

The World of Owls
Company Limited by Guarantee
Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)

For the year ended 31 July 2025

		2025 Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Note			
Income and Endowments				
Donations, Legacies and Grants	5	51,076	51,076	43,755
Investment Income	6	0	0	0
Total Income		51,076	51,076	43,755
Expenditure:				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Costs of raising donations, legacies and grants	7	8,832	8,832	9,096
Costs of other trading activities	8	1,337	1,337	2,454
Expenditure on charitable activities	9.10	37,768	37,768	42,247
Total Expenditure		47,937	47,937	53,797
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		3,139	3,139	(10,042)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		8,356	8,356	18,398
Total funds carried forward		11,495	11,495	8,356

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 July 2025

		2025		2024
		£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	16		5,763	7,763
Current Assets				
Stocks	17	19,861		19,303
Cash at bank and in hand		5,175		7,100
Total Current Assets		<u>25,036</u>		<u>26,403</u>
Liabilities:				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Other creditors including taxation and social security	18	18,504		22,460
Accruals and deferred income		800		750
Current Liabilities		<u>19,304</u>		<u>23,210</u>
Net current assets			5,732	3,193
Total assets less current liabilities			11,495	10,956
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	19		0	2,600
Total net assets			11,495	8,356
Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds			11,495	8,356
Total charity funds	20		11,495	8,356

For the year ending 31 July 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

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These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on

31/3/26.....and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr Michael Gibb
Trustee

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 July 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is World of Owls Centre, 32 Mountshalgus Lane, Randalstown, Co Antrim, BT41 3LE, Northern Ireland

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102: (a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
(b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Property	- 10% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% straight line
Motor vehicles	- 25% straight line

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4. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

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3 Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4 Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital and is recognised as a Charity by HM Revenue and Customs.

5 Donations, legacies and grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations				
Sales and donations	12,209	12,209	14,330	14,330
Entrance fees	14,300	14,300	13,650	13,650
Visits	24,567	24,567	15,775	15,775
Grants from Government/Other			0	0
	<u>51,076</u>	<u>51,076</u>	<u>43,755</u>	<u>43,755</u>

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Deposit account interest	0	0	0	0

7 Costs of raising donations, legacies and grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies — Director's remuneration	8,832	8,832	9,096	9,096

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8	Costs of other trading activities	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
	Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	1,338	1,338	2,454	2,454
9	Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
	Support costs	37,768	37,768	42,247	42,247
10	Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £	
	Animal sanctuary	37,768	37,768	42,247	
11	Analysis of support costs	Analysis of support costs £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £	
	Staff costs	12,635	12,635	13,682	
	Premises	5,807	5,807	12,528	
	Communications and IT	503	503	360	
	General office	56	56	879	
	Finance costs	132	132	131	
	Accountancy costs		0		
	Governance costs	800	800	750	
	Support costs - Other costs	17,835	17,835	13,917	
		<u>37,768</u>	<u>37,768</u>	<u>42,247</u>	
12	Net (expenditure)income				
	Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):				
			2025 £	2024 £	
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		2000	2,000	
13	Independent examination fee				
			2025 £	2024 £	
	Fees payable to the independent examiner for:				
	Independent examination of the financial statements		800	750	

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14 Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	21,467	22,778

The average head count of employees during the year was 3 (2024: 5). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
Number of staff-Management	1	1
Number of other staff- Zoo keepers and helpers	<u>2</u> 3	<u>4</u> 5

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

15 **Trustee remuneration and expenses**

One or more trustees has been paid remuneration or received other benefits from employment with the charity.

As Manager of the Charity Mr Michael Gibb received £8,832 (2024 £9,096)

16 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and Buildings	Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 August 2024	60,781	40,337	21,189	122,307
Additions	0	0	0	0
At 31 July 2025	60,781	40,337	21,189	122,307
Depreciation				
At 1 August 2024	60,781	40,337	13,426	114,544
Charge for the year	0	0	2,000	2,000
At 31 July 2025	60,781	40,337	15,426	116,544
Carrying amount				
At 31 July 2025	0	0	5,763	5,763
At 31 July 2024	0	0	7,763	7,763

17 Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	19,861	19,303

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18 Other creditors including taxation and social security falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Directors' current account less one year	17,904	22,460
Bank Loan	<u>600</u>	
	18,504	22,460

19 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank Loan	0	2,600

20 Analysis of charitable funds Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2024	Income	Expenditure	At 31 July 2025
	£	£	£	£
General Funds	8,356	51,076	(47,937)	11,495

	At 1 August 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	18,398	43,755	(53,797)	8,356

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	5,763	5,763
Current assets	25,036	25,036
Creditors less than 1 year	(19,304)	(19,304)
Creditors more than 1 year	0	0
Net Assets	11,495	11,495

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	7,763	7,763
Current assets	26,403	26,403
Creditors less than 1 year	(23,210)	(23,210)
Creditors more than 1 year	(2,600)	(2,600)
Net Assets	8,356	8,356

22 Related parties

Mr Michael Gibb, a Director and Trustee of the Charity, is owed £17,904 by the Charity (2024 £22,460).