

**A J H ASHBY WILL TRUST**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

**Charity Number 803291**

# A J H ASHBY WILL TRUST

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## A J H ASHBY WILL TRUST

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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<b>Corporate Trustee</b>	HSBC Trust Company (UK) Limited
<b>Current Directors of Corporate Trustee</b>	J F Goldie-Scot J Hewitson P M Spencer E L Chee
<b>Trust Manager</b>	S Hill
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<b>Investment Managers</b>	HSBC UK Bank plc 1 Centenary Square Birmingham B1 1HQ

## **A J H ASHBY WILL TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

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The Trustee presents its report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024, which have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution and applicable law.

The purchase and sale of investments results from the day to day management of the investment portfolio by the Investment Manager. In accordance with the Charities Act, the financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis given that the definition of gross income excludes the receipt of any endowment, loans and proceeds from the sale of investments or fixed assets.

#### **Structure, government and management**

The A J H Ashby Will Trust is an unincorporated trust and is constituted under the terms of the trust deed dated 4 January 1985. The trust is a registered charity (no. 803291).

The Corporate Trustee has appointed a designated trust manager to look after the charity. The Investment Manager reviews the performance and provides recommendations on the structure of the investment portfolios.

The power to appoint additional Trustees is vested in the current Trustee, and is exercisable in writing. Should new Trustees be appointed, the existing Trustee would take responsibility of their induction.

The Trustee has examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to mitigate these risks. The main risk in the year was considered to be the variability of investment returns.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the charity are to pay or to apply the income of the trust for each charitable objective or purpose as the Trustee thinks fit, in accordance with the governing document.

The charity awards grants to charitable institutions. The Trustee reviews applications for grants when received and award grants at their discretion.

#### **Achievements and performance**

During the year 5 (2023: 6) grants totalling £35,563 (2023: £36,810) were awarded to a variety of charitable institutions under the terms of the governing document. No grants were awarded to individuals in either year.

#### **Financial review**

The fund generated investment income of £42,077 (2023: £31,252) in the year to fund its charitable activities. The expenditure on charitable activities was £44,296 (2023: £45,644), of which £35,563 (2023: £36,810) was charitable expenditure in the form of grants to charitable institutions.

## **A J H ASHBY WILL TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE cont. FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

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#### **Investment policy**

In accordance with A J H Ashby Will Trust, the Trustee has the power to invest in such stocks, shares, investments and property as they see fit. The Trustee engaged HSBC UK Bank plc as Investment Manager. The policy is to adopt a low to medium risk investment strategy to protect, in absolute terms, the capital value of the fund whilst producing a sustainable and growing level of income, and also providing the potential for longer term growth of capital in real terms.

#### **Reserves policy**

The unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity and which are represented by the income arising, are paid over to beneficiaries throughout the year. It is not the policy of the charity to maintain specific reserves.

The expendable endowment funds represent those assets which are held permanently by the charity and are principally investments. Income arising on the endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objectives of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. The Trustee has the power to convert this fund into income.

#### **Public benefit**

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustee considers how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

#### **Plans for the future**

The Trustee intends to continue providing grants in a similar way to the recent past whilst retaining flexibility as to the timing and scale of grant making.

#### **Related parties**

The Corporate Trustee and the Investment Manager are both wholly owned subsidiaries of HSBC Holdings plc.

In addition to the fees shown on page 6, as a result of the acquisition and disposal of investments, the charity pays transaction charges to HSBC Bank plc. The charges are calculated on a sliding scale at a percentage of the transactions value plus VAT and are added to or deducted from the cost of the investments or the disposal proceeds in accordance with UK standard accounting practice.

## A J H ASHBY WILL TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE cont. FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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#### Statement of Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, giving a true and fair view, the Trustee should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any 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 operation.

The Trustee is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. This enables them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) 2008 Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed.

The Trustee is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf:

  
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HSBC Trust Company (UK) Limited

Date:..... 7/1/25 .....

## A J H ASHBY WILL TRUST

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF A J H ASHBY WILL TRUST

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I report to the Trustee on my examination of the financial statements of The A J H Ashby Will Trust 'the charity' for the year ended 5 April 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustee of the trust you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the Independent Examiner's statement.

#### **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 reasonable 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 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

*Frances Millar*

Frances Millar ACA  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
Chartered Accountant

On behalf of RSM UK Tax and Accounting Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
Highfield Court  
Tollgate  
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Date: 13-Jan-2025 .....

# A J H ASHBY WILL TRUST

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Investment income	42,077	-	42,077	31,252
	<u>42,077</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,077</u>	<u>31,252</u>
<b>Investment sale proceeds</b>				
Proceeds from the sales of investments	-	630,225	630,225	567,609
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>42,077</u>	<u>630,225</u>	<u>672,302</u>	<u>598,861</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>				
Investment service charge	-	12,835	12,835	13,460
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Grants paid	35,563	-	35,563	36,810
Other allocated costs	8,733	-	8,733	8,834
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Independent examiner's fee	2,712	-	2,712	1,680
	<u>47,008</u>	<u>12,835</u>	<u>59,843</u>	<u>60,784</u>
<b>Investment purchases</b>				
Payments for purchases of investments	-	617,864	617,864	534,081
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>47,008</u>	<u>630,699</u>	<u>677,707</u>	<u>594,865</u>
Net (payments)/receipts	(4,931)	(474)	(5,405)	3,996
Transfers between funds	4,717	(4,717)	-	-
Cash invested at 6 April 2023	612	20,066	20,678	16,682
Cash invested at 5 April 2024	<u>398</u>	<u>14,875</u>	<u>15,273</u>	<u>20,678</u>

These unaudited financial statements have been subject to independent examination. See report on page 5.



# A J H ASHBY WILL TRUST

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Investments</b>				
UK Fixed Interest Securities	-	442,637	<b>442,637</b>	-
Overseas Fixed Interest Securities	-	775,823	<b>775,823</b>	459,376
UK Equities	-	23,557	<b>23,557</b>	21,348
Overseas Equities	-	106,701	<b>106,701</b>	910,037
Alternative Investments	-	186,232	<b>186,232</b>	29,059
Other Trust Assets	-	1	<b>1</b>	1
Cash	398	14,875	<b>15,273</b>	20,678
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>398</u>	<u>1,549,826</u>	<u><b>1,550,224</b></u>	<u>1,440,499</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Professional fees payable	<u>3,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>3,241</b></u>	<u>3,087</u>

Approved by the Trustee and authorised for issue on 7/1/25 and signed on its behalf:



HSBC Trust Company (UK) Limited

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### APPENDIX 1 BREAKDOWN OF CHARITABLE GRANTS

Institutions	Number of grants	Amount £
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	4	32,563
The Big Give Trust	1	3,000
	<u>5</u>	<u>35,563</u>

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