

Charity Registration No. 1002267

**SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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The Charity's principal activity continues to be to generate investment income in order to provide grants to various charities in accordance with the trustees' wishes.

In shaping the objectives for the year and planning its activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'Public Benefit: Running A Charity (PB2)'.

#### Achievements and Performance (including Financial Review)

Income for the year was £618,122 (2023: £573,388). In 2024, the Trust made grants totalling £588,410 (2023: £572,866).

The overall surplus for the year was £2,840,376 (2023: £504,362) after accounting for unrealised gains on investments of £2,816,184 (2023: £509,595). Unrealised gains are not cash items and solely reflect the movement of the investments with regard to the value of the investments at the year end.

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#### Reference and administrative details

Charity number: 1002267  
Principal office: c/o Sinclair Gibson, 3 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3AA

#### Our advisers

Auditors	TC Group	The Courtyard, Shoreham Road, Upper Beeding, West Sussex, BN44 3TN
Bankers	C Hoare & Co	37 Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 4DQ
Solicitors	Sinclair Gibson	3 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3AA

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Trustees

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

A J Scott  
K J Bruce-Smith  
N H C Wills  
J L Gibson

#### Governing Document

The trust was established by a charitable trust deed on 19 July 1990. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

#### Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed by existing trustees when it is thought necessary to do so. Training is provided by existing trustees.

#### Risk management

The major risks to which the trust may be exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed to confirm that systems, where appropriate, exist to manage those risks. The trustees recognise that the majority of the trust's investments are shares in a private company that were settled upon the trustees with the power contained in the Deed to retain and not to diversify those shares.

#### Grant making policy

Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust look to support charities operating in the following areas:

- a. Physical or mental handicaps through accidents of birth, injury, wounds, illness old age etc.
- b. Adventurous challenge for the young
- c. Wildlife conservancy

#### Reserves policy

The charity look to hold reserves in order to provide a sufficient capital base to generate income to cover administrative expenditure and grants payable as documented in the trust deed. The charity held reserves of £14,783,172 at the balance sheet date (2023: £11,942,796) which is considered in line with the set policy.

#### Future plans

Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust will continue to seek opportunities to assist beneficiaries with grants to support the charity's aims and objectives.

#### Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees, having made enquiries of fellow trustees and the auditor that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken steps that they are obliged to take as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

By order of the board of trustees

**K J Bruce-Smith (Trustee)**

Dated: .....



## **SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- 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 and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the applicable law. 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.

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES' OF SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust (the 'charitable trust') for the year ended 31 December 2024. 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 2024 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 Act 2011.

#### 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 charitable company 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 trustee's 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 trustee's with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

# **SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES' OF SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST**

#### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by us; 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 trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, 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 charitable company'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 charitable trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

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

The objectives of our audit, in respect to 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; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and its management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, and through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); fraud and bribery and corruption. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. The identified actual or suspected non-compliance was not sufficiently significant to our audit to result in our response being identified as a key audit matter.
- We considered the legal and regulatory frameworks directly applicable to the financial statements reporting framework (FRS 102 and the Charities Act 2011) and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK;
- We considered the nature of the industry, the control environment and business performance, including the key drivers for management's remuneration;
- We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit;  
We considered the procedures and controls that the charity has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud; and how senior management monitors those procedures and controls.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included: testing manual journals; reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation; performing analytical procedures; and enquiring of management, and were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# **SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES' OF SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST**

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to him 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 members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Mr Mark Cummins FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

**For and on behalf of TC Group**

**Statutory Auditor**

**Office: Steyning, West Sussex**

Dated: .....

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Investment income	4	615,622	572,581
Other income		2,500	807
<b>Total income</b>		<u>618,122</u>	<u>573,388</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities		593,930	578,621
<b>Total expenditure</b>	5	<u>593,930</u>	<u>578,621</u>
<b>Net movement in funds before gains / (losses) on investments</b>		<b>24,192</b>	<b>(5,233)</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	2,816,184	509,595
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>2,840,376</u>	<u>504,362</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		11,942,796	11,438,434
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>14,783,172</u></u>	<u><u>11,942,796</u></u>

All income, expenditure and investment movements are unrestricted for both years.

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	8		14,601,974		11,785,790
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	9		-		13,118
Cash at bank and in hand			187,165		259,999
			<u>187,165</u>		<u>273,117</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	10		(5,967)		(116,111)
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>181,198</u>		<u>157,006</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>14,783,172</u>		<u>11,942,796</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted income funds			<u>14,783,172</u>		<u>11,942,796</u>
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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on .....

  
 K J Bruce-Smith

Trustee

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	11	(688,456)	(466,836)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Investment income	4	615,622	572,581
<b>Net Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(72,834)</b>	<b>105,745</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<b>259,999</b>	154,254
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>187,165</b>	<b>259,999</b>

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 1 Legal Status

The Trust is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales Number 1002267. Its principal office is shown in the trustee report.

#### 2 Accounting policies

##### 2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

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 pound.

##### 2.2 Income

Investment income is accounted for when receivable.

##### 2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item of expense to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. Grants payable are charged in the year when the commitment is made by the trustees to make the donation.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. These are included within support costs.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned based on estimated usage as a proportion of directly attributable expenditure.

##### 2.4 Fund accounting

Funds held by the Trust are Unrestricted general funds. These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

##### 2.5 Investments

Investments are included at fair value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

##### 2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The Trustees seek to use short term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

### 2.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

### 2.9 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.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

### 3 Taxation

The charitable company is registered as a charity and all of its income falls within the exemptions under Part 11 of the Income Tax Act 2007.

### 4 Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Dividends from unlisted investments	611,358	569,625
Bank interest	4,264	2,956
	<u>615,622</u>	<u>572,581</u>

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 5 Total expenditure

	Admin costs £	Other costs £	Grant funding £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants payable	-	-	588,410	<b>588,410</b>	572,866
Support costs	360	5,160	-	<b>5,520</b>	5,755
	<b>360</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>588,410</b>	<b>593,930</b>	<b>578,621</b>

Grants were paid to 89 institutions during the year (2023: 87 institutions).

### Analysis of support costs (including Governance costs)

	2024 £	2023 £
Administrative expenses	360	360
Governance costs:		
Audit and accountancy	5,160	5,395
	<b>5,520</b>	<b>5,755</b>

Governance costs is made up of audit fees for both years.

### 6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) were reimbursed expenses or received any remuneration during the year.

### 7 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2023: none).

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 8 Fixed asset investments

	£
Fair value at 1 January 2024	11,785,790
Unrealised gains	2,816,184
<b>Fair value at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>14,601,974</b>
Historical cost:	
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>3,938,275</b>
At 31 December 2023	<b>3,938,275</b>

The investments are made up of 536,416 ordinary and 327,945 8% preference shares held in John Swire & Sons Limited. These are held in the names of K J Bruce-Smith and A J Scott as custodian trustees.

The total ordinary shares are valued at £14,274,029 (2023: £11,457,845) and the total 8% preference shares are valued at £327,945 (2023: £327,945).

The gain on investments of £2,816,184 (2023: 509,595) as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities comprises unrealised losses on investments held at the year end.

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>9 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accrued income	-	13,118
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,118</u>
	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>13,118</u></b>
<b>10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals	5,967	5,727
Grants payable	-	110,384
	<u>5,967</u>	<u>116,111</u>
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# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 11 Reconciliation of cash generated from operations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	24,192	(5,233)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income	(615,622)	(572,581)
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	13,118	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(110,144)	110,978
	<u>(688,456)</u>	<u>(466,836)</u>

### 12 Related parties

No one party has overall control of the Trust.

During the year grants of £10,000 were made to REACT Disaster Response Ltd. N H C Wills is a trustee of REACT Disaster Response Ltd.

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N H C Wills  
J L Gibson

#### Governing Document

The trust was established by a charitable trust deed on 19 July 1990. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

#### Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed by existing trustees when it is thought necessary to do so. Training is provided by existing trustees.

#### Risk management

The major risks to which the trust may be exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed to confirm that systems, where appropriate, exist to manage those risks. The trustees recognise that the majority of the trust's investments are shares in a private company that were settled upon the trustees with the power contained in the Deed to retain and not to diversify those shares.

#### Grant making policy

Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust look to support charities operating in the following areas:

- a. Physical or mental handicaps through accidents of birth, injury, wounds, illness old age etc.
- b. Adventurous challenge for the young
- c. Wildlife conservancy

#### Reserves policy

The charity look to hold reserves in order to provide a sufficient capital base to generate income to cover administrative expenditure and grants payable as documented in the trust deed. The charity held reserves of £14,783,172 at the balance sheet date (2023: £11,942,796) which is considered in line with the set policy.

#### Future plans

Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust will continue to seek opportunities to assist beneficiaries with grants to support the charity's aims and objectives.

#### Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees, having made enquiries of fellow trustees and the auditor that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken steps that they are obliged to take as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

By order of the board of trustees

**K J Bruce-Smith (Trustee)**

Dated: .....



## **SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- 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 and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the applicable law. 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.

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES' OF SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust (the 'charitable trust') for the year ended 31 December 2024. 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 2024 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 Act 2011.

#### 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 charitable company 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 trustee's 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 trustee's with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

# **SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES' OF SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST**

#### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by us; 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 trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, 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 charitable company'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 charitable trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

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

The objectives of our audit, in respect to 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; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and its management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, and through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); fraud and bribery and corruption. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. The identified actual or suspected non-compliance was not sufficiently significant to our audit to result in our response being identified as a key audit matter.
- We considered the legal and regulatory frameworks directly applicable to the financial statements reporting framework (FRS 102 and the Charities Act 2011) and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK;
- We considered the nature of the industry, the control environment and business performance, including the key drivers for management's remuneration;
- We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit;  
We considered the procedures and controls that the charity has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud; and how senior management monitors those procedures and controls.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included: testing manual journals; reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation; performing analytical procedures; and enquiring of management, and were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# **SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES' OF SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST**

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to him 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 members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Mr Mark Cummins FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

**For and on behalf of TC Group**

**Statutory Auditor**

**Office: Steyning, West Sussex**

Dated: .....

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Investment income	4	615,622	572,581
Other income		2,500	807
<b>Total income</b>		<b>618,122</b>	<b>573,388</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities		593,930	578,621
<b>Total expenditure</b>	5	<b>593,930</b>	<b>578,621</b>
<b>Net movement in funds before gains / (losses) on investments</b>		<b>24,192</b>	<b>(5,233)</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	2,816,184	509,595
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>2,840,376</b>	<b>504,362</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		11,942,796	11,438,434
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>14,783,172</b>	<b>11,942,796</b>

All income, expenditure and investment movements are unrestricted for both years.

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	8		14,601,974		11,785,790
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	9		-		13,118
Cash at bank and in hand			187,165		259,999
			<u>187,165</u>		<u>273,117</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	10		(5,967)		(116,111)
			<u>181,198</u>		<u>157,006</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>					
			<u>14,783,172</u>		<u>11,942,796</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>14,783,172</u>		<u>11,942,796</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted income funds			14,783,172		11,942,796
			<u>14,783,172</u>		<u>11,942,796</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on .....

  
 K J Bruce-Smith

Trustee

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	11	(688,456)	(466,836)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Investment income	4	615,622	572,581
<b>Net Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(72,834)</b>	<b>105,745</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<b>259,999</b>	154,254
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>187,165</b>	<b>259,999</b>

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 1 Legal Status

The Trust is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales Number 1002267. Its principal office is shown in the trustee report.

#### 2 Accounting policies

##### 2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

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 pound.

##### 2.2 Income

Investment income is accounted for when receivable.

##### 2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item of expense to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. Grants payable are charged in the year when the commitment is made by the trustees to make the donation.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. These are included within support costs.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned based on estimated usage as a proportion of directly attributable expenditure.

##### 2.4 Fund accounting

Funds held by the Trust are Unrestricted general funds. These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

##### 2.5 Investments

Investments are included at fair value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

##### 2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The Trustees seek to use short term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

### 2.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

### 2.9 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.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

## 3 Taxation

The charitable company is registered as a charity and all of its income falls within the exemptions under Part 11 of the Income Tax Act 2007.

## 4 Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Dividends from unlisted investments	611,358	569,625
Bank interest	4,264	2,956
	<u>615,622</u>	<u>572,581</u>

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 5 Total expenditure

	Admin costs £	Other costs £	Grant funding £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants payable	-	-	588,410	<b>588,410</b>	572,866
Support costs	360	5,160	-	<b>5,520</b>	5,755
	<b>360</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>588,410</b>	<b>593,930</b>	<b>578,621</b>

Grants were paid to 89 institutions during the year (2023: 87 institutions).

### Analysis of support costs (including Governance costs)

	2024 £	2023 £
Administrative expenses	360	360
Governance costs:		
Audit and accountancy	5,160	5,395
	<b>5,520</b>	<b>5,755</b>

Governance costs is made up of audit fees for both years.

### 6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) were reimbursed expenses or received any remuneration during the year.

### 7 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2023: none).

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 8 Fixed asset investments

	£
Fair value at 1 January 2024	11,785,790
Unrealised gains	2,816,184
<b>Fair value at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>14,601,974</b>
Historical cost:	
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>3,938,275</b>
At 31 December 2023	<b>3,938,275</b>

The investments are made up of 536,416 ordinary and 327,945 8% preference shares held in John Swire & Sons Limited. These are held in the names of K J Bruce-Smith and A J Scott as custodian trustees.

The total ordinary shares are valued at £14,274,029 (2023: £11,457,845) and the total 8% preference shares are valued at £327,945 (2023: £327,945).

The gain on investments of £2,816,184 (2023: 509,595) as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities comprises unrealised losses on investments held at the year end.

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>9 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accrued income	-	13,118
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,118</u>
	<b>-</b>	<b>13,118</b>
	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>13,118</b></u>
<b>10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accruals	5,967	5,727
Grants payable	-	110,384
	<u>5,967</u>	<u>110,384</u>
	<b>5,967</b>	<b>116,111</b>
	<u><b>5,967</b></u>	<u><b>116,111</b></u>

# SCOTT (EREDINE) CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 11 Reconciliation of cash generated from operations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	24,192	(5,233)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income	(615,622)	(572,581)
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	13,118	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(110,144)	110,978
	<u>(688,456)</u>	<u>(466,836)</u>

### 12 Related parties

No one party has overall control of the Trust.

During the year grants of £10,000 were made to REACT Disaster Response Ltd. N H C Wills is a trustee of REACT Disaster Response Ltd.

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**& ACCOUNTANTS**



Audit Findings Report  
Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust  
For the year ended 31 December 2024  
Presented to Trustees

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# 1. INTRODUCTION AND COVERAGE

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## **PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to set out certain matters that came to our attention during the course of the audit of Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024.

In order to comply with the provisions of International Standards on Auditing we are required to report to you our audit findings and in particular:

- The nature and scope of the audit work we have undertaken;
- Views about the qualitative aspects of your accounting practices and financial reporting;
- Unadjusted and adjusted misstatements;
- Matters specifically required by Auditing Standards to be communicated to those charged with governance (such as fraud and error);
- Expected modifications to our auditor's report;
- Material weaknesses in the accounting and internal control systems; and
- Any other relevant and material matters relating to the audit.

## **LIMITATIONS**

Our audit procedures, which have been designed to enable us to express an opinion on the financial statements, have included an examination of the transactions and the controls thereon of the charity. The work that we have done was not primarily directed towards identifying weaknesses in the charity's accounting systems other than those that would affect our audit opinion, nor to the detection of fraud.

We have included in this report only those matters that have come to our attention as a result of our normal audit procedures and, consequently, our comments should not be regarded as a comprehensive record of all weaknesses that may exist or improvements that could be made.

To a certain extent the content of this paper comprises general information that has been provided by, or is based on discussions with, management and staff. Except to the extent necessary for the purposes of the audit, this information has not been independently verified.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements. TC Group, as auditor of Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust, is responsible for forming an opinion on the Financial Statements.

This report is to be regarded as confidential to the Trustees and is intended for use by them and staff of the charity only. No responsibility is accepted to any other person in respect of the whole or part its contents. Before this report, or any part of it, is disclosed to a third party our consent must be obtained.

## 2. INDEPENDENCE

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Auditing Standards require us to communicate at least once a year regarding all relationships between TC Group and the charity that may reasonably be thought to have a bearing on our independence.

We have reviewed our independence and confirm that TC Group is independent within the meaning of regulatory and professional requirements. In particular the objectivity of our partner, Mark Cummins, and his audit team is not impaired.

Our review included consideration of whether:

- The firm is dependent on the charity as a client due to the significance of the audit fee to the firm;
- The firm is owed significant overdue fees;
- There is any actual or threatened litigation between the firm and the charity;
- Any benefits have been received by the audit team which are not modest;
- The firm has any mutual business interest with the charity;
- Any members of the audit team have any personal or family; connections with the charity or trustees; or
- Independence is impaired through the provision of services other than the statutory audit.

As part of our evaluation of the firm's independence and objectivity in connection with the audit we have not identified any factors which could potentially affect our independence or objectivity, for which we would be required to apply appropriate safeguards. These are detailed below, and we are satisfied that the safeguards implemented are sufficient to mitigate any threat to our independence and objectivity.

<b>Threat to objectivity and independence</b>	<b>Safeguard to be Implemented</b>
Self review and management threat from processing journal adjustments.	Journal adjustments (and unadjusted journals) are approved by the trustees in writing.
Self review threat from our assistance with the preparation of the financial statements.	The financial statements are reviewed by a team separate to the audit team, and they are reviewed and approved by the Trustees.
The Audit Responsible Individual has acted on the audit for more than 10 years.	The audit file has been subject to review by a 2nd Audit Responsible Individual who is independent of the audit.

Our audit files are also subject to cyclical cold file reviews from an independent third party.

# 3. THE AUDIT PROCESS

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## SCOPE

As auditors we are responsible for forming and expressing an opinion on whether the financial statements of the charity show a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs at 31 December 2024.

Our audit work is designed to provide the required assurance that the financial statements are free from material error. However, our audit of the financial statements is not a comprehensive report covering all systems and controls.

## AUDIT APPROACH

Our general audit approach was based on a thorough understanding of the charity's business and determined by our assessment of the audit risk. In particular this included:

- An evaluation of the charity's internal control environment; and
- Substantive testing on significant transactions and material account balances.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and assistance during the audit.

The audit work on the financial statements is now substantially complete and we anticipate issuing an unqualified audit opinion for the year ended 31 December 2024 for the charity, following:

- Receipt of approved financial statements signed by the Board;
- Receipt of a signed letter of representation; and
- Receipt of the signed adjusted and unadjusted misstatements schedules to confirm the Trustees are in agreement with the accounting treatment of these.

We consider that the audit approach adopted will provide the trustees with the required confidence that a thorough and robust audit has been carried out.

Matters arising from our audit that we wish to bring to your attention are set out in Section 5.

## MATERIALITY

We apply the concept of materiality in planning and performing the audit, and in evaluating the effect of identified misstatements on the audit and the impact of uncorrected misstatements.

We have assessed materiality for this assignment by considering the net assets of the charity. Where individual errors, or accumulated errors found during the course of the audit, are in excess of materiality, these are discussed with you and adjustments are made to the financial statements.

# 3. THE AUDIT PROCESS

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## **AUDIT MISSTATEMENTS**

As part of the requirements of International Standards on Auditing we are required to report any audit misstatements identified by our work which have been adjusted in the accounts. These are detailed in section 6 of this report.

We are also required to separately report any audit misstatements identified which are unadjusted, other than those which are "clearly trivial" to users of the Financial Statements. These are also set out in Section 6.

## **RISK OF FRAUD AND ERROR IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

We are required under international auditing standards to consider fraud risk throughout the audit. In particular we must consider trustee's arrangements for preventing and detecting fraud and error.

Fraud risks may include asset sales at under value, suppliers over billing for goods or services, misappropriation of assets and cheque frauds, as well as manipulation of financial results.

This work is now complete and has not identified any matters which we wish to draw to your attention.

## **LETTER OF REPRESENTATION**

We have included a letter of representation (Appendix I) for your review and approval. It is important that this is reviewed and approved by 'those charged with governance'.

# 4. QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF ACCOUNTING PRACTICES AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

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## **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Financial Reporting Standard 102 requires that entities should review their accounting policies regularly to ensure that they are appropriate to their particular circumstances for the purpose of giving a true and fair view.

We have reviewed the charity's accounting policies, as stated in the financial statements, and confirm that they are appropriate to provide relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information.

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

We are required to focus on the identification and assessment of the risks of material misstatement associated with related party relationships and transactions.

We are required as an audit team to discuss the risks of fraud associated with related parties and to perform specific procedures on any related party transactions outside the normal course of business.

Transactions with related parties have been adequately disclosed in the accounts.

## **ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

As auditors, we are aware that the selected basis of an accounting estimate may have a significant impact on the financial statements so in our work we need to identify all accounting estimates and the basis of the estimate and, where we consider there to be a high estimation uncertainty, we must ensure our audit work challenges the basis of the estimate.

We are also required to consider the outcome of accounting estimates in prior periods as a basis for our risk assessment in the current year.

The most significant accounting estimates concern depreciation of fixed assets, classification of funds, cost allocation, and the basis and calculation of the provision for bad and doubtful debts.

We have reviewed these accounting estimates for the charity and conclude that they have been calculated on a basis that is consistent with our knowledge of the charity and the sector as a whole.

## **GOING CONCERN**

We have considered the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approving the accounts. We are pleased to report that there is no modification to our audit report.

# 5. AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT

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## 1.1 UPDATE ON PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

There were no audit issues to note in the previous year.

## 1.2 CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS

During the course of the audit, no issues relating to systems and controls came to our attention.

## 6. AUDIT MISSTATEMENTS

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A summary of the unadjusted/adjusted misstatements identified during the course of our work is set out below.

We have not disclosed below those items that we consider to be 'clearly trivial' in the context of our audit. For this purpose we consider 'clearly trivial' to be any unadjusted matter less than £37,000.

There are no adjusted or unadjusted misstatements to report.

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Dear Sirs

During the course of your audit of our financial statements for Scott (Eredine) Charitable Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, the following representations were made to you by management and Trustees.

1. We acknowledge as Trustees our responsibilities under the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011 for preparing Financial Statements in accordance with the applicable accounting framework (SORP 2019 - FRS102) and for making accurate representations to you as auditors.
2. We confirm that in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view and in particular that where any additional information must be disclosed in order to give a true and fair view that information has in fact been disclosed.
3. We confirm that all accounting records have been made available to you for the purposes of your audit, in accordance with your terms of engagement, and that all transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information, including minutes of all management and Trustees' meetings, have been made available to you. We have given you unrestricted access to persons within the charity in order to obtain evidence and have provided any additional information that you have requested for the purposes of your audit.
4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control systems to prevent and detect fraud and error. We have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment that the financial statements may be misstated as a result of fraud. We have disclosed to you all instances of known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees who have a significant role in internal control or others that could have a material effect on the financial statements. We have also disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by current or former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
5. The effects of uncorrected misstatements (as set out in the audit findings report) are immaterial both individually and in total.
6. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

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7. The charity has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charity's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
8. We have recorded or disclosed, as appropriate, all liabilities, both actual and contingent, and have disclosed in the notes to the financial statements all guarantees that we have given to third parties.
9. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
10. The methods, data and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement and disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.
11. We confirm that the charity has had, at no time during the year, any arrangement, transaction or agreement to provide credit facilities (including loans, quasi-loans or credit transactions) for Trustees, nor to guarantee nor provide security for such matters, except as already disclosed in the accounts.
12. We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for, and disclosed in, the Financial Statements and that these have been accounted for in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
13. We confirm that we are not aware of any possible or actual instances of non-compliance with those laws and regulations which provide a legal framework within which the charity conducts its activities and which are central to the charity's ability to conduct its activities, except as explained to you and as disclosed in the financial statements.
14. We confirm that there have been no events since the balance sheet date which require disclosing or which would materially affect the amounts in the financial statements, other than those already disclosed or included in the financial statements.
15. We confirm that the charity has not contracted for any capital expenditure other than as disclosed in the financial statements.
16. We believe that the charity's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. We also confirm our plans for future action(s) required to enable the charity to continue as a going concern are feasible. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

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17. We confirm that all related party relationships and transactions have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable accounting framework.
18. We confirm that the related party relationships and transactions set out below are a complete list of such relationships and transactions and that we are not aware of any further related parties or transactions:

<b>Party</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Nature of transaction</b>
A J Scott	Trustee	Custodian trustee of John Swire shares. Able to allocate 5% of gross income discretionally to charities of choice so long as not hostile to Armed Forces or Field Sports.  No transactions to disclose.
K J Bruce-Smith	Trustee	Custodian trustee of John Swire shares. Trustee of The Newton Charitable Trust. Trustee of Princes Louise's Kensington Regimental Association Charitable Trust. Trustee of The Mahan Charitable Trust Trustee of The Harmsworth 1998 UK Charitable Trust Trustee of The Countess Sondes Foundation Limited No transactions to disclose.
N H C Wills	Trustee	Trustee of REACT Disaster Response Ltd. £10,000 donation to REACT Disaster Response Ltd.
J L Gibson	Trustee	Trustee of Drue Keinz Charitable Trust. Trustee of Child Health Research CIO. Trustee of The Hacker Smith Continuity Trust No transactions to disclose.

19. We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditors and confirm that:

- So far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information that you as auditors are unaware of; and
- Each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that you are aware of that information.

20. We confirm that we have reviewed the UK Sanctions list and confirm that to our knowledge the charity has not had any transactions with any entity connected to those listed. We confirm we have complied with the requirements of the UK sanctions regime throughout the financial year and subsequently.  
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list>)

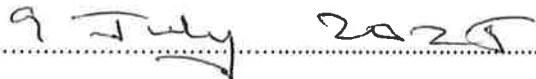
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We confirm that the above representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and expertise (and, where appropriate of supporting documentation) sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can properly make these representations to you and that to the best of our knowledge and belief they accurately reflect the representations made to you by the trustees during the course of the audit.

Yours faithfully

.....Trustee

.....Date

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees