

**THE JIM COUSINS TRUST**

**Accounts for the Year Ended 5 April 2024**

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE JIM COUSINS TRUST**

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## THE TRUSTEES OF THE JIM COUSINS TRUST REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 5 April 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

### Establishment of Trust

The Jim Cousins Trust ("The Trust") was established by Beryl Cousins, late of Narrow Hill, Witney, Oxfordshire, by a Declaration of Trust dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 1991 ("the Trust Deed")

### Registration of the Trust

The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission under reference number 1002711 with the name incorporated as "The Trustees of The Jim Cousins Charitable Trust". The principal address of the Trust is 24 Church Green, Witney, Oxfordshire, OX28 4AT. The Trust's correspondent is Mr Mark Drasdo.

### Trustees

The names of the trustees throughout the year were as follows:-

Mr John Stanley  
Mr Ian Lever  
Mrs Gillian Fettes  
Dr Melody Helm  
Mrs Judith Holloway  
Mr Mark Drasdo  
Mr Gareth Alty

The power of appointing new trustees is vested in the trustees.

### Powers, policies and objectives of the Trustees

The general powers of the Trustees and policies adopted by them are set out in the Statement of Policies annexed to this report. The policies have in all instances been successfully achieved during the current year. No changes in policies are anticipated in the current year.

### Advisors and Bankers to the Trust

#### Solicitors

John Welch & Stammers  
24 Church Green  
Witney  
Oxfordshire OX28 4AT

#### Stockbrokers

Charles Stanley & Co Limited  
55 Bishops Gate  
London EC2N 3AS

#### Bankers

Barclays Bank plc  
Abingdon Business Centre  
Marcham Road  
Leicester LE7 2BB

#### Independent Examiners

Bronsens Chartered Certified Accountants  
Eden House, Two Rivers Business Park  
Station Lane, Witney  
Oxfordshire OX28 4BL

**THE TRUSTEES OF JIM COUSINS TRUST  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (cont.....)**

For the year ended 5 April 2024

**STATEMENT OF POLICIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

**Reserves**

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain Reserves to provide adequate funding of assets to enable the Grants to be maintained on the basis that approved grants should as far as possible be matched to the realised income. Expenses are normally met from the reserves.

There are no provisions in the Deed restricting the Trustees in the distribution of either Income or Capital.

**Investments**

It is the policy of the Trustees to appoint a Stockbroker to recommend the purchases and sales of marketable securities to produce both growth and income and to invest on a medium to low risk basis. The recommendations of the Stockbroker are then considered by the Trustees for implementation.

**Grants**

It is the policy of the Trustees to consider all applications for Grants from local charities, individuals for educational and social assistance and other organisations of a charitable or social nature, with a preference to providing Grants towards educational and development assistance for young people.

**Loans**

It has not been the policy of the Trustees to consider applications for Loans.

**Administration**

It is the policy of the Trustees to meet every two months to consider applications for Grants and to deal with any other matter arising.

**THE TRUSTEES OF JIM COUSINS TRUST  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (cont.....)**

For the year ended 5 April 2024

**Financial activities**

**1. Reserves**

	£	£
The balance of Reserves at 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 was		1,890,434
Less Grants		54,052
Add Income	56,481	
Administration and other expenses		-20,389
Realised and Unrealised losses	101,062	
Balance of Reserves at 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		1,973,536

The reserves have increased by £83,102 (4.4%). It is the policy of the Trustees to provide income for the distribution of grants and to pay expenses from the reserves and this has been achieved. In the opinion of the Trustees the reserve of £1,973,536 is adequate for the future purposes of the Trust.

**2. Investments**

The Investments of the Trust and the return on such investments has been satisfactory for the financial year (see stockbrokers reports attached). In the current year no refund of tax deducted at source was available.

There was an increase in valuation of the investments of £88,361 (4.83%) over the previous year. Losses, being the costs of investments bought less sales amounted to £115,545.

The loss on valuation was £5,254, being the loss between the valuation of investments sold at 5 April 2024 and the net proceeds of sale, and this has been transferred to the revaluation account.

During the year the Trustees approved purchases of £111,390 and disposals of £226,936 as recommended by the Stockbroker to the Trust.

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE JIM COUSINS TRUST  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (cont.....)**

For the year ended 5 April 2024

**Financial activities**

**3. Costs**

Costs for the year were £20,389 and are deemed to be reasonable compared to last year's costs at £23,562.

**4. Income**

Income for the financial year was £56,481 made up of wholly of dividend income, this represented a decrease of £823 (1.43%) over the previous year.

**5. Grants**

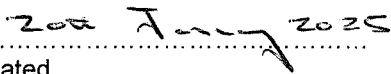
Expenditure on Grants during the year amounted to £55,252 in comparison to £41,425 the previous year. A schedule is attached to this report.

**6. Contingent liabilities**

The Trustees are unaware of any contingent liabilities or any matters that may impair the value of the assets of the Trust.



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Mark Drasdo – Trustee



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Dated

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE JIM COUSINS TRUST**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Jim Cousins Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Jim Cousins Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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20 January 2025

THE TRUSTEES OF THE JIM COUSINS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 5 April 2024

	April 05 2024 £	April 05 2024 £	April 05 2023 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
<b>Investment income</b>			
Dividend Income	56,413.33		57,304.19
Interest Income	<u>67.84</u>	56,481.17	0
Total Incoming Resources		<u>56,481.17</u>	<u>57,304.19</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
<b>Investment Management Costs</b>			
Stockbrokers Costs	9,727.50		13,088.54
Website	192.00		171.00
Bank charges	0.25	9,919.75	12.5
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			
Grants	54,051.73		40,225.50
Administration Costs	<u>1,200.00</u>	55,251.73	<u>1,200.00</u>
<b>Governance Costs</b>			
Accountancy fees	2,400.00		2,400.00
Administration fees	5,430.00		5,430.00
Adjustment Examination fees 22/23	120.00		60.00
Examination fees - provision	<u>1,320.00</u>	<u>9,270.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Resources Expended		74,441.48	63,787.54
Net Incoming Resources		-17,960.31	-6,483.35
<b>Other Recognised Gains and Losses</b>			
Gains/Losses on investments assets	-108,097.65		5,324.39
Revaluation of investment assets	Note 2	<u>209,160.13</u>	<u>101,062.48</u>
Net movement in funds		83,102.17	-226,636.95
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,890,434.50</u>	<u>2,117,071.45</u>
		<u>1,973,536.67</u>	<u>1,890,434.50</u>

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE JIM COUSINS TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**For the Year ended 5 April 2024**

	Note	April 05 2024	April 05 2023
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	2	1,923,161.82	1,830,396.24
		<b>1,923,161.82</b>	<b>1,830,396.24</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	3	2,395.98	0.00
Cash at Bankers		59,879.87	73,263.76
		<b>62,275.85</b>	<b>73,263.76</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors	4	<b>11,901.00</b>	<b>13,225.00</b>
Net Current Assets		<b>50,374.85</b>	<b>60,038.76</b>
Total assets less current liabilities		<b>1,973,536.67</b>	<b>1,890,435.00</b>
<b>The Funds of the Charity</b>			
Unrestricted Funds		1,973,536.67	1,890,435.00
		<b>1,973,536.67</b>	<b>1,890,435.00</b>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ~~20th~~ day of January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Mark Drasdo - Trustee

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE JIM COUSINS TRUST**  
**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 5 April 2024**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES - see attached sheet.**

**2 INVESTMENTS**

(Schedule 2)

	£	Cost £	Valuation £	
At 5 April 2023		1,686,538.37	1,831,826.84	
Less disposals		<u>226,936.40</u>	<u>129,345.99</u>	
		1,459,601.97	1,702,480.85	
Add purchases		<u>111,390.92</u>	<u>111,390.92</u>	
		1,570,992.89	1,813,871.77	
Increase in valuation		<u>0.00</u>	<u>106,316.10</u>	
At 5 April 2024		<u>1,570,992.89</u>	<u>1,920,187.87</u>	
<b>Profit on sale of investments</b>				
Proceeds		124,092.37	124,092.37	
Cost of investments sold or transferred		<u>226,936.40</u>	<u>129,345.99</u>	
		<u>-102,844.03</u>	<u>-5,253.62</u>	<u>-108,097.65</u>
Quoted investments at valuation			1,920,187.87	
Brokers dealing account			2,973.95	
<b>Total Investments at 5 April 2024</b>			<u>1,923,161.82</u>	

**3 DEBTORS**

	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £
Dividends due	2,395.98	0.00
	<u>2,395.98</u>	<u>0.00</u>

**4 CREDITORS**

	2023/2024 £	2022/2023 £
John Welch & Stammers - fees	6,630.00	6,630.00
Examination fees	2,640.00	1,200.00
Preparation of Accounts	2,400.00	2,400.00
Grants	231.00	2,995.50
Website fee		0.00
	<u>11,901.00</u>	<u>13,225.50</u>

**5 TRUSTEE EXPENSES**

An amount of £9030.00, inclusive of VAT, is payable to John Welch & Stammers in respect of professional fees for the year to 5 April 2024. Mr Mark Drasdo is a trustee of the Charity and partners of the firm of John Welch & Stammers.

No other Trustee nor any person connected with them has received, or is due to receive, any remuneration directly or indirectly from the Charity's funds.

## **THE TRUSTEES OF THE JIM COUSINS TRUST ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

### **Income**

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

### **Assets**

- a. Investments are valued by the appointed stockbrokers to the Charity at mid-market value.
- b. Realised gains are recognised in the date of sale of the asset.
- c. Unrealised gains are recognised on the revaluation of the asset.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

### **Allocation and apportionment of costs**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE JIM COUSINS CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**Summary of Grants made during the year to 5 April 2024**

Category		Number of grants	Range of grants	Total
National	Medical	2	2500-4000	6,500.00
	Educational	0		
Local	Educational	8	231-7263	15,247.73
	Community	10	1000-10000	31,000.00
	Medical	0		
Individual	Educational	2	354-500	854.00
	Relief	1	0-450	450.00

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