

The Earl of Derby's Charitable Trust

**Unaudited financial statements
for the year ended 5th April 2024**

The Earl of Derby's Charitable Trust

Business information

Charity registration number	515783
Trustees	The Rt Hon 19 th Earl of Derby DL Lord Edward Stanley
Business address	Knowsley Hall Prescot Merseyside L34 4AG
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Introduction

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 which comply with the Charity's Trust Deed, dated 23 August 1984, and applicable law. The charity is a registered charity, number 515783.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a Trust Deed dated 23 August 1984. The charity was established by The Rt Hon The 18th Earl of Derby MC with an initial sum of £100,000 to be held and applied by the trustees for general charitable purposes.

Recruitment, Appointment and Training of Trustees

The Trust Deed gave the power to appoint new trustees to the original settlor, The Rt Hon The 18th Earl of Derby MC, during his lifetime. After this period, the existing trustees have the power to appoint new trustees. Trustees are recruited from the immediate family and professional advisors of the original settlor.

Given the background from which the trustees are recruited, the trustees come to the role with a significant level of knowledge regarding the objects and aims of the charity and the related compliance work. In addition to this, the trustees gain regular updates from their professional advisors in order to keep them fully conversant with these issues.

No Trustee received remuneration during the current year or previous year.

Organisational Structure

At a twice yearly trustees' meeting, the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity of the Trust. They consider the performance of the Trust's investments and review the risks facing the charity. The day to day administration of any charitable grants is delegated to administrative staff of The Rt Hon 19th Earl of Derby DL's Knowsley Estate.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major risks facing the charity, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the charity and anything that might affect the Trustees' ability to realise their objectives. The Trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the major risks.

Object and Activities

The charity was initially established as a 'grant making' charity. The objectives as set out in the Settlement Deed of the charity are to provide exclusively for the promotion, support and advancement of charitable purposes of all kind according to the law in England and Wales. In particular the policy has been to provide charitable support firstly within the areas of Cheshire, Lancashire, Merseyside, Greater Manchester and Cumbria and secondly, nationally. When planning activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The charity has received a substantial number of grant applications from outside of Merseyside and from more affluent parts of the region. It was noted that although the Trust Deed broadly states that the funds will be for the benefit of the inhabitants of the North West, the trustees wish to focus their attentions to small, local charities in more deprived areas of Merseyside. This has been one of the key objectives of the current financial year.

Grant Making Policy

The Trust makes a number of recurrent grants every year to certain institutions. However, the Trust also welcomes applications from other organisations that fall within the objects described above. The Trust has no predetermined policy for awarding grants. Grants are made on the perceived merits of every application and the details of the recurrent and non-recurrent grants made in the year are detailed at note 6.

Financial Review

During the year income of £30,823 (2023: £25,241) was received, £28,164 arising from investments held by the Trust and £2,659 in a tax refund relating to Gift Aid from HMRC.

The Trustees have used the income to support their charitable donations in the year. The total expenditure in the year was £21,221 and did not exceed income by £9,053 (2023: expenditure £22,413).

The net movement in funds in the year, as shown in the statement of financial activities, amounted to an increase of £91,022 (2023: decrease of £51,768).

Investment Policy

Investments are made at the discretion of the trustees, acting on the advice from their investment advisors, and in accordance with the Trust Deed.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to carry sufficient reserves to cover the management and administration costs of the Trust and to respond to recurrent grant applications.

The restricted fund is to be applied specifically towards the maintenance of the fabric of St Mary's Church, Knowsley.

Future Plans

The Trust intends to continue to receive applications for grants from a variety of different bodies. Each application will be considered on its own merit. However, as mentioned above, it is the intention of the Trust to focus grant making in the more deprived areas of Merseyside.

Trustees and their responsibilities

The trustees who served during the year were:

The Rt Hon 19th Earl of Derby DL
Lord Stanley

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report 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 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, applicable accounting regulations 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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The Rt Hon 19th Earl of Derby DL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Earl of Derby's Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under 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.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Irene Hamilton

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Irene Hamilton FCCA

Date: 31st January 2025

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Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 5 April 2024

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Knowsley Church Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
- Investment income	4	26,080	2,084	28,164	25,241
- HMRC Tax Refund		2,659		2,659	-
		<u>28,739</u>	<u>2,084</u>	<u>30,823</u>	<u>25,241</u>
Total incoming resources					
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
- Investment manager costs		5,328	548	5,878	6,297
- Bank charges		3	-	3	1
- Accountancy		516	-	516	300
<i>Costs of charitable activities</i>	5	15,373	-	15,373	15,815
		<u>21,221</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>21,770</u>	<u>22,413</u>
Total resources expended					
Net (resources expended) / incoming resources for the period		7,518	1,536	9,053	2,828
Realised and unrealised gains / (losses) on investment assets		77,854	4,114	81,968	(54,596)
		<u>85,372</u>	<u>5,650</u>	<u>91,022</u>	<u>(51,768)</u>
Net movement in funds					
Total funds brought forward as at 6 April 2023		882,183	61,959	944,225	
Total funds carried forward as at 5 April 2024		<u>967,555</u>	<u>67,590</u>	<u>1,035,164</u>	

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Balance sheet As at 5 April 2024

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Knowsley Church Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Quoted investments at market value	3	918,136	61,590	979,726	896,275
		<u>918,136</u>	<u>61,590</u>	<u>979,726</u>	<u>896,275</u>
Current assets					
Cash deposits		46,720	8,718	59,717	52,146
Amount due from restricted fund		4,279	-	-	-
		<u>43,414</u>	<u>8,732</u>	<u>47,867</u>	<u>67,791</u>
Current liabilities					
Amount due to unrestricted fund			4,279	4,279	4,279
Other creditors					
		<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Assets representing Unrestricted and Restricted Funds (page 5)		969,135	66,029	1,035,164	944,142
		<u>969,135</u>	<u>66,029</u>	<u>1,035,164</u>	<u>944,142</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 31st January 2025

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The Rt Hon 19th Earl of Derby DL

1 Accounting policies

1.1 General

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out below, the Charities Act 2011 and 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).

1.2 Investments

Investments are included in the accounts at market value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities, whether that be realised or unrealised.

1.3 Income

Investment and other income is recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt.

1.4 Expenditure

Donations are included in the accounts when they are payable and administrative expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

1.5 Taxation

The Charity is a registered Charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

1.6 Funds

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are funds that have been given for particular purposes and projects. The restricted fund must be used wholly to provide grants for the maintenance and upkeep of St Mary's Church, Knowsley.

2 Comparative statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Fund 2024 £	Restricted Knowsley Church Fund 2024 £	Unrestricted Fund 2023 £	Restricted Knowsley Church Fund 2023 £
Incoming resources				
- Investment income	26,080	2,084	23,656	1,585
- Miscellaneous income	2,659		-	-
Total incoming resources	<u>28,739</u>	<u>2,084</u>	<u>23,656</u>	<u>1,585</u>
Resources expended				
<i>Cost of generating funds:</i>				
- Investment manager costs	5,328	548	5,702	593
- Bank charges	3		1	-
- Accountancy	516		300	-
<i>Costs of charitable activities</i>	15,815	-	15,815	-
Total resources expended	<u>21,221</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>21,819</u>	<u>593</u>
Net (resources expended) / incoming resources for the period	1,838	992	1,838)	990)
Realised and unrealised gains / (losses) on investment assets	<u>(52,404)</u>	<u>(2,192)</u>	<u>(52,404)</u>	<u>(2,192)</u>
Net movement in funds	(50,566)	(1,200)	(50,566)	(1,202)
Total funds brought forward as at 6 April 2023	<u>907,347</u>	<u>63,161</u>	<u>932,749</u>	<u>63,161</u>
Total funds carried forward as at 5 April 2024	<u><u>856,781</u></u>	<u><u>61,961</u></u>	<u><u>882,183</u></u>	<u><u>61,959</u></u>

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3 Fixed asset investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Knowsley Church Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Market value as at 6 April 2023	838,767	57,508	896,275	928,144
Less: Disposals at market value	(136,953)	(2,774)	(139,727)	(128,593)
Add: Acquisitions at cost	138,468	2,742	141,210	151,320
Net gain / (loss) on revaluation	77,854	4,114	81,968	(54,596)
	<u>918,136</u>	<u>61,590</u>	<u>979,726</u>	<u>896,275</u>
Market value as at 5 April 2024	918,136	61,590	979,726	896,275
Historic cost as at 5 April 2024	<u>730,344</u>	<u>47,290</u>	<u>777,634</u>	<u>756,652</u>

The classes of investments held at the year end were as follows:

	Market Value £
Quoted	577,477
Venture Funds	4,073
Alternative Strategies	85,579
Bonds	310,760
Other	1,837
	<u>979,726</u>

Investments in individual entities held at 5 April 2024 which are over 5% of portfolio by value are:

	Market Value £
Artemis Fund Managers Global	66,465
Jupiter Merlin Growth Portfolio	117,004
TB Evenlode Investment Funds	83,652
TM Redwheel Funds	81,625
Tm Stoneage	147,863
Bluebay Funds Management	59,462
Pimco Global Advisors	76,253
	<u>632,324</u>

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4 Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Dividends - UK equities	11,351.18	11,375
Dividends - Overseas investments	2,775.87	1,300
Interest on UK investments	11,976.95	12,145
Interest on Overseas investments	2,060.35	423
	<u>28,164.35</u>	<u>25,242</u>

5 Analysis of charitable expenditure

Grant Funding Institutions

	2024	2023
	£	£
Age, disablement and sickness	750	1,500
Education and youth	3,000	3,000
Racing charities	2,000	4,150
Religious organisations	4,650	3,000
General charitable causes	4,973	4,165
	<u>15,815</u>	<u>15,815</u>

6 Analysis of donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Age, disablement and sickness		
<i>Recurrent payments:</i>		
Willowbrook Hospice	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
	750	750
<i>Non recurrent payments:</i>		
Martin's Mountain	-	250
Alder Hey Imagine Appeal	<u>750</u>	<u>1,000</u>

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Education and youth

Recurrent payments:

Acorn Venture Farm	750	750
Animal Health Trust		
St Helens Sea Cadets (TS Scimitar)	750	750
Zoe's Place	750	750
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	2,250	2,250

Non Recurrent payments:

1 st Whiston Scouts	750	750
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	3,000	3,000
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Racing

Recurrent payments:

British Racing School	1,000	750
Racing Welfare	1,000	3,400
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	2,000	4,150

Non Recurrent payments:

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	2,000	4,150
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Religion

Recurrent payments:

St Saviours Church, Wildboarclough	750	750
St Michael's Church, Huyton		
St Peter & St Paul Church, Ormskirk	750	750
Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe	750	
Liverpool Cathedral	2,400	1,500
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	4,650	3,000

Non Recurrent payments:

St Mary's Church, Knowsley	-	
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	5,400	3,000
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General

Recurrent payments:

Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services		7550
The Boys Brigade, Liverpool	750	750
RNRMC (Royal Navy and Royal Marine Charity)		-
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	750	1,500

Non Recurrent payments:

Miscellaneous	2,223	2,665
The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra	1,000	
Knowsley War Memorial	1,000	
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	4,223	4,165
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Total grants from unrestricted funds	-	15,815
Total grants from restricted funds	-	-
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Total grants	-	15,815
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Donations approved by the Trustees during their meetings in the year, but not paid at the year end, amounted to nil (2023: nil).

7 Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no remuneration (2023: £nil) and were not reimbursed for any expenses in the year (2023: £nil).

8 Staff Costs

There are no paid employees or volunteers that work for the Charity.

9 Related party transactions

The trustees do not consider there to have been any related party transactions requiring disclosure in either the current or prior years.