prudent person in accordance with the standard of investment criteria relating to suitability and diversification. These objectives are reviewed annually.

The Trustees wish to ensure that the objectives outlined above are achieved with an acceptable risk. This implies the need for diversification of investment of the Trust to include a range of assets, including fixed interest stocks and UK and overseas shares. Investments comprise holdings in UK, large overseas listed companies, unit and investment trusts, including those investing in major international markets and also fixed interest securities. The portfolio can therefore include a proportion of medium-sized or smaller UK companies and has exposure to international markets.

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024 (continued)

INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Investment Managers are required to operate within the constraints applying to trusts governed by the Trustees Act 2000. The performance of the fund is currently monitored against the benchmark of WM Unconstrained Funds. The Investment Managers provide regular reports to the Trustees who review the performance of the portfolio and of the Investment Managers at least twice a year. They consider that the performance during the year to 5 April 2022 was satisfactory.

RESERVES

The Trustees do not consider the underlying capital to be reserves since they form the sole source of income for the Trust. It is not the intention of the Trustees to build up or maintain income reserves, with any under expenditure of income being balanced by over expenditure in preceding or subsequent years.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Trustees instructed Rathbones Investment Management to increase the quarterly payments, and where necessary to sell shares in order to maintain a higher level of income. This system is now operating, and the trustees have been able to increase both the number of beneficiaries, and the amounts given.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024 (continued)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (CONT'D)

TRUSTEES

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

J C L Broad
Mrs J D Broad
P L Butler
P H Mangell

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charitable trust was created by a Deed dated 2 March 1978. Its governing body are the Board of Trustees.

Power to appoint new trustees is vested in the current trustees. They are elected by a majority of Trustees, in accordance with the expertise they can bring to the charity.

The trustees meet on a regular basis to review applications for funding, investment performance, the income levels and the financial statements.

Risk Management

All of the Trust's capital is invested on stock markets or held in cash. As there are no restrictions relating to investment under the governing deed, the Trustees have resolved to delegate the management of the investments to Rathbone Investment Management Limited. They regularly review the performance from financial information provided to them by their investment manager.

On behalf of the board of trustees

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James C L Broad

29 July 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE DORCAS TRUST**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

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 Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection 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:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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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29 July 2024

THE DORCAS TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

INCOME	<u>Note</u>	Unrestricted Funds <u>2024</u>	Total Funds <u>2024</u>	Total Funds <u>2023</u>
Investment	2	48584	48584	49274
Donation		5000	5000	5000
Gift Aid Refunds		1250	1250	1250
		_____	_____	_____
TOTAL INCOME		54834	54834	55524
		=====	=====	=====
EXPENDITURE				
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3	98347	98347	93801
Investment Management Costs	5	12955	12955	13359
		_____	_____	_____
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		111302	111302	107160
		=====	=====	=====
NET (EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		(56468)	(56468)	(51636)
Gains / (Losses) on Investment		(3210)	(3210)	(27591)
Gains / (Losses) on Revaluation of Investments		83066	83066	(82083)
		_____	_____	_____
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		23388	23388	(162310)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total Funds Brought Forward		2144623	2144623	2305933
		_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	10	£2168011	£2168011	£2144623
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments at Market Value	7a	1864898	1796878
Programme Related Loans	7b	216556	218259
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		2081454	2015137
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		-	-
Cash at Bank	8	87997	130686
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		87997	130686
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CURRENT LIABILITIES – Amounts falling due within one year	9	1440	1200
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		86507	129486
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2168011	2144623
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NET ASSETS	10	£2168011	£2144623
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CHARITY FUNDS			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	10	£2168011	£2144623
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Approved by the Trustees on 29 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by;

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James C L Broad

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts unless otherwise stated.

a) Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

These financial statements have been prepared 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity under FRS102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transactional value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note and the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the financial currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

b) 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.

c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Resources (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and can be quantified with reasonable accuracy, except as follows:

When donors specify that a donation or gift given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.

Dividend income is recorded net and includes tax only when it is repayable to the Charity.

d) Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

e) Valuation of Investments

Investments held in the funds are included at their market value as follows:

- i) Listed securities are valued at the mid- market value ruling at the balance sheet date.
- ii) Listed securities held in foreign currencies have been valued at the mid market value and translated into their sterling equivalents at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date.
- iii) Gilts are valued at the mid market value ruling at the Balance Sheet date and include interest that has accrued up to that date.

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f) Other recognised Gains and Losses

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year or their subsequent cost and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

g) Judgement and Estimation Uncertainties

The trustees have given consideration to any judgements and uncertainties in these accounts. Given the level of reserves held by the Charity there are no going concern issues. The Charity receives all of its income from its investments which are expected to continue. However, any significant reduction in returns from investments may result in the curtailment of activities.

2 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds <u>2024</u>	Total Funds <u>2024</u>	Total Funds <u>2023</u>
UK Equities Fixed Interest and Unit Trust Income	47819	47819	49154
Bank Interest	765	765	120
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	48584	48584	49274
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3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
<u>Charitable Donations:</u>			
ACET	2000	2000	1500
Amnesty International	100	100	-
Amy Scott Robinson	50	50	-
AWM Pioneer	-	-	1000
Azalea	2000	2000	2000
Bentley Beginners	1500	1500	1000
Bernie Dodd	6000	6000	-
Bible Society	2500	2500	2500
Brockley CC	500	500	-
Bury Drop In	-	-	2500
C3 Church Cambridge	2500	2500	2500
Central Eurasian Partners	5000	5000	2500
Chippenham Cricket Club	500	500	500
Chippenham PCC	-	-	13000
Christians Against Poverty	-	-	2500
Church Army	-	-	2000
CPAS	1000	1000	1000
Diederik Evanson	1000	1000	-
Dignity Freedom Network	-	-	1000
Fathers House Church	1000	1000	1000
Finley Family	325	325	-
Foundation Trust	1000	1000	-
Global Hopes in Action	7625	7625	-
Holiday for Christian Workers	600	600	4220
House on Corner Community	1500	1500	1500
Kings Cross Church Doncaster	2500	2500	-
Margaret Guy	-	-	1000
Mercy Ships	1500	1500	1000
Navigators	16104	16104	19556
Operation Mobilisation	-	-	1000
Parish Nursing Ministries	1500	1500	-
Ramsey Piggott	2364	2364	-
Respite Association	-	-	2000
Rev Dr A Bash	1500	1500	-
Rev Gavin Calver	2600	2600	1000
Rev George Howard	6000	6000	-
Rev Kenny Maculay	2000	2000	-
Rev S Harvey	1000	1000	1000
Rev T Robinson	1000	1000	-
Ripple Effect	-	-	1000
Salvation Army	2500	2500	2500
SIM UK	2500	2500	4000
Spencer Contact	2500	2500	2500
St Georges Leeds	-	-	1000
St Margaret's Chippenham	-	-	2490
St Mary's Church Luton	1000	1000	-
St Matthias Church, Brighton	2500	2500	-
Tear Fund	-	-	4500
The Feast	1000	1000	-
Thomas Holton	500	500	-
West Suffolk Vineyard Church	7500	7500	2500
Winter Comfort Cambridge	-	-	500
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	£94768	£94768	£89766
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3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)

Other Charitable Expenditure:

	Unrestricted Funds <u>2024</u>	Total Funds <u>2024</u>	Total Funds <u>2023</u>
Holiday Property Bond – Admin fees	137	137	130
Exchange losses/(gains)	1702	1702	2405
Independent Examination Fee	1740	1740	1500
Professional Fees			-
Bank Charges			-
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	3579	3579	4035
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	98347	98347	£93801
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4 STAFF COSTS

There were no employees or payments to employees during the year (2023: £nil).

5 INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds <u>2024</u>	Total Funds <u>2024</u>	Total Funds <u>2023</u>
Rathbone Investment Management Ltd Fees	£12955	£12955	£13359
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6 TRUSTEE EXPENSES

There were no amounts paid to Trustees either as remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2023:£nil).

7a) INVESTMENTS

	Value at <u>05/04/2023</u>	Purchases at Cost	Sales Proceeds	Realised (Loss)	Unrealised Gain	Value at <u>05/04/2024</u>
Equities (UK)	1761428	198641	(212477)	(3210)	83066	1827448
Interest in Property:						
Holiday Property Bonds	35450	2000	-	-	-	37450
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	1796878	200641	(212477)	(3210)	83066	1864898
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7b) PROGRAMME RELATED LOANS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Mr & Mrs Baljeu (Navigators - Sweden) (625000 SEK:2020 625000 SEK)	£46556	£48259
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The loan to Mr & Mrs Baljeu is to enable them to buy their home from the Swedish Navigators. The loan is interest-free, but secured on their home and has been extended to be repayable on 31 August 2024.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Mr & Mrs Sims (Retired Navigator)	£170000	£170000
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The loan to Mr & Mrs Sims is interest free and is repayable when the property is sold. The loan is secured by a charge on their property.

8 CASH AT BANK AND ON DEPOSIT

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Rathbones Capital Account	2576	54876
Rathbones Income Account	3002	2002
Barclays Current Account	1000	1000
Barclays Instant Savings Account	81419	72808
	=====	=====
	£87997	£130686
	=====	=====

9 CURRENT LIABILITIES

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Accountancy and Examination Fees	£1440	£1200
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10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Funds balances at 5 April 2024 are represented by:		
Tangible Fixed Assets	2081454	2081454
Current Assets	87997	87997
Current Liabilities	(1440)	(1440)
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	2168011	2168011
	=====	=====

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10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (continued)

	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u>	Total <u>Funds</u>
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Funds balances at 5 April 2023 are represented by:

Tangible Fixed Assets	2015137	2015137
Current Assets	130686	130686
Current Liabilities	(1200)	(1200)
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	2144623	£2144623
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11 RELATED PARTIES

Mr Broad, a Trustee, made a donation of £5000 to the Trust during the year (2023: £5000).