

COMBE BANK EDUCATIONAL TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1007871
REGISTERED COMPANY NO: 01067557
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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COMBE BANK EDUCATIONAL TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Combe Bank Educational Trust is a private company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. The directors who are also the charity trustees will be referred to as "trustees" and the company as the "charity" throughout these financial statements. The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts, 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) and the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and Administrative details

Registration Numbers

Company registration number 01067557
Charity registration number 1007871

Principal and Registered office

10 Queen Street Place, London EC4R 1AG

Directors and Trustees

The directors of the company, who are also the charity trustees and are referred to throughout these financial statements as "trustees", who served during the period were:

Mrs A Gilbert
P H Dickinson (Chairman and Company Secretary)
N Keen
J D Marnham
Mrs P F Hills (appointed 1 July 2024)

Administrators and accountants

HaysMac LLP, 10 Queen Street Place, London EC4R 1AG

Independent Examiner

Jane Askew FCA
HaysMac LLP, 10 Queen Street Place, London EC4R 1AG

Solicitors

Wedlake Bell LLP, 71 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4AY

Investment managers

James Hambro & Partners LLP, 45 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JG

Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc, 15 Blackheath Village, Blackheath, London, SE3 9LH

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Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Combe Bank Educational Trust is a company incorporated under the Companies Act and is a registered charity. The company is limited by guarantee, does not have a share capital and the liability of its members, the trustees, is limited to £1 each. The company's governing document is its Articles of Association which were adopted by members by a special resolution on 22 October 2015. These Articles of Association replace the company's former Memorandum and Articles of Association of 24 August 1972 as amended on 23 June 1997 and 29 January 2007.

The trustees, who do not receive any remuneration, are responsible for the operation of the charity. Recruitment of new trustees will be undertaken by the existing trustees as vacancies arise. When recruiting new trustees the trustees look for individuals with skills and experience which are of value to the charity. Any potential trustee will be interviewed by the existing trustees and if appointed will be provided with a pack of information including a copy of the accounts and Articles of Association.

The trustees consider the board of trustees to be the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of trustees expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 9 to the accounts. The Charity has no employees.

Objectives, activities and achievements

The Charity's objectives, as set out in its Articles of Association, are to promote and provide for the advancement of education and in particular to support the work of education establishments and to fund or assist in the funding of education for children and young people in England.

In addition to distributing the charity's available income the trustees are prepared to distribute some of its unrestricted funds if suitable applications are received.

During the year the charity awarded a donation of £53,119 to Hever C of E Primary School to cover building costs to increase the size of some of their existing classrooms and to create new small learning spaces and a donation of £24,500 to Ditchling St Margaret's Primary & Nursery School to assist with the construction of a new purpose-built year 2 provision and improving reception and nursery spaces. Donations of £35,000 and £64,529 were also made to Amhurst School (Academy) Trust and St John's C of E Primary School respectively to improve their outdoor facilities with an emphasis on creating calm play areas and a donation of £20,000 to Newick C of E Primary School in support of their Nurture and Forest School programme. In addition, a donation of £4,000 was awarded to St Lawrence C of E Primary School for essential safety construction work.

The charity also continued to support the provision of the one to one therapeutic counselling provided in the Sevenoaks Partnership of Primary Schools with a donation of £65,000 to cover the 2025/26 academic year, which has been partially offset by a £9,024 saving on the amount provided for the 2024/25 academic year.

The trustees believe they fully achieved their objectives for the year.

The trustees' objective for the coming year is to support educational causes at least to the extent of the charity's total net income for the year, and if suitable applications are received from the charity's general funds.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public guidance published by the Charity Commission when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Investment Policy and Performance

The Articles of Association empower the trustees to invest in such stocks, investments and property as they see fit and within the law and to appoint an investment manager.

The trustees engage James Hambro & Partners LLP as investment managers with the investment brief to adopt a medium risk investment strategy. The Trustees have agreed benchmarks by which to judge investment performance and the performance achieved for the year exceeded the agreed benchmarks. The trustees are pleased with the performance of the fund and believe that an appropriate investment strategy has been adopted for the longer term.

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Financial Review

Total income, being Investment income, for the year decreased by £12,235 to £59,359 (2024 - £71,594). Charitable expenditure for the year amounted to £245,480 (2024 - £341,970) which when added to the investment management fee of £29,635 (2024 - £30,815) resulted in net expenditure for the year of £215,756 (2024 - £301,191) before net gains/losses on investments.

The unrealised and realised gains and losses on the revaluation and disposal of investment assets for the year was a net gain of £96,667 (2024 - £186,642) resulting in overall net expenditure for the year of £119,089 (2024 - £114,549 net expenditure). The net assets at the balance sheet date amounted to £2,644,731, (2024 - £2,763,820) including investments and cash at bank of £2,900,219 (2024 - £3,146,566).

Fundraising

The Articles of Association empower the trustees to invest in such stocks, investments and property as they see fit and within the law and to appoint an investment manager. The charity does not fundraise from any other source.

Reserves review and policy

The charity has a strong balance sheet at 31 March 2025 with unrestricted funds of £2,644,731 (2024: £2,763,820). The trustees' policy going forward will be to keep sufficient reserves to be able to meet any financial commitments arising from the fulfilment of the charity's objectives.

Going Concern

All of the charity's distributions are discretionary and if required can be made as distributions from the charity's unrestricted fund. The market value of the charity's investment portfolio which underlies the unrestricted fund was £2,491,644 at 19 October 2025. As a consequence given the solid level of the charity's unrestricted fund, the discretionary nature of the charity's distributions and in the absence of any material uncertainties the trustees consider the charity to be a going concern for the forthcoming year and the foreseeable future.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The trustees consider that the key risks relate to the charity's banking and investment operations both of which are carried out on behalf of the charity by independent regulated entities and the trustees also perform their own independent checks in these areas.

Plans for the future

The charity is managed with a view to it being able to continue its charitable activities in the years to come.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (con't)

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

P.H. Dickinson

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P H DICKINSON
on behalf of the trustees

Date: 30 / 03 / 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Combe Bank Educational Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act"). The trustees are satisfied that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the charity has prepared its accounts on an accruals basis I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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.

Signature.....

Date..... 02/11/2025

Jane Askew FCA
Chartered Accountant
HaysMac LLP
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including an Income and Expenditure Statement) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2024 £
INCOME FROM			
Investments	2	59,359	71,594
Total Income		<u>59,359</u>	<u>71,594</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Investment management fee	3	29,635	30,815
Charitable activities	3	245,480	341,970
Total Expenditure	3	<u>275,115</u>	<u>372,785</u>
Net Expenditure before gains and losses on Investments		(215,756)	(301,191)
Other recognised gains/(losses):			
Net gains on Investments	2	96,667	186,642
Net Expenditure		<u>(119,089)</u>	<u>(114,549)</u>
Fund balance brought forward		2,763,820	2,878,369
Fund balance carried forward		<u><u>2,644,731</u></u>	<u><u>2,763,820</u></u>

All transactions are derived from continuing activities.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2025

Company Number 01067557

		31 March 2025		31 March 2024	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	2		2,862,869		3,100,837
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and on deposit		37,350		45,729	
		<u>37,350</u>		<u>45,729</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors	6 (a)	<u>(234,488)</u>		<u>(361,046)</u>	
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)			(197,138)		(315,317)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			2,665,731		2,785,520
Creditors: Amount due after more than one year	6 (b)		(21,000)		(21,700)
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>2,644,731</u>		<u>2,763,820</u>
General unrestricted funds	7		2,644,731		2,763,820
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			<u>2,644,731</u>		<u>2,763,820</u>

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 6 to 11 were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



P H DICKINSON

30 October 2025

Chairman of Trustees

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Principal Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies, judgements and key sources of estimation adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

- (a) **Basis of accounting**
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ('FRS102'), Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), and the Companies Act 2006.
The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.
- (b) **Going Concern**
All of the charity's distributions are discretionary and if required will be made as distributions from the charity's unrestricted fund. The charity's investment portfolio, which underlies the unrestricted fund, had a market value of £2,491,644 at 19 October 2025. The charity has no distribution commitments apart from those disclosed in the accounts, all of which can be paid from realising individual holdings in the investment portfolio. As such given the solid level of the charity's unrestricted fund, the discretionary nature of the charity's distributions and in the absence of any material uncertainties the trustees consider the charity, which is a public benefit entity, to be a going concern for the forthcoming year and the foreseeable future.
- (c) **Income**
Income is accounted for on a receivable basis.
- (d) **Expenditure**
Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Governance costs comprise those for the running of the charity.
- (e) **Donations**
Donations are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has communicated its decision to award a donation to the recipient before the year end. If the funding commitments attached to the donation have not yet been met by the year end the potential donation is shown as a contingent liability if the trustees consider it more than likely that the donation will eventually be paid. If the donation is payable in instalments any amounts payable after one year from the balance sheet date are shown in creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year (note 6(b)).
- (f) **Investments**
Investments are stated at the middle market values ruling at the balance sheet date.
A continuous revaluation approach is adopted for investment assets. All unrealised and realised gains and losses on the revaluation and disposal of investment assets are included as a single row on the Statement of Financial Activities and in the notes to the accounts.
- (g) **Reserves**
Unrestricted funds are available as general funds.
- (h) **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.
- (i) **Cash and cash equivalents**
Cash and cash equivalents includes cash and bank deposits with maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.
- (j) **Foreign Currency**
Transactions in foreign currency are recognised at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Assets held in foreign currency are translated into sterling at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date. All exchange rate differences are recognised through the statement of financial activities.

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2 Investments

The charity's investments are registered in the name of S G Hambros (London), the nominee company of the charity's investment managers.

Investments are revalued by reference to mid market values as at 31 March 2025.

Investments comprise the following:

	Year ended 31 March 2025	Year ended 31 March 2024
	£	£
UK Quoted investments	845,927	954,464
Overseas quoted investments	1,593,434	1,698,887
Alternative quoted Investments	376,601	441,652
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	46,907	5,834
	<u>2,862,869</u>	<u>3,100,837</u>
Market value at 31 March 2024	3,095,003	3,136,400
Additions at cost	901,140	780,491
Market Value of Disposals	(1,276,848)	(1,008,530)
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation and disposals	96,667	186,642
	<u>2,815,962</u>	<u>3,095,003</u>
Cash held in the investment portfolio	46,907	5,834
	<u>2,862,869</u>	<u>3,100,837</u>
Income		
UK quoted investments	27,547	27,469
Overseas quoted investments	26,183	30,534
Alternative quoted Investments	3,886	11,355
Brokers Interest	1,743	2,236
	<u>59,359</u>	<u>71,594</u>

3 Analysis of Total Expenditure

	Year ended 31 March 2025	Year ended 31 March 2024
	£	£
Donations (note 6)	235,525	332,338
Governance costs (note 5)	9,844	9,127
Sundry	111	505
	<u>245,480</u>	<u>341,970</u>
Investment management fee	29,635	30,815
	<u>275,115</u>	<u>372,785</u>

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4 Governance costs	Year ended 31 March 2025	Year ended 31 March 2024
	£	£
Accountancy and Secretarial fees	8,224	7,663
Independent Examiners' fee	1,620	1,464
	<u>9,844</u>	<u>9,127</u>

5 Donations	Year ended 31 March 2025	Year ended 31 March 2024
	£	£
Chailey St Peters C of E Primary School	-	24,835
Fletching C of E Primary School	-	23,727
Leigh Primary School	-	50,000
Ormskirk West End Primary School	(224)	5,776
Riverhead Infants' School	(21,375)	128,000
Chevening St Botolph's C of E VA Primary School	-	100,000
Sevenoaks Partnership of Primary Schools	55,976	-
Newick C of E Primary School	20,000	-
Amhurst School (Academy) Trust	35,000	-
St Lawrence C of E Primary School	4,000	-
Hever C of E Primary School	53,119	-
Ditchling St Margaret's Primary & Nursery School	24,500	-
ST. John's C of E Primary School	64,529	-
	<u>235,525</u>	<u>332,338</u>

6 (a) Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Year ended 31 March 2025	Year ended 31 March 2024
	£	£
Other Creditors	3,570	3,384
Donations	230,918	357,662
	<u>234,488</u>	<u>361,046</u>

6 (b) Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	Year ended 31 March 2025	Year ended 31 March 2024
	£	£
Donations	21,000	21,700
	<u>21,000</u>	<u>21,700</u>

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7 Reconciliation of movement in reserves	Unrestricted Funds	Total Year ended 31 March 2025	Total Year ended 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
1 April 2024	2,763,820	2,763,820	2,878,369
Net expenditure for the year	(119,089)	(119,089)	(114,549)
31 March 2025	<u>2,644,731</u>	<u>2,644,731</u>	<u>2,763,820</u>

8 Share Capital

The charity is incorporated under the Companies Act as a private company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. The liability of members is limited to a sum not exceeding £1.00 being the amount each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event of it being wound up.

9 Trustees Remuneration and related party transactions

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity. No trustee expenses have been reimbursed. There have been no related party transactions during the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil)

