

THE SEEDFIELD TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Registered Charity Number: 283463

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements comply with the charity's Trust Deed and applicable law.

Reference and administrative details

Charity Number: 283463

Principal Address:

PO Box 135

Keswick

CA12 9AS

Trustees:

D E Ryan (Chairman)

P Vipond

E J Proudfoot (Treasurer)

L. Rigg (Secretary)

M Hull

Bankers:

Cumberland Building Society

Cumberland House

Castle Street

Carlisle

CA3 8RX

CAF Bank Ltd

25 Kings Hill Avenue

Kings Hill

West Malling

Kent

ME19 4JQ

Fund Managers:

Sarasin & Partners LLP

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Independent Examiner:

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Structure, governance and management

The Seedfield Trust is a charitable trust, governed by a Trust Deed. It exists to apply its income for the benefit of furthering Christian work and relieving poverty, principally through the making of grants. New Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees. The Trustees have established procedures for the induction and training of new and existing Trustees.

Under the Settlement Deed of 11 September 1981, the Trustees shall pay or apply the income of the Trust to or for the benefit of exclusively charitable purposes with the objectives of furthering Christian work and relieving poverty.

Following the Settlor's death on 6 March 1992, assets were transferred from Mr Thomas Chadwick's estate into the Trust in accordance with his will. Following the death of Mrs Frances Chadwick on 25 December 1994, further assets were transferred into the Trust in accordance with her will.

The following served as Trustees during the whole of the period under review, unless otherwise stated:

D E Ryan (Chairman)
P Vipond
E J Proudfoot (Treasurer)
L Rigg Secretary
M Hull

Objectives and activities

The Trust is a charity which exists to apply its income for the benefit of furthering Christian work and the relief of suffering and poverty. To achieve this object, the Trust makes grants to a number of projects that fulfil these objectives.

Grant making policies

The Trustees consider applications for grants towards Christian activities that further the charity's objectives. The criteria for grant making is not inflexible but in general the Trustees consider that the grant making policy should avoid core funding and other activities that require funding over a number of years. Most grants are therefore made towards one-off projects that are receiving support, either practical or financial, from sources other than The Seedfield Trust.

In addition to the above, the Trust makes grants on a regular basis to a small number of charities that were supported by the Settlers during their lifetimes.

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In addition to the funds of £21,228 in the Receipts and Payments Account at 31 December 2023 (2022 - £27,543), the Trust had funds under management at 31 December 2023 valued at £3,591,642 (2022 - £3,397,992). The income generated from the funds enabled the Trust to make grants of £105,000 (2022 - £105,000) during the year, in line with its charitable purposes. A list of the grants made during the year is included within the financial statements.

Income

Our income receipts during the year have remained the same as the previous year at £101,179 (2022 - £101,075). The Trustees expect an increase in investment income in 2024.

Investment policy

The Trustees have placed the majority of investments in the hands of professional fund managers, who manage them on a discretionary basis in their Sarasin Endowment Fund Class A INC fund. Regular meetings are held with the fund manager to discuss the most appropriate structure of the portfolio so as to achieve the Trustees' ethical and financial objectives. In general, these financial objectives are to endeavour to maintain the capital in real terms whilst generating the best income commensurate with that and ethical investment principles. Any funds not placed with the fund managers are held in interest-bearing deposit accounts. Performance is monitored in quarterly reports.

Fund manager's fees are primarily incurred by the investment fund with only the balance being incurred by way of cash (and thus reflected in the receipts and payments account). Total costs were £25,162 (2022 - £26,320).

Reserves policy

The Trust holds unrestricted reserves of £3,612,870 (2022 - £3,425,535) of which £3,591,642 (2022 - £3,397,992) are held in long term investments. The Trustees' policy is to invest the endowment funds with the long term objective of maintaining the economic value of grants made from income. In addition, the Trustees' policy is to distribute all income arising in the fund, after allowing for operating expenses, but to retain a small proportion of income in reserve as cash (at 31 December 2023 £21,228 (2022 - £27,543)) to meet urgent needs in advance of expected receipts.

Plans for future periods

The Trustees plan to continue to invest capital in accordance with current policies and use the income arising therefrom to continue to make grants to charities in fulfilment of the charity's objectives.

Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The work of the charity and the funds it raises are wholly directed towards furthering the aims and objectives set out on page 2 and the Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity satisfies the criteria laid down for meeting the public benefit test.

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Trustees' remuneration

Financial review, achievements and performance

No trustees received any remuneration during the year. No trustee received reimbursed expenses during the year (2022 – £0). There have been no related party transactions.

Trustees' responsibilities

In the year ended 31 December 2023 the financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. This is in line with guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Seedfield Trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with relevant law. 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.

By order of the Trustees

D E RYAN

Trustee

Date: 24th June 2024

Reserves policy

The Trust holds unrestricted reserves of £3,812,870 (2022 - £3,455,235) of which £3,391,842 (2022 - £3,397,992) are held in long term investments. The Trustees' policy is to invest the endowment funds with the long term objective of maintaining the economic value of grants made from income. In addition, the Trustees' policy is to distribute all income arising in the fund, after allowing for operating expenses, but to retain a small proportion of income in reserve as cash (at 31 December 2023 £21,228 (2022 - £27,243)) to meet urgent needs in advance of expected receipts.

Plans for future periods

The Trustees plan to continue to invest capital in accordance with current policies and use the income arising therefrom to continue to make grants to charities in fulfilment of the charity's objectives.

Public benefit

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEEDFIELD TRUST

I report on the financial statements of The Seedfield Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. 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:

- examine the financial statements 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.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's Trustees as a body. 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 an independent examiner's 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 examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

Basis of independent examiner's report

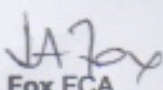
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 financial statements 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, which is complete, no matters have come to my attention which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of The Seedfield Trust in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.


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29 June 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS

Investment income received

101,179 101,075

Total receipts

101,179 101,075

PAYMENTS

Costs of generating funds:

Investment - 430 units Sarasin Endowments Fund Class A Inc.

488 1,707

Fund manager's fees

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Charitable activities:

Grants paid

1 105,000 105,000

Accountancy and independent examination costs

1,550 1,550

Other costs

456 418

Total payments

107,494 108,675

Net payments

(6,315) (7,600)

Cash funds brought forward

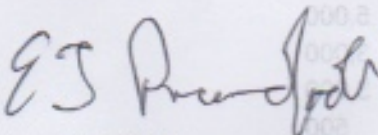
27,543 35,143

Cash funds carried forward

21,228 27,543

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2022 £
Cash funds:			
Cumberland Building Society – current account	1,000	(5,561)	6,445
Cumberland Building Society – 30 day deposit account	1,000	26,595	21,077
Held by Sarasin & Partners fund managers	1,000	194	21
		<u>21,228</u>	<u>27,543</u>
Investment assets – units held in fund managed by Sarasin & Partners – expendable endowment fund			
3,036,045 income units – Sarasin Endowment Fund Class A INC Valuation as at 31 December 2023	3,036,045	3,591,642	
3,035,615 income units – Sarasin Endowment Fund Class A INC Valuation as at 31 December 2022	3,035,615		3,397,992
			<u>3,397,992</u>
The financial statements were approved by the Trust on		and signed on its behalf by:	
			
E J Proudfoot Trustee			
24 th June 2024			
	<u>£102,000</u>		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
 AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Grants paid	2023 £
ACT Aldates Community Transformation Initiatives	3,000
Baptist Missionary Society	1,000
Barnabus (Manchester) Dwell Project	1,000
Caring for Life	1,000
Childaid to Eastern Europe	2,000
Christians Against Poverty	2,500
CPAS	2,000
Cross Project	1,000
Daylight Christian Prison Trust	1,500
Edinburgh City Mission	1,500
EMMS	3,000
Friends of Julius and Dora	6,000
Hand to Mouth	2,000
Hope and Vision	1,000
Hoveraid	3,000
Innervation Trust	2,500
International Nepal Fellowship	3,000
International Health Partners	3,000
Keswick Ministries	10,000
Kids Alive International	2,000
LICC Ltd	3,000
Linking Lives	1,000
Middle East Media	1,000
Mildmay Mission Hospital	2,000
Proclamation Zambia	2,500
Safe Families for Children	5,000
SAT-7 UK Trust	3,000
Source of Hope	3,000
Sportsreach - Expenses	500
Sportsreach - resources/equipment	1,000
Tearfund	5,000
The Family Trust	2,000
The Leprosy Mission	3,000
The Noah Initiative	3,000
Transform Burkina	2,000
Turning Point Trust	3,000
Walk Ministries	5,500
Worldshare	4,000
Wycliffe	2,000
Zambia Orphans Aid	1,500
	<u>£105,000</u>