

THE LACES TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 5 APRIL 2025

Charity No: 289239

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Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 5 April 2025

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Trustees

H J Dellar
Margaret Fulford – appointed 29 May 2025
P F B Beesley – resigned 29 May 2025
B M Mackenzie – resigned 29 May 2025

Principal Office

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Westminster
London SW1P 3JT

Independent Examiner

Nelson Colaço FCA

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 5 April 2025

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8 and comply with the charity's Trust Deed and applicable law.

Principal objectives of the Charity

The principal objectives of the Laces Trust are the advancement of education and the relief of sickness by promoting or providing for the benefit of the public study, research and instruction in ethics and other philosophical disciplines as a part of or as related to medicine and any subject ancillary thereto.

To fulfil these objectives the Trust has provided for the first Chair in Philosophy and Psychiatry outside Europe at the University of Pretoria, Medical School which has now been successfully established. The Trust also provided for a DPhil Scholarship in the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Oxford which has been successfully completed having been held by a number of excellent scholars. The Trustees have endowed jointly with the University of Oxford a Fellowship in Philosophy of Mind, Psychiatry and Neuroscience at St Catherine's College to be held jointly with a University Lecturer ship in Philosophy of Mind. The Trustees have also funded for two years a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at St Catherine's College, the Fellow working under the University Lecturer in Philosophy of Mind. The Trustees have provided a grant to support the establishment of a Collaborating Centre for Values – based Practice in Health and Social Care at St Catherine's College. The Trustees have recently renewed and extended this grant to include a part-time Director with administrative support and a small discretionary fund for the Director to use for open access publications.

The Trustees have continued to assist, by way of grant, the International Network of Philosophy and Psychiatry, the development of which the Trustees regard as very important for ethics and other philosophical disciplines.

Organisation of the Charity

The Trust is governed by a Trust Deed of the 2nd April 1984 and is registered with the Charity Commission under number 289239.

During the year the following persons served on the Board of Trustees:

P F B Beesley – resigned 29 May 2025
B M Mackenzie – resigned 29 May 2025
H.J Dellar
Margaret Fulford – appointed 29 May 2025

Advisers to the Charity

Solicitors Lee Bolton Monier - Williams
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 Westminster
 London SW1P 3JT

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 5 April 2025 (continued)

Accountants TC BSG Valentine Limited
Lynton House
7-12 Tavistock Square
London WC1H 9BQ

Financial Review

Summary of income and expenditure

The income and distribution account for the year shows a net surplus for the year of £23,933 (2024: £11,254). This brings the accumulated surplus carried forward to £853,156 (2024: £829,223).

Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that such risks are not continuously monitored and that appropriate steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Reserves policy

The Trustees' policy is to maintain their continuing level of support making donations that they have agreed. If income resources are insufficient to cover the donations then recourse is made to the other funds of the Trust. The Trustees do not consider that any minimum level of resources is required.

Plans for the future

The Trustees intend to continue making donations in a similar way to the recent past but retaining flexibility as to the timing and scale of donations.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

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

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 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; and

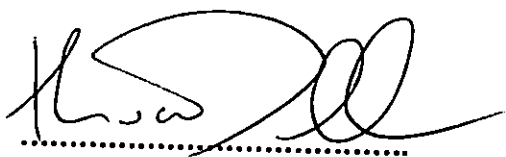
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- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



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H J DELLAR - TRUSTEE

Date: 7th Oct 2025

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Independent Examiner's report year ended 5 April 2025

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees THE LACES TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Laces Trust (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').

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

Independent examiners' 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:

- (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.

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.



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TC BSG Valentine Ltd
Lynton House
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Date: 7 October 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5 April 2025

£	2024 £		£	£
		INCOME		
	36,515	Profit on sale of investments		26,611
	-	Donations (including gift aid)		50,000
	25,517	Dividends and interest received		28,616
	<u>62,032</u>			<u>105,227</u>
(35,398)		DONATIONS AND GRANTS	(52,000)	
		ADMINISTRATION COSTS		
(7,195)		Investment management fees	(6,340)	
(37)		Bank charges and sundry expenses	(1)	
(8,148)		Legal and Professional fees	(22,953)	
	<u>(50,778)</u>			<u>(81,294)</u>
	11,254	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>23,933</u>
	817,969	Surplus brought forward		829,223
	<u>829,223</u>	SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>853,156</u>

All funds are unrestricted.

The notes on page 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 5 April 2025

2024			
£	£	£	£
	CAPITAL FUNDS		
10	Capital sums settled		10
	INCOME ACCOUNT		
829,223	Undistributed Income		853,156
<u>829,233</u>			<u>853,166</u>
	REPRESENTED BY		
	FIXED ASSETS		
817,162	Quoted investments (at cost) (market value (£1,019,919))		832,962
10,372	Brokers bank balances		5,702
<u>827,534</u>			<u>838,664</u>
	CURRENT ASSETS		
6,155	Bank balances		20,502
<u>6,155</u>			<u></u>
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
(4,456)	Accrued expenses		(6,000)
<u>829,233</u>			<u>853,166</u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 7th Oct 19 and signed on their behalf by:-

..... Date 7th Oct 2025

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025

1. Principal accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. 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 (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

The Foundation constitutes a public benefit entity.

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity has sufficient commitments from donors to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements.

(b) Donations

Donations receivable are accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.

(c) Investment Income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.

(d) Charitable Activities

Charitable activities comprise all costs which are directly attributable to the objects of the charity. Donations payable are recognised when a constructive or legal obligation to the recipient has been created by the charity.

(e) Governance Costs

Governance costs comprise the costs of statutory compliance, which consist of the costs associated with the statutory audit of the Trust.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025 (continued)

2. Trustee Remuneration

No Trustee received any remuneration or was reimbursed for expenses during either year.

3. Governance Costs

	2024 £	2025 £
Independent Examination fee	3,000	3,000

4. Creditors due within 1 year

	2024 £	2025 £
Accruals	4,456	6,000

5. Related Party transactions

There are no related party transaction to report for the current or previous year.