

# Dumfriesshire Educational Trust Scheme 1961

Scotland · Charity number SC003411

## Details

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Status	Active
Legal form	Trust (founding document is a deed of trust) (other than educational endowment)
Registered	1924-12-18
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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**Address** Carruthers House  
English Street  
Dumfries  
DG1 2DD

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the advancement of public participation in sport'

**What the charity does:** The charity advances education, the arts, heritage or science and public participation in sport through providing grants to individuals and organisations.

**Beneficiaries:** 'Children or young people', 'Older People'

**Objectives:** The advancement of education. The advancement of, arts, heritage, culture, or science. The advancement of public participation in sport.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Dumfries And Galloway
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£36,390	£33,044	-	0
2023-12-31	£38,890	£25,677	-	0
2022-12-31	£37,504	£34,328	-	0
2021-12-31	£34,117	£32,726	-	0
2020-12-31	£34,548	£49,935	-	0

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# Accounts

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**DUMFRIESSHIRE EDUCATIONAL TRUST SCHEME 1961**

Charity Number SC003411

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

**Legal and Administrative Information**

<b>Trustees</b>	John Gair Richard Brodie Elizabeth Walters Jim Dempster Lynne Davis Chrissie Hill	Ivor Hyslop Paula Stevenson Carolyne Wilson Gail Macgregor
<b>Clerk, Treasurer &amp; Legal Services</b>	Dumfries and Galloway Council	
<b>Charity Number (Scotland)</b>	SC003411	
<b>Registered Office &amp; Principal Place of Business</b>	Dumfries & Galloway Council English Street Dumfries DG1 2DD	
<b>Auditor</b>	Farries, Kirk & McVean Chartered Accountants Dumfries Enterprise Park Heathhall Dumfries DG1 3SJ	
<b>Bankers</b>	Royal Bank of Scotland 151 High Street Dumfries DG1 2RA	
<b>Investment Managers</b>	Brewin Dolphin 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Atria One 144 Morrison Street Edinburgh EH3 8BR	

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**Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

**Objectives and activities**

The purposes of the Trust are the advancement of education, the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science and the advancement of public participation in sport.

**Grant making policy**

The Trust has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit.

The Trust invites applications for grants from Dumfriesshire schools and students in accordance with the specified grant educational purposes set out in the Trust deed.

The Trust meets bi-annually, with the first meeting of the year establishing the amount available to disburse and the suggested levels for each section of educational grant. Trustees have the discretion to increase or decrease grants as may be required.

**A review of our achievements and performance**

The principal benefits of the Trust's work are assisting Dumfriesshire schools educational trips and students studies.

Travel and educational travel grants assisted schools to take pupils on a number of diverse outings.

The next biggest area of support was for promoting education in the visual arts, which was achieved through supporting the work of Gracefield Arts Centre.

**Financial review**

The Trust's work is entirely reliant on income and investment returns from its share portfolio. The market value of the Trust's investment portfolio increased on the previous year by £119,959 with dividend income of £36,390 generated in the year.

There was a surplus for the year of £430,880 (2023 surplus £64,718) which is predominantly in relation to the gain on investments and the revaluation of the art portfolio. The level of grants awarded in the financial year is higher in comparison to previous year due to increased applications. Total funds on 31st December 2024 are £4,852,336 made up of £993,991 unrestricted funds, £17,025 restricted funds and £3,841,317

endowment funds.

**Investment policy and performance**

Our investment advisors, Brewin Dolphin, are instructed to pursue an investment objective of Income & Growth Return.

The Intention is to achieve a well-diversified portfolio by asset class with weighting towards more secure investments such as gilts.

The Trust is a long-term investor and takes the view that despite short term volatility stock market levels still remain on an upward trend. The trustees, on professional advice, continue to hold a mixed portfolio of equities, bonds, cash and other investments designed to provide a level of stable income and the possibility of investment gains.

**Risk management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to the finances and assets of the Trust and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to major risks.

The assessment has identified that financial sustainability is the major risk. A key element in the management of financial risk is an annual review and forecast of income to be received from the Trust's investment portfolio. This ensures grant making and running expenses of the Trust match as closely as possible to forecast income levels.

**Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 – continued****Reserves policy**

No reserves are maintained by the Trust. The policy of the Trust is to spend to the level of its annual income only and allow the investment portfolio to provide capital growth.

**Plans for the future**

The objectives and application of funding is set out by the Trust Deed and will continue to be adhered to. With the investment objectives of the trust to be long term growth in income the aim is to maintain grants at levels that take account of inflation.

**Structure, governance, and management****(a) Constitution**

The Trust is a recognised unincorporated charity in Scotland, Charity No. SC003411, and operated under the rules of the Trust Deed that was approved on 27 November 1961. The management of the Trust is the sole responsibility of the Trustees who make their decisions at quarterly meetings and are elected and co-opted under the terms of the trust deed.

**(b) Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The board of trustees consists of the following:

Six persons appointed by the Education Committee

Two persons appointed by Nithsdale Area Committee (representative of Dumfries and Sanquhar)

Two persons appointed by Annandale & Eskdale Area Committee

One person from SWRI

One person from Dumfries Local Association of EIS

One person from the Hutton Committee

Two co-opted Trustees with relevant experience

The first three groups of appointments are elected members of Dumfries & Galloway Council and serve a term that coincides with the life of the elected council of Dumfries & Galloway.

There are currently three vacancies however it is intended that these will be filled when possible.

**(c) Trustee Induction and Training**

The induction process for new trustees consists of training meetings ran by Dumfries & Galloway Council on powers and responsibilities of elected members serving on the various trusts of the Council. In addition, an information pack comprising of a brief history of the trust, a copy of the governing trust deed and a copy of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator's "Guidance for Charity Trustees – acting with care and diligence" is given to all new trustees.

**Reference and administrative information****Trustees**

Ivor Hyslop

John Gair

Richard Brodie

Lynne Davis

Chrissie Hill

Paula Stevenson

Carolyn Wilson

Jim Dempster

Gail Macgregor

Elizabeth Walters

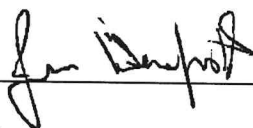
David Gilbert

**Auditor**

Each of the Trustees who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements, as set out above, confirm so far as we are aware that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Trust's auditors are unaware and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Trust's auditors are aware of that information.

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the Board of Trustees



Jim Dempster  
Trustee

Dated 16/04/2026

## **Trustees' Responsibilities Statement**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 Scotland 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 period.

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 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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;
- 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 proper 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 and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of  
Dumfriesshire Educational Trust Scheme 1961**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Dumfriesshire Educational Trust Scheme 1961 (the 'charity') for the year ended 31st December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (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 31st December 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 requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

**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 Auditors' 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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 where the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; 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 which 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 liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of  
Dumfriesshire Educational Trust Scheme 1961**

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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:

- we have assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement as being low risk. The trustees are kept involved in the day to day management of the Trust and have a focus on controls to address potential fraud and error.
- the nature of the charity's activities are not significantly regulated. We have discussed the legal and regulatory framework the charity operates under with the trustees. This has enabled us to gain an understanding of those applicable to the charity and the procedures they operate to ensure compliance.
- we have obtained an understanding of the charity's policies and procedures on fraud risk through two way communication with the management and have no knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.
- the Senior Statutory Auditor is satisfied that the engagement audit staff were competent to and capable of recognising non-compliance with laws and regulation. No details of any non-compliance were communicated to us and no such potential instances were noted during the audit process.

We have reached these conclusions following enquiries made of those charged with governance and senior staff and following audit testing procedures and review of financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Other matters which we are required to address**

The prior year was not audited as the charity was eligible for exemption under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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22nd April 2026

Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account  
Year ended 31 December 2024

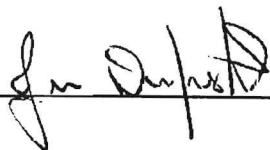
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>						
Investments	2	24,465	415	11,510	36,390	38,890
Charitable Activities	3	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>24,465</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>11,510</b>	<b>36,390</b>	<b>38,890</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Investment Management Costs	4	5,942	101	2,795	8,838	8,110
Charitable activities	5	21,362	55	2,789	24,206	17,567
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>27,304</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>5,584</b>	<b>33,044</b>	<b>25,677</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses</b>		<b>(2,839)</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>5,926</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>13,213</b>
Revaluation of Art Collection Gain	7	-	-	307,575	307,575	-
Net Gain/ (Losses) on Investments		67,867	1,582	50,510	119,959	51,505
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>67,867</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>358,085</b>	<b>427,534</b>	<b>64,718</b>
Transfers between funds	6	8,842	(121)	(8,721)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>73,870</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>355,290</b>	<b>430,880</b>	<b>64,718</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		920,124	15,305	3,486,027	4,421,456	4,356,738
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>993,994</b>	<b>17,025</b>	<b>3,841,317</b>	<b>4,852,336</b>	<b>4,421,456</b>

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

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)  
Year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
Heritage Assets	7	-	-	3,371,124	3,371,124	3,063,550
Investments	8	958,966	16,261	451,169	1,426,396	1,315,013
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>958,966</b>	<b>16,261</b>	<b>3,822,293</b>	<b>4,797,520</b>	<b>4,378,563</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Debtors: all receivable within one year	9	38,419	651	18,074	57,144	20,749
Cash at Bank		9,704	113	950	10,767	54,940
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>48,123</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>19,024</b>	<b>67,908</b>	<b>75,689</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Creditors falling due within one year	10	13,095	-	-	13,095	32,796
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>13,095</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,095</b>	<b>32,796</b>
<b>Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)</b>		<b>35,028</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>19,024</b>	<b>54,816</b>	<b>42,892</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>993,994</b>	<b>17,025</b>	<b>3,841,317</b>	<b>4,852,336</b>	<b>4,421,456</b>
<b>The funds of the trust:</b>						
Endowment funds:						
Permanent endowment		-	-	3,371,124	3,371,124	3,063,550
Expendable endowment		-	-	470,193	470,193	422,477
Restricted income funds		-	17,025	-	17,025	15,305
Unrestricted income funds		993,994	-	-	993,994	920,124
<b>Total trust funds</b>	11	<b>993,994</b>	<b>17,025</b>	<b>3,841,317</b>	<b>4,852,336</b>	<b>4,421,456</b>

The financial statements were issued on 14 April 2026 by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Jim Dempster  
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year 2023 £
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>12</b>	<u>(89,139)</u>	<u>(35,729)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Interest and dividends		36,390	38,890
Proceeds from the sale of investments		209,356	581,326
Purchase of investments		(190,010)	(575,985)
Movement in cash held for investment		<u>(10,770)</u>	<u>2,772</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in operating activities)</b>		44,966	47,003
<b>Net(decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		(44,173)	11,273
<b>Cash and cash equivalents brought forward</b>		54,940	43,666
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>		<u>10,767</u>	<u>54,940</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consists of:</b>			
Funds held by DGC		<u>10,767</u>	<u>54,940</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**Year ended 31 December 2024****1. Accounting Policies****(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The Financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. With respect to the next reporting period 2024, the most significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the Trust are the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets.

**(b) Funds structure**

The Trust has a single permanent endowment fund consisting of the Trust's art collection. The Trustees at their discretion may allocate general funds to acquire works of art.

There are also expendable endowment funds that allow the Trustees to distribute the annual income only.

Restricted funds are funds which are used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or Trust Deed.

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the Trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in Note 11.

**(c) Income recognition**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have to be notified of the settlement amount and date. If there are conditions attached to the donations and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then the income is deferred until those conditions have been met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes. It includes dividends and interest and is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Dividend income is recognised when the charity's right to receive payment is established.

**(d) Expenditure recognition**

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the SOFA.

**(e) Irrecoverable VAT**

The Trust is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**Year ended 31 December 2024**

**(f) Expenditure on raising funds**

The costs of generating funds consist of investment management costs.

**(g) Expenditure on charitable activities**

Costs of charitable activities include grants made, governance and support costs.

**(h) Tangible fixed assets**

Not included in the accounts are plots of land held at Rockcliffe and Kippford. These assets are unable to be included in the accounts as they were bequeathed to the Trust at an indeterminable date and, as a complete list of the titles held is not available, no value can be attributed to them. The Trustees, however, have carried out work to determine the areas of land still in Trust ownership and are of the opinion that this land has no significant value to the Trust.

**(i) Heritage assets**

The Trust's art collection consists mainly of 231 items of two-dimensional pieces dating from 1840 to date. The collection is reported in the Balance Sheet at market value. Items in the collection are revalued by an external valuer every three years with any surplus or deficit on revaluation being reported in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The collection is displayed at the Gracefield Arts Centre in selected exhibitions three or four times a year and in touring exhibitions at regional and national venues. Any item of the collection can be seen at any time by appointment.

Expenditure which, in the Trustees' view, is required to preserve or clearly prevent further deterioration of individual pieces of artwork is recognised in the statement of financial activities when it is incurred.

No depreciation is charged on the art collection because it is maintained in state of repair such that the estimated residual value at the date of the balance sheet is not less than its fair value. Having regard to this, it is considered that the depreciation required by FRS102 would not be material.

**(j) Fixed asset investments**

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Trust does not acquire, or use put options, derivatives, or other complex financial instruments

**(k) Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**2. Income from investments**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from investments	<u>36,390</u>	<u>38,890</u>

Income from investments includes dividends on UK equities, interest on UK fixed interest securities and interest on cash deposits. Of the income from investments £24,465 was unrestricted (2023 - £26,146), £415 restricted (2023 - £443) and £11,510 endowment (2023 - £12,301).

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
Year ended 31 December 2024

**3. Income from Charitable Activities**

	2024 £	2023 £
Other Sources of Income	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**4. Investment Management Costs**

	2024 £	2023 £
Investment administration fees	8,838	8,110
	<u>8,838</u>	<u>8,110</u>

Of the expenditure on investment management costs, £5,452 was unrestricted (2023 - £5,452), £93 restricted (2023 - £93) and £2,565 endowment (2023 - £2,565).

**5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities**

Section	Purpose	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Grants to Individuals: -</b>			
29	Edinburgh - Dumfriesshire Society Bursaries	4,000	950
32/33	Post Graduate Awards/Supplementary University Bursaries	4,850	2,850
39	Educational Excursions	-	50
40	Educational Travel	-	-
		<u>8,850</u>	<u>3,850</u>
<b>Grants to Institutions: -</b>			
20.1 (b)	Payment from the Hutton fund to the Hutton committee	2,845	3,558
	Gracefield Arts Centre	-	1,000
	Dynamic Youth Awards	-	-
		<u>2,845</u>	<u>4,462</u>
	Council fees for services of the clerk	1,560	1,560
	Council fees for services of the treasurer	3,480	3,480
	Insurance Premium	4,112	3,098
	Art Conservation/Restoration Project	-	-
	Bank charges	(60)	60
	Auditor's remuneration	3,420	961
		<u>12,511</u>	<u>9,159</u>
	<b>Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>	<u>24,206</u>	<u>17,567</u>

Of the expenditure on charitable activities, £27,304 was unrestricted (2023 - £14,009), £156 restricted (2023 - £69) and £5,584 endowment (2023 - £3,489).

**6. Transfers between funds**

Income was transferred to the General Fund from the Hutton Fund, Income Capitalised Fund and the Restricted Fund, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

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Year ended 31 December 2024

7. Heritage Assets

	2024	2023
	£	£
Art Collection		
Valuation at 1 January 2024	3,063,550	3,063,550
Increase on revaluation	307,574	-
Valuation at 31 December 2024	<u>3,371,124</u>	<u>3,063,550</u>

The Trust's external valuer (Guy Peploe of Aitken Dott Ltd) carried out a remote valuation of the art collection end of September 2024. The valuations were based on commercial markets, including recent transaction information from auctions where similar types of artwork are regularly being purchased.

Five year financial summary of heritage asset transactions: -

	31.12.24	31.12.23	31.12.22	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£	£	£	£
Increase in valuation	307,575	-	-	199,590	-
Carrying value	3,371,125	3,063,550	3,063,550	3,063,550	2,863,960

8. Fixed Asset Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Listed Investments		
Market value at 1 January 2024	1,302,900	1,256,739
Additions in year at cost	190,010	575,985
Less disposals at carrying value	(209,356)	(581,326)
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation	119,959	51,502
Market value at 31 December 2024	<u>1,403,514</u>	<u>1,302,900</u>
Held on Brewin Dolphin Dealing Account	<u>22,883</u>	<u>12,113</u>
	<u>1,426,396</u>	<u>1,315,013</u>
Cost as at 31 December 2024	<u>1,210,165</u>	<u>1,182,591</u>

All investments are carried at their market value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange. Holdings in common investment funds, unit trusts and open-ended investment companies are at the bid price. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value).

9. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Insurance Prepayment	3,088	3083
Accrued Income	54,056	17,666
	<u>57,144</u>	<u>20,749</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	13,095	32,796
	13,095	32,796

11. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of Fund movements	Balance B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Revaluation	Balance C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
(a) Permanent endowment	3,063,550	-	-	-	-	307,574	3,371,124
(b) Expendable endowment	422,477	11,510	(5,584)	(8,721)	50,510	-	470,193
(c) Restricted fund	15,305	415	(156)	(121)	1,582	-	17,025
(d) Unrestricted fund	920,124	24,465	(27,304)	8,842	67,867	-	993,994
	4,421,456	36,390	(33,044)	-	119,959	307,575	4,852,336

Analysis of charitable Funds – previous year

Analysis of Fund movements	Balance B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Revaluation	Balance C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
(e) Permanent endowment	3,063,550	-	-	-	-	-	3,063,550
(f) Expendable endowment	405,342	12,301	(6,054)	(8,812)	19,700	-	422,477
(g) Restricted fund	14,688	443	(162)	(372)	708	-	15,305
(h) Unrestricted fund	873,158	26,146	(19,461)	9,184	31,097	-	920,124
	4,356,738	38,890	(25,677)	-	51,505	-	4,421,456

- (a) The Permanent endowment fund represents the value of the Trust's art collection that is historic and inalienable. The collection is valued on a triennial basis and the fund's value will reflect the increase or reduction in the valuation of the collection.
- (b) The expendable endowment funds consist of:
- Income Capitalised Fund has grown from income placed in the fund at the end of years where the full amount of income has not been used for Trust purposes. It is an endowment fund the capital of which has to be maintained. The income is added to the income of the general fund to be applied according to the purposes of the Trust. It is covered by section 20.2 of the Trust Deed.
  - Hutton fund is an endowment fund originally transferred to the Trust by the Trustees of the Hutton fund. As an endowment fund the capital is maintained. The income is split according to the Trust Deed between the Hutton Committee and the general fund. It is covered by section 20.1(b) of the Trust Deed. The Hutton Committee forms part of the Trust but has a duty to further the Trusts purposes within the Parish of Caerlaverock and to provide for the non-educational purposes set out in the Deed of Mortification by Dr. John Hutton dated 14 February 1708.
- (c) The restricted funds consist of:
- Reserve Fund is made up of agreed contributions from either the Hutton Fund or the general fund. The purpose of this fund is to meet costs associated with the Trusts heritable property which are beyond the normal expected levels. This is covered by sections 20.1 (c) and 28 of the Trust Deeds.
- (d) The main fund of the Trust is the general fund, the income of which is available to the Trustees to apply to the general purposes of the Trust. It is covered by section 20.1(a) of the Trust Deed.

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Year ended 31 December 2024

**12. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds	430,881	64,718
(Gains)/Losses on Investments	(119,960)	(51,502)
Deduct Investment income	(36,390)	(38,890)
Deduct Increase in Art Collection Valuation	(307,575)	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(19,699)	3,810
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(36,395)	(13,865)
	<u>(89,139)</u>	<u>(35,729)</u>

**14. Controlling Interest**

The Trust is under the control of the Trustees.

**15. Auditor's Remuneration**

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an audit fee of £3,420 (2023 - £961). Auditor's remuneration disclosed in note 5 is after adjusting for the under provision of accruals.

**16. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration**

Key management personnel are the same as the Trustees. The Trustees all give freely of their time and expertise with £nil remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind paid during the year (2023 - £nil). Expenses paid to the Trustees in the year was £nil (2023 - £nil).

Dumfries and Galloway Council performs the clerk, treasurer and legal services for the Trust and receives an annual fee for these services of £5,040.

Dumfries and Galloway Council have been making payments on behalf of the Trust and receiving reimbursement sporadically. However, after the Dumfriesshire Educational Trust's bank account was closed in September 2023, Dumfries and Galloway Council have been handling all receipts and payments on behalf of the Trust. An amount of £24,656.20 was transferred to the new Trust account when it opened on 04/11/2024 after which the council no longer handles the receipts and payments of the Trust.

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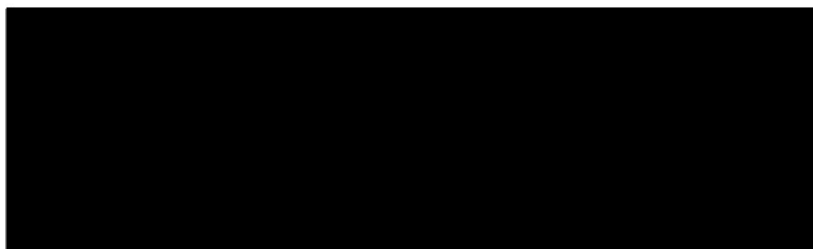
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**Charity Number SC003411**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2023**

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**Legal and Administrative Information****Trustees****Clerk, Treasurer & Legal Services**

Dumfries and Galloway Council

**Charity Number (Scotland)**

SC003411

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**Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

**Objectives and activities**

The purposes of the Trust are the advancement of education, the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science and the advancement of public participation in sport.

**Grant making policy**

The Trust has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit.

The Trust invites applications for grants from Dumfriesshire schools and students in accordance with the specified grant educational purposes set out in the Trust deed.

The Trust meets bi-annually, with the first meeting of the year establishing the amount available to disburse and the suggested levels for each section of educational grant. Trustees have the discretion to increase or decrease grants as may be required.

**A review of our achievements and performance**

The principal benefits of the Trust's work are assisting Dumfriesshire schools educational trips and students studies.

Travel and educational travel grants assisted schools to take pupils on a number of diverse outings.

The next biggest area of support was for promoting education in the visual arts, which was achieved through supporting the work of Gracefield Arts Centre.

**Financial review**

The Trust's work is entirely reliant on income and investment returns from its share portfolio. The market value of the Trust's investment portfolio increased on the previous year by £43,388 with dividend income of £38,892 generated in the year.

There was a surplus for the year of £64,718 (2022 deficit £166,440) which is predominately in relation to the gain on investments. The level of grants awarded in the financial year is lower in comparison to previous years due to reduced applications. Total funds on 31st December 2023 are £4,421,456 made up of £920,125 unrestricted funds, £15,305 restricted funds and £3,486,026 endowment funds.

**Investment policy and performance**

Our investment advisors, Brewin Dolphin, are instructed to pursue an investment objective of Income & Growth Return.

The intention is to achieve a well-diversified portfolio by asset class with weighting towards more secure investments such as gilts.

The Trust is a long-term investor and takes the view that despite short term volatility stock market levels still remain on an upward trend. The trustees, on professional advice, continue to hold a mixed portfolio of equities, bonds, cash and other investments designed to provide a level of stable income and the possibility of investment gains.

**Risk management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to the finances and assets of the Trust and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to major risks.

The assessment has identified that financial sustainability is the major risk. A key element in the management of financial risk is an annual review and forecast of income to be received from the Trust's investment portfolio. This ensures grant making and running expenses of the Trust match as closely as possible to forecast income levels.

**Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 – continued**

**Reserves policy**

No reserves are maintained by the Trust. The policy of the Trust is to spend to the level of its annual income only and allow the investment portfolio to provide capital growth.

**Plans for the future**

The objectives and application of funding is set out by the Trust Deed and will continue to be adhered to. With the investment objectives of the trust to be long term growth in income the aim is to maintain grants at levels that take account of inflation.

**Structure, governance, and management**

**(a) Constitution**

The Trust is a recognised unincorporated charity in Scotland, Charity No. SC003411, and operated under the rules of the Trust Deed that was approved on 27 November 1961. The management of the Trust is the sole responsibility of the Trustees who make their decisions at quarterly meetings and are elected and co-opted under the terms of the trust deed.

**(b) Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The board of trustees consists of the following:

Six persons appointed by the Education Committee

Two persons appointed by Nithsdale Area Committee (representative of Dumfries and Sanquhar)

Two persons appointed by Annandale & Eskdale Area Committee

One person from SWRI

One person from Dumfries Local Association of EIS

One person from the Hutton Committee

Two co-opted Trustees with relevant experience

The first three groups of appointments are elected members of Dumfries & Galloway Council and serve a term that coincides with the life of the elected council of Dumfries & Galloway.

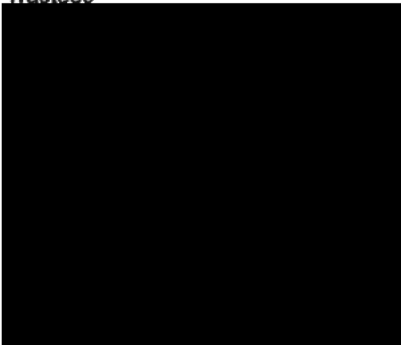
There are currently three vacancies however it is intended that these will be filled when possible.

**(c) Trustee Induction and Training**

The induction process for new trustees consists of training meetings ran by Dumfries & Galloway Council on powers and responsibilities of elected members serving on the various trusts of the Council. In addition, an information pack comprising of a brief history of the trust, a copy of the governing trust deed and a copy of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator's "Guidance for Charity Trustees – acting with care and diligence" is given to all new trustees.

**Reference and administrative information**

**Trustees**



**Auditor**

Each of the Trustees who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements, as set out above, confirm so far as we are aware that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Trust's auditors are unaware and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Trust's auditors are aware of that information.

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the Board of Trustees



20 August 2025

**Trustees' Responsibilities Statement**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 Scotland 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 period.

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 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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;
- 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 proper 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 and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

**Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of the Dumfriesshire Educational Trust Scheme 1961****Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Dumfriesshire Educational Trust Scheme 1961 (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the statement of financial position, 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 31 December 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

**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 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 trustee's 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, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, 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 (Scotland) Regulations 2006 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
- proper 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 trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, 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 liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- Review of the financial statements disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provision of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements.
- Enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- Detailed and re-performance testing of specific controls and calculations.
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- In addressing the risk of management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgments made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias.
- The audit team remained alert to any indication of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Carson e Trotter CA.*

Carson and Trotter  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor  
123 Irish Street  
Dumfries  
DG1 2PE

Date: 12th September 2025

Carson and Trotter is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity under regulation 10(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations by virtue of it's eligibility under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

**Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account**  
**Year ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>						
Investments	2	26,146	443	12,301	38,890	37,504
Charitable Activities	3	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>26,146</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>12,301</b>	<b>38,890</b>	<b>37,504</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Investment Management Costs	4	5,452	93	2,565	8,110	8,229
Charitable activities	5	14,009	69	3,489	17,567	26,099
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>19,461</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>6,054</b>	<b>25,677</b>	<b>34,328</b>
<b>Net Income/(expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses</b>		<b>6,685</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>6,247</b>	<b>13,213</b>	<b>3,177</b>
Revaluation of Art Collection Gain	7	-	-	-	-	-
Net Gain/ (Losses) on investments		31,097	708	19,700	51,505	(169,616)
<b>Net Income/(expenditure) Transfers between funds</b>	6	<b>37,782</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>25,947</b>	<b>64,718</b>	<b>(166,440)</b>
		9,184	(372)	(8,812)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>46,966</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>17,135</b>	<b>64,718</b>	<b>(166,440)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		873,158	14,688	3,468,892	4,356,738	4,523,179
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	11	<b>920,124</b>	<b>15,305</b>	<b>3,486,027</b>	<b>4,421,456</b>	<b>4,356,738</b>

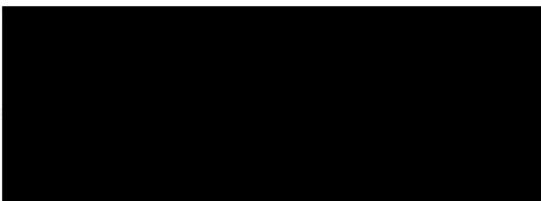
All income and expenditure derive from continuing statements. The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements

**Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)**  
**Year ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
Heritage Assets	7	-	-	3,063,550	3,063,550	3,063,550
Investments	8	884,084	14,991	415,938	1,315,013	1,271,625
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>884,084</b>	<b>14,991</b>	<b>3,479,488</b>	<b>4,378,563</b>	<b>4,335,175</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Debtors: all receivable within one year	9	14,960	201	5,588	20,749	6,882
Funds held by DGC		53,876	113	951	54,940	43,666
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>68,836</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>6,539</b>	<b>75,689</b>	<b>50,548</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Creditors falling due within one year	10	32,796	-	-	32,796	28,985
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>32,796</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,796</b>	<b>28,985</b>
<b>Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)</b>		<b>36,040</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>6,539</b>	<b>42,892</b>	<b>21,563</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>920,124</b>	<b>15,305</b>	<b>3,486,027</b>	<b>4,421,456</b>	<b>4,356,738</b>
<b>The funds of the trust:</b>						
<b>Endowment funds:</b>						
Permanent endowment		-	-	3,063,550	3,063,550	3,063,550
Expendable endowment		-	-	422,477	422,477	405,342
Restricted income funds		-	15,305	-	15,305	14,688
Unrestricted income funds		920,124	-	-	920,124	873,158
<b>Total trust funds</b>	11	<b>920,125</b>	<b>15,305</b>	<b>3,486,027</b>	<b>4,421,456</b>	<b>4,356,738</b>

The financial statements were approved on 1st July, 2024 by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



20 August 2025

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Year ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year 2022 £
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>12</b>	<u>(35,729)</u>	<u>(33,720)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Interest and dividends		38,890	37,504
Proceeds from the sale of investments		581,326	139,790
Purchase of investments		(575,985)	(124,493)
Movement in cash held for investment		<u>2,772</u>	<u>(6,804)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in operating activities)</b>		<b>47,003</b>	<b>45,997</b>
<b>Net(decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>11,273</b>	<b>12,277</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents brought forward</b>		<b>43,666</b>	<b>31,389</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>		<u><b>54,940</b></u>	<u><b>43,666</b></u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consists of:</b>			
<b>Funds held by DGC</b>		<u><b>54,940</b></u>	<u><b>43,666</b></u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**Year ended 31 December 2023**

**1. Accounting Policies**

**(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. With respect to the next reporting period 2024, the most significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the Trust are the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets.

**(b) Funds structure**

The Trust has a single permanent endowment fund consisting of the Trust's art collection. The Trustees at their discretion may allocate general funds to acquire works of art.

There are also expendable endowment funds that allow the Trustees to distribute the annual income only.

Restricted funds are funds which are used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or Trust Deed.

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the Trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in Note 11.

**(c) Income recognition**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have to be notified of the settlement amount and date. If there are conditions attached to the donations and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then the income is deferred until those conditions have been met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes. It includes dividends and interest and is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Dividend income is recognised when the charity's right to receive payment is established.

**(d) Expenditure recognition**

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the SOFA.

**(e) Irrecoverable VAT**

The Trust is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued****Year ended 31 December 2023****(f) Expenditure on raising funds**

The costs of generating funds consist of investment management costs.

**(g) Expenditure on charitable activities**

Costs of charitable activities include grants made, governance and support costs.

**(h) Tangible fixed assets**

Not included in the accounts are plots of land held at Rockcliffe and Kippford. These assets are unable to be included in the accounts as they were bequeathed to the Trust at an indeterminable date and, as a complete list of the titles held is not available, no value can be attributed to them. The Trustees, however, have carried out work to determine the areas of land still in Trust ownership and are of the opinion that this land has no significant value to the Trust.

**(i) Heritage assets**

The Trust's art collection consists mainly of 231 items of two-dimensional pieces dating from 1840 to date. The collection is reported in the Balance Sheet at market value. Items in the collection are revalued by an external valuer every three years with any surplus or deficit on revaluation being reported in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The collection is displayed at the Gracefield Arts Centre in selected exhibitions three or four times a year and in touring exhibitions at regional and national venues. Any item of the collection can be seen at any time by appointment.

Expenditure which, in the Trustees' view, is required to preserve or clearly prevent further deterioration of individual pieces of artwork is recognised in the statement of financial activities when it is incurred.

No depreciation is charged on the art collection because it is maintained in state of repair such that the estimated residual value at the date of the balance sheet is not less than its fair value. Having regard to this, it is considered that the depreciation required by FRS102 would not be material.

**(j) Fixed asset investments**

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Trust does not acquire, or use put options, derivatives, or other complex financial instruments

**(k) Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**2. Income from investments**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income from investments	<u>38,890</u>	<u>37,504</u>

Income from investments includes dividends on UK equities, interest on UK fixed interest securities and interest on cash deposits. Of the income from investments £26,146 was unrestricted (2022 - £25,214), £443 restricted (2022 - £427) and £12,301 endowment (2022 - £11,863).

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<b>3. Income from Charitable Activities</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other Sources of Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

<b>4. Investment Management Costs</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investment administration fees	<u>8,110</u>	<u>8,229</u>
	<u>8,110</u>	<u>8,229</u>

Of the expenditure on investment management costs, £5,452 was unrestricted (2022 - £5,533), £93 restricted (2022 - £93) and £2,565 endowment (2022 - £2,603).

<b>5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Section	Purpose	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Grants to Individuals: -</b>			
29	Edinburgh - Dumfriesshire Society Bursaries	950	1,600
32/33	Post Graduate Awards/Supplementary University Bursaries	2,850	3,900
39	Educational Excursions	50	-
40	Educational Travel	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>3,850</u>	<u>5,500</u>
<b>Grants to Institutions: -</b>			
20.1 (b)	Payment from the Hutton fund to the Hutton committee	3,558	3,462
	Gracefield Arts Centre	1,000	1,000
	Dynamic Youth Awards	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>4,558</u>	<u>4,462</u>
	Council fees for services of the clerk	1,560	1,560
	Council fees for services of the treasurer	3,480	3,480
	Insurance Premium	3,098	4,117
	Art Conservation/Restoration Project	-	3,420
	Bank charges	60	120
	Auditor's remuneration	<u>961</u>	<u>3,440</u>
		<u>9,159</u>	<u>16,137</u>
	<b>Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>	<u>17,567</u>	<u>26,099</u>

Of the expenditure on charitable activities, £14,009 was unrestricted (2022 - £22,638), £69 restricted (2022 - £66) and £3,489 endowment (2022 - £3,395).

**6. Transfers between funds**

Income was transferred to the General Fund from the Hutton Fund, Income Capitalised Fund and the Restricted Fund, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

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7. Heritage Assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
Art Collection		
Valuation at 1 January 2023	3,063,550	3,063,550
Increase on revaluation	-	-
Valuation at 31 December 2023	<u>3,063,550</u>	<u>3,063,550</u>

The Trust's external valuer (██████████ of Aitken Dott Ltd) carried out a full valuation of the art collection on 29 October 2021. The valuations were based on commercial markets, including recent transaction information from auctions where similar types of artwork are regularly being purchased.

Five year financial summary of heritage asset transactions: -

	31.12.23	31.12.22	31.12.21	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£	£	£	£
Increase in valuation	-	-	199,590	-	-
Carrying value	3,063,550	3,063,550	3,063,550	2,863,960	2,863,960

8. Fixed Asset Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Listed Investments		
Market value at 1 January 2023	1,256,739	1,441,653
Additions in year at cost	575,985	124,493
Less disposals at carrying value	(581,326)	(139,791)
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation	51,502	(169,616)
Market value at 31 December 2023	<u>1,302,900</u>	<u>1,256,739</u>
Held on Brewin Dolphin Dealing Account	<u>12,113</u>	<u>14,886</u>
	<u>1,315,013</u>	<u>1,271,625</u>
Cost as at 31 December 2023	<u>1,182,591</u>	<u>1,095,920</u>

All investments are carried at their market value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange. Holdings in common investment funds, unit trusts and open-ended investment companies are at the bid price. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value).

9. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Insurance Prepayment	3,083	-
Accrued income	<u>17,666</u>	<u>6,882</u>
	<u>20,749</u>	<u>6,882</u>

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## 10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	32,796	28,985
	<u>32,796</u>	<u>28,985</u>

## 11. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of Fund movements	Balance B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Revaluation	Balance C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
(a) Permanent endowment	3,063,550	-	-	-	-	-	3,063,550
(b) Expendable endowment	405,342	12,301	(6,054)	(8,812)	19,700	-	422,477
(c) Restricted fund	14,688	443	(162)	(372)	708	-	15,305
(d) Unrestricted fund	873,158	26,146	(19,461)	9,184	31,097	-	920,124
	<u>4,356,738</u>	<u>38,890</u>	<u>(25,677)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,421,456</u>

## Analysis of charitable Funds – previous year

Analysis of Fund movements	Balance B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains & Losses	Revaluation	Balance C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
(e) Permanent endowment	3,063,550	-	-	-	-	-	3,063,550
(f) Expendable endowment	461,507	11,863	(5,998)	(8,467)	(53,563)	-	405,342
(g) Restricted fund	16,715	427	(159)	(359)	(1,934)	-	14,688
(h) Unrestricted fund	981,407	25,214	(28,171)	8,826	(114,119)	-	873,158
	<u>4,523,179</u>	<u>37,504</u>	<u>(34,328)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(169,616)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,356,738</u>

- (a) The Permanent endowment fund represents the value of the Trust's art collection that is historic and inalienable. The collection is valued on a triennial basis and the fund's value will reflect the increase or reduction in the valuation of the collection.
- (b) The expendable endowment funds consist of:
- Income Capitalised Fund has grown from income placed in the fund at the end of years where the full amount of income has not been used for Trust purposes. It is an endowment fund the capital of which has to be maintained. The income is added to the income of the general fund to be applied according to the purposes of the Trust. It is covered by section 20.2 of the Trust Deed.
  - Hutton fund is an endowment fund originally transferred to the Trust by the Trustees of the Hutton fund. As an endowment fund the capital is maintained. The income is split according to the Trust Deed between the Hutton Committee and the general fund. It is covered by section 20.1(b) of the Trust Deed. The Hutton Committee forms part of the Trust but has a duty to further the Trusts purposes within the Parish of Caerlaverock and to provide for the non-educational purposes set out in the Deed of Mortification by Dr. John Hutton dated 14 February 1708.
- (c) The restricted funds consist of:
- Reserve Fund is made up of agreed contributions from either the Hutton Fund or the general fund. The purpose of this fund is to meet costs associated with the Trusts heritable property which are beyond the normal expected levels. This is covered by sections 20.1 (c) and 28 of the Trust Deeds.
- (d) The main fund of the Trust is the general fund, the income of which is available to the Trustees to apply to the general purposes of the Trust. It is covered by section 20.1(a) of the Trust Deed.

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**12. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds	64,718	(166,440)
(Gains)/Losses on investments	(51,502)	169,616
Deduct Investment income	(38,890)	(37,504)
Deduct Increase in Art Collection Valuation	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	3,810	(303)
(increase)/decrease in debtors	(13,865)	911
	<u>(35,729)</u>	<u>(33,720)</u>

**14. Controlling interest**

The Trust is under the control of the Trustees.

**15. Auditor's Remuneration**

The auditor's remuneration amounts to an audit fee of £961 (2022 - £3,440). Auditor's remuneration disclosed in note 5 is after adjusting for the under provision of accruals.

**16. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration**

Key management personnel are the same as the Trustees. The Trustees all give freely of their time and expertise with £nil remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind paid during the year (2022 - £nil). Expenses paid to the Trustees in the year was £nil (2022 - £nil).

Dumfries and Galloway Council performs the clerk, treasurer and legal services for the Trust and receives an annual fee for these services of £5,040.

Dumfries and Galloway Council have been making payments on behalf of the Trust and receiving reimbursement sporadically. However, after the Dumfriesshire Educational Trust's bank account was closed in September 2023, Dumfries and Galloway Council have been handling all receipts and payments on behalf of the Trust. An amount of £32,873 was outstanding to Dumfriesshire Educational Trust as at 31 December 2023 (2022 - £20,212 owed to Dumfries and Galloway Council). The process of opening a new bank account is underway.