

Charity number: 280692

THE CARPENTER CHARITABLE TRUST
UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025

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THE CARPENTER CHARITABLE TRUST**TRUSTEES' REPORT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025****Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity Registration number	280692
HM Revenue & Customs number	XN55694
Principal Address	1 Codicote Road Welwyn Herts AL6 9LY
Trustees	Michael Stephen Evans Carpenter Gabriel Marie Lucie Carpenter
Independent Examiner	Hillier Hopkins LLP Radius House 51 Clarendon Road Watford Herts WD17 1HP
Investment Managers	Cazenove Capital Management 12 Moorgate London EC2R 6DA
Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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 & 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 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 judgments 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;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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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 applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports)

Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They 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.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

The charity exists to make grants to support exclusively charitable activities, nearly always via other registered charities. The Trustees meet when required to review applications and decide on grants. The trustees claim no expenses and employ no staff. They do, of course, employ professional fund managers and accountants at an appropriate cost to the charity.

The power to appoint new trustees resides with the trustees. They keep the question of additional trustees under review in order to provide longer term continuity.

Risk

The Trustees do not consider that there are any material risks which could adversely impact on a small grant making charity.

The Trustees do not commit themselves to making repeat grants. As a result, the Trustees are satisfied that no circumstances will arise where commitments could exceed assets. Whilst many of the charities receiving grants will have received grants before there is no commitment by the Trustees nor do recipients have any expectation (as opposed to a hope) that grants will be renewed.

Objectives, aims and grant making policies

The charity has wide general grant making powers.

The Trustees continue to make most of their grants to charities on their preferred list. However, since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022, the trustees have given particular consideration to the provision of much needed aid in Ukraine. This will continue to dominate the grant giving programme for the foreseeable future. Subject to this, the trustees intend to maintain their general policy of supporting a wide range of charities which address needs the trustees care about deeply. This will often involve repeat grants, but these will only be made when the trustees are satisfied that there is a continuing need; the charity remains a wise and effective steward of its resources and is committed to high standards of governance.

The Trustees rarely have resources to meet unsolicited applications although in addition to Ukraine, the the Trustees will give particular consideration to charities providing humanitarian aid in response to war or natural disaster.

Much though they would like to do so, the trustees do not normally consider applications from: -

- Churches for church repairs
- Individuals
- Outside the United Kingdom unless clearly sponsored by a charity based in England and Wales.

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Investment

The investment policy is to seek to preserve the level of annual grants. The Trustees follow a total return approach. In practice the capital value has been reducing over time as the total value of grants is not confined to the annual income.

Reserves

In the light of their grant making policy, the Trustees do NOT consider that they need to maintain reserves. The charity does not enter into any long commitments.

Public Benefit

As the Trustees primarily support other registered charities, the initial responsibility for ensuring that the public benefit test is satisfied rests with recipient charities. However, the Trustees will not consider making a grant if they have any concerns that the public benefit test might not be met.

The Trustees are conversant with guidance produced by the Charity Commission.

Continued application of existing policies

The Trustees will continue to apply existing policies.

General observations

There has been a significant spike in the number of applications from churches seeking grants for repairs or improvements. Apparently, such applications have been encouraged because this charity is included on a list of potential grant providers maintained by a number of diocesan offices. The compilers of the lists do not check out charities first before including them on their lists. So, in spite of our published policy, applicants (and ourselves) waste a lot of time on applications which could never succeed. Fundraising is hard work, and we feel sorry for applicants who send off their requests in hope, but in reality have no chance of a grant.

The trustees have found that many more applications are now being made by email. Since the trustees consider grant applications in batches it is often a number of weeks (and sometimes months) between the receipt of an application and its consideration. Email applications prove much harder to track. Perversely, it is easier for the trustees to respond by email and many paper applications do not include an email address for a response. The trustees recognise that each application deserves a response.

During the year, Cazenove ceased providing cheque facilities for their clients and as a result the charity now banks with The Co-operative Bank. This has advantages as we can now also make BACs payments in appropriate circumstances.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

Grants in 2024-2025

Some familiar names crop up again this year. After giving support to ALFs Humanitarian Aid CIO in the past, we switched all our support for Ukraine to another charity, Felsted Aid for Deprived Children, which has a working name of UK-Aid. It has been working in Ukraine for over 25 years initially focussing on the needs of children and families suffering the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster but since 2022 it has been heavily involved in sending emergency aid to Ukraine. Last year it sent over 90 tonnes of aid. Locally we collect as much aid as we can from our community, but in addition our charity also sends cash to Uk-Aid for it to buy much needed items which it can buy in bulk.

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In addition, we have worked closely with Macclesfield Ukrainian Aid to purchase ambulances and recovery vehicles, service and repurpose them for use, and then deliver them to Ukraine. In the last year we were able to pay for 5 vehicles and their delivery costs.

In cash terms the charity has spent £50,610 on aid of one kind and another for Ukraine. This reflects the seriousness which the trustees place on supporting Ukraine as much as possible whilst preserving a wide range of grants for other important charitable activities.

Newcomers to the list this year include the David Nott Foundation (set up by the renowned surgeon who has brought his surgeon's skill to some of the most dangerous places on earth as well as training and equipping surgeons with the special skills to work in dire situations; the Olive Harvest Trust supporting the education of children living in the West Bank; Friends of Danesbury who provide funds for our local hospital; and the Moldova Mission supplying bibles translated into Ukrainian.

115 applications for grants were unsuccessful.

STATISTICS FOR THE REPORTING YEAR

	2024-25	2023-24
Grants		
1. Number of grants	28	28
2. Value of grants	£104,619	£65,000

Breakdown of grants

1. £500	6	11
2. £1,000	7	5
3. £1,500	1	Nil
4. £2,000	1	1
5. £2,500	4	1
6. £3,000	1	1
7. £3,500	2	4
8. £4,000	1	1
9. £4,500	1	2
10. £5,000	1	Nil
11. £7,500	1	Nil
12. £10,900	1	Nil
13. £39,219	1	Nil

Income and assets

1. Income for the year	£64,667	£34,284
2. Portfolio value	£718,339	£815,894
3. Tax recovered	£6,508	£615
4. Investment management fees	£2,452	£2,383
5. Accountant & Independent Examiners fees	£4,950	£3,000
6. Other running expenses of charity	Nil	Nil
7. Remuneration & expenses of charity	Nil	Nil

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

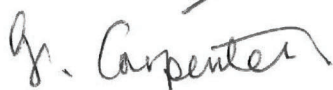
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THANKS

For very many years the Trustees have received excellent, reliable and wise advice and service from Cazenove and Hillier Hopkins LLP. Thank you.



Michael Stephen Evans Carpenter



Gabriel Marie Lucie Carpenter

THE CARPENTER CHARITABLE TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Carpenter Charitable Trust ('the charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

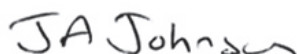
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK & Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has 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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the 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 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.



Dated 08 December 2025

J A Johnson
Independent Examiner
on behalf of
Hillier Hopkins LLP
Chartered Accountants
Radius House
51 Clarendon Road

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THE CARPENTER CHARITABLE TRUST**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025

		Total 2025	Total 2024
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	Note	£	£
Income from:			
- Voluntary income	2	32,538	3,075
- Investment income	3	32,129	31,209
Total Income		64,667	34,284
Expenditure on:			
Costs of generating funds			
- Investment management costs		2,452	2,383
Charitable Activities		104,619	65,000
Governance Costs		4,950	3,000
Total Expenditure	4	112,021	70,383
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year		(47,354)	(36,099)
Other recognised gains/(losses)			
Realised and unrealised investment gains (losses)	5	(35,372)	46,398
Net Movement in Funds		(82,726)	10,299
Balances Brought Forward at 6th April 2024		812,894	802,595
Balances Carried Forward at 5th April 2025		730,168	812,894

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5TH APRIL 2025

		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	<u>Notes</u>	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investment portfolio	5		718,339		815,894
Total Fixed Assets			<u>718,339</u>		<u>815,894</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	2,605		-	
Cash at bank		<u>12,644</u>		<u>-</u>	
		15,249		-	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>3,420</u>		<u>3,000</u>	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			11,829		(3,000)
Net assets			<u>730,168</u>		<u>812,894</u>
Represented by unrestricted funds:					
General Funds			730,168		812,894
Total Funds	8		<u>730,168</u>		<u>812,894</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the Trustees on 19/11/25
and signed on their behalf by:

M S E Carpenter 


Mrs G M L Carpenter

Date 19 November 2025

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS & INCOME RECEIVED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025

<u>No.</u>	<u>Market Value</u> <u>6 April 2024</u> £	<u>Additions</u> £	<u>Disposal</u> <u>Proceeds</u> £	<u>Profit/</u> <u>(Losses)</u> £	<u>Balance at</u> <u>5 April 2025</u> £	<u>Market Value</u> <u>5 April 2025</u> £	<u>Date</u>	<u>Interest/</u> <u>Dividends</u> £
<u>Charity Multi-Asset Fund</u>								
932,525.51	795,071						May	7,846.27
Brought forward							Aug	7,917.14
Accumulation div May-24		7,846					Nov	7,805.31
Accumulation div Aug-24		7,917					Feb	7,889.21
(20,583.19)			18,000	103				
Sale Sep-24								
Accumulation div Nov-24		7,805						
Accumulation div Feb-25		7,889						
911,942.32								
(52,203.28)			50,000	3,711				
859,739.04								
(10,440.65)			10,000	742				
849,298.39					753,084	713,156		
<u>Schroder Indirect Real Estate Fund A</u>								
209.36	-							
Brought forward								
(209.36)					-	-		
-								
<u>Schroder Indirect Real Estate Fund B</u>								
112.02	-							
Brought forward								
(112.02)					-	-		
-								
-								
Total Investments	795,071	31,457	78,000	4,556	753,084	713,156		31,458

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SCHEDULE OF GRANTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Aigas Field Centre	-	1,000
Alfs Herts for Ukraine	-	3,000
Alfs Humanitarian Aid CIO	-	20,000
British Exploring Society	1,000	1,000
Brooke Hospital for Animals	-	500
Christians Against Poverty	4,500	4,500
Crisis UK	3,500	3,500
David Nott Foundation	2,500	-
DEC Middle East/Myanmar Appeal	7,500	-
Fareshare UK	-	2,500
Felix Trust/Project	1,500	2,500
Felsted Aid	10,900	-
Fight for Sight	4,000	4,000
Friends of Danesbury and QVM	500	-
Help in Suffering (UK)	5,000	3,500
Herts Young Homeless	2,500	500
Isabel Hospice	1,000	500
Macclesfield Ukranian Aid	39,219	-
Marriage Foundation	-	500
McCabe Educational Trust	3,000	-
Medecins Sans Frontieres	2,500	-
Mercy Ships	1,000	1,000
Mission Aviation Fellowship	2,500	3,500
Moldova Mission	1,000	-
Mosaic Middle East	2,000	-
The Olive Harvest Trust	500	-
ORBIS Charitable Trust	-	4,500
Rotary Club (purchase for Ukraine)	500	-
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	-	500
Samaritans	500	500
Scottish Wildlife Trust	500	500
Send a Cow	-	500
ShelterBox	1,000	1,000
St Martins-in-the Fields	-	3,500
Surfers Against Sewage	-	500
Tearfund	3,500	2,000
Tearfund 2022/23 not paid in	-	(2,500)
UK for UNHCR	1,000	-
Water Harvest	500	500
Womankind Worldwide	-	500
World Bicycle Relief	1,000	1,000
	<u>104,619</u>	<u>65,000</u>

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Statement of Recommended Practice

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) (issued in October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Carpenter Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 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.

1.3 Taxation

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of Schedule 6 part 1 of Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, it is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act, 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes.

The charity receives no exemption in respect of Value Added Tax (VAT) and is not VAT registered.

1.4 Income

Incoming investment income includes amounts receivable for the year for both investment income and interest receivable. Voluntary income is accounted for on a received basis. Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Grants payable are accounted for once approval has been given by the Trustees and the obligation to pay the grant has arisen.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Governance Costs

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.7 Investments

Investments are included at market value as shown under note 5 to the accounts.

2 Voluntary income

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Additional assets settled	26,030	2,460
Tax recoverable on additional assets settled	6,508	615
	<u>32,538</u>	<u>3,075</u>

3 Investment income

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Quoted on UK Stock Exchange	31,458	30,157
Interest on cash held as part of UK investment portfolio	671	1,052
	<u>32,129</u>	<u>31,209</u>

4 Resources expended

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Accountancy fees	4,950	3,000
Charitable expenditure	104,619	65,000
Investment management fees	2,452	2,383
	<u>112,021</u>	<u>70,383</u>

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5 Fixed asset investments

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
5.1 Investment portfolio		
Market value at 6th April 2024	795,071	779,403
Additions	31,457	30,150
Disposals	(78,000)	(60,880)
Net realised investment gains/(losses)	4,556	1,414
Net unrealised investment gains/(losses)	<u>(39,928)</u>	<u>44,984</u>
	713,156	795,071
UK cash held as part of investment portfolio	<u>5,183</u>	<u>20,823</u>
Market value at 5th April 2025	<u>718,339</u>	<u>815,894</u>
This is attributable as follows:-		
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Quoted on UK Stock Exchange	713,156	795,071
UK cash	<u>5,183</u>	<u>20,823</u>
	<u>718,339</u>	<u>815,894</u>
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
5.2 Historical cost	<u>722,933</u>	<u>761,481</u>

5.3 Of the above, the following quoted stocks and shares each represent more than 5% of the total value of the investment portfolio at 5th April 2025: -

No.		£
849,298.390	Cazenove Charity Multi-Asset Fund	713,156
		<u>713,156</u>

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6 Debtors	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
HM Revenue & Customs	<u>2,605</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Accountancy fees	<u>3,420</u>	<u>3,000</u>

8 Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**8.1 Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	<u>General</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £
Tangible fixed assets	718,339	718,339
Cash at bank	12,644	12,644
Debtors and prepayments	2,605	2,605
Creditors due in one year	(3,420)	(3,420)
Total	<u>730,168</u>	<u>730,168</u>

8.2 Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<u>General</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £
Tangible fixed assets	815,894	815,894
Debtors and prepayments	-	-
Creditors due in one year	(3,000)	(3,000)
Total	<u>812,894</u>	<u>812,894</u>

THE CARPENTER CHARITABLE TRUST**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025**9 Transactions With Trustees**

9.1 No Trustee is or has been entitled to any fee or salary (2024 - Nil).

9.2 No Trustee has been reimbursed with any out-of-pocket expenses (2024 - Nil).

9.3 There were no transactions with Trustees or connected persons (2024 - Nil).

10 Statement of funds

10.1 Statement of funds - current year

	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>6th April 2024</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Gains and</u> <u>losses</u>	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>5th April 2025</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	<u>812,894</u>	<u>64,667</u>	<u>(112,021)</u>	<u>(35,372)</u>	<u>730,168</u>

10.2 Statement of funds - prior year

	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>6th April 2023</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Gains and</u> <u>losses</u>	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>5th April 2024</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	<u>802,595</u>	<u>34,284</u>	<u>(70,383)</u>	<u>46,398</u>	<u>812,894</u>