Charity registration number 280404 (England and Wales)

THE COMPTON CHARITABLE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Marquess of Northampton Earl Daniel Compton
Charity number	280404
Registered office	Compton Wynyates Tysoe Warwickshire CV3T 0UD
Independent examiner	Mr James Hurrell Rathbones Trust Company Limited 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN
Bankers	National Westminster Bank Plc Highbury and Islington 218 Upper Street Islington
Investment advisors	Sarasin and Partners LLP Juxon House 100 St Paul's Churchyard London EC4M 8BU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 5 April 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply 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) (effective 1 January 2019)"

Objectives and activities

The trust's objective is to use trust income for the promotion of charitable purposes for the general benefit of the local charities in Northamptonshire and surrounding areas and other worthy causes the trustees consider that they would like to support as long as the organisation is recognised as exclusively charitable. There has been no change in this objective during the year.

Public Benefit

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

The Trustees aim to maintain a high level of grant-giving, while ensuring that adequate funds are available for the proper administration of the Charity and that reserves are maintained to generate income for future grant-giving and to ensure that funds are available when needed for new projects. During the year, the Trust awarded £37,500 (£73,665 in 2024) of grants to various worthy causes.

Achievements and performance

During the year the Trustees supported a number of charitable organisations , details of the organisations supported are shown within note 19 to the Financial Statements.

The Trustees consider that their donations to the charities shown in note 19 to Financial Statements aided those charities to meet their charitable objectives and therefore the trustees consider that the trustees have delivered public benefit by supporting those charities.

Investment performance

The trustees consider that the investment performance for the year was adequate, given that the trust's investment asset was held in a single near cash investment fund throughout most of the year. The trustees will continue to keep the trust's investment policy under review.

Financial review

Total incoming resources were £61,922 (£60,150 in 2024), with £15 (£44 in 2024) relating to costs of generating funds, and £39,000 (£68,435 in 2024) being committed to charitable activities of which £1,500 (£1,800 in 2024) relates to support and governance costs.

The total movement of resources in the year also include a realised gain in the year £500 (loss £0 in 2024) and an unrealised loss based upon the market value of the investments at the year end of £11,247 (profit £31,996 in 2024).

The level of income from the trust's funds managed by Sarasin & Partners LLP had been as expected, based on the nature of the investment asset held.

Reserves

The trustees have agreed that a maximum figure for reserves can vary from year to year, with changes in Trust priorities and levels of commitment to new projects. The trust's fixed assets, which consist entirely of investments and deposits, continue to produce income for grant purposes. The financial position of the trust is such that all future plans and commitments can be carried out, and the trust will be able to fulfil its charitable obligations.

As at 5 April 2025 the balance held as unrestricted reserve was £973,209.

Risks
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.

Future Plans
The trust aims in the future to maintain and to the extent possible increase the level of its grant-giving, at least to maintain the level of its reserves in real terms, and to continue to engage with charities and community groups and other organisations working in its area of benefit, in order to ensure that its grants are as well-directed as possible.

Structure, governance and management
The Compton Charitable Trust was established on 20 May 1980. The trust is governed by a trust deed.

The Trust is governed by two Trustees. No new Trustees were appointed during the year, nor did any Trustee leave the Board.

The trustees who served during the year were:
Marquess of Northampton
Earl Daniel Compton

New trustees are appointed by the settlor, The 7th Marquess of Northampton, and are invited to serve for as long as they feel they can commit. In recruiting, choosing and appointing new trustees, the trustees seek to ensure that the board as a whole contains a suitable balance of experience, expertise, and knowledge of the trust's area of benefit.

Decision making structure
The trustees meet as required to discuss trust matters, and to consider applications for grants.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Marquess of Northampton
Trustee
Dated: .....

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the trust for that year.

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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE COMPTON CHARITABLE TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Compton Charitable Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 5 April 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilitiesand basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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:

(i) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(ii) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

(iii) the financial statements 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 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 financial statements to be reached.

..... Dated: .....

Mr James Hurrell ACA
Rathbones Trust Company Limited
30 Gresham Street
London
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Income			
Donations and legacies	**3**	36,770	35,000
Investments	**4**	25,152	25,150
Total income		61,922	60,150
Expenditure			
Raising funds	**5**	15	44
Charitable activities	**6**	39,000	68,435
Total resources expended		39,015	68,479
Net gain/(loss) on investments	**12**	(10,747)	31,996
Net movement in funds		12,160	23,667
Fund balances at 6 April 2024		968,049	944,382
Fund balances at 5 April 2025		980,209	968,049

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

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	**14**		702,682		692,210
Current assets					
Debtors	**15**	17,753		10,753	
Cash at bank and in hand		282,719		286,531	
		300,472		297,284	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(22,945)		(21,445)	
Net current assets			277,527		275,839
Total assets less current liabilities			980,209		968,049
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			980,209		968,049
			980,209		968,049

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on .....

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Marquess of Northampton
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The 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 (FRS 102) (Second Edition)' and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised as historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant policy note.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 '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) (Second Edition)'rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The review of our financial position, reserves levels and future plans gives Trustees confidence the charity remains a going concern for the foreseeable future.

1.3 Charitable grants

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

1.4 Incoming resources

Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis in the period to which it relates.

Donations received by the trust include the related gift aid credit where applicable. Donations are accounted for when any conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt.

1.5 Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their expected settlement amount.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account

1.7 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

1.8 Resources expended

Management and administration costs comprise those costs incurred in running the charity. They have been apportioned on the basis of time spent between charitable activities, cost of raising funds and governance costs.

Governance costs consist of those costs associated with the overall running of the charity and meeting statutory and regulatory requirements.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.9 Financial instruments

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables 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.

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure), except that investments in equity instruments that are not publically traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

The trustees do not invest in any complex financial instruments.

1.10 Investments

Fixed assets investments represent listed investments which are stated at market valuation, where market value represents the mid market value on the last trading day before the year end. Any unrealised or realised gains arising from investments are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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.

3 Donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and gifts	36,770	35,000

4 Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income from listed investments	20,344	19,498
Interest receivable	4,808	5,652
	25,152	25,150

5 Raising funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment management	15	44

6 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	37,500	66,635
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,500	1,800
	39,000	68,435

7 Grants payable

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants to institutions:	37,500	66,635

8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	2024	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Audit fees	-	1,500	1,500	1,800	Governance
	-	1,500	1,500	1,800	

9 Net movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,500	1,800

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the trust during the year.

11 Employees

There were no employees during this year or the previous year.

12 Net (losses)/gains on investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	(11,247)	31,996
Gain on of investments	500	-
	(10,747)	31,996

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

14 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments	Cash in portfolio	Total
	£		£
Cost or valuation			
At 5 April 2024	682,087	10,123	692,210
Valuation changes	(11,247)	-	(11,247)
Realised gains	500	-	500
Cash available to invest	-	33,829	33,829
Disposals	(12,610)	-	(12,610)
At 5 April 2025	658,730	43,952	702,682
At 05 April 2025	658,730	43,952	702,682
At 05 April 2024	682,087	10,123	692,210

Listed investments included above:	2025	2024
	£	£
Historic cost	626,978	637,637

15 Debtors

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other debtors	17,753	10,753

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	3,445	3,445
Accruals and deferred income	19,500	18,000
	22,945	21,445

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 5 April 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	968,049	61,922	(39,015)	(10,747)	980,209

Previous year:	At 6 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 5 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	944,382	60,150	(68,479)	31,996	968,049

18 Related party transactions

During the year the trust paid a donation to The Canonbury Tower Charitable Trust of £28,000 (2024 - £28,000), a charity which Lord Northampton is one of the trustees.

During the year the trust received donations from one its trustees. Earl Daniel Compton made donations of £28,000 (2024 - £28,000).

19 Grants made during the year

	2025	2024
	£	£
The Canonbury Tower Charitable Trust	28,000	35,030
Francis Bacon Research Trust	-	5,000
Caring Sharing Charity	-	-
The Body Dismorphic Disorder Foundation	1,000	3,000
Canonbury Tower Lodge	-	1,000
Clef Lip and Palette Association	-	50
Feldon Charitable Trust	7,000	27,585
South West Coastal Path Association	1,500	-
Freshwater Biological Association	-	500
The Wildlife Trust	-	500
British Trust for Ornitholgy	-	500
The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution	-	500
	37,500	73,665

All grants made to institutions