

The Elmgrant Trust
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2023

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The Elmgrant Trust

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The Elmgrant Trust
Charity registration number	313398
Principal office	Elmhirst Centre Dartington Hall Totnes Devon TQ9 6EL
The trustees	M.B. Ash - Chairperson S. Young P.B. Elmhirst M.R.W. Sharman
Committee of management	A. Daftari T. Lane
Company secretary	Mrs. A. Critchlow Horning
Independent examiner	Paul Cridland FCA 61 Macrae Road Ham Green Bristol BS20 0DD
Bankers	Lloyds TSB Bank Plc 41 Courtenay Street Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 2QW CAF Bank Limited PO Box 289 West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Investment managers	Investec 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QP

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, governance and management

The Elmgrant Trust was set up in 1936 by Dorothy Elmhirst, her husband Leonard and Dorothy's daughter Beatrice Straight. Dorothy and Leonard were the founders of Dartington Hall in Devon, which was an experiment in rural regeneration and education.

The Elmgrant Trust is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 17 November 1936.

The Board of Trustees of up to seven individuals administers the Trust. New trustees and the Chairperson are appointed by the Board of Trustees.

New trustees are found from the contacts and networks of existing trustees. When recruiting new trustees the board looks for individuals with skills and experience which are of value to the Trust and which are not represented by existing trustees. New trustees are provided with a pack of information including recent accounts, a copy of the Trust Deed and information regarding finances, governance and charitable objectives including minutes of the previous trustees' meeting.

Most trustees are highly experienced individuals and have a good understanding of what is involved in being a trustee of a charity. Where appropriate, the Trust supports the training of trustees.

The trustees meet three times a year to consider recommendations for, and make final decisions on, the awarding of grants. The day to day administration of grants and the processing of applications prior to consideration by the trustees is delegated to the Chairperson who is supported by the Secretary.

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

M.B. Ash - Chairperson
S. Young
P.B. Elmhirst
M.R.W. Sharman

Under the Trust Deed the number of trustees is limited to between two and four.

Objectives and activities

The main objectives of the Trust are that its funds are to be used for general charitable purposes with specific emphasis on educational activities. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in setting the grant making policy for the year.

The Trust is funded by a capital endowment which is invested in a variety of investments permitted under the Trust Deed and the income produced therefrom is utilised in furtherance of the Trust's activities. The Trust is also permitted under its Trust Deed to utilise its capital for furthering the Trust's objectives but, as a matter of practice, this is generally minimised by the trustees.

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Year ended 31 March 2023

Achievements and performance

The Trust makes grants to individuals residing within the South West of England and to organisations within the United Kingdom, with preference being given to projects within the South West.

During the year 81 grants were made (2022 - 83). Further details of grants paid can be obtained from the Trust's secretary.

Grant-making policy

The Trust has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit. The Trust aims to make grants so that its total resources expended are broadly in line with its incoming resources. We review the grant making policy annually to ensure that it reflects the charity's objectives and thereby advances public benefit.

Financial review

During the year, the Trust made grants, totalling £55,415 (2022 : £82,731). Note 9 to the accounts details the type of grants paid.

The statement of financial activities shows a net investment loss of £236,723 (2022 gain : £113,697) which has resulted in an overall funds loss for the year of £265,417 (2022 gain : £63,392). At the year-end the funds totalled £2,680,594 (2022 : £2,946,011).

Reserve policy

The charity's free reserves are represented by the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets. In addition, as noted above, the trustees of the Trust do not regard the charity's investments as available for spending but rather they are held for the purposes of earning income (Expendable Endowment Fund). Consequently, investments are also not regarded as part of the free reserves of the Trust.

Given the nature of the Trust's funding by investment income, the trustees believe that the Trust's free reserves should be between three and six months' of the resources expended, which equates to £25,000 to £50,000. At the year-end the Trust's free reserves (net current assets) were within this range.

Investments selection policy

The Trust has wide powers of investment with the investments being managed by professional investment managers. The investments selection policy of the Trust is the responsibility of the trustees, acting with the advice of the investment managers. The trustees' present policy is to maintain, in the long-term, at least the Trust's current level of income whilst, to the extent possible, achieving growth in its capital base.

Review of major risks

The trustees have reviewed the major risks of the Trust and concluded that the primary risk is that its income is dependent on the performance of its stock market investments. This risk is managed by regular monitoring of the income against grant commitments and is reviewed at each meeting of the trustees. Other risks are mitigated as appropriate.

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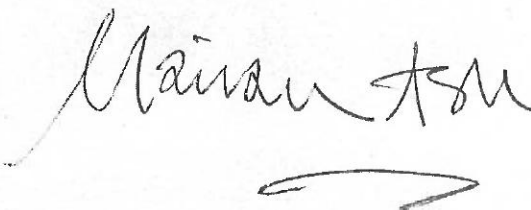
Plans for future periods

The Trust will continue to make grants from its income and investments in accordance with its Trust Deed.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 28 October 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

M.B. Ash
Trustee

- Chairperson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.B. Ash', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Elmgrant Trust

Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Elmgrant Trust ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's financial statements 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.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. 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 accounts to be reached.



Paul Cridland FCA
Independent Examiner

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28 October 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2023

			2023		2022
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Investment income	4	175	68,843	69,018	73,787
Total income		<u>175</u>	<u>68,843</u>	<u>69,018</u>	<u>73,787</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Investment management costs	5	—	20,068	20,068	20,300
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	77,644	—	77,644	103,792
Total expenditure		<u>77,644</u>	<u>20,068</u>	<u>97,712</u>	<u>124,092</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	10	—	(236,723)	(236,723)	113,697
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(77,469)</u>	<u>(187,948)</u>	<u>(265,417)</u>	<u>63,392</u>
Transfers between funds		87,000	(87,000)	—	—
Net movement in funds		<u>9,531</u>	<u>(274,948)</u>	<u>(265,417)</u>	<u>63,392</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		32,162	2,913,849	2,946,011	2,882,619
Total funds carried forward		<u>41,693</u>	<u>2,638,901</u>	<u>2,680,594</u>	<u>2,946,011</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above. The deficit for the year comprising the net expenditure plus realised losses on investments of £236,723 (2022 gains: £113,697).

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

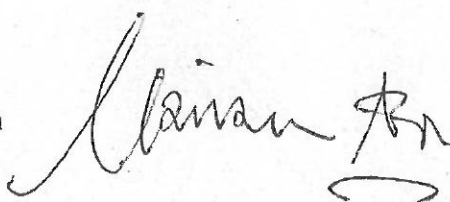
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	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	16	200	250
Investments	17	2,632,596	2,904,552
		<u>2,632,796</u>	<u>2,904,802</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	18	15,042	17,233
Cash at bank and in hand		38,946	29,829
		<u>53,988</u>	<u>47,062</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	6,190	5,853
Net current assets		<u>47,798</u>	<u>41,209</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,680,594</u>	<u>2,946,011</u>
Net assets		<u>2,680,594</u>	<u>2,946,011</u>
Funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		2,638,901	2,913,849
Unrestricted funds		41,693	32,162
Total charity funds	21	<u>2,680,594</u>	<u>2,946,011</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 28 October 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

M.B. Ash
Trustee

- Chairperson



The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

1. General information

The Trust is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Elmhirst Centre, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 6EL.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are as follows:

Useful economic life of fixed assets.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

The endowment fund is an expendable fund that shows the income from, and change in value of, the trust's investments. Investment management fees relating to the fund are charged against the fund. Although the endowment fund is unrestricted, the trustees aim to maintain the fund in order to generate future incoming resources.

That part of the fund which the trustees use for other purposes is transferred to the unrestricted fund.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- investment income is dividends and interest on securities and are accounted for when the securities are quoted ex-dividend. Interest receivable is accounted for on an accruals basis.
- income from donations is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds represents those costs attributable to managing the investment portfolio and raising investment income, primarily investment management fees and support costs.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by the charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities. Grants are included in this category when they have been unconditionally approved by the trustees and the beneficiaries have been informed. The value of any such grants unpaid at the year-end are accrued in the balance sheet.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

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| Computers | - 25% straight line |
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Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from listed investments	–	68,843	68,843
Bank interest receivable	175	–	175
	<u>175</u>	<u>68,843</u>	<u>69,018</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from listed investments	–	73,781	73,781
Bank interest receivable	6	–	6
	<u>6</u>	<u>73,781</u>	<u>73,787</u>

5. Investment management costs

	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Portfolio management	<u>20,068</u>	<u>20,068</u>	<u>20,300</u>	<u>20,300</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Education and educational research	10,470	10,470	15,135	15,135
Arts and arts research	10,394	10,394	18,900	18,900
Social sciences and science	12,581	12,581	25,766	25,766
Pensions and compassionate	21,970	21,970	22,930	22,930
Support costs	22,229	22,229	21,061	21,061
	<u>77,644</u>	<u>77,644</u>	<u>103,792</u>	<u>103,792</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Education and educational research	10,470	2,795	13,265	17,395
Arts and arts research	10,349	2,774	13,168	22,747
Social sciences and science	12,581	3,358	15,939	28,588
Pensions and compassionate	21,970	5,886	27,856	26,353
Governance costs	—	7,416	7,416	8,709
	<u>55,415</u>	<u>22,229</u>	<u>77,644</u>	<u>103,792</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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8. Analysis of support costs

	Education and educational research £	Arts and arts research £	Social sciences and science £	Pensions and compassion ate £	Governance costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	1,918	2,032	2,213	4,024	3,396	13,583	12,949
General office	877	742	1,145	1,862	1,160	5,786	3,520
Governance costs	—	—	—	—	2,860	2,860	4,592
	<u>2,795</u>	<u>2,774</u>	<u>3,358</u>	<u>5,886</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>22,229</u>	<u>21,061</u>

Support costs are allocated on the basis of estimated staff time.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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9. Analysis of grants

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants to institutions		
Grants to institutions	52,515	80,726
Grants to individuals		
Grants to individuals	2,900	2,005
Total grants	<u>55,415</u>	<u>82,731</u>

During the year 74 (2022:76) grants were paid to institutions. 7 grants were paid to individuals (2022: 7).

The major grants paid to institutions of £2,000 and over in the year were:

Dartington Hall Trust - for Private Collection	£2,000
Horticultural Therapy Trust	£2,090
Kingsbridge Area Foodbank	£3,000

A breakdown of grants payable to institutions can be obtained from the Trust's secretary.

10. Net (losses)/gains on investments

	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Gains/(losses) on other investment assets	(236,723)	<u>(236,723)</u>	113,697	<u>113,697</u>

11. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>

12. Independent examination fees

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>

13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	13,187	12,572
Employer contributions to pension plans	395	377
	<u>13,582</u>	<u>12,949</u>

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13. Staff costs *(continued)*

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2022: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Administrative staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

During the year 1 (2022 - 1) trustees received £261 (2022 - £115) for travel and subsistence expenses.

15. Transfers between funds

Funds transferred is the sum drawn down from the investment portfolio during the year.

16. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>2,195</u>	<u>2,195</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	1,945	1,945
Charge for the year	50	50
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,995</u>	<u>1,995</u>
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2023	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>

The fixed assets are used for management and administration purposes.

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17. Investments

	Cash or cash equivalents £	Listed investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2022	113,510	2,791,042	2,904,552
Additions	–	619,334	619,334
Disposals	–	(576,283)	(576,283)
Fair value movements	–	(236,723)	(236,723)
Other movements	(78,284)	–	(78,284)
At 31 March 2023	35,226	2,597,370	2,632,596
Impairment			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023			–
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	35,226	2,597,370	2,632,596
At 31 March 2022	113,510	2,791,042	2,904,552

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

The fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the balance sheet date.

The following investments are in excess of 5% of the portfolio at 31 March 2023:

- 1) 3,640 Vanguard Funds Plc S&P 500 Ucits Etf USD Dis, market value £212.142

18. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	15,042	17,233

19. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	6,060	5,618
Other creditors	130	235
	6,190	5,853

20. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £395 (2022: £377).

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21. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
General funds	32,162	175	(77,644)	87,000	—	41,693

	At 1 Apr 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
General funds	40,948	6	(103,792)	95,000	—	32,162

Endowment funds

	At 1 Apr 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
Expendable Endowment Fund - Capital Fund	2,913,849	68,843	(20,068)	(87,000)	(236,723)	2,638,901

	At 1 Apr 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
Expendable Endowment Fund - Capital Fund	2,841,671	73,781	(20,300)	(95,000)	113,697	2,913,849

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Year ended 31 March 2023

22. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	200	–	200
Investments	2,365	2,630,231	2,632,596
Current assets	45,318	8,670	53,988
Creditors less than 1 year	(6,190)	–	(6,190)
Net assets	41,693	2,638,901	2,680,594

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	250	–	250
Investments	2,365	2,902,187	2,904,552
Current assets	35,400	11,662	47,062
Creditors less than 1 year	(5,853)	–	(5,853)
Net assets	32,162	2,913,849	2,946,011

23. Financial instruments

The carrying amount for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure		
Fixed assets investments	2,632,596	2,904,552