

Charity No. 526206

The Harris Charity

Financial Statements

**For The Period Ended
31 March 2025**

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CHARITY DETAILS

Trustees:	E J Booth CBE DL LLD - (Chairman) P R Metcalf MBE FCA DChA - (Vice Chairman) Dr A W Andrews Mrs J Coulston–Herrmann BA Hons M.Ed JP Mrs J M Dodd (Appointed 23 May 2024) Mrs N M Fielden Rev P Hamborg S W J Huck LLB Mrs S J McCluskie (Appointed 30 November 2023) K G Mellalieu T J Scott FCSI
Honorary Vice President	W S Huck
Secretary	D M Ingram FCA
Registered Address	Richard House 9 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3HP
Charity Number	526206
Independent Examiner	A Mills FCA MAAT Chartered Accountant James Todd & Co (NW) Ltd Greenbank House 141 Adelphi Street Preston PR1 7BH
Investment Advisers	Brown Shipley U K Authorised Private Bank 3 Hardman Street Spinningfields Manchester M3 3HF
Endowment Fund	Incorporates Permanent Endowments from the following charities: Jacson Memorial Fund Jacson Special Bequest Victor Gatty Prize Fund Rogerson Scholarship Trust Lancashire Council for Voluntary Youth Service

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 published in October 2019.

The year end of the charity has been changed from 5 April 2025 to 31 March 2025.

Constitution, objectives and activities for the public benefit

The charity, which was originally known as "The Harris Orphanage" regulated by a scheme of the High Court of Justice of 23 January 1883, was re-organised in 1985 following the disposal of the Harris Orphanage premises in Garstang Road, Preston, to the Lancashire Polytechnic (now renamed University of Central Lancashire).

The proceeds of sale together with previously held investments have resulted in a substantial endowment which has been invested for the future benefit of young people under the age of twenty-five years resident in the County of Lancashire, with preference given to persons living in the City of Preston (formerly the Borough of Preston).

The Harris Charity is a registered charity governed by a scheme of arrangement dated 8 August 1985 approved by the Charity Commissioners. The Trustees' powers of investment are determined by the Trustee Act 2000.

Financial assistance is given to relieve hardship or distress, for promoting training and education and to assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and leisure activities.

The trustees generally meet on a quarterly basis to address the business of the charity. The secretary handles the day to day running of the charity from the registered office.

Trustees and appointment of new trustees

The trustees who have served during the period and since the period end are set out on page 1 and are appointed in accordance with the trust scheme.

Trustees are appointed for five years by resolution of the body of trustees passed at a special meeting of which not less than twenty-one days' notice has been given. The trustees look to appoint new trustees with expertise and knowledge and who have an involvement with the care of children and activities for which grants are sought. Any Trustee who is absent from all meetings of the trustees during a period of two consecutive years is considered to have determined their trusteeship.

The trustee, Mr S W J Huck was re-elected during the year.

Investment policy

An Investment Sub-Committee meets quarterly to review the investment portfolio of the charity and to discuss any proposals made by the investment advisers, Brown Shipley.

The trustees agree with the investment adviser that a realistic income target in the present circumstances is £100,000 per annum rather than the £120,000 figure that has been previously requested with an anticipation that the new income target will not be achieved in the short term as dividends continue to recover. The trustees continue to take a long term view on the investment portfolio and will keep the target figure under review as market conditions change.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Investment policy (continued)

The current Brown Shipley mandate in measuring investment performance is 'Growth' using the MSCI PIMFA Private Investor Growth Index as a benchmark. Investments are avoided where their products are harmful to children and young people who the charity serves. The policy is to generate income for the making of grants whilst maintaining capital growth to protect the value of the investments in real terms.

Grant-making policy

The charity invites applications from individuals under the age of 25 years and organisations which support persons under the age of 25 years, twice yearly in March and September. Applicants are invited to submit a summary of their proposals on a specific form. Each application is perused and grants are awarded at the trustees discretion. Each applicant is informed as to whether or not a grant has been awarded and if successful is asked to provide the Trustees with the relevant documents/invoices in order that funds may be released.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant-making policy for the year. Financial assistance is given to relieve hardship or distress, for promoting training and education and to assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and leisure activities for those under the age of twenty five years resident in the county of Lancashire, with preference given to persons living in the city of Preston. An analysis of the assistance provided is shown in note 5.

Review of activities – achievements and performance

During the period 31 grants awards (2024:32) have been made by the charity totalling £116,022 (2024:£107,553). Grants amounting to £262,837 (2024:£224,322) had been approved but not paid at the year end.

The Harris Charity continues to explore ways to provide help to young people in the Lancashire area who are living in challenged circumstances. It works closely with two local charities, Preston Relief in Need and Guild Initiative for Furniture Trust (Gift 92) in supporting young people and families setting up home.

The trustees have identified and reviewed the risks to which the charity is exposed, and have introduced appropriate controls to manage these risks, and to provide reasonable assurance against error and fraud.

Financial review

The charity's income during the period amounted to £145,406 (2024:£121,150).

Total resources expended during the period amounted to £161,271 (2024:£138,112). Grants payable during the period totalled £109,502 (2024: £89,863). The overall result was an increase in the value of the unrestricted fund of £29,549 (2024:increase of £24,052) to £418,999 (2024:£389,450) at 31 March 2025 after adding (2024:deducting) the unrealised gain of £18,777 (2024:gain of £16,123) on investments and current asset investments held.

During the period the value of the endowment fund increased by £34,562 (2024:increase of £376,661) to £4,419,114 (2024:£4,384,552) at 31 March 2025. This occurred as a result of gains of £61,199 (2024: gains of £401,552) and after deducting investment management costs of £26,637 (2024:£24,891).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity, at a level that provides sufficient funds to cover grants payable and administration costs and to respond to emergency applications for grants which arise from time to time. The endowment fund is invested in order to generate the income necessary to provide for the grants that are awarded.

The trustees confirm that the free reserves of the charity at the period end were £418,999 (2024: £389,450).

This report was approved by the Trustees on October 30, 2025

and signed on its behalf:

Edwin Booth

E J Booth CBE DL LLD
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE

TRUSTEES OF THE HARRIS CHARITY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Harris Charity for the period ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 6 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of The Harris Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 Harris Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Dated: November 5, 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	1,031
Investments	3	145,406	-	145,406	120,119
Total incoming resources		145,406	-	145,406	121,150
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	-	26,637	26,637	24,891
Charitable activities	5	134,634	-	134,634	113,221
Total expenditure		134,634	26,637	161,271	138,112
Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments		10,772	(26,637)	(15,865)	(16,962)
Gains/(losses) on investments	6	18,777	61,199	79,976	417,675
Net movement in funds		29,549	34,562	64,111	400,713
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		389,450	4,384,552	4,774,002	4,373,289
Total funds carried forward		418,999	4,419,114	4,838,113	4,774,002

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	6	-	4,387,302	4,387,302	4,343,289
Total fixed assets		-	4,387,302	4,387,302	4,343,289
Current assets					
Debtors	7	21,209	-	21,209	18,627
Investments	8	394,825	-	394,825	433,820
Cash at bank and in hand		277,896	31,812	309,708	222,831
Total current assets		693,930	31,812	725,742	675,278
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(274,931)	-	(274,931)	(244,565)
Net current assets		418,999	31,812	450,811	430,713
Net assets		418,999	4,419,114	4,838,113	4,774,002
Charity Funds					
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>					
General fund		418,999	-	418,999	389,450
<i>Endowment funds</i>		-	4,419,114	4,419,114	4,384,552
Total charity funds	10,11	418,999	4,419,114	4,838,113	4,774,002

Approved by the Board of Trustees on October 30, 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Edwin Booth

E J Booth CBE DL LLD – Chairman of Trustees

Peter Metcalf

P R Metcalf MBE FCA DChA – Vice Chairman

David Ingram

D M Ingram FCA - Secretary

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The Harris Charity is a charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are set out on page 2 of the trustees report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 issued in October 2019 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 on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £000.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainty exists that casts doubt on the charity's ability to continue to operate. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for the twelve months from the date of the authorising of these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income recognition

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

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds then the income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

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

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been allocated to the fund to which it relates. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. The charity is not registered for VAT, consequently, input VAT incurred is charged against the expenditure heading to which it relates.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those costs incurred that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. They are in sustained support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

Governance costs are those costs relating to the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulations and good charity practices. The trustees have decided that all such costs be met from unrestricted funds.

Investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted mid market price as quoted on the London Stock Exchange and, in the case of foreign investments, on their respective stock exchanges.

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between cost, if acquired during the year, their fair value at the previous year end and their fair value at the current year end.

Unrestricted fund

The unrestricted fund is a fund which is available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which has not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The charity currently has no designated funds.

Endowment fund

The endowment fund is a fund representing those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally investments. Income arising on the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
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2 Donations and legacies – unrestricted

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	-	1,031
	-	1,031

3 Investment - unrestricted

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment dividends and interest	144,677	116,927
Bank interest	729	3,192
	145,406	120,119

4 Raising funds -

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment management costs	26,637	24,891
	26,637	24,891

£26,637 (2024: £24,891) of expenditure is allocated to the endowment fund and £Nil (2024: £Nil) to unrestricted.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
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5 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants expenditure:		
Grants (see note 5b)	109,502	89,863
	109,502	89,863
Grant related support costs:		
Secretarial fees	16,269	14,573
Information commissioner's charges	35	35
Trustee insurance	3,048	3,048
Accountancy fees - governance	2,800	2,850
Independent examiners fees - governance	2,920	2,796
Bank charges	60	56
	134,634	113,221

£Nil (2024: £Nil) of expenditure is allocated to the endowment fund, the rest is unrestricted.

Note 5b	2025	2024
	£	£
Balance payable brought forward	224,322	209,262
Previously awarded grants released	(6,520)	(17,670)
New grants awarded in the year	116,022	107,533
Net grant cost in the year (note 5c)	109,502	89,863
	333,824	299,125
Grants paid in the year	(70,987)	(74,803)
Balance payable carried forward (note 9)	262,837	224,322

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5 Charitable activities (continued)

Note 5c	Preston Area £	Lancashire Area £	31 March 2025 £	5 April 2024 £
Institutional				
Charitable organisations	4,500	14,500	19,000	8,229
Educational	-	695	695	3,900
Recreational – scouts, youth clubs etc		-	-	5,000
Recreational – sports, playgroups etc	33,575	57,835	91,410	87,018
Individuals	897	4,020	4,917	3,386
Previously awarded grants released	(647)	(5,873)	(6,520)	(17,670)
	38,325	71,177	109,502	89,863

6 Fixed asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Market value at 5 April 2024	4,343,289	3,930,976
Additions	384,226	426,809
Disposal proceeds	(401,412)	(416,048)
Net investment (losses)/gains	61,199	401,552
Market value at 31 March 2025	4,387,302	4,343,289
Historical cost at 31 March 2025	3,773,459	4,057,783
	2025 £	2024 £
Investments at fair value comprised:		
Equities	3,827,829	3,556,145
Bonds and gilts	385,329	601,422
Hedge and structured funds	63,945	69,426
Property funds	110,199	116,296
	4,387,302	4,343,289

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
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7 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accrued Income	10,584	5,602
Loans	10,625	13,025
	21,209	18,627

The loans are interest free and will be repaid or reviewed before the 25th birthday of the recipient

8 Current asset investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value at 5 April 2024	433,820	239,722
Additions	100,425	177,975
Disposal proceeds	(158,197)	-
Net investment (losses)/gains	18,777	16,123
Market value at 31 March 2025	394,825	433,820
Historical cost at 31 March 2025	380,230	250,000
Investments at fair value comprised:	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash funds	394,825	433,820
	394,825	433,820

9 Creditors – amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors and accrued charges	12,094	20,243
Grants payable (note 5b)	262,837	224,322
	274,931	244,565

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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10 Analysis of charitable funds

The unrestricted fund is available for use at the direction of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which has not been designated for other purposes.

The investment fund is established from previously owned investments together with the proceeds from the disposal of the Harris Orphanage premises in 1985. The fund is kept as a permanent endowment with investments being held for their capital appreciation and also to generate revenue for the unrestricted fund.

	Balance at 6 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds:	389,450	145,406	(134,634)	-	18,777	418,999
Endowment funds:	4,384,552	-	(26,637)	-	61,199	4,419,114
	4,774,002	145,406	(161,271)	-	79,976	4,838,113

Analysis of charitable funds - previous year

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Unrestricted funds:	365,398	121,150	(113,221)	-	16,123	389,450
Endowment funds:	4,007,891	-	(24,891)	-	401,552	4,384,552
	4,373,289	121,150	(138,112)	-	417,675	4,774,002

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
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11 Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	At 5 April 2024 £
Fund balances at 5 April 2024 are represented by:			
Investments	-	4,343,289	4,343,289
Current assets	634,015	41,263	675,278
Creditors falling due within one year	(244,565)		(244,565)
	389,450	4,384,552	4,774,002

12 Related party transactions

Mr P R Metcalf is a trustee of the charities, Preston Relief in Need and the Guild Initiative for Furniture Trust (Gift92), with whom The Harris Charity works closely with, both charities supporting persons under the age of 25 years. Grants awarded to Preston Relief in Need during the year were £nil (2024: £nil) and Gift 92 £nil (2024: £nil) for appliances supplied by them to applicants who were grant aided by the Harris Charity.

13 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the period (2024: £nil).

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the period (2024: £nil).