

THE SEARLE CHARITABLE TRUST

REPORT AND STATUTORY ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

**Registered Charity
Number 288541**

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R E P O R T O F T H E T R U S T E E S

Year ended 5 April 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 of the financial statements. The statements comply with the Charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and the 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 (SORP FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

The Trust was constituted on 14 January 1982, and is governed by the Trust Deed. The Trustees who served during the year are shown in the 'Reference and administrative details' section below. New Trustees may be appointed by the existing Trustees by virtue of a power contained within the Trust Deed. All Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

The Trustees consider that the principal risk facing the Trust continues to be the variability of investment returns from the Trust's investments. The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Trust faces and confirm that appropriate measures have been taken to protect it from them as far as possible.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The object of the Charity, under the terms of the Trust Deed, is to make donations to any charitable body, association or organisation at the discretion of the Trustees.

The Trust Deed provides that the income and (at the Trustees' discretion) the whole or part of the Trust fund be applied for charitable purposes.

The Trustees having regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 consider that the purpose and activities of the Charity satisfy the requirements of the public benefit test set out in section 4 of the same act.

Organisation

The Charity is governed by its Trustees who may exercise all the powers contained within the Trust Deed.

In accordance with the Trust Deed, the Trustees have power to invest in such stocks, shares, investments and property in any part of the world as they see fit. The Trustees appointed Close Brothers Asset Management as investment managers on a discretionary basis to invest for a balanced return of income and capital growth in the long term.

Financial review

In total, funds decreased by £372,068 in the year to £7,763,167 (2024 - increased by £707,128 to £8,135,235).

The Trustees make donations and grants on a discretionary basis. The Trustees have continued with their policy of supporting the Rona Trust. During the year the Trustees made grants of £90,000 to the Rona Trust (2024 - £90,000). Further grants were made of £1,000 to Park Yoga (2024 - £nil) and £1,000 to Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom (2024 - £nil).

Reserves policy

At 5 April 2025 there was £1,134,627 of undistributed income (2024 - £1,064,884). The Trustees consider the aggregate level of capital and undistributed income sufficient to meet their objectives, which include a proposed significant donation to the Rona Trust to enable them to purchase a new sail training boat. The Trustees have the power to invest as they think fit any funds not immediately required.

Investment policy

The Trustees' principal resources arise from investment income. In this regard the Trustees have noted the statutory duty of care required by the Trustee Act 2000 in relation to their holding suitable investments and the need for diversification of investments so far as is appropriate to the circumstances of the Trust. Given the Trustees' distribution policy their view is that the retention of the excess assets of the Trust in cash pending their distribution reflects suitable investment of the Trust's funds.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Year ended 5 April 2025

Reference and administrative details

Settlor	Andrew Donald Searle
Date of settlement	14 January 1982
Charity registration number	288541
Trustees	Andrew Donald Searle Victoria Caroline Searle
Registered address	c/o Dixon Wilson 22 Chancery Lane London WC2A 1LS
Independent Examiner	S M Rose ACA CTA Dixon Wilson 22 Chancery Lane London WC2A 1LS
Investment Advisors	TrinityBridge Wigmore Yard 42 Wigmore Street London W1U 2RY
Banker	Coutts & Co Campbell's Office 440 Strand London WC2R 0QS

Approved by the Trustees on 18 February 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



A D SEARLE
Chairman

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Year ended 5 April 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEARLE CHARITABLE TRUST

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You are satisfied that an audit is not required for this year under charity law and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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. Dixon Wilson, a firm of Chartered Accountants of which I am a partner has provided bookkeeping services to the Trust and I have applied the FRC's Revised Ethical Standard in carrying out my examination.

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 accounts. 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 accounts 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 am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 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.
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.



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18 February 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 5 April 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Income Fund £	Expendable Endowment Fund £	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Investments:</i>					
Investment income	2	166,763	-	166,763	165,399
Total income and endowments		<u>166,763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,763</u>	<u>165,399</u>
Expenditure on:					
<i>Raising funds:</i>					
Investment management fees	3	-	43,004	43,004	35,887
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Grants made	4	92,000	-	92,000	90,100
Governance costs		5,020	-	5,020	4,684
Total expenditure		<u>97,020</u>	<u>43,004</u>	<u>140,024</u>	<u>130,671</u>
Net (losses)/ gain on investments	5	-	(398,807)	(398,807)	672,400
Net income/ (expenses)		<u>69,743</u>	<u>(441,811)</u>	<u>(372,068)</u>	<u>707,128</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>69,743</u>	<u>(441,811)</u>	<u>(372,068)</u>	<u>707,128</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,064,884	7,070,351	8,135,235	7,428,107
Total funds carried forward (page 6)		<u>1,134,627</u>	<u>6,628,540</u>	<u>7,763,167</u>	<u>8,135,235</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The charity has no recognised gains and losses other than as stated above.

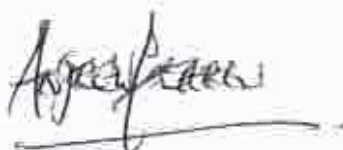
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BALANCE SHEET

At 5 April 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Investments at market value	5	<u>6,747,162</u>	<u>6,982,295</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank	6	1,036,699	1,168,104
Debtors		<u>386</u>	<u>1,323</u>
		1,037,085	1,169,427
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(21,080)</u>	<u>(16,487)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,016,005</u>	<u>1,152,940</u>
Total net assets		<u>7,763,167</u>	<u>8,135,235</u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted Income Fund (page 5)		1,134,627	1,064,884
Expendable Endowment Fund (page 5)		<u>6,628,540</u>	<u>7,070,351</u>
Total charity funds		<u>7,763,167</u>	<u>8,135,235</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 11 were approved by the Trustees on 18 February 2026.



A.D. SEARLE
Trustee



V.C. SEARLE
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 5 April 2025

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of investments. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the financial currency of the Trust and rounded to the nearest £.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Fund accounting policy

The Charity comprises an Unrestricted Income Fund and an Expendable Endowment Fund. Unrestricted funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity. Expendable Endowment Funds are capital funds that may be freely converted into spendable income as the Trustees see fit.

(c) Income

Investment gains and losses includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Dividends and similar income are recognised on the date the Trust becomes entitled to the income. Interest is recognised on an accruals basis.

(d) Expenditure and liabilities

Donations are recognised when the Charity is committed to making the donations. All other expenditure is based on an accruals basis. The Charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts.

(e) Assets

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are initially recognised at transaction price and subsequently measured at fair value. All realised and unrealised gains are taken to the statement of financial activities.

(f) Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its Charitable Objectives.

(g) Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The Trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind.

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Year ended 5 April 2025

2. Investment income

	Unrestricted Income Fund £	Expendable Endowment Fund £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Income Fund £	Expendable Endowment Fund £	Total 2024 £
UK equities	73,398	-	73,398	74,773	-	74,773
Overseas	53,946	-	53,946	76,324	-	76,324
Fixed interest	23,324	-	23,324	7,490	-	7,490
Deposit interest	16,095	-	16,095	6,812	-	6,812
	<u>166,763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,763</u>	<u>165,399</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165,399</u>

3. Raising funds

	Unrestricted Income Fund £	Expendable Endowment Fund £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Income Fund £	Expendable Endowment Fund £	Total 2024 £
Investment management fees	-	43,004	43,004	-	35,887	35,887

4. Charitable activities

The Charity undertakes its charitable activities through grant making and awards grants to institutions in furtherance of its charitable objectives. Charitable activities relate to the Unrestricted Income Fund only.

	Grant-funded activity £	Governance costs £	Total 2025 £
Funded from Unrestricted Income Fund:			
Grant making	92,000	5,020	97,020
Total	<u>92,000</u>	<u>5,020</u>	<u>97,020</u>

Governance costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank charges	480	484
Accountancy fees	4,540	4,200
	<u>5,020</u>	<u>4,684</u>

Accountancy fees payable to the Independent Examiner's firm as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
- Examination	1,000	1,000
- Accountancy	3,540	3,200
	<u>4,540</u>	<u>4,200</u>

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4. Charitable activities (continued)	2025 £	2024 £
Recipients of institutional grants:		
Rona Trust – London Sailing Project	90,000	90,000
Park Yoga	1,000	-
Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom	1,000	-
Ann Bowers	-	100
	<u>92,000</u>	<u>90,100</u>

5. Fixed asset investments

	Unrestricted Income Fund £	Expendable Endowment Fund £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Income Fund £	Expendable Endowment Fund £	Total 2024 £
Market value						
At 6 April 2024	-	6,982,295	6,982,295	-	6,354,191	6,354,191
Additions at cost	-	1,177,985	1,177,985	-	1,810,604	1,810,604
Disposals at carrying value	-	(840,460)	(840,460)	-	(1,534,183)	(1,534,183)
Unrealised gains on investments	-	(633,411)	(633,411)	-	442,007	442,007
Movement in cash balance	-	60,753	60,753	-	(90,324)	(90,324)
At 5 April 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>6,747,162</u>	<u>6,747,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,982,295</u>	<u>6,982,295</u>
Historical cost	<u>-</u>	<u>3,782,581</u>	<u>3,782,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,445,056</u>	<u>3,445,056</u>
					2025 £	2024 £

Investments at market value consists of

UK listed investments	6,570,821	6,866,707
Cash held for investment	176,341	115,588
	<u>6,747,162</u>	<u>6,982,295</u>

Reconciliation of realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on investments

Unrealised (losses)/ gains	(633,411)	442,007
Realised gains	234,604	230,393
	<u>(398,807)</u>	<u>672,400</u>

The following investment holdings are in the opinion of the Trustees material:

	Market value £	Portfolio %
Findlay Park Fds PLC American Fund	326,377	4.97
Close Sustainable Select Fixed Income	349,596	5.32

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6. Cash at bank	2025 £	2024 £
Coutts & Co current account	970,747	254,700
Close Brothers – income account	65,952	113,404
Fixed deposit – Money Market	-	800,000
	<u>1,036,699</u>	<u>1,168,104</u>

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
Investment manager's fees	10,540	10,487
Accountancy and independent examination fees	10,540	6,000
	<u>21,080</u>	<u>16,487</u>

8. Related party disclosures

A D Searle is also a Trustee of the Rona Trust – London Sailing Project. Unconditional grants totalling £90,000 (2024 - £90,000) were made to the Rona Trust – London Sailing Project during the year.

The Trustees did not receive remuneration or reimbursed expenses in the year (2024 - £nil).

9. Unrestricted Funds

	Funds brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Losses £	Net funds carried forward £
Analysis of fund movements					
Unrestricted Income Fund	1,064,884	166,763	(97,020)	-	1,134,627
Expendable Endowment Fund	7,070,351	-	(43,004)	(398,807)	6,628,540
	<u>8,135,235</u>	<u>166,763</u>	<u>(140,024)</u>	<u>(398,807)</u>	<u>7,763,167</u>

	Funds brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Gains £	Net funds carried forward £
Prior year – analysis of funds					
Unrestricted Income Fund	994,269	165,399	(94,784)	-	1,064,884
Expendable Endowment Fund	6,433,838	-	(35,887)	672,400	7,070,351
	<u>7,428,107</u>	<u>165,399</u>	<u>(130,671)</u>	<u>672,400</u>	<u>8,135,235</u>

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10. Analysis of total net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Income Fund £	Expendable Endowment Fund £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Income Fund £	Expendable Endowment Fund £	Total 2024 £
Investments	-	6,747,162	6,747,162	-	6,982,295	6,982,295
Current assets	1,145,167	(108,082)	1,037,085	1,070,884	98,543	1,169,427
Current liabilities	(10,540)	(10,540)	(21,080)	(6,000)	(10,487)	(16,487)
	<u>1,134,627</u>	<u>6,628,540</u>	<u>7,763,167</u>	<u>1,064,884</u>	<u>7,070,251</u>	<u>8,135,235</u>

11. Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>6,747,162</u>	<u>6,982,295</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise fixed asset investments.