

THE SHEEPDROVE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 328369

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1989-10-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: FOR GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Activities: The trust supports initiatives which increase sustainability, biodiversity and organic farming, for example research into organic seed production and nutrition. The trust also supports specific work in educational research and spiritual care for the living and the dying.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£89,269	£1,105,843	-	-
2023-12-31	£57,614	£501,812	-	-
2022-12-31	£104	£765,839	-	-
2021-12-31	£176	£608,601	-	-
2020-12-31	£206	£406,556	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANABEL KINDERSLEY		2015-02-19
BARNABAS GUY KINDERSLEY		
HARRIET ROSE TREUILLE		
HELEN ANN CRAVEN-JONES		2024-08-21
JULIET ELIZABETH KINDERSLEY		
PETER DAVID KINDERSLEY		

THE SHEEPDROVE TRUST

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Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 328369

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
The Sheepdrove Trust

Sumer Auditco Limited
Statutory Auditors
Hermes House
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The Sheepdrove Trust

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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The Sheepdrove Trust
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Sheepdrove Trust is a family charity and a large proportion of the funding goes towards initiating the Trusts own projects and one of its desires is to support initiatives which increase sustainability, biodiversity and organic farming in this country, for example research into organic production and nutrition.

The Trustees maintain an ongoing dialogue with the individuals and institutions to whom they have made grants so as to assess their willingness to continue that support. The Trustees request that all individuals and institutions update on their successes. This is done by means of reports, meeting updates, newsletters and e-mails. This information is kept with the Trust Administrator and enables the Trustees to measure their successes and make decisions about further funding. The Trustees also review new applications for funds carefully to ascertain if those will be supported.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity has a portfolio of listed investments that had a market value as at 31 December 2024 of £28,815,999 including cash available for investment (2023: £28,122,681).

The funds are invested in good quality investments and the income, along with some of the capital appreciation of the investments, is distributed at regular intervals. During the year ended 31 December 2024 the fund generated income of £89,269 (2023: £57,614). The Trustees granted new donations during the year totalling £899,546 (2023: £360,942). A list of donations is included in note 6.

During the past 36 months, the Charity has supported the #StandByBees campaign, spearheaded by Anabel Kindersley. The campaign is focussed on cutting the use of hazardous pesticides and promoting nature-friendly farming in the UK, in order to protect bees and the British countryside.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity has unrestricted reserves only, which, at 31 December 2024 were £28,427,209. All reserves are held in listed investments and creditors. The charity has large levels of unrestricted reserves compared to its level of annual expenditure as its main source of income is from its investments which need to be maintained for future income generation. The trustees acknowledge the increase in funds over recent years and will review its grant making policy with the aim of increasing its grant making.

The Trustees will continue to pursue a policy of distributing funds held by the way of grants.

The financial objective of the Trust is to at least maintain the real value of the assets whilst generating a stable and sustainable return to fund grant making.

The Trust seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk. The investment criteria are regularly discussed by the Trustees with the investment advisers. The investments are managed on a moderately risk averse basis.

The Trustees are satisfied with the investment performance.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

At the Trustees annual meeting, the Trustees discussed all operational, legal and business risks faced by the Charity and confirmed that they have established systems to mitigate any significant risks.

FUTURE PLANS

The Charity plans to continue its support for diverse causes.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Sheepdrove Trust
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a declaration of trust dated 21 September 1989.

The Trustees were able to accumulate the income of the trust fund until 21 September 2010.

The number of Trustees shall not be less than two nor more than six. The power of appointing Trustees is vested in the surviving or continuing Trustees. Any new Trustees would be trained and inducted by the other Trustees.

All decisions affecting the management of the Charity and its assets are taken by the Trustees who meet at least once a year. The Trustees received investment advice from Rothschild Bank (CI) Limited.

The Charity does not actively fundraise and seeks to undertake its charitable objectives through the careful stewardship of its existing resources.

Day to day management of the Charity is delegated to employees seconded to the Charity, and paid by the Charity via a connected party.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

328369

Principal address

Sheepdrove
Lambourne
Hungerford
RG17 7UU

Trustees

Mrs J E Kindersley
P D Kindersley
B G Kindersley
Mrs A Kindersley
Mrs H Treuille
Mrs H Craven-Jones (appointed 21.8.24)

Auditors

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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 and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs J E Kindersley - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
The Sheepdrove Trust**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sheepdrove Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
The Sheepdrove Trust**

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and the grant making activity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to Charity Law, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements of the charity. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to revenue recognition and management override. Audit procedures performed by the audit engagement team included:

- discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- understanding and review of management's internal controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities, and fraud;
- review of the minutes of the Trustees meetings;
- designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that might indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- review of the financial statements disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above;
- testing transactions entered into outside of the normal course of the charity's business; and
- identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries with fraud characteristics such as journals with round numbers.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and the transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date: 23 October 2025

The Sheepdrove Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Investment income	3	89,269	57,614
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	39,635	38,901
Charitable activities	5		
Grant making		954,390	392,201
Save the Bee's project		111,818	70,710
Total		1,105,843	501,812
Net gains on investments		1,545,053	2,040,759
NET INCOME		528,479	1,596,561
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		27,898,730	26,302,169
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		28,427,209	27,898,730

The notes form part of these financial statements

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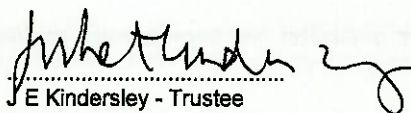
Balance Sheet
31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	12	28,815,999	28,122,681
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	667	667
Cash at bank		109,551	61,962
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		110,218	62,629
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(345,008)	(232,580)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		(234,790)	(169,951)
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		28,581,209	27,952,730
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(154,000)	(54,000)
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NET ASSETS		28,427,209	27,898,730
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FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	16	28,427,209	27,898,730
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TOTAL FUNDS		28,427,209	27,898,730
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 October 2025..... and were signed on its behalf by:



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P D Kindersley - Trustee



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J E Kindersley - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Sheepdrove Trust is an unincorporated charitable trust. The charity's registration number and address can be found in the trustees' report.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

There are no significant areas of judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty.

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

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from listed investments	87,226	56,872
Deposit account interest	2,043	742
	<u>89,269</u>	<u>57,614</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Portfolio management	<u>39,635</u>	<u>38,901</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Grant making	-	899,545	54,845	954,390
Save the Bee's project	111,818	-	-	111,818
	<u>111,818</u>	<u>899,545</u>	<u>54,845</u>	<u>1,066,208</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grant making	899,546	360,942
	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants to institutions (32 grants)		
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Beyond GM	5,000	-
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Nann-k trust	-	-
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Earthed	85,000	85,000
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - OGA	5,000	-
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - The Ecology Trust	17,463	17,719
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Can Cristofol	-	14,170
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Care4cats	12,842	12,857
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Lawyers for Nature	300,000	-
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Whole Health Agriculture	30,000	-
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Pasture for Life	20,000	-
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - ORFC	15,000	-
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Other	44,597	25,619
Medicine, Health - Cancer Prevention Society	10,000	10,000
Medicine, Health - Other	-	-
Education, Schools - Maria Montessori Trust	60,000	-
Education, Schools - University of the Arts London	-	-
Education, Schools - The Prison Phoenix Trust	10,000	10,000
Education, Schools - Other	3,414	11,000
Arts, Culture - The Watermill Theatre	200,000	100,000
Arts, Culture - Newbury Spring Festival	21,000	21,000
Arts, Culture - Other	-	-
Other	76,230	59,578
	915,546	366,942
Grants to individuals (1 grant) - Education	14,000	4,500
	929,546	370,942
Grants withdrawn	(30,000)	(10,000)
	899,546	360,942
Reconciliation of grants		
	£	£
Commitments at 1 January 2024	270,500	463,433
Grants committed for the year	929,546	370,942
Grants returned	-	1,795
Grants withdrawn	(30,000)	(10,000)
Grants paid during the year	(691,061)	(555,670)
Commitments at 31 December 2024	478,985	270,500
Commitments at 31 December 2024 are payable as follows:		
Within one year	324,985	216,500
After more than one year	154,000	54,000
Total	478,985	270,500

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Grant making	<u>45,539</u>	<u>9,306</u>	<u>54,845</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024 Grant making £	2023 Total activities £
Wages	10,723	8,600
Other charitable events	27,123	11,175
Bank charges	175	150
Sundries	18	229
Legal and professional	7,500	2,220
Auditors' remuneration	9,306	8,885
	<u>54,845</u>	<u>31,259</u>

8. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	<u>9,306</u>	<u>8,885</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The trustee, Helen Craven-Jones, is employed as an administrator for Sheepdrove Farm which invoices the charity for the administration services the trustee provides to the charity. During the period from her appointment as trustee to the year end of 31 December 2024, the charity paid the farm £3,656.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	<u>10,723</u>	<u>8,600</u>
	<u>10,723</u>	<u>8,600</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Administration	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Investment income	57,614
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	38,901
Charitable activities	
Grant making	392,201
Save the Bee's project	70,710
Total	501,812
Net gains on investments	2,040,759
NET INCOME	1,596,561
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	26,302,169
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	27,898,730

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 January 2024	28,036,930	85,751	28,122,681
Additions	1,331,181	-	1,331,181
Disposals	(2,158,108)	(24,808)	(2,182,916)
Revaluations	1,545,053	-	1,545,053
At 31 December 2024	<u>28,755,056</u>	<u>60,943</u>	<u>28,815,999</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2024	<u>28,755,056</u>	<u>60,943</u>	<u>28,815,999</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>28,036,930</u>	<u>85,751</u>	<u>28,122,681</u>
Analysis of investments:			
	2024 £		2023 £
UK securities	26,807,553		26,499,638
Overseas securities	1,947,503		1,537,292
Cash	60,943		85,751
	<u>28,815,999</u>		<u>28,122,681</u>

The investments are held to provide an investment return for the charity and are listed on recognised stock exchanges and managed by independent fund managers.

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13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2024	2023
		£	£
Other debtors		<u>667</u>	<u>667</u>
14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2024	2023
		£	£
Accruals and deferred income		20,023	16,080
Accruals for grants payable		<u>324,985</u>	<u>216,500</u>
		<u>345,008</u>	<u>232,580</u>
15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		2024	2023
		£	£
Accruals for grants payable		<u>154,000</u>	<u>54,000</u>
16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	At 1.1.24	Net	At
	£	movement	31.12.24
		in funds	£
		£	
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,898,730	528,479	28,427,209
	<u>27,898,730</u>	<u>528,479</u>	<u>28,427,209</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming	Resources	Gains and	Movement
	resources	expended	losses	in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	89,269	(1,105,843)	1,545,053	528,479
	<u>89,269</u>	<u>(1,105,843)</u>	<u>1,545,053</u>	<u>528,479</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23	Net	At
	£	movement	31.12.23
		in funds	£
		£	
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	26,302,169	1,596,561	27,898,730
	<u>26,302,169</u>	<u>1,596,561</u>	<u>27,898,730</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	57,614	(501,812)	2,040,759	1,596,561
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>57,614</u>	<u>(501,812)</u>	<u>2,040,759</u>	<u>1,596,561</u>

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Neal's Yard Remedies is a company in which the trustees are shareholders. During the year the charity paid a grant of £2,875 to Tabitha Robertson Aromatherapy for treatments carried out at Neal's Yard premises for Grenfell Tower survivors.

The Trust also paid £1,887 for Rewilding surveys and advice and £11,429 for restoration work and hedgelaying on the Sheepdrove Farm, a farm which the trustees own.

In 2022, Neal's Yard Remedies launched a new campaign to protect the precious bee population. Anabel Kindersley, co-owner of Neal's Yard, hosted a Bee Symposium in June 2022, bringing together like-minded businesses to debate and address the issue of bee-harming neonicotinoid pesticides and explore ways of working with nature to protect the UK's bee population. The Sheepdrove Trust funded the Bee Symposium and continues to support the Save the Bees campaign.

THE SHEEPDROVE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 328369

Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
The Sheepdrove Trust

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The Sheepdrove Trust

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Sheepdrove Trust is a family charity and a large proportion of the funding goes towards initiating the Trusts own projects and one of its desires is to support initiatives which increase sustainability, biodiversity and organic farming in this country, for example research into organic production and nutrition.

The Trustees maintain an ongoing dialogue with the individuals and institutions to whom they have made grants so as to assess their willingness to continue that support. The Trustees request that all individuals and institutions update on their successes. This is done by means of reports, meeting updates, newsletters and e-mails. This information is kept with the Trust Administrator and enables the Trustees to measure their successes and make decisions about further funding. The Trustees also review new applications for funds carefully to ascertain if those will be supported.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity has a portfolio of listed investments that had a market value as at 31 December 2023 of £27,898,730 including cash available for investment (2022: £26,763,952).

The funds are invested in good quality investments and the income, along with some of the capital appreciation of the investments, is distributed at regular intervals. During the year ended 31 December 2023 the fund generated income of £57,614 (2022: £104). The Trustees granted new donations during the year totalling £360,942 (2022: £470,906). A list of donations is included in note 6.

During the past 24 months, the Charity has supported the #StandByBees campaign, spearheaded by Anabel Kindersley. The campaign is focussed on cutting the use of hazardous pesticides and promoting nature-friendly farming in the UK, in order to protect bees and the British countryside.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity has unrestricted reserves only, which, at 31 December 2023 were £27,898,730. All reserves are held in listed investments and creditors. The charity has large levels of unrestricted reserves compared to its level of annual expenditure as its main source of income is from its investments which need to be maintained for future income generation. The trustees acknowledge the increase in funds over recent years and will review its grant making policy with the aim of increasing its grant making.

The Trustees will continue to pursue a policy of distributing funds held by the way of grants.

The financial objective of the Trust is to at least maintain the real value of the assets whilst generating a stable and sustainable return to fund grant making.

The Trust seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk. The investment criteria are regularly discussed by the Trustees with the investment advisers. The investments are managed on a moderately risk averse basis.

The Trustees are satisfied with the investment performance.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

At the Trustees annual meeting, the Trustees discussed all operational, legal and business risks faced by the Charity and confirmed that they have established systems to mitigate any significant risks.

FUTURE PLANS

The Charity plans to continue its support for diverse causes.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Sheepdrove Trust
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a declaration of trust dated 21 September 1989.

The Trustees were able to accumulate the income of the trust fund until 21 September 2010.

The number of Trustees shall not be less than two nor more than six. The power of appointing Trustees is vested in the surviving or continuing Trustees. Any new Trustees would be trained and inducted by the other Trustees.

All decisions affecting the management of the Charity and its assets are taken by the Trustees who meet at least once a year. The Trustees received investment advice from Rothschild Bank (CI) Limited.

The Charity does not actively fundraise and seeks to undertake its charitable objectives through the careful stewardship of its existing resources.

Day to day management of the Charity is delegated to employees seconded to the Charity, and paid by the Charity via a connected party.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
328369

Principal address

Sheepdrove
Lambourne
Hungerford
RG17 7UU

Trustees

Mrs J E Kindersley
P D Kindersley
B G Kindersley
Mrs A Kindersley
Mrs H Treuille

Auditors

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Hermes House
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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 and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

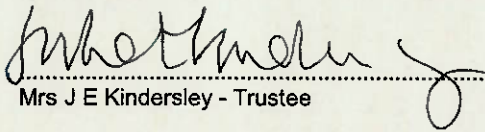
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

The Sheepdrove Trust

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7/10/2024 and signed on its behalf by:


Mrs J E Kindersley - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
The Sheepdrove Trust**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sheepdrove Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
The Sheepdrove Trust**

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and the grant making activity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to Charity Law, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements of the charity. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to revenue recognition and management override. Audit procedures performed by the audit engagement team included:

- discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- understanding and review of management's internal controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities, and fraud;
- review of the minutes of the Trustees meetings;
- designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that might indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- review of the financial statements disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above;
- testing transactions entered into outside of the normal course of the charity's business; and
- identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries with fraud characteristics such as journals with round numbers.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and the transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date: 11/10/2024.....

The Sheepdrove Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Investment income	3	57,614	104
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	38,901	38,730
Charitable activities	5		
Grant making		392,201	507,607
Save the Bee's project		70,710	219,502
Total		501,812	765,839
Net gains/(losses) on investments		2,040,759	(2,508,967)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,596,561	(3,274,702)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		26,302,169	29,576,871
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		27,898,730	26,302,169

The notes form part of these financial statements

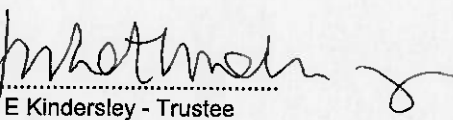
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Balance Sheet
31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	12	28,122,681	26,763,952
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	667	667
Cash at bank		61,962	14,483
		<u>62,629</u>	<u>15,150</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(232,580)	(307,933)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>(169,951)</u>	<u>(292,783)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		27,952,730	26,471,169
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(54,000)	(169,000)
NET ASSETS		<u>27,898,730</u>	<u>26,302,169</u>
FUNDS	16		
Unrestricted funds		27,898,730	26,302,169
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>27,898,730</u>	<u>26,302,169</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 07/10/24 and were signed on its behalf by:


P D Kindersley - Trustee


J E Kindersley - Trustee

The Sheepdrove Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Sheepdrove Trust is an unincorporated charitable trust. The charity's registration number and address can be found in the trustees' report.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

There are no significant areas of judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty.

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

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income from listed investments	56,872	-
Deposit account interest	742	104
	<u>57,614</u>	<u>104</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Portfolio management	38,901	38,730
	<u>38,901</u>	<u>38,730</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Grant making	-	360,942	31,259	392,201
Save the Bee's project	70,710	-	-	70,710
	<u>70,710</u>	<u>360,942</u>	<u>31,259</u>	<u>462,911</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2023 £	2022 £
Grant making	360,942	470,906
	2024 £	2023 £
Grants to institutions (25 grants)		
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Beyond GM	-	140,000
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Nann-k trust	-	45,000
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Earthed	85,000	-
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - OGA	-	40,000
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - The Ecology Trust	17,719	17,047
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Can Cristofol	14,170	-
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Care4cats	12,857	13,122
Farming, Wildlife, Preservation - Other	25,619	31,256
Medicine, Health - Cancer Prevention Society	10,000	10,000
Medicine, Health - Other	-	2,678
Education, Schools - Maria Montessori Trust	-	50,000
Education, Schools - University of the Arts London	-	50,137
Education, Schools - The Prison Phoenix Trust	10,000	-
Education, Schools - Other	11,000	5,000
Arts, Culture - The Watermill Theatre	100,000	7,200
Arts, Culture - Newbury Spring Festival	21,000	21,000
Arts, Culture - Other	-	10,000
Other	59,578	28,466
	366,942	470,906
Grants to individuals (1 grant) - Education	4,500	-
	370,942	470,906
Grants withdrawn	(10,000)	-
	360,942	470,906
Reconciliation of grants		
	£	£
Commitments at 1 January 2023	463,433	451,614
Grants committed for the year	370,942	470,906
Grants returned	1,795	-
Grants withdrawn	(10,000)	-
Grants paid during the year	(555,670)	(459,087)
Commitments at 31 December 2023	270,500	463,433
Commitments at 31 December 2023 are payable as follows:		
Within one year	216,500	294,433
After more than one year	54,000	169,000
Total	270,500	463,433

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Grant making	<u>22,374</u>	<u>8,885</u>	<u>31,259</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023 Grant making £	2022 Total activities £
Wages	8,600	8,000
Other charitable events	11,175	12,335
Bank charges	150	200
Sundries	229	1,367
Legal and professional	2,220	-
Auditors' remuneration	<u>8,885</u>	<u>8,105</u>
	<u>31,259</u>	<u>30,007</u>

8. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	<u>8,885</u>	<u>8,105</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	<u>8,600</u>	<u>8,000</u>
	<u>8,600</u>	<u>8,000</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Administration	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Investment income	104
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	38,730
Charitable activities	
Grant making	507,607
Save the Bee's project	219,502
Total	765,839
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(2,508,967)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(3,274,702)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	29,576,871
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	26,302,169

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 January 2023	26,673,399	90,553	26,763,952
Additions	66,972	-	66,972
Disposals	(744,200)	(4,802)	(749,002)
Revaluations	2,040,759	-	2,040,759
At 31 December 2023	<u>28,036,930</u>	<u>85,751</u>	<u>28,122,681</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	<u>28,036,930</u>	<u>85,751</u>	<u>28,122,681</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>26,673,399</u>	<u>90,553</u>	<u>26,763,952</u>
Analysis of investments:			
	2023 £	2022 £	
UK securities	26,499,638	25,039,545	
Overseas securities	1,537,292	1,633,854	
Cash	85,751	90,553	
	<u>28,122,681</u>	<u>26,763,952</u>	

The investments are held to provide an investment return for the charity and are listed on recognised stock exchanges and managed by independent fund managers.

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13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2023	2022
		£	£
Other debtors		667	667
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2023	2022
		£	£
Accruals and deferred income		16,080	13,500
Accruals for grants payable		216,500	294,433
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		232,580	307,933
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		2023	2022
		£	£
Accruals for grants payable		54,000	169,000
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	At 1.1.23	Net	At
	£	movement	31.12.23
		in funds	£
		£	
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	26,302,169	1,596,561	27,898,730
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	26,302,169	1,596,561	27,898,730
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming	Resources	Gains and	Movement
	resources	expended	losses	in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	57,614	(501,812)	2,040,759	1,596,561
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	57,614	(501,812)	2,040,759	1,596,561
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22	Net	At
	£	movement	31.12.22
		in funds	£
		£	
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	29,576,871	(3,274,702)	26,302,169
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	29,576,871	(3,274,702)	26,302,169
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	104	(765,839)	(2,508,967)	(3,274,702)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104</u>	<u>(765,839)</u>	<u>(2,508,967)</u>	<u>(3,274,702)</u>

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Neal's Yard Remedies is a company in which the trustees are shareholders. During the year the charity paid a grant of £1,580 to Tabitha Robertson Aromatherapy for treatments carried out at Neal's Yard premises for Grenfell Tower survivors.

The Trust also paid £800 for Butterfly, invertebrate and Breeding bird surveys on the Sheepdrove Farm, a farm which the trustees own.

In 2022, Neal's Yard Remedies launched a new campaign to protect the precious bee population. Anabel Kindersley, co-owner of Neal's Yard, hosted a Bee Symposium in June 2022, bringing together like-minded businesses to debate and address the issue of bee-harming neonicotinoid pesticides and explore ways of working with nature to protect the UK's bee population. The Sheepdrove Trust funded the Bee Symposium and continues to support the Save the Bees campaign.