

Registered Charity Number: 800049

The Primrose Trust

**Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 5 April 2025**

**Deloitte LLP
Cardiff**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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The Primrose Trust Registered Charity Number: 800049

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The trustees present the report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 to the financial statements and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective January 2019) and the provisions of the trust deed dated 2 April 1990.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charitable trust was established by Mrs Marjorie Anthony (deceased) in a Settlement Deed dated 4 September 1986 under the law of England and Wales. The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 800049.

The principal objectives of the Trust are to make donations and grants to such charitable institutions or authorities in such manner as the Trustees may in their absolute direction think fit. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will constitute to the Charity's aims and the objectives they have set. They consider that they have complied with their duty under Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011.

Details of the Trustees, who served throughout the year and since the year-end are set out on page 1 of these accounts. The trustees provide their services without charge and no Trustees' remuneration was paid during the year. Appointment of new trustees is at the discretion of the existing trustees. On appointment, new trustees are provided with information on the structure, administration, policies and procedures of the Trust and the duties of the Trustees. Where appropriate and depending on the existing knowledge and experience in the charities sector of the incoming Trustee, any new Trustee is encouraged to consider whether they would benefit from external training. New Trustees are briefed about the Charity's objectives and how they have been achieved in the past.

All matters of policy and management are determined by the Trustees who routinely meet twice a year to agree the appeals that will be successful in receiving donations for the year.

Procedures and Policy for Donations

The trustees request written applications submitted to the registered office. The trustees meet annually to agree those appeals that will be successful in receiving donations for the year. Grants are made to registered charities which provide a benefit to the general public. The trustees will award donations to capital projects and also towards ordinary charity expenditure. Correspondence is not entered into unless it relates to donations that the charity has agreed to make.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity including the grant making policy are as follows:

The trustees must apply the income of the charity and at their discretion may spend all or part of the capital of the charity to make grants to organisations that are registered charities under the laws of England and Wales or that are otherwise recognised as charities by the Commissioners of the Inland Revenue. The trustees' aim is to identify suitable projects for consideration and welcome written applications to the registered office. The trustees intend to continue providing donations in a similar way as previous years retaining flexibility as to the timing and scale of the donations.

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The Trustees have absolute discretion as to whether to approve a grant to any particular applicant and will not give reasons for any refusal.

Achievements and Performance

During the year to 5 April 2025, donations were made of £100,000 to a total of 4 charitable organisations (£115,000 for the year to 5 April 2024). The largest grant was for £50,000 made to Animal Asia Foundation. The remaining donations were for sums of between £15,000 to £20,000.

The trustees look closely at all applications put before them with a view to looking at the number of potential beneficiaries and are keen to ensure that, as far as possible grants are awarded where there is either the greatest need or the widest benefit to the general public.

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on the operation of public benefit under the Charities Act 2011 and consider that the requirements have been met.

Financial Review and Investment Policy

The incoming resources of the trust for the year to 5 April 2025 amounted to £121,358.13 (2024 £144,460.68), of which £113,567.91 was generated from its investments held with RBC Brewin Dolphin. The balance of income of £7,790.22 relates to interest.

Of the outgoing resources £100,000 was distributed by way of charitable grants and other expenses absorbed £44,528.96 resulting in expenditure exceeding income by £23,170.83 (2024 £11,059.21).

There was a negative net movement in funds for the year of £175,734.45 (2024 positive - £257,430.90) which has been transferred to the unrestricted fund. The balance of the unrestricted fund at 5 April 2025 amounted to £5,037,358.90 (2024 - £5,213,093.35).

The trust continued to derive its income from investing in quoted shares and securities. The value of investments under discretionary management with RBC Brewin Dolphin was £4,733,825 at 5 April 2025 (2024 - £4,760,057). The trustees undertake a moderate risk policy and investment performance is regularly reviewed. The Trustees maintain a written investment policy that further details the management, risk and ethical policy of the investment funds.

Reserves Policy

The trustees operate a single unrestricted fund that is represented by the market value of investments and net cash deposits required to generate resources from which charitable donations are made. The capital base of investments is used to generate income for distribution on an annual basis.

Risk Management

The trustees annually review the risks that the charity faces. To date these have mainly related to investments and these have been addressed by diversified portfolio management. The trustees are aware of the risks of fraudulent applications being received and continue their vigilance in assessing appeals.

Plans for Future Periods

The trustees intend to continue with their investment policy of choosing ethical companies that do not trade in arms or directly test on animals. The emphasis on gifts to animal related charities will continue, but gifts will not necessarily be exclusive to animals.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PRIMROSE TRUST**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Primrose Trust (the Charity) for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
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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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 5 April 2025

	Note	2025	2025	2024	2024
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from Generated Funds:					
Investment income					
UK dividends and fixed interest securities			113,567.91		139,246.88
Interest receivable			7,790.22		5213.80
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES			<u>121,358.13</u>		<u>144,460.68</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Charitable activities:					
Donations payable	13		100,000.00		115,000.00
Cost of generating funds:					
Stockbroker fees		32,158.02		30,661.09	
Governance costs:					
Accountancy fees		9,120.00		7,940.00	
Accountancy fees – overprovision in earlier year		-		(400.00)	
Independent examiner fee		876.00		840.00	
Independent examiner fee – under-provision in earlier year		36.00		390.00	
Trustee expenses		2,338.94		1,088.80	
			<u>44,528.96</u>		<u>40,519.89</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			<u>144,528.96</u>		<u>155,519.89</u>
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR			(23,170.13)		(11,059.21)
Gain/Loss) on investments realised	10		666,889.65		(12,937.00)
(Loss)/Gain on investments unrealised	10		(819,453.17)		281,427.11
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			<u>(175,734.45)</u>		<u>257,430.90</u>
TOTAL FUNDS brought forward at 6 April 2024	9		5,213,093.35		4,955,662.45
TOTAL FUNDS carried forward at 5 April 2025	9		<u><u>5,037,358.90</u></u>		<u><u>5,213,093.35</u></u>

All recognised gains and losses have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities and the amounts included are derived from continuing activities of the Trust.

The Notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

5 April 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
INVESTMENTS			
Quoted stocks and shares (at market value)	10	<u>4,733,825.00</u>	<u>4,760,057.00</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Accrued interest		1,010.51	331.00
Brewin Dolphin		242,689.55	384,682.68
Co-operative Bank		78,581.63	85,723.54
Tax recoverable		155.05	155.05
		<u>322,436.74</u>	<u>470,892.27</u>
CREDITORS AND PROVISIONS			
Deloitte LLP		9,120.00	8,400.00
Independent Examiner's fees		1,752.00	1,680.00
Investment management fees		8,030.84	7,775.92
	11	<u>(18,902.84)</u>	<u>(17,855.92)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		303,533.90	453,036.35
NET ASSETS FUNDS		<u>5,037,358.90</u>	<u>5,213,093.35</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS ACCOUNT	9	<u>5,037,358.90</u>	<u>5,213,093.35</u>

The Notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements of The Primrose Trust registered charity number 800049 were approved and signed by the Trustees on

M G Clark

S Boyes-Korkis

Date

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Year ended 5 April 2025

1. Establishment

The Charitable Trust was established by a Settlement Deed dated 4 September 1986, by Mrs Marjorie Anthony (deceased) under the law of England and Wales. The trust is registered with the Charity Commission Reg No. 800049.

2. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP January 2019), Financial Reporting Standard 102 and applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted by the trustees are described below:

(a) Going concern

The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity is well placed to manage business successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook. Accordingly, they continue to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

(b) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments.

(c) Fund accounting

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

(d) Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for entitlement and receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt. Where a claim for repayment of tax has or will be made, this is shown as tax recoverable.

(e) Charitable activities

Grants made by the trust are charged against income in the year in which they are awarded. Direct charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises donations.

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(f) Support and Governance costs

Governance costs are the administrative and management costs in support of charitable objects. These costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity, together with the independent examination.

Charitable expenditure relates to management and administration costs included on an accruals basis and is directly related to the objects of the charity. Expenditure is recorded once the trust has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant and this is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is the earlier. The charity has not made any grant commitments of more than one year.

Costs of generating funds comprise the stockbroker fees and charges related to managing the investment portfolio for the charity.

(g) Investments

Listed investments are stated at a closing middle market price as at 5 April 2025. All movements in value are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Income from listed investments is recognised as income when due together with any associated recoverable income tax or tax credit.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses are shown separately in the appropriate section of the Statement of Financial Activities.

3. Charitable status

The Trust is a registered charity and is exempt from income and corporation and capital gains tax provided its income and gains are for charitable purposes.

4. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

5. Trustees' expenses and remuneration

During the year to 5 April 2025, Malcolm Clark a trustee of The Primrose Trust received £2,338.94 as reimbursement of expenses in relation to the Charity.

5. Employees

There were no full or part-time employees during the current or prior year.

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6. GRANTS PAYABLE

The following grants were made in accordance with the Trust's objectives:

	2025		2024	
	Number	Amount £	Number	Amount £
Grants (Note 13)	<u>4</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>115,000</u>

8. SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Page	2025 £	2024 £
Cost of Generating Funds			
Investment management fees		<u>32,158.02</u>	<u>30,661.09</u>
	6	<u>32,158.02</u>	<u>30,661.09</u>
Governance costs			
Accountancy fees		9,120.00	7,940.00
Accountancy fees - Overprovision in prior year		-	(400.00)
Independent examination fees		876.00	840.00
- Under provision in prior year		36.00	390.00
Trustees' expenses		<u>2,338.94</u>	<u>1,088.80</u>
	6	<u>12,370.94</u>	<u>9,858.80</u>
Total Costs		<u>44,528.96</u>	<u>40,519.89</u>

9. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/Losses £	Balance at 2025 £
General Funds	<u>5,213,093.35</u>	<u>121,358.13</u>	<u>(144,528.96)</u>	<u>(152,563.62)</u>	<u>5,037,358.90</u>
	Balance at 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/Losses £	Balance at 2024 £
General Funds	<u>4,955,662.45</u>	<u>144,460.68</u>	<u>(155,519.89)</u>	<u>268,490.11</u>	<u>5,213,093.35</u>

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10. QUOTED INVESTMENTS AND SECURITIES

All investments were held in the UK and were as follows:	2025 £	2024 £
UK & Overseas Fixed Interest	865,440.00	530,780.00
Global Equities	2,464,805.00	3,001,328.00
UK Equities	1,403,580.00	1,227,949.00
Market value 5 April 2025	<u>4,733,825.00</u>	<u>4,760,057.00</u>
	2025 £	2024 £
Market value 6 April 2024	4,760,057.00	4,685,944.00
Additions	2,614,585.47	3,011.70
Disposals	(2,488,253.85)	197,388.81
Gain/(Loss) on investments realised	666,889.55	(12,937.00)
Loss)/Gain on investments unrealised	<u>(819,453.17)</u>	<u>281,427.11</u>
Market value 5 April 2025	<u>4,733,825.00</u>	<u>4,760,057.00</u>
Historic cost 5 April 2025	<u>4,208,354.21</u>	<u>3,415,133.04</u>

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

11. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Accountancy fees	9,120.00	8,400.00
Independent examination fee	912.00	1,680.00
Investment manager fee	<u>8,030.84</u>	<u>7,775.92</u>
	<u>18,902.84</u>	<u>17,855.92</u>

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12. ANALYSIS OF ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Page	Capital fund	Income fund	Total Unrestricted funds 2025	Total Unrestricted funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
Accrued income		-	1,010.51	1,010.51	331.00
Cash at bank and in hand		303,533.90	17,737.28	321,271.18	470,406.22
Income tax recoverable		-	155.05	155.05	155.05
Listed investments		<u>4,733,825.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,733,825.00</u>	<u>4,760,057.00</u>
		5,037,358.90	18,902.84	5,056,261.74	5,230,949.27
Less liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>(18,902.84)</u>	<u>(18,902.84)</u>	<u>(17,855.92)</u>
	9	<u><u>5,037,358.90</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>5,037,358.90</u></u>	<u><u>5,213,093.35</u></u>

The capital comprises:

- (i) The amount settled since the Trust was created;
- (ii) Movements in the investment portfolio;
- (iii) Less costs of maintaining the capital such as brokers' fees.

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13. ANALYSIS OF GRANTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Animals Asia Foundation	50,000	45,000
British Hen Welfare Trust	15,000	10,000
Langford Trust for Animal Health & Welfare	0	20,000
League Against Cruel Sports (LACS)	15,000	10,000
Tower Hill Stables	0	10,000
Worldwide Veterinary Service	20,000	20,000
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Total	100,000	115,000
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