

The Dufferin Foundation

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108031

Details

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Activities

Purposes: (i) the advancement of education in and the promotion of academic research into the role of Clandeboye and the family of the Marquess of Dufferin, past and present, in the history of the following countries with particular reference to the career of the first Marquess of Dufferin:- (1) the Island of Ireland (2) the Dominion of Canada (3) the sub-continent of India (4) the countries of France, Turkey, Italy and Russia (5) such other countries in the world with which the first Marquess of Dufferin may have been involved (ii) the publication and dissemination of the results of such research; and (iii) the establishment and maintenance of scholarships, grants, allowances and prizes scholar ships, grants, allowances and prizes to be awarded to students. engaged in any such research whether or not the whole or part of that research shall have been carried out at Clandeboye and; and (iv) the promotion and aid of any related research; and (v) the promotion and aid at Clandeboye and elsewhere of the work of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and any other bodies (established exclusively for charitable purposes) having as one of their objects the work or conservation and preservation (vi) the support of the Northern Irish Hospice (vii) from and after the time when any legal estate or interest (other than a licence) of Clandeboye is vested in the Trustees:- (aa) the preservation for the public benefit of the whole or such part of the buildings and their grounds and surroundings of Clandeboye as may be so vested in the Trustees (bb) the protection and improvement of the amenities of Clandeboye for public benefit (cc) the preservation for the public benefit. of furniture pictures and chattels of any description that may be given to the Trustees to be kept at Clandeboye (dd) the facilities and encouragement of access to and the study and appreciation of Clandeboye and such furniture and chattels as aforesaid by the general public (For the remainder of the purposes please contact the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland)

What the charity does: The advancement of education,The advancement of health or the saving of lives,The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science,The advancement of environmental protection or improvement,The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage,Other charitable purposes

How the charity works: Arts,Cultural,Education/training,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,General charitable purposes,Grant making,Heritage/historical,Medical/health/sickness,Research/evaluation

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£2,504,750	£66,130	£-2,359	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Countess Dora Della Gherardesca		
Mr Henry Mount		

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Accounts

Charity registration number NIC108031 (Northern Ireland)

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Sir I W Huddleston Countess M T M D Gherardesca Mr H F G Mount
Charity number	NIC108031 XN76485
Principal address	Clandeboyne Estate Bangor BT19 1RN
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their annual 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 in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable trust's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Foundation is limited to the undertaking of charitable activities but in terms of the charitable objectives has a focus on the following

The advancement of education in and the promotion, publication and dissemination of academic research for public benefit into the role of the Clondeboy Estate ("Clondeboy") and the family and descendants of the first Marquess of Dufferin ("Lord Dufferin") past and present.

The establishment and maintenance of scholarships, grants, allowances and prizes and other forms of financial support to be awarded to students or others as are engaged in any such research whether or not the whole or part of that research shall have been carried out at Clondeboy.

The support of and the education into and provision of palliative care in Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the world.

The preservation for the public benefit of the whole or such part of the buildings and their grounds and surroundings of Clondeboy as may be for any period vested in the Foundation or for which it may be responsible together with the preservation for public benefit of furniture pictures and chattels of any description that may be given to the Foundation and/or kept at Clondeboy or any other property in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

The promotion and aid of such other purposes as are recognised as exclusively charitable by the laws of Northern Ireland, England and Wales.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

During the past year, the Trustees of the Foundation have continued to grant aid certain key long term and strategic projects. It has continued to effect ongoing repairs to Helen's Tower – a listed building repairs that within the the Foundation's objective to preserve the buildings and grounds that form part of the grounds of Clondeboy for public benefit. The Tower is at the high point of the Estate and sits squarely as an important historical feature on that part of the Ulster Way that runs through the Estate. To continue with the development of this objective the Foundation has been engaging with the Local Authority and other (charitable) stakeholders about collectively developing public access to the woods and trails around Helen's Tower and to educate and better disseminate knowledge about the military history of the North Down area and Clondeboy in particular and its contribution to legacy of the Somme in particular and build links with the equivalent memorials to the dead in Northern France at the Somme Tower (a copy of Helen's Tower). This is a multi year project for which approximately £7m has been raised to date by way of funding through the various stakeholders.

To further the Foundation's objective of furthering education and its existing relationship with the separate charity (NIFSA) the Foundation has grant aided the construction of a new purpose-built facility for use as a Forest School to allow the education of children in the environment and have a greater understanding of nature in conjunction with the development of their understanding and practical application of the national curriculum. The Foundation also has funded an annual award to allow an educator to travel outside NI and learn appropriate ways of developing the Forest School and outdoor education generally. In the present year, the Foundation has facilitated lobbying with the Government to gain recognition of the importance of this sector to the provision of early years education.

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As a separate but connected initiative the Foundation has helped host the Council of Integrated Education – both the leadership group and a number of children's groups – all with a view to advancing the cause of Integrated Education across Northern Ireland. This has been seen as an appropriate use of the environment of Clandeboyne as a champion of the advancement of education generally.

These initiatives fit well with the continued relationship with the Woodland Trust (a charity based at Clandeboyne) in terms of restoring aspects of the historic woodland that comprises Clandeboyne – which itself is one of the largest areas of broadleaf woodland areas in Northern Ireland with origins dating back to some historic woodland dating to the 1600s. It is an important objective of the Foundation to repair, restore and maintain the historic landscape and built environment that make up Clandeboyne,

During the year, the Foundation has also worked closely with PRONI to develop a better understanding of the historic archives of the 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and his impact on the world as a significant Victorian diplomat and as to how they might better be made available for public access and research. This has led to participation in a number of academic partnerships with various universities and with the National Trust in relation to the legacy of Lord Castlereagh. This is an ongoing project that will take a number of years to complete. It also leads to a possible celebration of the Irish/Canadian Axis. Considerable work has gone into collation of the archives and developing a strategy for their preservation and display. This has involved outreach to representatives of other public bodies such as the British Museum.

The Foundation has sought to develop the relationship with it and other museums and art galleries and have continued to develop its policy of lending of articles of historic and/or artistic merit throughout the UK and Ireland such as the Tate, The Fleming Foundation, the Holbourne Museum & Charleston – all for public exhibition.

During the accounting period the Trustees received an appointment of additional heritage assets in the form of a number of chattels that are historically associated with Clandeboyne and its history – all of which fall within the objectives in terms of the Foundation in terms of repairing and maintaining these together with the other assets which they already hold. [As part of an ultimate endowment to help them fulfil their objectives the personal representatives of the late Lady Dufferin appointed 50% of the (as yet unrealised) proceeds of sale of a real property. There have also been replacements of chattels where needed to facilitate public access.

Financial review

The Foundation has income arising from funds which have been gifted to it and which are invested. The attached statement of financial activities has been reviewed by the Trustees and is considered to be a fair and accurate representation of the transactions which have been conducted on behalf of the Foundation during the accounting period. The Trustees are currently involved in a 5 year plan to both increase the amount of available funds for investment in the Foundation to allow it to undertake the plans which are detailed below. The Foundation was initially endowed by the Marquess and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava and to raise public awareness generally. The Trustees for their part have embarked upon a programme of investing and/or utilising those assets both to provide income but also to further the Objectives of the Foundation.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. At 5 April 2025 the level of unrestricted reserves exceeded this target.

Major risks

Risk assessment

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. In general where it operates in partnership with other bodies it will seek to mitigate risks by ensuring the partner organisations have an appropriate policy in place for managing its risks.

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Plans for future periods

As part of a 5 year plan, the trustees have developed greater alliances with the Woodland Trust to ensure education, preservation and maintenance of native woodland species in light of the actual disease risk to native tree species such as ash – particularly trying to manage the impacts of ash die back. The Foundation is part-way through a woodland restoration plan covering almost 70 acres of historic woodland. The Foundation then proposes to ensure that the natural environment is utilised to its full advantage through the education programmes which are offered by the NI Forestry Schools Association. This programme has considerable support from the Education Authority and a large number of local authorities. The trustees also feel that their policy chimes well with general Government Policy which seeks to encourage the maintenance and development of woodland and the natural environment.

The Foundation has been developing closer relationships with North Down and Ards BC in relation to the Aspects literary festival. It also continues to sponsor the young musician academy which exists as part of the Camerata Festival held at Clandeboye each August and is heading towards its 25th anniversary.

A programme of restoration has begun with some of the legacy assets at Clandeboye. The preservation of Helen's Tower is ongoing as an important local historical monument – not just for the area but linking the area historically with the Somme and those who lost their lives in battle.

The Foundation has continued to support education and research into the achievements of the First Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and has developed associations with several academic institutions with a view to allow a better understanding of the collection. As part of that the Trustees continue to fund the restoration of certain historic artefacts which, given the costs involved, they do on a rolling basis. The intention would be to develop that rolling plan and accommodate it within recurring income where possible – deploying capital for major repairs when needed. There has been investment in making plans for the 200th anniversary of the 1st Marquess' birth in 2026 in conjunction with PRONI and the local council. It also has been in discussions with a view to attracting a major global literary festival to Clandeboye/the North Down area.

It is the Trustees' policy to make strategic alliances (some of which are referenced above) to better achieve its objectives. It has identified those separate public bodies (eg the Local Authority & PRONI), other charities (eg the Somme Association, Holbourne & Charleston) and educators (NIFSA and Integrated Education) which have common objectives and through by which each can leverage their respective objectives.

It is the Foundation's hope that its ability to do so will be enhanced as the estate of the late Lady Dufferin as one of the Founders come to the final stages of its administration - the Foundation being a major beneficiary.

Structure, governance and management

The Dufferin Foundation was formed by a charitable deed dated 27 May 1988. The charity is registered with HM Revenue and Customs as a charitable body for taxation purposes (HM Revenue & Customs Charity No XN76485). The charity registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 22 March 2021 (CCNI No NIC108031). The governing instrument is the charitable trust deed, which states the objects of the charity and details the rules by which it will operate.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Sir I W Huddleston

Countess M T M D Gherardesca

Mr H F G Mount

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the existing trustees.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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).

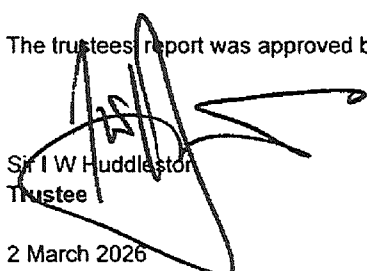
The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

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;
- 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008 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.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Sir I W Huddleston
Trustee

2 March 2026

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Dufferin Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 5 April 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charity.

Based on our understanding of the charity and its operating environment, we determined that the most significant frameworks which have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements are those related to the reporting framework, (FRS 102, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Charity SORP and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council). Additionally, we concluded that there are significant laws and regulations in relation to the entity's charitable status and activities of which non-compliance may have a material effect on the financial statements.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, including evaluating management's incentives and opportunities to manage earnings or influence the reported results. From the results of our assessment, we determined that the principal risks of fraud relate to posting inappropriate journal entries and use of charity funds for purposes outside of restrictions imposed by the donor. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

Audit response to risks identified

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- We obtained an understanding of the charity internal control systems in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations, including those as a result of its registration with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland by making enquiries of management and those charged with governance.
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment through collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Dr R I Peters Gallagher OBE FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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2 March 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	4	2,460,439	-	2,460,439	9,056,065	250,000	9,306,065
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	560	-	560
Investments	5	44,311	-	44,311	39,163	-	39,163
Total income		2,504,750	-	2,504,750	9,095,788	250,000	9,345,788
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds							
Cost of running the charity	6	18,138	-	18,138	14,331	-	14,331
Investment management	6	8,332	-	8,332	7,939	-	7,939
		26,470	-	26,470	22,270	-	22,270
Charitable activities	7	39,660	-	39,660	34,434	-	34,434
Total resources expended		66,130	-	66,130	56,704	-	56,704
Net (losses)/gains on investments	13	192,893	-	192,893	129,145	-	129,145
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		2,631,513	-	2,631,513	9,168,229	250,000	9,418,229
Fund balances at 6 April 2024		11,776,136	250,000	12,026,136	2,607,907	-	2,607,907
Fund balances at 5 April 2025		14,407,649	250,000	14,657,649	11,776,136	250,000	12,026,136

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	7,500		7,500	
Heritage assets	16	1,850,437		1,545,017	
Investments	15	12,703,038		10,219,557	
		<u>14,560,975</u>		<u>11,772,074</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	17	15,845		11,038	
Cash at bank and in hand		83,188		246,884	
		<u>99,033</u>		<u>257,922</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	(2,359)		(3,860)	
Net current assets		<u>96,674</u>		<u>254,062</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>14,657,649</u>		<u>12,026,136</u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds - general	20	250,000		250,000	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		14,285,440		11,642,453	
Revaluation reserve		122,209		133,683	
		<u>14,407,649</u>		<u>11,776,136</u>	
		<u>14,657,649</u>		<u>12,026,136</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 2 March 2026

Sir I W Huddleston
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Dufferin Foundation is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in Northern Ireland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Clondeboye Estate, Bangor, Co. Down, BT19 1RN.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
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Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.8 Heritage assets

Heritage assets measured under the cost model are recognised initially recorded at acquisition cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any impairment losses.

Heritage assets measured under the revaluation model are recorded at fair value less any accumulated impairment losses.

Where information on the cost or value of an asset is not available and cannot be obtained at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits to users of the financial statements, the asset shall not be recognised in the statement of financial position.

1.9 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.10 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.11 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.12 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from sale of goods		
Sale of goods	-	560
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	2,460,439	9,056,065	250,000	9,306,065
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Rental income	4,768	4,768
Income from listed investments	26,058	29,789
Interest receivable	13,485	4,606
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>44,311</u>	<u>39,163</u>

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6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Cost of running the charity</u>		
Repairs and maintenance	1,260	2,039
Legal and professional	12,613	9,711
Telephone	712	566
Bank charges	37	46
Light, power and heat	3,156	1,789
Computer running charges	360	180
	<u>18,138</u>	<u>14,331</u>
 <u>Investment management</u>	 8,332	 7,939
	<u>8,332</u>	<u>7,939</u>

7 Charitable activities

	Promotion of the foundation's activities	Promotion of the foundation's activities
	2025	2024
	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	<u>39,660</u>	<u>34,434</u>

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8 Grants payable

	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2025 £	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2024 £
Grants to institutions:		
Killyleagh Parish	300	300
World Vision	475	475
NI Forest School Association	30,885	16,194
Buglife	-	1,500
Camerata	8,000	5,000
Barn Owls	-	300
Ulster Wildlife	-	5,000
Irish Life	-	3,065
Ulster University	-	2,600
	<u>39,660</u>	<u>34,434</u>

9 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,500</u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	204,367	30,661
Revaluation of fixed asset investments	(11,474)	98,484
	<u>192,893</u>	<u>129,145</u>

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 6 April 2024	7,500	8,207	15,707
At 5 April 2025	<u>7,500</u>	<u>8,207</u>	<u>15,707</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 6 April 2024	-	8,207	8,207
At 5 April 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>8,207</u>	<u>8,207</u>
Carrying amount			
At 5 April 2025	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>
At 5 April 2024	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>

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15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Investment properties £	Cash in portfolio £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 6 April 2024	1,804,974	8,300,000	114,583	10,219,557
Additions	2,831,174	-	-	2,831,174
Valuation changes	(307,646)	-	-	(307,646)
Other acquisitions	1,368,279	-	-	1,368,279
Movements	-	-	368,158	368,158
Disposals	(1,776,484)	-	-	(1,776,484)
At 5 April 2025	3,920,297	8,300,000	482,741	12,703,038
Carrying amount				
At 05 April 2025	3,920,297	8,300,000	482,741	12,703,038
At 05 April 2024	1,804,974	8,300,000	114,583	10,219,557

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16 Heritage assets

	Silver cup	Burmese figures	Chapel	Ava rooms	Helen's Tower	Chattels	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 6 April 2024	6,705	42,150	115,009	7,500	318,803	1,054,850	1,545,017
Additions	-	-	12,206	-	293,214	-	305,420
At 5 April 2025	6,705	42,150	127,215	7,500	612,017	1,054,850	1,850,437

The Foundation has only limited but nonetheless important Heritage assets. Firstly it owns the chapel at Clandeboye. This building is preserved for the benefit of the built environment that constitutes the fabric of the Clandeboye Estate but is in constant use by members of the public as it enjoys the status of being a Chapel at Ease to Bangor Abbey. The Foundation has embarked upon an improvement plan - it is installing a connection to the district heating system and has invested in stained glass windows as a memorial to the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava as is the silver cup that is used in connection with services held in the chapel. The chapel is also used for local community events and for music recitals on a frequent basis. The Burmese Figures are museum quality. They are unique but because of their age have recently required restoration and re-gilding. That process was undertaken in previous financial years through the auspices of an appropriately qualified expert. No further expenditure is anticipated in relation to these artefacts.

Restorative work for Helen's Tower is now underway which is required due to the building's age. This site was and will continue to act as a self-catering accommodation facility where heritage documents attesting to the estate's history are on display.

The Dufferin Foundation is a beneficiary of the late Lady Dufferin's Estate. During the year a number of chattels including paintings, books, and other various historical items were bequeathed from the Estate and have been recognised at value.

17 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	15,412	10,644
Prepayments and accrued income	433	394
	15,845	11,038

18 Financial instruments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	3,920,297	1,804,974

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19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	2,359	3,860

20 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 6 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	At 5 April 2025 £
	250,000	-	250,000
Previous year:	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	At 5 April 2024 £
	-	250,000	250,000

21 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2025 £
General funds	11,642,453	2,504,750	(66,130)	192,893	14,273,966
Revaluation reserve	133,683	-	-	-	133,683
Previous year:	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	2,572,708	9,095,788	(56,704)	129,145	11,740,937
Revaluation reserve	35,199	-	-	-	35,199

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22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fund balances at 5 April 2025 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-	7,500
Heritage assets	1,850,437	-	1,850,437	1,295,017	250,000	1,545,017
Investments	12,703,038	-	12,703,038	10,219,557	-	10,219,557
Current assets/(liabilities)	96,674	-	96,674	254,062	-	254,062
	<u>14,657,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,657,649</u>	<u>11,776,136</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>12,026,136</u>

23 Related party transactions

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a trustee of the Foundation.

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a director and shareholder in The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited.

The Foundation has a debtor of £10,644 from The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited which was previously an unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand loan to the Foundation. The balance owing to the Foundation from The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited at the 2024 year end was £5,876.

The agricultural land owned by the Foundation is made available to the Clandeboye Estate Company Limited under a conacre agreement. During the year the foundation received conacre income of £4,768 (2024: £4,768) from the company.

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Accounts

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Sir I W Huddleston Countess M T M D Gherardesca Mr H F G Mount
Charity number	NIC108031 XN76485
Principal address	Clandeboyne Estate Bangor BT19 1RN
Auditor	Moore (N.I.) LLP 4th Floor Donegall House 7 Donegall Square North Belfast BT1 5GB
Bankers	Danske Bank Donegall Square West Belfast BT1 6JS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable trust's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The Foundation is limited to the undertaking of charitable activities but in terms of the charitable objectives has a focus on the following

The advancement of education in and the promotion, publication and dissemination of academic research for public benefit into the role of the Clondeboy Estate ("Clondeboy") and the family and descendants of the first Marquess of Dufferin ("Lord Dufferin") past and present.

The establishment and maintenance of scholarships, grants, allowances and prizes and other forms of financial support to be awarded to students or others as are engaged in any such research whether or not the whole or part of that research shall have been carried out at Clondeboy.

The support of and the education into and provision of palliative care in Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the world.

The preservation for the public benefit of the whole or such part of the buildings and their grounds and surroundings of Clondeboy as may be for any period vested in the Foundation or for which it may be responsible together with the preservation for public benefit of furniture pictures and chattels of any description that may be given to the Foundation and/or kept at Clondeboy or any other property in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

The promotion and aid of such other purposes as are recognised as exclusively charitable by the laws of Northern Ireland, England and Wales.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

During the past year, the Trustees of the Foundation have continued to grant aid certain projects. It has continued to effect repairs to Helen's Tower – a listed building that falls within the the Foundation's objective to preserve the buildings and grounds that form part of the grounds of Clondeboy for public benefit. As part of the furtherance of this objective the Foundation has been engaging with the Local Authority and other (charitable) stakeholders about collectively developing public access to the woods and trails around Helen's Tower and to educate and better disseminate knowledge about the military history of the North Down area and Clondeboy and the legacy of the Somme in particular and build links with the equivalent memorials to the dead in Northern France at the Somme Tower (a copy of Helen's Tower). This is a multi year project for which approximately £7m has been raised to date by way of funding through the various stakeholders.

To further the Foundation's objective of furthering education and its existing relationship with the separate charity (NIFSA) the Foundation has grant aided the construction of a new purpose-built facility for use as a Forest School to allow the education of children in the environment and have a greater understanding of nature in conjunction with the development of their understanding and practical application of the national curriculum. The Foundation also has funded an annual award to allow an educator to travel outside NI and learn appropriate ways of developing the Forest School and outdoor education generally. In the present year, the Foundation also hosted the Stormont Education Committee as a way of trying to develop a greater understanding of NIFSA and the Foundation's aspirations to encourage this form of education in the local area and amongst deprived primary school groups in particular.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

As a separate but connected initiative the Foundation has helped host the Council of Integrated Education – both the leadership group and a number of children's groups – all with a view to advancing the cause of Integrated Education across Northern Ireland. This has been seen as an appropriate use of the environment of Clandeboye as a champion of the advancement of education generally.

These initiatives fit well with the continued relationship with the Woodland Trust (a charity based at Clandeboye) in terms of restoring aspects of the historic woodland that comprises Clandeboye – which itself is one of the largest areas of broadleaf woodland areas in Northern Ireland with origins dating back to some historic woodland dating to the 1600s. It is an important objective of the Foundation to repair, restore and maintain the historic landscape and built environment that make up Clandeboye,

During the year, the Foundation has also worked closely with PRONI to develop a better understanding of the historic archives of the 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and his impact on the world as a significant Victorian diplomat and as to how they might better be made available for public access and research. This has led to participation in a number of academic partnerships with various universities and with the National Trust in relation to the legacy of Lord Castlereagh. This is an ongoing project that will take a number of years to complete. It also leads to a possible celebration of the Irish/Canadian Axis.

The Foundation has also sought to develop the relationship with other museums and art galleries and have continued to develop its lending of articles of historic and/or artistic merit throughout the UK and Ireland such as the Tate, The Fleming Foundation, the Holbourne Museum & Charleston – all for public exhibition.

Financial review

The Foundation has income arising from funds which have been gifted to it and which are invested. The attached statement of financial activities has been reviewed by the Trustees and is considered to be a fair and accurate representation of the transactions which have been conducted on behalf of the Foundation during the accounting period. The Trustees are currently involved in a 5 year plan to both increase the amount of available funds for investment in the Foundation to allow it to undertake the plans which are detailed below. The Foundation was initially endowed by the Marquess and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava and to raise public awareness generally. The Trustees for their part have embarked upon a programme of investing and/or utilising those assets both to provide income but also to further the Objectives of the Foundation.

Reserve policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. At 5 April 2024 the level of unrestricted reserves exceeded this target.

Risk assessment

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. In general where it operates in partnership with other bodies it will seek to mitigate risks by ensuring the partner organisations have an appropriate policy in place for managing its risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Plans for future periods

As part of a 5 year plan, the trustees have developed greater alliances with the Woodland Trust to ensure education, preservation and maintenance of native woodland species in light of the actual disease risk to native tree species such as ash – particularly trying to manage the impacts of ash die back. As indicated above the Foundation has also embarked upon a woodland restoration plan covering almost 70 acres of historic Woodland. The Foundation then proposes to ensure that the natural environment is utilised to its full advantage through the education programmes which are offered by the NI Forestry Schools Association. This programme has considerable support from the Education Authority and a large number of local authorities. The trustees also feel that their policy chimes well with general Government Policy which seeks to encourage the maintenance and development of woodland.

The Foundation has been developing closer relationships with North Down and Ards BC in relation to the Aspects literary festival. It also continues to sponsor the young musician academy which exists as part of the Camerata Festival held at Clandeboyne each August.

A programme of restoration has begun with some of the legacy assets at Clandeboyne. During the year it became apparent that Helen's Tower needed substantial repair to keep it structurally sound and work was accordingly begun – recognising the significance of the Tower not just to the local area but the wider to the memorial of those who lost their lives at the Somme.

The Foundation has continued to support education and research into the achievements of the First Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and has developed associations with several academic institutions with a view to allow a better understanding of the collection. As part of that the Trustees continue to fund the restoration of certain historic artefacts which, given the costs involved, they do on a rolling basis. The intention would be to develop that rolling plan and accommodate it within recurring income where possible – deploying capital for major repairs when needed.

It is the Trustees' policy to make strategic alliances (some of which are referenced above) to better achieve its objectives. It has identified those separate public bodies (eg the Local Authority & PRONI), other charities (eg the Somme Association, Holbourne & Charleston) and educators (NIFSA and Integrated Education) which have common objectives and through by which each can leverage their respective objectives.

It is the Foundation's hope that its ability to do so will be enhanced as the estate of the late Lady Dufferin as one of the Founders come to the final stages of its administration - the Foundation being a major beneficiary.

Structure, governance and management

The Dufferin Foundation was formed by a charitable deed dated 27 May 1988. The charity is registered with HM Revenue and Customs as a charitable body for taxation purposes (HM Revenue & Customs Charity No XN76485). The charity registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 22 March 2021 (CCNI No NIC108031). The governing instrument is the charitable trust deed, which states the objects of the charity and details the rules by which it will operate.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Sir I W Huddleston
Countess M T M D Gherardesca
Mr H F G Mount

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the existing trustees.
None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Sir I W Huddleston
Trustee

Dated:

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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 year.

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;
- 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Dufferin Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 5 April 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charities Act Northern Ireland) 2013 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charity.

Based on our understanding of the charity and its operating environment, we determined that the most significant frameworks which have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements are those related to the reporting framework, (FRS 102, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Charity SORP and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council). Additionally, we concluded that there are significant laws and regulations in relation to the entity's charitable status and activities of which non-compliance may have a material effect on the financial statements.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, including evaluating management's incentives and opportunities to manage earnings or influence the reported results. From the results of our assessment, we determined that the principal risks of fraud relate to posting inappropriate journal entries and use of charity funds for purposes outside of restrictions imposed by the donor. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

Audit response to risks identified

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- We obtained an understanding of the charity internal control systems in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations, including those as a result of its registration with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland by making enquiries of management and those charged with governance.
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment through collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Moore (N.I.) LLP

**Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

Moore (N.I.) LLP
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4th Floor Donegall House
7 Donegall Square North
Belfast
BT1 5GB

Moore (N.I.) LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	9,056,065	250,000	9,306,065	7,400
Charitable activities		560	-	560	-
Investments	4	39,163	-	39,163	36,640
Total income		9,095,788	250,000	9,345,788	44,040
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds					
Cost of running the charity	5	14,331	-	14,331	15,048
Investment management	5	7,939	-	7,939	8,278
		22,270	-	22,270	23,326
Charitable activities	6	34,434	-	34,434	22,653
Total resources expended		56,704	-	56,704	45,979
Net (losses)/gains on investments	12	129,145	-	129,145	(119,368)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		9,168,229	250,000	9,418,229	(121,307)
Fund balances at 6 April 2023		2,607,907	-	2,607,907	2,729,214
Fund balances at 5 April 2024		11,776,136	250,000	12,026,136	2,607,907

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	23		9,248,028		(43,365)
Investing activities					
Purchase of heritage assets		(1,409,231)		(18,115)	
Purchase of investments		(8,204,609)		(621,313)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		543,841		614,596	
Investment income received		39,163		36,640	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(9,030,836)		11,808
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			217,192		(31,557)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			144,275		175,832
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			361,467		144,275
Relating to:					
Cash at bank and in hand			246,884		35,055
Short term deposits included in current asset investments			114,583		109,220

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	7,500		7,500	
Heritage assets	15	1,545,017		135,786	
Investments	14	10,219,557		2,424,281	
		<u>11,772,074</u>		<u>2,567,567</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	16	11,038		6,244	
Cash at bank and in hand		246,884		35,055	
		<u>257,922</u>		<u>41,299</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(3,860)		(959)	
Net current assets		<u>254,062</u>		<u>40,340</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>12,026,136</u>		<u>2,607,907</u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	19	250,000		-	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		11,642,453		2,572,708	
Revaluation reserve		133,683		35,199	
		<u>11,776,136</u>		<u>2,607,907</u>	
		<u>12,026,136</u>		<u>2,607,907</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

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Sir I W Huddleston
Trustee

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Dufferin Foundation is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in Northern Ireland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Clandeboye Estate, Bangor, Co. Down, BT19 1RN.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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.

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
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Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.8 Heritage assets

Heritage assets measured under the cost model are recognised initially recorded at acquisition cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any impairment losses.

Heritage assets measured under the revaluation model are recorded at fair value less any accumulated impairment losses.

Where information on the cost or value of an asset is not available and cannot be obtained at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits to users of the financial statements, the asset shall not be recognised in the statement of financial position.

1.9 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.10 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.11 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.12 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
Donations and gifts	9,056,065	250,000	9,306,065	850
Grants Receivable	-	-	-	6,550
	<u>9,056,065</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>9,306,065</u>	<u>7,400</u>

The Dufferin Foundation is a beneficiary of the late Lady Dufferin's Estate. A number of chattels including paintings, books, and other various historical items were inherited from the Estate during the year and were independently valued at £1,056,850. A property in London has also been inherited which has been independently assessed as having a value of £16,000,000. The Dufferin Foundation is entitled to a 50% stake of the proceeds if sold and this has been recognised within donations.

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2023 £
Rental income	4,768	4,768
Income from listed investments	29,789	28,341
Interest receivable	4,606	3,531
	<u>39,163</u>	<u>36,640</u>

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Cost of running the charity</u>		
Repairs and maintenance	2,039	11,326
Legal and professional	9,711	840
Telephone	566	508
Bank charges	46	45
Light, power and heat	1,789	2,149
Computer running charges	180	180
	<u>14,331</u>	<u>15,048</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

5 Raising funds

(Continued)

<u>Investment management</u>	<u>7,939</u>	<u>8,278</u>
	<u>7,939</u>	<u>8,278</u>

6 Charitable activities

	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2024 £	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2023 £
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	<u>34,434</u>	<u>22,653</u>

7 Grants payable

	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2024 £	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2023 £
Grants to institutions:		
Killyleagh Parish	300	300
World Vision	475	475
NI Forest School Association	16,194	1,500
John Wittchell	-	15,000
Dickson Nurseries	-	2,620
Buglife	1,500	1,000
ANDBC	-	799
Sunflower Sandwich	-	709
Camerata	5,000	-
Barn Owls	300	-
Ulster Wildlife	5,000	-
Irish Life	3,065	-
Ulster University	2,600	-
	<u>34,434</u>	<u>22,653</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

9 Auditor's remuneration

Fees payable to the charity's auditor and associates:	2024	2023
	£	£
For audit services		
Audit of the financial statements of the charity	3,500	600

10 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	30,661	(34,630)
Revaluation of fixed asset investments	98,484	(84,738)
	129,145	(119,368)

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 6 April 2023	7,500	8,207	15,707
At 5 April 2024	7,500	8,207	15,707
Depreciation and impairment			
At 6 April 2023	-	8,207	8,207
At 5 April 2024	-	8,207	8,207
Carrying amount			
At 5 April 2024	7,500	-	7,500
At 5 April 2023	7,500	-	7,500

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

14 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Investment properties £	Cash in portfolio £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 6 April 2023	2,015,061	300,000	109,220	2,424,281
Additions	204,609	-	-	204,609
Valuation changes	98,484	-	-	98,484
Acquisition of investment property	-	8,000,000	-	8,000,000
Movements	-	-	5,363	5,363
Disposals	(513,180)	-	-	(513,180)
At 5 April 2024	1,804,974	8,300,000	114,583	10,219,557
Carrying amount				
At 05 April 2024	1,804,974	8,300,000	114,583	10,219,557
At 05 April 2023	2,015,061	300,000	109,220	2,424,281

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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15 Heritage assets

	Silver cup	Burmese figures	Chapel	Ava rooms	Helen's Tower	Chattels	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 6 April 2023	6,705	42,150	79,432	7,500	-	-	135,787
Additions	-	-	35,577	-	318,803	1,054,850	354,380
At 5 April 2024	6,705	42,150	115,009	7,500	318,803	1,054,850	490,167

The Foundation has only limited but nonetheless important Heritage assets. Firstly it owns the chapel at Clandeboy. This building is preserved for the benefit of the built environment that constitutes the fabric of the Clandeboy Estate but is in constant use by members of the public as it enjoys the status of being a Chapel at Ease to Bangor Abbey. The Foundation has embarked upon an improvement plan - it is installing a connection to the district heating system and has invested in stained glass windows as a memorial to the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava as is the silver cup that is used in connection with services held in the chapel. The chapel is also used for local community events and for music recitals on a frequent basis. The Burmese Figures are museum quality. They are unique but because of their age have recently required restoration and re-gilding. That process was undertaken in previous financial years through the auspices of an appropriately qualified expert. No further expenditure is anticipated in relation to these artefacts.

Restorative work for Helen's Tower is now underway which is required due to the building's age. This site was and will continue to act as a self-catering accommodation facility where heritage documents attesting to the estate's history are on display.

The Dufferin Foundation is a beneficiary of the late Lady Dufferin's Estate. During the year a number of chattels including paintings, books, and other various historical items were bequeathed from the Estate and have been recognised at value.

16 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	10,644	5,876
Prepayments and accrued income	394	368
	11,038	6,244

17 Financial instruments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	1,804,974	2,015,061

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,860	959

19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	At 5 April 2024 £
-	250,000	250,000

20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	2,607,907	9,095,788	(56,704)	129,145	11,776,136

Previous year:	At 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2023 £
General funds	2,729,214	44,040	(45,979)	(119,368)	2,607,907

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fund balances at 5 April 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	7,500	-	7,500	7,500
Heritage assets	1,295,017	250,000	1,545,017	135,786
Investments	10,219,557	-	10,219,557	2,424,281
Current assets/(liabilities)	254,062	-	254,062	40,340
	11,776,136	250,000	12,026,136	2,607,907

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

22 Related party transactions

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a trustee of the Foundation.

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a director and shareholder in The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited.

The Foundation has a debtor of £10,644 from The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited which was previously an unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand loan to the Foundation. The balance owing to the Foundation from The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited at the 2023 year end was £5,876.

The agricultural land owned by the Foundation is made available to the Clandeboye Estate Company Limited under a conacre agreement. During the year the foundation received conacre income of £4,768 (2023: £4,768) from the company.

23 Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,418,229	(121,307)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(39,163)	(36,640)
(Gain)/loss on disposal of investments	(30,661)	34,630
Fair value gains and losses on investment properties	(98,484)	84,738
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(4,794)	(4,786)
Increase in creditors	2,901	-
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	9,248,028	(43,365)

24 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

The Dufferin Foundation

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108031

Annual report

Charity registration number NIC108031

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Sir I W Huddleston Countess M T M D Gherardesca Mr H F G Mount
Charity number	NIC108031 XN76485
Principal address	Clandeboyne Estate Bangor BT19 1RN
Auditor	Moore (N.I.) LLP 4th Floor Donegall House 7 Donegall Square North Belfast BT1 5GB
Bankers	Danske Bank Donegall Square West Belfast BT1 6JS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable trust's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The Foundation is limited to the undertaking of charitable activities but in terms of the charitable objectives has a focus on the following

The advancement of education in and the promotion, publication and dissemination of academic research for public benefit into the role of the Clondeboy Estate ("Clondeboy") and the family and descendants of the first Marquess of Dufferin ("Lord Dufferin") past and present.

The establishment and maintenance of scholarships, grants, allowances and prizes and other forms of financial support to be awarded to students or others as are engaged in any such research whether or not the whole or part of that research shall have been carried out at Clondeboy.

The support of and the education into and provision of palliative care in Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the world.

The preservation for the public benefit of the whole or such part of the buildings and their grounds and surroundings of Clondeboy as may be for any period vested in the Foundation or for which it may be responsible together with the preservation for public benefit of furniture pictures and chattels of any description that may be given to the Foundation and/or kept at Clondeboy or any other property in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

The promotion and aid of such other purposes as are recognised as exclusively charitable by the laws of Northern Ireland, England and Wales.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

During the past year, the Trustees of the Foundation have continued to grant aid certain projects. It has continued to effect repairs to Helen's Tower – a listed building that falls within the the Foundation's objective to preserve the buildings and grounds that form part of the grounds of Clondeboy for public benefit. As part of the furtherance of this objective the Foundation has been engaging with the Local Authority and other (charitable) stakeholders about collectively developing public access to the woods and trails around Helen's Tower and to educate and better disseminate knowledge about the military history of the North Down area and Clondeboy and the legacy of the Somme in particular and build links with the equivalent memorials to the dead in Northern France at the Somme Tower (a copy of Helen's Tower). This is a multi year project for which approximately £7m has been raised to date by way of funding through the various stakeholders.

To further the Foundation's objective of furthering education and its existing relationship with the separate charity (NIFSA) the Foundation has grant aided the construction of a new purpose-built facility for use as a Forest School to allow the education of children in the environment and have a greater understanding of nature in conjunction with the development of their understanding and practical application of the national curriculum. The Foundation also has funded an annual award to allow an educator to travel outside NI and learn appropriate ways of developing the Forest School and outdoor education generally. In the present year, the Foundation also hosted the Stormont Education Committee as a way of trying to develop a greater understanding of NIFSA and the Foundation's aspirations to encourage this form of education in the local area and amongst deprived primary school groups in particular.

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As a separate but connected initiative the Foundation has helped host the Council of Integrated Education – both the leadership group and a number of children's groups – all with a view to advancing the cause of Integrated Education across Northern Ireland. This has been seen as an appropriate use of the environment of Clandeboye as a champion of the advancement of education generally.

These initiatives fit well with the continued relationship with the Woodland Trust (a charity based at Clandeboye) in terms of restoring aspects of the historic woodland that comprises Clandeboye – which itself is one of the largest areas of broadleaf woodland areas in Northern Ireland with origins dating back to some historic woodland dating to the 1600s. It is an important objective of the Foundation to repair, restore and maintain the historic landscape and built environment that make up Clandeboye,

During the year, the Foundation has also worked closely with PRONI to develop a better understanding of the historic archives of the 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and his impact on the world as a significant Victorian diplomat and as to how they might better be made available for public access and research. This has led to participation in a number of academic partnerships with various universities and with the National Trust in relation to the legacy of Lord Castlereagh. This is an ongoing project that will take a number of years to complete. It also leads to a possible celebration of the Irish/Canadian Axis.

The Foundation has also sought to develop the relationship with other museums and art galleries and have continued to develop its lending of articles of historic and/or artistic merit throughout the UK and Ireland such as the Tate, The Fleming Foundation, the Holbourne Museum & Charleston – all for public exhibition.

Financial review

The Foundation has income arising from funds which have been gifted to it and which are invested. The attached statement of financial activities has been reviewed by the Trustees and is considered to be a fair and accurate representation of the transactions which have been conducted on behalf of the Foundation during the accounting period. The Trustees are currently involved in a 5 year plan to both increase the amount of available funds for investment in the Foundation to allow it to undertake the plans which are detailed below. The Foundation was initially endowed by the Marquess and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava and to raise public awareness generally. The Trustees for their part have embarked upon a programme of investing and/or utilising those assets both to provide income but also to further the Objectives of the Foundation.

Reserve policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. At 5 April 2024 the level of unrestricted reserves exceeded this target.

Risk assessment

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. In general where it operates in partnership with other bodies it will seek to mitigate risks by ensuring the partner organisations have an appropriate policy in place for managing its risks.

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Plans for future periods

As part of a 5 year plan, the trustees have developed greater alliances with the Woodland Trust to ensure education, preservation and maintenance of native woodland species in light of the actual disease risk to native tree species such as ash – particularly trying to manage the impacts of ash die back. As indicated above the Foundation has also embarked upon a woodland restoration plan covering almost 70 acres of historic Woodland. The Foundation then proposes to ensure that the natural environment is utilised to its full advantage through the education programmes which are offered by the NI Forestry Schools Association. This programme has considerable support from the Education Authority and a large number of local authorities. The trustees also feel that their policy chimes well with general Government Policy which seeks to encourage the maintenance and development of woodland.

The Foundation has been developing closer relationships with North Down and Ards BC in relation to the Aspects literary festival. It also continues to sponsor the young musician academy which exists as part of the Camerata Festival held at Clandeboyne each August.

A programme of restoration has begun with some of the legacy assets at Clandeboyne. During the year it became apparent that Helen's Tower needed substantial repair to keep it structurally sound and work was accordingly begun – recognising the significance of the Tower not just to the local area but the wider to the memorial of those who lost their lives at the Somme.

The Foundation has continued to support education and research into the achievements of the First Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and has developed associations with several academic institutions with a view to allow a better understanding of the collection. As part of that the Trustees continue to fund the restoration of certain historic artefacts which, given the costs involved, they do on a rolling basis. The intention would be to develop that rolling plan and accommodate it within recurring income where possible – deploying capital for major repairs when needed.

It is the Trustees' policy to make strategic alliances (some of which are referenced above) to better achieve its objectives. It has identified those separate public bodies (eg the Local Authority & PRONI), other charities (eg the Somme Association, Holbourne & Charleston) and educators (NIFSA and Integrated Education) which have common objectives and through by which each can leverage their respective objectives.

It is the Foundation's hope that its ability to do so will be enhanced as the estate of the late Lady Dufferin as one of the Founders come to the final stages of its administration - the Foundation being a major beneficiary.

Structure, governance and management

The Dufferin Foundation was formed by a charitable deed dated 27 May 1988. The charity is registered with HM Revenue and Customs as a charitable body for taxation purposes (HM Revenue & Customs Charity No XN76485). The charity registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 22 March 2021 (CCNI No NIC108031). The governing instrument is the charitable trust deed, which states the objects of the charity and details the rules by which it will operate.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Sir I W Huddleston
Countess M T M D Gherardesca
Mr H F G Mount

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the existing trustees.
None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Sir I W Huddleston
Trustee

Dated:

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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 year.

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;
- 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Dufferin Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 5 April 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charities Act Northern Ireland) 2013 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charity.

Based on our understanding of the charity and its operating environment, we determined that the most significant frameworks which have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements are those related to the reporting framework, (FRS 102, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Charity SORP and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council). Additionally, we concluded that there are significant laws and regulations in relation to the entity's charitable status and activities of which non-compliance may have a material effect on the financial statements.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, including evaluating management's incentives and opportunities to manage earnings or influence the reported results. From the results of our assessment, we determined that the principal risks of fraud relate to posting inappropriate journal entries and use of charity funds for purposes outside of restrictions imposed by the donor. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Audit response to risks identified

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- We obtained an understanding of the charity internal control systems in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations, including those as a result of its registration with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland by making enquiries of management and those charged with governance.
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment through collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Moore (N.I.) LLP

**Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

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Moore (N.I.) LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	9,056,065	250,000	9,306,065	7,400
Charitable activities		560	-	560	-
Investments	4	39,163	-	39,163	36,640
Total income		9,095,788	250,000	9,345,788	44,040
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds					
Cost of running the charity	5	14,331	-	14,331	15,048
Investment management	5	7,939	-	7,939	8,278
		22,270	-	22,270	23,326
Charitable activities	6	34,434	-	34,434	22,653
Total resources expended		56,704	-	56,704	45,979
Net (losses)/gains on investments	12	129,145	-	129,145	(119,368)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		9,168,229	250,000	9,418,229	(121,307)
Fund balances at 6 April 2023		2,607,907	-	2,607,907	2,729,214
Fund balances at 5 April 2024		11,776,136	250,000	12,026,136	2,607,907

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	23		9,248,028		(43,365)
Investing activities					
Purchase of heritage assets		(1,409,231)		(18,115)	
Purchase of investments		(8,204,609)		(621,313)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		543,841		614,596	
Investment income received		39,163		36,640	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(9,030,836)		11,808
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			217,192		(31,557)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			144,275		175,832
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			361,467		144,275
Relating to:					
Cash at bank and in hand			246,884		35,055
Short term deposits included in current asset investments			114,583		109,220

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	7,500		7,500	
Heritage assets	15	1,545,017		135,786	
Investments	14	10,219,557		2,424,281	
		<u>11,772,074</u>		<u>2,567,567</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	16	11,038		6,244	
Cash at bank and in hand		246,884		35,055	
		<u>257,922</u>		<u>41,299</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(3,860)		(959)	
Net current assets		<u>254,062</u>		<u>40,340</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>12,026,136</u>		<u>2,607,907</u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	19	250,000		-	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		11,642,453		2,572,708	
Revaluation reserve		133,683		35,199	
		<u>11,776,136</u>		<u>2,607,907</u>	
		<u>12,026,136</u>		<u>2,607,907</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

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Sir I W Huddleston
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Dufferin Foundation is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in Northern Ireland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Clandeboye Estate, Bangor, Co. Down, BT19 1RN.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
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Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.8 Heritage assets

Heritage assets measured under the cost model are recognised initially recorded at acquisition cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any impairment losses.

Heritage assets measured under the revaluation model are recorded at fair value less any accumulated impairment losses.

Where information on the cost or value of an asset is not available and cannot be obtained at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits to users of the financial statements, the asset shall not be recognised in the statement of financial position.

1.9 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.10 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.11 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.12 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
Donations and gifts	9,056,065	250,000	9,306,065	850
Grants Receivable	-	-	-	6,550
	<u>9,056,065</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>9,306,065</u>	<u>7,400</u>

The Dufferin Foundation is a beneficiary of the late Lady Dufferin's Estate. A number of chattels including paintings, books, and other various historical items were inherited from the Estate during the year and were independently valued at £1,056,850. A property in London has also been inherited which has been independently assessed as having a value of £16,000,000. The Dufferin Foundation is entitled to a 50% stake of the proceeds if sold and this has been recognised within donations.

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2023 £
Rental income	4,768	4,768
Income from listed investments	29,789	28,341
Interest receivable	4,606	3,531
	<u>39,163</u>	<u>36,640</u>

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Cost of running the charity</u>		
Repairs and maintenance	2,039	11,326
Legal and professional	9,711	840
Telephone	566	508
Bank charges	46	45
Light, power and heat	1,789	2,149
Computer running charges	180	180
	<u>14,331</u>	<u>15,048</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

5 Raising funds (Continued)

<u>Investment management</u>	<u>7,939</u>	<u>8,278</u>
	<u>7,939</u>	<u>8,278</u>

6 Charitable activities

	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2024 £	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2023 £
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	<u>34,434</u>	<u>22,653</u>

7 Grants payable

	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2024 £	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2023 £
Grants to institutions:		
Killyleagh Parish	300	300
World Vision	475	475
NI Forest School Association	16,194	1,500
John Wittchell	-	15,000
Dickson Nurseries	-	2,620
Buglife	1,500	1,000
ANDBC	-	799
Sunflower Sandwich	-	709
Camerata	5,000	-
Barn Owls	300	-
Ulster Wildlife	5,000	-
Irish Life	3,065	-
Ulster University	2,600	-
	<u>34,434</u>	<u>22,653</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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9 Auditor's remuneration

Fees payable to the charity's auditor and associates:	2024	2023
	£	£
For audit services		
Audit of the financial statements of the charity	3,500	600

10 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	30,661	(34,630)
Revaluation of fixed asset investments	98,484	(84,738)
	129,145	(119,368)

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 6 April 2023	7,500	8,207	15,707
At 5 April 2024	7,500	8,207	15,707
Depreciation and impairment			
At 6 April 2023	-	8,207	8,207
At 5 April 2024	-	8,207	8,207
Carrying amount			
At 5 April 2024	7,500	-	7,500
At 5 April 2023	7,500	-	7,500

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14 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Investment properties £	Cash in portfolio £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 6 April 2023	2,015,061	300,000	109,220	2,424,281
Additions	204,609	-	-	204,609
Valuation changes	98,484	-	-	98,484
Acquisition of investment property	-	8,000,000	-	8,000,000
Movements	-	-	5,363	5,363
Disposals	(513,180)	-	-	(513,180)
At 5 April 2024	1,804,974	8,300,000	114,583	10,219,557
Carrying amount				
At 05 April 2024	1,804,974	8,300,000	114,583	10,219,557
At 05 April 2023	2,015,061	300,000	109,220	2,424,281

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15 Heritage assets

	Silver cup	Burmese figures	Chapel	Ava rooms	Helen's Tower	Chattels	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 6 April 2023	6,705	42,150	79,432	7,500	-	-	135,787
Additions	-	-	35,577	-	318,803	1,054,850	354,380
At 5 April 2024	6,705	42,150	115,009	7,500	318,803	1,054,850	490,167

The Foundation has only limited but nonetheless important Heritage assets. Firstly it owns the chapel at Clandeboye. This building is preserved for the benefit of the built environment that constitutes the fabric of the Clandeboye Estate but is in constant use by members of the public as it enjoys the status of being a Chapel at Ease to Bangor Abbey. The Foundation has embarked upon an improvement plan - it is installing a connection to the district heating system and has invested in stained glass windows as a memorial to the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava as is the silver cup that is used in connection with services held in the chapel. The chapel is also used for local community events and for music recitals on a frequent basis. The Burmese Figures are museum quality. They are unique but because of their age have recently required restoration and re-gilding. That process was undertaken in previous financial years through the auspices of an appropriately qualified expert. No further expenditure is anticipated in relation to these artefacts.

Restorative work for Helen's Tower is now underway which is required due to the building's age. This site was and will continue to act as a self-catering accommodation facility where heritage documents attesting to the estate's history are on display.

The Dufferin Foundation is a beneficiary of the late Lady Dufferin's Estate. During the year a number of chattels including paintings, books, and other various historical items were bequeathed from the Estate and have been recognised at value.

16 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	10,644	5,876
Prepayments and accrued income	394	368
	11,038	6,244

17 Financial instruments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	1,804,974	2,015,061

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18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,860	959

19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	At 5 April 2024 £
-	250,000	250,000

20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	2,607,907	9,095,788	(56,704)	129,145	11,776,136

Previous year:	At 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2023 £
General funds	2,729,214	44,040	(45,979)	(119,368)	2,607,907

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fund balances at 5 April 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	7,500	-	7,500	7,500
Heritage assets	1,295,017	250,000	1,545,017	135,786
Investments	10,219,557	-	10,219,557	2,424,281
Current assets/(liabilities)	254,062	-	254,062	40,340
	11,776,136	250,000	12,026,136	2,607,907

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22 Related party transactions

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a trustee of the Foundation.

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a director and shareholder in The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited.

The Foundation has a debtor of £10,644 from The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited which was previously an unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand loan to the Foundation. The balance owing to the Foundation from The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited at the 2023 year end was £5,876.

The agricultural land owned by the Foundation is made available to the Clandeboye Estate Company Limited under a conacre agreement. During the year the foundation received conacre income of £4,768 (2023: £4,768) from the company.

23 Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,418,229	(121,307)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(39,163)	(36,640)
(Gain)/loss on disposal of investments	(30,661)	34,630
Fair value gains and losses on investment properties	(98,484)	84,738
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(4,794)	(4,786)
Increase in creditors	2,901	-
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	9,248,028	(43,365)

24 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

The Dufferin Foundation

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108031

Annual return

Charity registration number NIC108031

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Sir I W Huddleston Countess M T M D Gherardesca Mr H F G Mount
Charity number	NIC108031 XN76485
Principal address	Clandeboyne Estate Bangor BT19 1RN
Auditor	Moore (N.I.) LLP 4th Floor Donegall House 7 Donegall Square North Belfast BT1 5GB
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable trust's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The Foundation is limited to the undertaking of charitable activities but in terms of the charitable objectives has a focus on the following

The advancement of education in and the promotion, publication and dissemination of academic research for public benefit into the role of the Clandeboyne Estate ("Clandeboyne") and the family and descendants of the first Marquess of Dufferin ("Lord Dufferin") past and present.

The establishment and maintenance of scholarships, grants, allowances and prizes and other forms of financial support to be awarded to students or others as are engaged in any such research whether or not the whole or part of that research shall have been carried out at Clandeboyne.

The support of and the education into and provision of palliative care in Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the world.

The preservation for the public benefit of the whole or such part of the buildings and their grounds and surroundings of Clandeboyne as may be for any period vested in the Foundation or for which it may be responsible together with the preservation for public benefit of furniture pictures and chattels of any description that may be given to the Foundation and/or kept at Clandeboyne or any other property in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

The promotion and aid of such other purposes as are recognised as exclusively charitable by the laws of Northern Ireland, England and Wales.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

During the past year, the Trustees of the Foundation have continued to grant aid certain projects. It has continued to effect repairs to Helen's Tower – a listed building that falls within the the Foundation's objective to preserve the buildings and grounds that form part of the grounds of Clandeboyne for public benefit. As part of the furtherance of this objective the Foundation has been engaging with the Local Authority and other (charitable) stakeholders about collectively developing public access to the woods and trails around Helen's Tower and to educate and better disseminate knowledge about the military history of the North Down area and Clandeboyne and the legacy of the Somme in particular and build links with the equivalent memorials to the dead in Northern France at the Somme Tower (a copy of Helen's Tower). This is a multi year project for which approximately £7m has been raised to date by way of funding through the various stakeholders.

To further the Foundation's objective of furthering education and its existing relationship with the separate charity (NIFSA) the Foundation has grant aided the construction of a new purpose-built facility for use as a Forest School to allow the education of children in the environment and have a greater understanding of nature in conjunction with the development of their understanding and practical application of the national curriculum. The Foundation also has funded an annual award to allow an educator to travel outside NI and learn appropriate ways of developing the Forest School and outdoor education generally. In the present year, the Foundation also hosted the Stormont Education Committee as a way of trying to develop a greater understanding of NIFSA and the Foundation's aspirations to encourage this form of education in the local area and amongst deprived primary school groups in particular.

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As a separate but connected initiative the Foundation has helped host the Council of Integrated Education – both the leadership group and a number of children's groups – all with a view to advancing the cause of Integrated Education across Northern Ireland. This has been seen as an appropriate use of the environment of Clandeboye as a champion of the advancement of education generally.

These initiatives fit well with the continued relationship with the Woodland Trust (a charity based at Clandeboye) in terms of restoring aspects of the historic woodland that comprises Clandeboye – which itself is one of the largest areas of broadleaf woodland areas in Northern Ireland with origins dating back to some historic woodland dating to the 1600s. It is an important objective of the Foundation to repair, restore and maintain the historic landscape and built environment that make up Clandeboye,

During the year, the Foundation has also worked closely with PRONI to develop a better understanding of the historic archives of the 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and his impact on the world as a significant Victorian diplomat and as to how they might better be made available for public access and research. This has led to participation in a number of academic partnerships with various universities and with the National Trust in relation to the legacy of Lord Castlereagh. This is an ongoing project that will take a number of years to complete. It also leads to a possible celebration of the Irish/Canadian Axis.

The Foundation has also sought to develop the relationship with other museums and art galleries and have continued to develop its lending of articles of historic and/or artistic merit throughout the UK and Ireland such as the Tate, The Fleming Foundation, the Holbourne Museum & Charleston – all for public exhibition.

Financial review

The Foundation has income arising from funds which have been gifted to it and which are invested. The attached statement of financial activities has been reviewed by the Trustees and is considered to be a fair and accurate representation of the transactions which have been conducted on behalf of the Foundation during the accounting period. The Trustees are currently involved in a 5 year plan to both increase the amount of available funds for investment in the Foundation to allow it to undertake the plans which are detailed below. The Foundation was initially endowed by the Marquess and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava and to raise public awareness generally. The Trustees for their part have embarked upon a programme of investing and/or utilising those assets both to provide income but also to further the Objectives of the Foundation.

Reserve policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. At 5 April 2024 the level of unrestricted reserves exceeded this target.

Risk assessment

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. In general where it operates in partnership with other bodies it will seek to mitigate risks by ensuring the partner organisations have an appropriate policy in place for managing its risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Plans for future periods

As part of a 5 year plan, the trustees have developed greater alliances with the Woodland Trust to ensure education, preservation and maintenance of native woodland species in light of the actual disease risk to native tree species such as ash – particularly trying to manage the impacts of ash die back. As indicated above the Foundation has also embarked upon a woodland restoration plan covering almost 70 acres of historic Woodland. The Foundation then proposes to ensure that the natural environment is utilised to its full advantage through the education programmes which are offered by the NI Forestry Schools Association. This programme has considerable support from the Education Authority and a large number of local authorities. The trustees also feel that their policy chimes well with general Government Policy which seeks to encourage the maintenance and development of woodland.

The Foundation has been developing closer relationships with North Down and Ards BC in relation to the Aspects literary festival. It also continues to sponsor the young musician academy which exists as part of the Camerata Festival held at Clandeboyne each August.

A programme of restoration has begun with some of the legacy assets at Clandeboyne. During the year it became apparent that Helen's Tower needed substantial repair to keep it structurally sound and work was accordingly begun – recognising the significance of the Tower not just to the local area but the wider to the memorial of those who lost their lives at the Somme.

The Foundation has continued to support education and research into the achievements of the First Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and has developed associations with several academic institutions with a view to allow a better understanding of the collection. As part of that the Trustees continue to fund the restoration of certain historic artefacts which, given the costs involved, they do on a rolling basis. The intention would be to develop that rolling plan and accommodate it within recurring income where possible – deploying capital for major repairs when needed.

It is the Trustees' policy to make strategic alliances (some of which are referenced above) to better achieve its objectives. It has identified those separate public bodies (eg the Local Authority & PRONI), other charities (eg the Somme Association, Holbourne & Charleston) and educators (NIFSA and Integrated Education) which have common objectives and through by which each can leverage their respective objectives.

It is the Foundation's hope that its ability to do so will be enhanced as the estate of the late Lady Dufferin as one of the Founders come to the final stages of its administration - the Foundation being a major beneficiary.

Structure, governance and management

The Dufferin Foundation was formed by a charitable deed dated 27 May 1988. The charity is registered with HM Revenue and Customs as a charitable body for taxation purposes (HM Revenue & Customs Charity No XN76485). The charity registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 22 March 2021 (CCNI No NIC108031). The governing instrument is the charitable trust deed, which states the objects of the charity and details the rules by which it will operate.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Sir I W Huddleston
Countess M T M D Gherardesca
Mr H F G Mount

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the existing trustees.
None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Sir I W Huddleston
Trustee

Dated:

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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 year.

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;
- 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Dufferin Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 5 April 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charities Act Northern Ireland) 2013 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charity.

Based on our understanding of the charity and its operating environment, we determined that the most significant frameworks which have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements are those related to the reporting framework, (FRS 102, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Charity SORP and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council). Additionally, we concluded that there are significant laws and regulations in relation to the entity's charitable status and activities of which non-compliance may have a material effect on the financial statements.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, including evaluating management's incentives and opportunities to manage earnings or influence the reported results. From the results of our assessment, we determined that the principal risks of fraud relate to posting inappropriate journal entries and use of charity funds for purposes outside of restrictions imposed by the donor. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Audit response to risks identified

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- We obtained an understanding of the charity internal control systems in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations, including those as a result of its registration with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland by making enquiries of management and those charged with governance.
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment through collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Moore (N.I.) LLP

**Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

Moore (N.I.) LLP
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Moore (N.I.) LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	9,056,065	250,000	9,306,065	7,400
Charitable activities		560	-	560	-
Investments	4	39,163	-	39,163	36,640
Total income		9,095,788	250,000	9,345,788	44,040
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds					
Cost of running the charity	5	14,331	-	14,331	15,048
Investment management	5	7,939	-	7,939	8,278
		22,270	-	22,270	23,326
Charitable activities	6	34,434	-	34,434	22,653
Total resources expended		56,704	-	56,704	45,979
Net (losses)/gains on investments	12	129,145	-	129,145	(119,368)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		9,168,229	250,000	9,418,229	(121,307)
Fund balances at 6 April 2023		2,607,907	-	2,607,907	2,729,214
Fund balances at 5 April 2024		11,776,136	250,000	12,026,136	2,607,907

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	23		9,248,028		(43,365)
Investing activities					
Purchase of heritage assets		(1,409,231)		(18,115)	
Purchase of investments		(8,204,609)		(621,313)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		543,841		614,596	
Investment income received		39,163		36,640	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(9,030,836)		11,808
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			217,192		(31,557)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			144,275		175,832
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			361,467		144,275
Relating to:					
Cash at bank and in hand			246,884		35,055
Short term deposits included in current asset investments			114,583		109,220

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	7,500		7,500	
Heritage assets	15	1,545,017		135,786	
Investments	14	10,219,557		2,424,281	
		<u>11,772,074</u>		<u>2,567,567</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	16	11,038		6,244	
Cash at bank and in hand		246,884		35,055	
		<u>257,922</u>		<u>41,299</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(3,860)		(959)	
Net current assets		<u>254,062</u>		<u>40,340</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>12,026,136</u>		<u>2,607,907</u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	19	250,000		-	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		11,642,453		2,572,708	
Revaluation reserve		133,683		35,199	
		<u>11,776,136</u>		<u>2,607,907</u>	
		<u>12,026,136</u>		<u>2,607,907</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

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Sir I W Huddleston
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Dufferin Foundation is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in Northern Ireland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Clandeboy Estate, Bangor, Co. Down, BT19 1RN.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
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Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.8 Heritage assets

Heritage assets measured under the cost model are recognised initially recorded at acquisition cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any impairment losses.

Heritage assets measured under the revaluation model are recorded at fair value less any accumulated impairment losses.

Where information on the cost or value of an asset is not available and cannot be obtained at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits to users of the financial statements, the asset shall not be recognised in the statement of financial position.

1.9 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.10 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.11 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.12 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	9,056,065	250,000	9,306,065	850
Grants Receivable	-	-	-	6,550
	<u>9,056,065</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>9,306,065</u>	<u>7,400</u>

The Dufferin Foundation is a beneficiary of the late Lady Dufferin's Estate. A number of chattels including paintings, books, and other various historical items were inherited from the Estate during the year and were independently valued at £1,056,850. A property in London has also been inherited which has been independently assessed as having a value of £16,000,000. The Dufferin Foundation is entitled to a 50% stake of the proceeds if sold and this has been recognised within donations.

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Rental income	4,768	4,768
Income from listed investments	29,789	28,341
Interest receivable	4,606	3,531
	<u>39,163</u>	<u>36,640</u>

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Cost of running the charity</u>		
Repairs and maintenance	2,039	11,326
Legal and professional	9,711	840
Telephone	566	508
Bank charges	46	45
Light, power and heat	1,789	2,149
Computer running charges	180	180
	<u>14,331</u>	<u>15,048</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

5 Raising funds (Continued)

<u>Investment management</u>	<u>7,939</u>	<u>8,278</u>
	<u>7,939</u>	<u>8,278</u>

6 Charitable activities

	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2024 £	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2023 £
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	<u>34,434</u>	<u>22,653</u>

7 Grants payable

	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2024 £	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2023 £
Grants to institutions:		
Killyleagh Parish	300	300
World Vision	475	475
NI Forest School Association	16,194	1,500
John Wittchell	-	15,000
Dickson Nurseries	-	2,620
Buglife	1,500	1,000
ANDBC	-	799
Sunflower Sandwich	-	709
Camerata	5,000	-
Barn Owls	300	-
Ulster Wildlife	5,000	-
Irish Life	3,065	-
Ulster University	2,600	-
	<u>34,434</u>	<u>22,653</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

9 Auditor's remuneration

Fees payable to the charity's auditor and associates:	2024	2023
	£	£
For audit services		
Audit of the financial statements of the charity	3,500	600

10 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	30,661	(34,630)
Revaluation of fixed asset investments	98,484	(84,738)
	129,145	(119,368)

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 6 April 2023	7,500	8,207	15,707
At 5 April 2024	7,500	8,207	15,707
Depreciation and impairment			
At 6 April 2023	-	8,207	8,207
At 5 April 2024	-	8,207	8,207
Carrying amount			
At 5 April 2024	7,500	-	7,500
At 5 April 2023	7,500	-	7,500

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14 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Investment properties £	Cash in portfolio £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 6 April 2023	2,015,061	300,000	109,220	2,424,281
Additions	204,609	-	-	204,609
Valuation changes	98,484	-	-	98,484
Acquisition of investment property	-	8,000,000	-	8,000,000
Movements	-	-	5,363	5,363
Disposals	(513,180)	-	-	(513,180)
At 5 April 2024	1,804,974	8,300,000	114,583	10,219,557
Carrying amount				
At 05 April 2024	1,804,974	8,300,000	114,583	10,219,557
At 05 April 2023	2,015,061	300,000	109,220	2,424,281

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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15 Heritage assets

	Silver cup	Burmese figures	Chapel	Ava rooms	Helen's Tower	Chattels	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 6 April 2023	6,705	42,150	79,432	7,500	-	-	135,787
Additions	-	-	35,577	-	318,803	1,054,850	354,380
At 5 April 2024	6,705	42,150	115,009	7,500	318,803	1,054,850	490,167

The Foundation has only limited but nonetheless important Heritage assets. Firstly it owns the chapel at Clandeboye. This building is preserved for the benefit of the built environment that constitutes the fabric of the Clandeboye Estate but is in constant use by members of the public as it enjoys the status of being a Chapel at Ease to Bangor Abbey. The Foundation has embarked upon an improvement plan - it is installing a connection to the district heating system and has invested in stained glass windows as a memorial to the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava as is the silver cup that is used in connection with services held in the chapel. The chapel is also used for local community events and for music recitals on a frequent basis. The Burmese Figures are museum quality. They are unique but because of their age have recently required restoration and re-gilding. That process was undertaken in previous financial years through the auspices of an appropriately qualified expert. No further expenditure is anticipated in relation to these artefacts.

Restorative work for Helen's Tower is now underway which is required due to the building's age. This site was and will continue to act as a self-catering accommodation facility where heritage documents attesting to the estate's history are on display.

The Dufferin Foundation is a beneficiary of the late Lady Dufferin's Estate. During the year a number of chattels including paintings, books, and other various historical items were bequeathed from the Estate and have been recognised at value.

16 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	10,644	5,876
Prepayments and accrued income	394	368
	11,038	6,244

17 Financial instruments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	1,804,974	2,015,061

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,860	959

19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	At 5 April 2024 £
-	250,000	250,000

20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	2,607,907	9,095,788	(56,704)	129,145	11,776,136

Previous year:	At 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2023 £
General funds	2,729,214	44,040	(45,979)	(119,368)	2,607,907

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fund balances at 5 April 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	7,500	-	7,500	7,500
Heritage assets	1,295,017	250,000	1,545,017	135,786
Investments	10,219,557	-	10,219,557	2,424,281
Current assets/(liabilities)	254,062	-	254,062	40,340
	11,776,136	250,000	12,026,136	2,607,907

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

22 Related party transactions

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a trustee of the Foundation.

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a director and shareholder in The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited.

The Foundation has a debtor of £10,644 from The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited which was previously an unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand loan to the Foundation. The balance owing to the Foundation from The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited at the 2023 year end was £5,876.

The agricultural land owned by the Foundation is made available to the Clandeboye Estate Company Limited under a conacre agreement. During the year the foundation received conacre income of £4,768 (2023: £4,768) from the company.

23 Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,418,229	(121,307)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(39,163)	(36,640)
(Gain)/loss on disposal of investments	(30,661)	34,630
Fair value gains and losses on investment properties	(98,484)	84,738
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(4,794)	(4,786)
Increase in creditors	2,901	-
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	9,248,028	(43,365)

24 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

The Dufferin Foundation

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108031

Accounts

Charity Registration No. NIC108031
HMRC Charity Registration No. XN76485

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	[REDACTED] Countess M T M D Gherardesca Mr H F G Mount
Charity number	NIC108031 XN76485
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable trust's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The Foundation is limited to the undertaking of charitable activities but in terms of the charitable objectives has a focus on the following

The advancement of education in and the promotion, publication and dissemination of academic research for public benefit into the role of the Clandeboye Estate ("Clandeboye") and the family and descendants of the first Marquess of Dufferin ("Lord Dufferin") past and present.

The establishment and maintenance of scholarships, grants, allowances and prizes and other forms of financial support to be awarded to students or others as are engaged in any such research whether or not the whole or part of that research shall have been carried out at Clandeboye.

The support of and the education into and provision of palliative care in Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the world.

The preservation for the public benefit of the whole or such part of the buildings and their grounds and surroundings of Clandeboye as may be for any period vested in the Foundation or for which it may be responsible together with the preservation for public benefit of furniture pictures and chattels of any description that may be given to the Foundation and/or kept at Clandeboye or any other property in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

The promotion and aid of such other purposes as are recognised as exclusively charitable by the laws of Northern Ireland, England and Wales.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

The Foundation continues work with the Woodland Trust for the use of Clandeboye and its environs for the education of volunteers, students and others into forestry and forestry management; the preservation of native woodland species, the development of a disease free nursery and the education of the public generally into the threat of disease to native tree species and its management. The relationship with the Conservation Volunteers has existed now for over 20 years and continues to develop with various jointly promoted events planned over the next 12 month period. Specific joint ventures include working together to acquire adjacent historic woodland; getting jointly involved in a research project run out of York University to attempt to evaluate the public benefit of sustainable woodland and working together to advance a project to link with the national celebrations planned for the Queen's Jubilee. Work has started on a 5 year woodland management programme to remove and then manage invasive species thus allowing natural regeneration of the historic woodlands and landscape. This has also led to public openings and information days with both North Down and Ards BC and the National Garden Scheme.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The Foundation has been working closely with the NI Forestry Schools Association now for over 5 years. This is a collaboration designed to get children of school age years, youth groups and families to use the natural environment as a way to encourage learning. Open air school rooms have been created and planning permission sought and granted for an empathetic development which could take this association to the next level. This endeavour also involves initiatives designed to train teachers into raising awareness of environmental and sustainability issues. This initiative has been of particular relevance during the Covid pandemic. When formal school rooms were not available due to Covid restrictions there was much greater demand for the facilities that Clondeboyne can make available. The strategy is to make positive use of the environs of the Clondeboyne Estate both for direct teaching but also to inspire other public bodies such as local councils, the Education Authority and others to adopt outdoor learning. The initiative is a cross community one entitled 'Learning Without Walls' which is actively supported by the Public Health Authority. In each of the last four financial years the Foundation gave NIFSA donations to support its work. This is with a view to furthering the Foundation's objectives of encouraging education but also to help improve the environment by allowing the use of Clondeboyne by a wider group of people and further the work of NIFSA. Public benefit is assured through the increased number of people having access to the Estate and its legacy landscape for learning and health promotion. During the last 12 month period the Foundation sponsored 3 new initiatives. The first was an award in memory of the late Lady Dufferin to a school teacher selected to travel to Scotland and import best practice back to NI for the benefit of the Forest School Association in Northern Ireland. The second was to provide financial support for a 'teach the teacher' initiative at Clondeboyne to widen both the appeal and the understanding of the Forest School movement and its benefits. Finally, The Foundation sponsored and provided facilities for an Integrated Education Day at Clondeboyne to further support the encouragement of Integrated Education for primary age children.

The Foundation has continued to support education and research into the achievements of the First Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and continues to fund the restoration of certain historic artefacts including statues; pictures and an historic altarpiece. In addition, the Foundation is working closely with the Public Record Office to collate and research the Dufferin archives for the purposes of research into the life and times of the First Marquess and his diplomatic travels. Work has been ongoing with PRONI over the last two years as to how that relationship could be strengthened and deepened. The Foundation has also sponsored a PhD student over the last 2 calendar years. It has also helped in the publication of a book on the life of the 5th Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava. It has also established links with the Ulster Canada Fund based in Toronto.

Consistent with its objectives during the year the Trustees have helped to promote research and provide facilities for the discussion of cancer care throughout the island of Ireland with academic institutions across the island and in the EU.

Finally during the period the Trustees have made loans to other collections for public display – The Holbourne Museum, Bath and the Charleston Charitable Trust, Fife.

Financial review

The Foundation has income arising from funds which have been gifted to it and which are invested. The attached statement of financial activities has been reviewed by the Trustees and is considered to be a fair and accurate representation of the transactions which have been conducted on behalf of the Foundation during the accounting period. The Trustees are currently involved in a 5 year plan to both increase the amount of available funds for investment in the Foundation to allow it to undertake the plans which are detailed below. The Foundation was initially endowed by the Marquess and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava and to raise public awareness generally. The Trustees for their part have embarked upon a programme of investing and/or utilising those assets both to provide income but also to further the Objectives of the Foundation.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. At 5 April 2023 the level of unrestricted reserves exceeded this target.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. In general where it operates in partnership with other bodies it will seek to mitigate risks by ensuring the partner organisations have an appropriate policy in place for managing its risks.

Plans for future periods

As part of a 5 year plan, the trustees have developed greater alliances with the Woodland Trust to ensure education, preservation and maintenance of native woodland species in light of the actual disease risk to native tree species such as ash – particularly trying to manage the impacts of ash die back. As indicated above the Foundation has also embarked upon a woodland restoration plan covering almost 70 acres of historic Woodland. The Foundation then proposes to ensure that the natural environment is utilised to its full advantage through the education programmes which are offered by the NI Forestry Schools Association. This programme has considerable support from the Education Authority and a large number of local authorities. The trustees also feel that their policy chimes well with general Government Policy which seeks to encourage the maintenance and development of woodland.

The Foundation has been developing closer relationships with North Down and Ards BC in relation to the Aspects literary festival. It also continues to sponsor the young musician academy which exists as part of the Camerata Festival held at Clondeboyne each August.

A programme of restoration has begun with some of the legacy assets at Clondeboyne. During the year it became apparent that Helen's Tower needed substantial repair to keep it structurally sound and work was accordingly begun – recognising the significance of the Tower not just to the local area but the wider to the memorial of those who lost their lives at the Somme.

The Foundation has continued to support education and research into the achievements of the First Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and has developed associations with several academic institutions with a view to allow a better understanding of the collection. As part of that the Trustees continue to fund the restoration of certain historic artefacts which, given the costs involved, they do on a rolling basis. The intention would be to develop that rolling plan and accommodate it within recurring income where possible – deploying capital for major repairs when needed.

Structure, governance and management

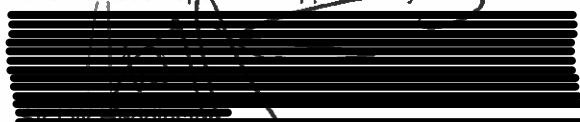
The Dufferin Foundation was formed by a charitable deed dated 27 May 1988. The charity is registered with HM Revenue and Customs as a charitable body for taxation purposes (HM Revenue & Customs Charity No XN76485). The charity registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 22 March 2021 (CCNI No NIC108031). The governing instrument is the charitable trust deed, which states the objects of the charity and details the rules by which it will operate.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:


Countess M T M D Gherardesca
Mr H F G Mount

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the existing trustees.
None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Trustee

Dated: 5 February 2024

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- (ii) follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

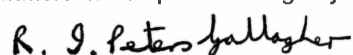
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving us cause to believe:

- 1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- 2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- 3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- 4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Dr R I Peters Gallagher OBE FCA
for and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP

4th Floor Donegall House
7 Donegall Square North
Belfast
BT1 5GB

Dated: 5 February 2024

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>			
Donations and legacies	3	7,400	500
Investments	5	36,640	30,647
Other income	4	-	31
Total income		44,040	31,178
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds			
Cost of running the charity	6	15,048	4,201
Investment management	6	8,278	9,005
		23,326	13,206
Charitable activities	7	22,653	79,388
Total resources expended		45,979	92,594
Net (losses)/gains on investments	13	(119,368)	67,290
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(121,307)	5,874
Fund balances at 6 April 2022		2,729,214	2,723,340
Fund balances at 5 April 2023		2,607,907	2,729,214

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	7,500		7,500	
Heritage assets	16	135,786		117,671	
Investments	15	2,424,281		2,580,112	
		<u>2,567,567</u>		<u>2,705,283</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	17	6,244		1,458	
Cash at bank and in hand		35,055		23,432	
		<u>41,299</u>		<u>24,890</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	(959)		(959)	
Net current assets		<u>40,340</u>		<u>23,931</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,607,907</u>		<u>2,729,214</u>	
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		2,572,708		2,609,278	
Revaluation reserve		35,199		119,936	
		<u>2,607,907</u>		<u>2,729,214</u>	
		<u>2,607,907</u>		<u>2,729,214</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5 February 2024

Trustee

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Dufferin Foundation is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in Northern Ireland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Clandeboy Estate, Bangor, Co. Down, BT19 1RN.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

- 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.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
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Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Heritage assets

Heritage assets measured under the cost model are recognised initially recorded at acquisition cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Heritage assets measured under the revaluation model are recorded at fair value less any accumulated impairment losses.

Where information on the cost or value of an asset is not available and cannot be obtained at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits to users of the financial statements, the asset shall not be recognised in the statement of financial position.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	850	500
Grants Receivable	6,550	-
	<u>7,400</u>	<u>500</u>

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Royalties	-	31
	<u>-</u>	<u>31</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Rental income	4,768	4,768
Income from listed investments	28,341	25,324
Interest receivable	3,531	555
	<u>36,640</u>	<u>30,647</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Cost of running the charity</u>		
Repairs and maintenance	11,326	779
Legal and professional	840	1,000
Telephone	508	452
Bank charges	45	37
Light, power and heat	2,149	1,753
Computer running charges	180	180
	<u>15,048</u>	<u>4,201</u>
 <u>Investment management</u>	 8,278	 9,005
	<u>8,278</u>	<u>9,005</u>

7 Charitable activities

	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2023 £	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2022 £
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	<u>22,653</u>	<u>79,388</u>

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

8 Grants payable

	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2023 £	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2022 £
Grants to institutions:		
Killyleagh Parish	300	300
World Vision	475	475
NI Forest School Association	1,500	59,613
John Witchell	15,000	15,000
NI International Organ Competition	-	2,000
Bangor Abbey	-	1,000
TCV Tree Nursery	-	1,000
Dickson Nurseries	2,620	-
Buglife	1,000	-
ANDBC - Nat Rngs	799	-
Sunflower Sandwich	709	-
	<u>22,653</u>	<u>79,388</u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Independent examiner's remuneration

The analysis of independent examiner's remuneration is as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examination of the annual accounts	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

11 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(34,630)	13,374
Revaluation of fixed asset investments	(84,738)	53,916
	<u>(119,368)</u>	<u>67,290</u>

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 6 April 2022	7,500	8,207	15,707
At 5 April 2023	<u>7,500</u>	<u>8,207</u>	<u>15,707</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 6 April 2022	-	8,207	8,207
At 5 April 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>8,207</u>	<u>8,207</u>
Carrying amount			
At 5 April 2023	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>
At 5 April 2022	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>

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15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Investment properties £	Cash in portfolio	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 6 April 2022	2,127,709	300,000	152,403	2,580,112
Additions	621,313	-	(43,183)	578,130
Valuation changes	(84,738)	-	-	(84,738)
Disposals	(649,223)	-	-	(649,223)
At 5 April 2023	2,015,061	300,000	109,220	2,424,281
Carrying amount				
At 05 April 2023	<u>2,015,061</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>109,220</u>	<u>2,424,281</u>
At 05 April 2022	<u>2,127,709</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>152,403</u>	<u>2,580,112</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

16 Heritage assets

	Silver cup	Burmese figures	Chapel	Ava rooms	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At 6 April 2022	6,705	35,280	68,186	7,500	117,671
Purchases	-	6,870	11,245	-	18,115
At 5 April 2023	6,705	42,150	79,431	7,500	135,786

The Foundation has only limited but nonetheless important Heritage assets. Firstly it owns the chapel at Clandeboye. This building is preserved for the benefit of the built environment that constitutes the fabric of the Clandeboye Estate but is in constant use by members of the public as it enjoys the status of being a Chapel at Ease to Bangor Abbey. The Foundation has embarked upon an improvement plan - it is installing a connection to the district heating system and has invested in stained glass windows as a memorial to the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava as is the silver cup that is used in connection with services held in the chapel. The chapel is also used for local community events and for music recitals on a frequent basis. The Burmese Figures are museum quality. They are unique but because of their age have recently required restoration and re-gilding. That process was undertaken in the current financial year through the auspices of an appropriately qualified expert. No further expenditure is anticipated in relation to these artefacts. Starting in the current year the Foundation is also beginning the process of properly resourcing the Family archives that are retained at Clandeboye. A partnership approach has been adopted between the Foundation, the Public Records Office NI and Newcastle University to collate these unique records. The intention is that when this exercise has been completed the archives will be made available for public access.

17 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	5,876	1,108
Prepayments and accrued income	368	350
	6,244	1,458

18 Financial instruments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,015,061	2,127,709

19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	959	959

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2023 £
General funds	2,729,214	44,040	(45,979)	(119,368)	2,607,907
Previous year:	At 6 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2022 £
General funds	2,723,340	31,178	(92,594)	67,290	2,729,214

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fund balances at 5 April 2023 are represented by:		
Tangible assets	7,500	7,500
Heritage assets	135,786	117,671
Investments	2,424,281	2,580,112
Current assets/(liabilities)	40,340	23,931
	2,607,907	2,729,214

22 Related party transactions

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a trustee of the Foundation.

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a director and shareholder in The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited.

The Foundation has a debtor of £5,876 from The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited which was previously an unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand loan to the Foundation. The balance owing by the Foundation to The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited at the 2022 year end was £1,108.

The agricultural land owned by the Foundation is made available to the Clandeboye Estate Company Limited under a conacre agreement. During the year the foundation received conacre income of £4,768 (2022: £4,768) from the company. The Foundation received a donation of £nil from the company (2022: £600).

The Dufferin Foundation

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108031

Annual report

Charity Registration No. NIC108031
HMRC Charity Registration No. XN76485

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Sir I W Huddleston Countess M T M D Gherardesca Mr H F G Mount
Charity number	NIC108031 XN76485
Principal address	Clandeboyne Estate Bangor BT19 1RN
Independent examiner	Dr. R. I. Peters Gallagher OBE FCA Moore (N.I.) LLP 4th Floor Donegall House 7 Donegall Square North Belfast BT1 5GB
Bankers	Danske Bank Donegall Square West Belfast BT1 6JS

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable trust's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The Foundation is limited to the undertaking of charitable activities but in terms of the charitable objectives has a focus on the following

The advancement of education in and the promotion, publication and dissemination of academic research for public benefit into the role of the Clandeboyne Estate ("Clandeboyne") and the family and descendants of the first Marquess of Dufferin ("Lord Dufferin") past and present.

The establishment and maintenance of scholarships, grants, allowances and prizes and other forms of financial support to be awarded to students or others as are engaged in any such research whether or not the whole or part of that research shall have been carried out at Clandeboyne.

The support of and the education into and provision of palliative care in Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the world.

The preservation for the public benefit of the whole or such part of the buildings and their grounds and surroundings of Clandeboyne as may be for any period vested in the Foundation or for which it may be responsible together with the preservation for public benefit of furniture pictures and chattels of any description that may be given to the Foundation and/or kept at Clandeboyne or any other property in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

The promotion and aid of such other purposes as are recognised as exclusively charitable by the laws of Northern Ireland, England and Wales.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

The Foundation continues work with the Woodland Trust for the use of Clandeboyne and its environs for the education of volunteers, students and others into forestry and forestry management; the preservation of native woodland species, the development of a disease free nursery and the education of the public generally into the threat of disease to native tree species and its management. The relationship with the Conservation Volunteers has existed now for over 20 years and continues to develop with various jointly promoted events planned over the next 12 month period. Specific joint ventures include working together to acquire adjacent historic woodland; getting jointly involved in a research project run out of York University to attempt to evaluate the public benefit of sustainable woodland and working together to advance a project to link with the national celebrations planned for the Queen's Jubilee. Work has started on a 5 year woodland management programme to remove and then manage invasive species thus allowing natural regeneration of the historic woodlands and landscape. This has also led to public openings and information days with both North Down and Ards BC and the National Garden Scheme.

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The Foundation has been working closely with the NI Forestry Schools Association now for over 5 years. This is a collaboration designed to get children of school age years, youth groups and families to use the natural environment as a way to encourage learning. Open air school rooms have been created and planning permission sought and granted for an empathetic development which could take this association to the next level. This endeavour also involves initiatives designed to train teachers into raising awareness of environmental and sustainability issues. This initiative has been of particular relevance during the Covid pandemic. When formal school rooms were not available due to Covid restrictions there was much greater demand for the facilities that Clandeboye can make available. The strategy is to make positive use of the environs of the Clandeboye Estate both for direct teaching but also to inspire other public bodies such as local councils, the Education Authority and others to adopt outdoor learning. The initiative is a cross community one entitled 'Learning Without Walls' which is actively supported by the Public Health Authority. In each of the last four financial years the Foundation gave NIFSA donations to support its work. This is with a view to furthering the Foundation's objectives of encouraging education but also to help improve the environment by allowing the use of Clandeboye by a wider group of people and further the work of NIFSA. Public benefit is assured through the increased number of people having access to the Estate and its legacy landscape for learning and health promotion. During the last 12 month period the Foundation sponsored 3 new initiatives. The first was an award in memory of the late Lady Dufferin to a school teacher selected to travel to Scotland and import best practice back to NI for the benefit of the Forest School Association in Northern Ireland. The second was to provide financial support for a 'teach the teacher' initiative at Clandeboye to widen both the appeal and the understanding of the Forest School movement and its benefits. Finally, The Foundation sponsored and provided facilities for an Integrated Education Day at Clandeboye to further support the encouragement of Integrated Education for primary age children.

The Foundation has continued to support education and research into the achievements of the First Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and continues to fund the restoration of certain historic artefacts including statues; pictures and an historic altarpiece. In addition, the Foundation is working closely with the Public Record Office to collate and research the Dufferin archives for the purposes of research into the life and times of the First Marquess and his diplomatic travels. Work has been ongoing with PRONI over the last two years as to how that relationship could be strengthened and deepened. The Foundation has also sponsored a PhD student over the last 2 calendar years. It has also helped in the publication of a book on the life of the 5th Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava. It has also established links with the Ulster Canada Fund based in Toronto.

Consistent with its objectives during the year the Trustees have helped to promote research and provide facilities for the discussion of cancer care throughout the island of Ireland with academic institutions across the island and in the EU.

Finally during the period the Trustees have made loans to other collections for public display – The Holbourne Museum, Bath and the Charleston Charitable Trust, Fife.

Financial review

The Foundation has income arising from funds which have been gifted to it and which are invested. The attached statement of financial activities has been reviewed by the Trustees and is considered to be a fair and accurate representation of the transactions which have been conducted on behalf of the Foundation during the accounting period. The Trustees are currently involved in a 5 year plan to both increase the amount of available funds for investment in the Foundation to allow it to undertake the plans which are detailed below. The Foundation was initially endowed by the Marquess and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava and to raise public awareness generally. The Trustees for their part have embarked upon a programme of investing and/or utilising those assets both to provide income but also to further the Objectives of the Foundation.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. At 5 April 2023 the level of unrestricted reserves exceeded this target.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

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The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. In general where it operates in partnership with other bodies it will seek to mitigate risks by ensuring the partner organisations have an appropriate policy in place for managing its risks.

Plans for future periods

As part of a 5 year plan, the trustees have developed greater alliances with the Woodland Trust to ensure education, preservation and maintenance of native woodland species in light of the actual disease risk to native tree species such as ash – particularly trying to manage the impacts of ash die back. As indicated above the Foundation has also embarked upon a woodland restoration plan covering almost 70 acres of historic Woodland. The Foundation then proposes to ensure that the natural environment is utilised to its full advantage through the education programmes which are offered by the NI Forestry Schools Association. This programme has considerable support from the Education Authority and a large number of local authorities. The trustees also feel that their policy chimes well with general Government Policy which seeks to encourage the maintenance and development of woodland.

The Foundation has been developing closer relationships with North Down and Ards BC in relation to the Aspects literary festival. It also continues to sponsor the young musician academy which exists as part of the Camerata Festival held at Clandeboye each August.

A programme of restoration has begun with some of the legacy assets at Clandeboye. During the year it became apparent that Helen's Tower needed substantial repair to keep it structurally sound and work was accordingly begun – recognising the significance of the Tower not just to the local area but the wider to the memorial of those who lost their lives at the Somme.

The Foundation has continued to support education and research into the achievements of the First Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and has developed associations with several academic institutions with a view to allow a better understanding of the collection. As part of that the Trustees continue to fund the restoration of certain historic artefacts which, given the costs involved, they do on a rolling basis. The intention would be to develop that rolling plan and accommodate it within recurring income where possible – deploying capital for major repairs when needed.

Structure, governance and management

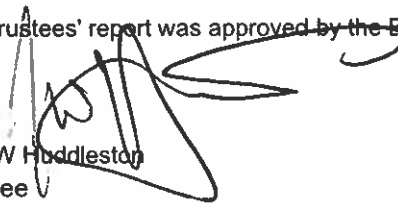
The Dufferin Foundation was formed by a charitable deed dated 27 May 1988. The charity is registered with HM Revenue and Customs as a charitable body for taxation purposes (HM Revenue & Customs Charity No XN76485). The charity registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 22 March 2021 (CCNI No NIC108031). The governing instrument is the charitable trust deed, which states the objects of the charity and details the rules by which it will operate.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Sir I W Huddleston
Countess M T M D Gherardesca
Mr H F G Mount

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the existing trustees.
None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Sir I W Huddleston
Trustee

Dated: 5 February 2024

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- (ii) follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving us cause to believe:

- 1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- 2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- 3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- 4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Dr R I Peters Gallagher OBE FCA
for and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP

4th Floor Donegall House
7 Donegall Square North
Belfast
BT1 5GB

Dated: 5 February 2024

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>			
Donations and legacies	3	7,400	500
Investments	5	36,640	30,647
Other income	4	-	31
Total income		44,040	31,178
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds			
Cost of running the charity	6	15,048	4,201
Investment management	6	8,278	9,005
		23,326	13,206
Charitable activities	7	22,653	79,388
Total resources expended		45,979	92,594
Net (losses)/gains on investments	13	(119,368)	67,290
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(121,307)	5,874
Fund balances at 6 April 2022		2,729,214	2,723,340
Fund balances at 5 April 2023		2,607,907	2,729,214

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	7,500		7,500	
Heritage assets	16	135,786		117,671	
Investments	15	2,424,281		2,580,112	
		<u>2,567,567</u>		<u>2,705,283</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	17	6,244		1,458	
Cash at bank and in hand		35,055		23,432	
		<u>41,299</u>		<u>24,890</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	(959)		(959)	
Net current assets		<u>40,340</u>		<u>23,931</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,607,907</u>		<u>2,729,214</u>	
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		2,572,708		2,609,278	
Revaluation reserve		35,199		119,936	
		<u>2,607,907</u>		<u>2,729,214</u>	
		<u>2,607,907</u>		<u>2,729,214</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5 February 2024

Sir I W Huddleston
Trustee

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Dufferin Foundation is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in Northern Ireland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Clandeboy Estate, Bangor, Co. Down, BT19 1RN.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

- 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.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
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Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Heritage assets

Heritage assets measured under the cost model are recognised initially recorded at acquisition cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Heritage assets measured under the revaluation model are recorded at fair value less any accumulated impairment losses.

Where information on the cost or value of an asset is not available and cannot be obtained at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits to users of the financial statements, the asset shall not be recognised in the statement of financial position.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	850	500
Grants Receivable	6,550	-
	<u>7,400</u>	<u>500</u>

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Royalties	-	31
	<u>-</u>	<u>31</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Rental income	4,768	4,768
Income from listed investments	28,341	25,324
Interest receivable	3,531	555
	<u>36,640</u>	<u>30,647</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Cost of running the charity</u>		
Repairs and maintenance	11,326	779
Legal and professional	840	1,000
Telephone	508	452
Bank charges	45	37
Light, power and heat	2,149	1,753
Computer running charges	180	180
	<u>15,048</u>	<u>4,201</u>
 <u>Investment management</u>	 8,278	 9,005
	<u>8,278</u>	<u>9,005</u>

7 Charitable activities

	Promotion of the foundation's activities	Promotion of the foundation's activities
	2023	2022
	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	<u>22,653</u>	<u>79,388</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

8 Grants payable

	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2023 £	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2022 £
Grants to institutions:		
Killyleagh Parish	300	300
World Vision	475	475
NI Forest School Association	1,500	59,613
John Witchell	15,000	15,000
NI International Organ Competition	-	2,000
Bangor Abbey	-	1,000
TCV Tree Nursery	-	1,000
Dickson Nurseries	2,620	-
Buglife	1,000	-
ANDBC - Nat Rngs	799	-
Sunflower Sandwich	709	-
	<u>22,653</u>	<u>79,388</u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Independent examiner's remuneration

The analysis of independent examiner's remuneration is as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examination of the annual accounts	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

11 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(34,630)	13,374
Revaluation of fixed asset investments	(84,738)	53,916
	<u>(119,368)</u>	<u>67,290</u>

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 6 April 2022	7,500	8,207	15,707
At 5 April 2023	<u>7,500</u>	<u>8,207</u>	<u>15,707</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 6 April 2022	-	8,207	8,207
At 5 April 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>8,207</u>	<u>8,207</u>
Carrying amount			
At 5 April 2023	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>
At 5 April 2022	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>

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15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Investment properties £	Cash in portfolio	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 6 April 2022	2,127,709	300,000	152,403	2,580,112
Additions	621,313	-	(43,183)	578,130
Valuation changes	(84,738)	-	-	(84,738)
Disposals	(649,223)	-	-	(649,223)
At 5 April 2023	2,015,061	300,000	109,220	2,424,281
Carrying amount				
At 05 April 2023	<u>2,015,061</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>109,220</u>	<u>2,424,281</u>
At 05 April 2022	<u>2,127,709</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>152,403</u>	<u>2,580,112</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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16 Heritage assets

	Silver cup	Burmese figures	Chapel	Ava rooms	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At 6 April 2022	6,705	35,280	68,186	7,500	117,671
Purchases	-	6,870	11,245	-	18,115
At 5 April 2023	6,705	42,150	79,431	7,500	135,786

The Foundation has only limited but nonetheless important Heritage assets. Firstly it owns the chapel at Clandeboye. This building is preserved for the benefit of the built environment that constitutes the fabric of the Clandeboye Estate but is in constant use by members of the public as it enjoys the status of being a Chapel at Ease to Bangor Abbey. The Foundation has embarked upon an improvement plan - it is installing a connection to the district heating system and has invested in stained glass windows as a memorial to the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava as is the silver cup that is used in connection with services held in the chapel. The chapel is also used for local community events and for music recitals on a frequent basis. The Burmese Figures are museum quality. They are unique but because of their age have recently required restoration and re-gilding. That process was undertaken in the current financial year through the auspices of an appropriately qualified expert. No further expenditure is anticipated in relation to these artefacts. Starting in the current year the Foundation is also beginning the process of properly resourcing the Family archives that are retained at Clandeboye. A partnership approach has been adopted between the Foundation, the Public Records Office NI and Newcastle University to collate these unique records. The intention is that when this exercise has been completed the archives will be made available for public access.

17 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	5,876	1,108
Prepayments and accrued income	368	350
	6,244	1,458

18 Financial instruments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,015,061	2,127,709

19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	959	959

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2023 £
General funds	2,729,214	44,040	(45,979)	(119,368)	2,607,907
Previous year:	At 6 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2022 £
General funds	2,723,340	31,178	(92,594)	67,290	2,729,214

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fund balances at 5 April 2023 are represented by:		
Tangible assets	7,500	7,500
Heritage assets	135,786	117,671
Investments	2,424,281	2,580,112
Current assets/(liabilities)	40,340	23,931
	2,607,907	2,729,214

22 Related party transactions

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a trustee of the Foundation.

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a director and shareholder in The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited.

The Foundation has a debtor of £5,876 from The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited which was previously an unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand loan to the Foundation. The balance owing by the Foundation to The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited at the 2022 year end was £1,108.

The agricultural land owned by the Foundation is made available to the Clandeboye Estate Company Limited under a conacre agreement. During the year the foundation received conacre income of £4,768 (2022: £4,768) from the company. The Foundation received a donation of £nil from the company (2022: £600).

The Dufferin Foundation

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108031

Annual return

Charity Registration No. NIC108031
HMRC Charity Registration No. XN76485

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Sir I W Huddleston Countess M T M D Gherardesca Mr H F G Mount
Charity number	NIC108031 XN76485
Principal address	Clandeboyne Estate Bangor BT19 1RN
Independent examiner	Dr. R. I. Peters Gallagher OBE FCA Moore (N.I.) LLP 4th Floor Donegall House 7 Donegall Square North Belfast BT1 5GB
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THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable trust's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The Foundation is limited to the undertaking of charitable activities but in terms of the charitable objectives has a focus on the following

The advancement of education in and the promotion, publication and dissemination of academic research for public benefit into the role of the Clondeboy Estate ("Clondeboy") and the family and descendants of the first Marquess of Dufferin ("Lord Dufferin") past and present.

The establishment and maintenance of scholarships, grants, allowances and prizes and other forms of financial support to be awarded to students or others as are engaged in any such research whether or not the whole or part of that research shall have been carried out at Clondeboy.

The support of and the education into and provision of palliative care in Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the world.

The preservation for the public benefit of the whole or such part of the buildings and their grounds and surroundings of Clondeboy as may be for any period vested in the Foundation or for which it may be responsible together with the preservation for public benefit of furniture pictures and chattels of any description that may be given to the Foundation and/or kept at Clondeboy or any other property in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

The promotion and aid of such other purposes as are recognised as exclusively charitable by the laws of Northern Ireland, England and Wales.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

The Foundation continues work with the Woodland Trust for the use of Clondeboy and its environs for the education of volunteers, students and others into forestry and forestry management; the preservation of native woodland species, the development of a disease free nursery and the education of the public generally into the threat of disease to native tree species and its management. The relationship with the Conservation Volunteers has existed now for over 20 years and continues to develop with various jointly promoted events planned over the next 12 month period. Specific joint ventures include working together to acquire adjacent historic woodland; getting jointly involved in a research project run out of York University to attempt to evaluate the public benefit of sustainable woodland and working together to advance a project to link with the national celebrations planned for the Queen's Jubilee. Work has started on a 5 year woodland management programme to remove and then manage invasive species thus allowing natural regeneration of the historic woodlands and landscape. This has also led to public openings and information days with both North Down and Ards BC and the National Garden Scheme.

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The Foundation has been working closely with the NI Forestry Schools Association now for over 5 years. This is a collaboration designed to get children of school age years, youth groups and families to use the natural environment as a way to encourage learning. Open air school rooms have been created and planning permission sought and granted for an empathetic development which could take this association to the next level. This endeavour also involves initiatives designed to train teachers into raising awareness of environmental and sustainability issues. This initiative has been of particular relevance during the Covid pandemic. When formal school rooms were not available due to Covid restrictions there was much greater demand for the facilities that Clondeboyne can make available. The strategy is to make positive use of the environs of the Clondeboyne Estate both for direct teaching but also to inspire other public bodies such as local councils, the Education Authority and others to adopt outdoor learning. The initiative is a cross community one entitled 'Learning Without Walls' which is actively supported by the Public Health Authority. In each of the last four financial years the Foundation gave NIFSA donations to support its work. This is with a view to furthering the Foundation's objectives of encouraging education but also to help improve the environment by allowing the use of Clondeboyne by a wider group of people and further the work of NIFSA. Public benefit is assured through the increased number of people having access to the Estate and its legacy landscape for learning and health promotion. During the last 12 month period the Foundation sponsored 3 new initiatives. The first was an award in memory of the late Lady Dufferin to a school teacher selected to travel to Scotland and import best practice back to NI for the benefit of the Forest School Association in Northern Ireland. The second was to provide financial support for a 'teach the teacher' initiative at Clondeboyne to widen both the appeal and the understanding of the Forest School movement and its benefits. Finally, The Foundation sponsored and provided facilities for an Integrated Education Day at Clondeboyne to further support the encouragement of Integrated Education for primary age children.

The Foundation has continued to support education and research into the achievements of the First Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and continues to fund the restoration of certain historic artefacts including statues; pictures and an historic altarpiece. In addition, the Foundation is working closely with the Public Record Office to collate and research the Dufferin archives for the purposes of research into the life and times of the First Marquess and his diplomatic travels. Work has been ongoing with PRONI over the last two years as to how that relationship could be strengthened and deepened. The Foundation has also sponsored a PhD student over the last 2 calendar years. It has also helped in the publication of a book on the life of the 5th Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava. It has also established links with the Ulster Canada Fund based in Toronto.

Consistent with its objectives during the year the Trustees have helped to promote research and provide facilities for the discussion of cancer care throughout the island of Ireland with academic institutions across the island and in the EU.

Finally during the period the Trustees have made loans to other collections for public display – The Holbourne Museum, Bath and the Charleston Charitable Trust, Fife.

Financial review

The Foundation has income arising from funds which have been gifted to it and which are invested. The attached statement of financial activities has been reviewed by the Trustees and is considered to be a fair and accurate representation of the transactions which have been conducted on behalf of the Foundation during the accounting period. The Trustees are currently involved in a 5 year plan to both increase the amount of available funds for investment in the Foundation to allow it to undertake the plans which are detailed below. The Foundation was initially endowed by the Marquess and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava and to raise public awareness generally. The Trustees for their part have embarked upon a programme of investing and/or utilising those assets both to provide income but also to further the Objectives of the Foundation.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. At 5 April 2023 the level of unrestricted reserves exceeded this target.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. In general where it operates in partnership with other bodies it will seek to mitigate risks by ensuring the partner organisations have an appropriate policy in place for managing its risks.

Plans for future periods

As part of a 5 year plan, the trustees have developed greater alliances with the Woodland Trust to ensure education, preservation and maintenance of native woodland species in light of the actual disease risk to native tree species such as ash – particularly trying to manage the impacts of ash die back. As indicated above the Foundation has also embarked upon a woodland restoration plan covering almost 70 acres of historic Woodland. The Foundation then proposes to ensure that the natural environment is utilised to its full advantage through the education programmes which are offered by the NI Forestry Schools Association. This programme has considerable support from the Education Authority and a large number of local authorities. The trustees also feel that their policy chimes well with general Government Policy which seeks to encourage the maintenance and development of woodland.

The Foundation has been developing closer relationships with North Down and Ards BC in relation to the Aspects literary festival. It also continues to sponsor the young musician academy which exists as part of the Camerata Festival held at Clondeboyne each August.

A programme of restoration has begun with some of the legacy assets at Clondeboyne. During the year it became apparent that Helen's Tower needed substantial repair to keep it structurally sound and work was accordingly begun – recognising the significance of the Tower not just to the local area but the wider to the memorial of those who lost their lives at the Somme.

The Foundation has continued to support education and research into the achievements of the First Marquess of Dufferin and Ava and has developed associations with several academic institutions with a view to allow a better understanding of the collection. As part of that the Trustees continue to fund the restoration of certain historic artefacts which, given the costs involved, they do on a rolling basis. The intention would be to develop that rolling plan and accommodate it within recurring income where possible – deploying capital for major repairs when needed.

Structure, governance and management

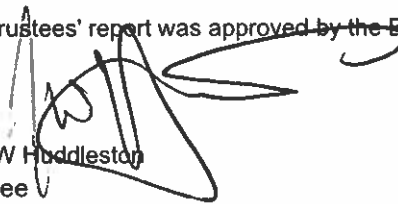
The Dufferin Foundation was formed by a charitable deed dated 27 May 1988. The charity is registered with HM Revenue and Customs as a charitable body for taxation purposes (HM Revenue & Customs Charity No XN76485). The charity registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 22 March 2021 (CCNI No NIC108031). The governing instrument is the charitable trust deed, which states the objects of the charity and details the rules by which it will operate.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Sir I W Huddleston
Countess M T M D Gherardesca
Mr H F G Mount

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the existing trustees.
None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Sir I W Huddleston
Trustee

Dated: 5 February 2024

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- (ii) follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving us cause to believe:

- 1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- 2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- 3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- 4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Dr R I Peters Gallagher OBE FCA
for and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP

4th Floor Donegall House
7 Donegall Square North
Belfast
BT1 5GB

Dated: 5 February 2024

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>			
Donations and legacies	3	7,400	500
Investments	5	36,640	30,647
Other income	4	-	31
Total income		44,040	31,178
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds			
Cost of running the charity	6	15,048	4,201
Investment management	6	8,278	9,005
		23,326	13,206
Charitable activities	7	22,653	79,388
Total resources expended		45,979	92,594
Net (losses)/gains on investments	13	(119,368)	67,290
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(121,307)	5,874
Fund balances at 6 April 2022		2,729,214	2,723,340
Fund balances at 5 April 2023		2,607,907	2,729,214

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	7,500		7,500	
Heritage assets	16	135,786		117,671	
Investments	15	2,424,281		2,580,112	
		<u>2,567,567</u>		<u>2,705,283</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	17	6,244		1,458	
Cash at bank and in hand		35,055		23,432	
		<u>41,299</u>		<u>24,890</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	(959)		(959)	
Net current assets		<u>40,340</u>		<u>23,931</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,607,907</u>		<u>2,729,214</u>	
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		2,572,708		2,609,278	
Revaluation reserve		35,199		119,936	
		<u>2,607,907</u>		<u>2,729,214</u>	
		<u>2,607,907</u>		<u>2,729,214</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5 February 2024

Sir I W Huddleston
Trustee

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Dufferin Foundation is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in Northern Ireland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Clandeboy Estate, Bangor, Co. Down, BT19 1RN.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 2013 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

- 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.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
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Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Heritage assets

Heritage assets measured under the cost model are recognised initially recorded at acquisition cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Heritage assets measured under the revaluation model are recorded at fair value less any accumulated impairment losses.

Where information on the cost or value of an asset is not available and cannot be obtained at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits to users of the financial statements, the asset shall not be recognised in the statement of financial position.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	850	500
Grants Receivable	6,550	-
	<u>7,400</u>	<u>500</u>

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Royalties	-	31
	<u>-</u>	<u>31</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Rental income	4,768	4,768
Income from listed investments	28,341	25,324
Interest receivable	3,531	555
	<u>36,640</u>	<u>30,647</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Cost of running the charity</u>		
Repairs and maintenance	11,326	779
Legal and professional	840	1,000
Telephone	508	452
Bank charges	45	37
Light, power and heat	2,149	1,753
Computer running charges	180	180
	<u>15,048</u>	<u>4,201</u>
 <u>Investment management</u>	 8,278	 9,005
	<u>8,278</u>	<u>9,005</u>

7 Charitable activities

	Promotion of the foundation's activities	Promotion of the foundation's activities
	2023	2022
	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	<u>22,653</u>	<u>79,388</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

8 Grants payable

	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2023 £	Promotion of the foundation's activities 2022 £
Grants to institutions:		
Killyleagh Parish	300	300
World Vision	475	475
NI Forest School Association	1,500	59,613
John Witchell	15,000	15,000
NI International Organ Competition	-	2,000
Bangor Abbey	-	1,000
TCV Tree Nursery	-	1,000
Dickson Nurseries	2,620	-
Buglife	1,000	-
ANDBC - Nat Rngs	799	-
Sunflower Sandwich	709	-
	<u>22,653</u>	<u>79,388</u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Independent examiner's remuneration

The analysis of independent examiner's remuneration is as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examination of the annual accounts	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

11 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

THE DUFFERIN FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	(34,630)	13,374
Revaluation of fixed asset investments	(84,738)	53,916
	<u>(119,368)</u>	<u>67,290</u>

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 6 April 2022	7,500	8,207	15,707
At 5 April 2023	<u>7,500</u>	<u>8,207</u>	<u>15,707</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 6 April 2022	-	8,207	8,207
At 5 April 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>8,207</u>	<u>8,207</u>
Carrying amount			
At 5 April 2023	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>
At 5 April 2022	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>

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15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Investment properties £	Cash in portfolio	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 6 April 2022	2,127,709	300,000	152,403	2,580,112
Additions	621,313	-	(43,183)	578,130
Valuation changes	(84,738)	-	-	(84,738)
Disposals	(649,223)	-	-	(649,223)
At 5 April 2023	2,015,061	300,000	109,220	2,424,281
Carrying amount				
At 05 April 2023	<u>2,015,061</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>109,220</u>	<u>2,424,281</u>
At 05 April 2022	<u>2,127,709</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>152,403</u>	<u>2,580,112</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

16 Heritage assets

	Silver cup	Burmese figures	Chapel	Ava rooms	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At 6 April 2022	6,705	35,280	68,186	7,500	117,671
Purchases	-	6,870	11,245	-	18,115
At 5 April 2023	6,705	42,150	79,431	7,500	135,786

The Foundation has only limited but nonetheless important Heritage assets. Firstly it owns the chapel at Clandeboye. This building is preserved for the benefit of the built environment that constitutes the fabric of the Clandeboye Estate but is in constant use by members of the public as it enjoys the status of being a Chapel at Ease to Bangor Abbey. The Foundation has embarked upon an improvement plan - it is installing a connection to the district heating system and has invested in stained glass windows as a memorial to the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava as is the silver cup that is used in connection with services held in the chapel. The chapel is also used for local community events and for music recitals on a frequent basis. The Burmese Figures are museum quality. They are unique but because of their age have recently required restoration and re-gilding. That process was undertaken in the current financial year through the auspices of an appropriately qualified expert. No further expenditure is anticipated in relation to these artefacts. Starting in the current year the Foundation is also beginning the process of properly resourcing the Family archives that are retained at Clandeboye. A partnership approach has been adopted between the Foundation, the Public Records Office NI and Newcastle University to collate these unique records. The intention is that when this exercise has been completed the archives will be made available for public access.

17 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	5,876	1,108
Prepayments and accrued income	368	350
	6,244	1,458

18 Financial instruments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,015,061	2,127,709

19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	959	959

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2023 £
General funds	2,729,214	44,040	(45,979)	(119,368)	2,607,907
Previous year:	At 6 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2022 £
General funds	2,723,340	31,178	(92,594)	67,290	2,729,214

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fund balances at 5 April 2023 are represented by:		
Tangible assets	7,500	7,500
Heritage assets	135,786	117,671
Investments	2,424,281	2,580,112
Current assets/(liabilities)	40,340	23,931
	2,607,907	2,729,214

22 Related party transactions

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a trustee of the Foundation.

The Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava was a director and shareholder in The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited.

The Foundation has a debtor of £5,876 from The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited which was previously an unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand loan to the Foundation. The balance owing by the Foundation to The Clandeboye Estate Company Limited at the 2022 year end was £1,108.

The agricultural land owned by the Foundation is made available to the Clandeboye Estate Company Limited under a conacre agreement. During the year the foundation received conacre income of £4,768 (2022: £4,768) from the company. The Foundation received a donation of £nil from the company (2022: £600).

