

Charity registration number 307319

WILLIAM PRICE CHARITABLE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Background of the Charity

William Price, a timber merchant of Fareham, drew up a will in 1721 which, after his death, founded a blue coat school in his town house. Price's charity was formed to support the school which went through various phases, including relocation, before being closed in 1984. The Charity was reformed in 1989 as a grant making educational trust and in 1994 the school site in Fareham was sold to provide the permanent endowment of the new charity. In 2006, the permanent endowment was further enhanced when the proceeds of sale of a former Elementary School, also in Fareham, were transferred to the charity to administer.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Object of the Charity

The object of the Trust is the promotion of Christian education of persons under the age of 25 years who live in the area of benefit, defined as the three ecclesiastical parishes of St Peter & St Paul, Holy Trinity with St Columba and St John the Evangelist, all of Fareham. These three parishes have the same area as the original Fareham town parish, but do not cover the whole area of the Fareham Borough.

Structure and Governance

The Governing Document of the William Price Charitable Trust is the 1993 Charity Commission Scheme which appoints the William Price Trust Company as its trustee. Other than assets held in trust, the Trust Company holds no assets and with no financial transactions in its own right its accounts are dormant. Reference and administrative details of the Company members, who are also the charity trustees, and their professional advisers are shown at Annex A,

The Company's Articles of Association register 19 Company members, of whom three are Incumbents of the Fareham town parishes, three are nominated by those parish councils and four others are nominated by appointing bodies – the Bishop of Portsmouth (1), Fareham Borough Council (2), and Hampshire County Council (1). A further nine members are co-opted, and these as far as practicable, through residence, occupation, employment or otherwise have special knowledge of the area or are, or have been, teachers in that area. Potential co-opted members are invited by Trustees to submit a curriculum vitae for consideration by them. If found acceptable, they are then invited by the Clerk to attend the first General Meeting of the Trust. Before attending this first meeting, they are required to sign and declare their willingness to act as a charity trustee and to act in the trust of the Governing Document. On appointment members are sent full information on the charity and given copies of the Governing Document and Memorandum & Articles of Association.

Management

Day-to-day management is delegated to the Company Director and Company Secretary, who are Chairman and Clerk respectively of the Charitable Trust. The members of the Company (the Charity Trustees) have established three committees to advise separately on policy, finance and grants and of these, the Finance and Grants committees report every six months to a General Meeting of the Company. The composition of the committees is shown at Annex A.

The Chairman of the Trust is elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Trust Company by a majority of the Trustees. Similarly, the chair of each of the committees is elected at the first meeting following the AGM by a majority of the committee members.

The remuneration of the Clerk is decided by the Finance Committee at its first meeting following the anniversary of his appointment

Risk Management.

No major risks have been identified. Expenditure can be made by electronic transfer from the relatively small current account. A chequebook is under the control of the secretary and all transactions require two authorisations and in the case of cheques, two signatures.

A hard drive is used to back up the Clerk's PC and is kept at a separate location in a fire proof safe.

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Objectives of the Trustees.

The Trustees place their emphasis on assisting and supporting both individuals and educational establishments in the study of those subjects and the pursuit of those activities which in the opinion of the trustees do not command adequate priority in education. The types of projects that are given priority are those that enrich the quality of life and widen horizons, encourage participation and appreciation of the arts, develop good citizenship and encourage help in the community and local environment.

Achievements and performance

For this year, the overall expenditure on grants was £172,276.

Most schools have projects which require outside funding and to achieve these they apply for grants from the charity which are, in aggregate, usually in excess of the money available. The main task for the trustees has therefore been to make choices from the applications in accordance with their objectives. In order to ensure an equitable spread between the large and small schools the number of pupils in each school is taken into consideration as a factor in the decision-making. Overall, the trustees are pleased that most grants shown in Annex B now fall within their objectives and consider that the charity is making a welcome and positive contribution to support the education of the young in the benefit area.

There are 18 schools, one college and four eligible churches substantially serving the area of benefit and these are canvassed for applications twice a year for projects which would fall within the provisions of the Governing Document. After scrutiny by the Grants Committee, and having regard to the available funds, the trustees at a General Meeting approved the grants shown in Annex B, where it will be seen that the expenditure on grants to the schools and churches was £136,730.

There were 18 eligible requests for individuals to receive assistance grants during the year, a decrease on last year brought about by the lasting impact of the pandemic and schools being closed for long periods in addition to the overall economic downturn. The overall total for assistance grants was £7,096. Larger grants, for university/college/apprenticeship fees and overseas projects, were made to 11 individuals during the year and for these was awarded £15,450.

The trustees have established a bursary for the two private schools in the area (now one following the closure of Wykeham House School) offering one-off emergency help with fees on application by the schools, to give help for children whose parents have run into financial difficulty. There were no applications this year.

Fareham Welfare Trust.

William Price's original bequests were both to found a school and to assist the poor widows of Fareham. To cover the second bequest the Governing Document requires this Trust to make an annual payment to the Fareham Welfare Trust, into which the original Widows' Charity was merged. The Governing Document has been amended to enable the trustees to carry out an annual review of this payment and this year a payment of £13,000 was approved as requested by the Welfare Trust to assist with "hardship" grants.

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Fareham College Agreement.

Following an earlier commitment by the trustees, the Governing Document permitted payment of £1,000,000 of the sale proceeds from Price's site towards the costs incurred by Hampshire County Council in improving and extending the buildings at Fareham College, subject to repayment in the event of change of use of the College. However before Price's site was sold the 1992 Higher Education Act changed the ownership of the College buildings to a College Corporation and the commitment was therefore referred to the Education Assets Board to decide who should receive the payment and who should make repayment in the event of change of use. By the year 2000 the matter had been decided; the Trust paid £1,000,000 to Hampshire County Council and an agreement was made with Fareham College to repay to the Trust a sum equal to 7.33% of the then valuation of the College or proceeds of sale in the event of change of use. This continues to represent a potential asset for the Trust. The College sold a proportion of its land for housing to raise the capital necessary to fund major building and refurbishment work on the remainder of the site. A full valuation was made of the reduced site and its new and refurbished buildings in 2014 which reported a figure considerably higher than the original valuation. The Trustees, after taking legal advice, agreed to this sale taking place retaining their 7.33% in the reduced site.

The Trust is required to recoup the above capital expenditure and to ensure, as far as is practicable, that by the end of a period of 30 years from 2002 the reduction in the real value of the assets is made good by the charity. This recoupment commenced in the financial year 2013/14 at a value of £29,000 and will continue annually until 2030/31.

Financial review

The overriding financial objective of the trustees is to maintain long term growth of the capital fund to ensure that the Trust survives as a viable charity throughout the 21st century and beyond, and thus to be able to treat future beneficiaries even handedly with those of the present. In the medium term the aim is to periodically review and adjust, as may prove necessary and expedient the investments in the light of changing economic conditions, thereby to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet the present and future objectives of the Trust, whilst maintaining long-term growth. The Investment Adviser and Finance Committee meet at six monthly intervals to review the investment policy and any changes to investments in the endowment fund. The Committee also recommends the budget for grants from the income fund for the following period.

The Trust has a highly diverse asset allocation with holdings in fixed interest (government gilts and corporate bonds), equities (UK and international), commercial property, in addition to the cash held. The investments are all held via collective investment schemes such as unit trusts and OEICs and include some tax exempt Common Investment Funds. The collective investment schemes are held in order to diversify the risk of the investment portfolio. During the year the Trustees reviewed and adopted a revised Investment Policy which, although not applying any specific ethical investment criteria, confirmed the Trustees preference for investments that reflect good Environmental, Social and Governance standards. It is therefore important that the companies underlying the Trusts investments can demonstrate positive environmental (such as working to reduce their carbon footprint) and societal (such as improving peoples living conditions and having due regard to workers and human rights, fairness and equality) impact and demonstrate good standards of governance (such as responsible executive pay, anti-corruption policies, good corporate ethics and board and employee diversity).

Following the closure of Wykeham House School and the disposal of its assets, its Trustees decided that the surplus funds (£156,789.60) should be given to the William Price Trust charity to assist in furthering its aims. These funds were allocated to a separate General Investment Account within Transact such that, in accordance with the conditions of the transfer of the funds, they remain identifiable. At the Finance Committee meeting on the 15th May 2018 it was decided that this cash should be invested with a mandate to produce a target income yield of 3% per annum with this income yield being utilised by the trustees to provide a specific bursary to students, upon application being received. The target income yield has been met in all years since inception of the designated account. The income is available to make grants following the Trustees decision on its allocation.

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The overall value of the endowment fund, General Fund, Expendable Endowment and Permanent Endowment, increased in value by £58,194 (£7,742,944 at 31st March 2024) across the year. In terms of the comparative performance the Investment Adviser benchmarks the Trust portfolio against a blend between the Investment Association 0% - 35% Shares sector (25%) and the Investment Association 20% - 60% Shares sector (75%) as it is felt this reflects a good fit with the assets adopted risk profile and volatility of the Trust portfolio. The ARC Balanced Asset Charity Index is also used to measure relative investment performance as this represents actual portfolio performance from circa 35 charity investment managers encompassing over 5,000 discretionary charity portfolios. Portfolio performance, including cash, was positive by +3.97% over the year to 31st March 2024 but behind both the benchmarks with the IA Mixed Investment blended benchmark producing growth of +7.45% and the ARC Balanced Asset Charity Index +7.91%.

The overall annualised volatility (risk) of the portfolio was recorded at 6.03 (0 representing no volatility) which was slightly lower than the blended IA Mixed Investment benchmark which was recorded at 6.11 but slight higher than the ARC Index at 5.91. The risk/reward relationship within the portfolio remains in line with our expectations. It should, however, be noted that volatility measured over short periods can be problematic as it is more influenced by short-term market movements. Over the longer term the relationship is also as we would expect. Over five years the annualised volatility is 7.49 relative to 7.87 in relation to the blended IA Mixed Investment benchmark and 8.15 in relation to the ARC benchmark with the Trust portfolio producing growth of +16.19% relative to +15.74% for the IA Mixed Investment benchmark and +20.95% for the ARC Balanced Charity index.

The total income yield from investments and cash into the portfolio was £240,095 for the year for the capital fund, representing a yield of 3.17%, and £9,062 for the Wykeham House Designated Fund, representing a yield of 5.57%. The Trust maintains the Total Return Approach to investing whereby grants are met via a combination of the natural income yield of the portfolio and accumulated capital growth within the Unapplied Total Return.

Total Return Approach to Investments.

A total return approach to investments was adopted from 1st April 2002 with a declared permanent endowment of £3,113,126, increasing to £4,638,126 with the transfer of the Fareham Educational Trust funds. Due to the recoupment policy, the permanent endowment was increased to £4,725,126 in 2016 and will increase annually by £29,000 as above. The value of the Permanent Endowment as of the 31st March 2024 was £5,113,916. Any sum in the capital fund over that total is being treated as unapplied total return on investments and the trustees are permitted to decide how much of this is transferred to the income fund for use in meeting the objects of the charity. The trustees remain aware that the amount transferred must be compatible with the requirement to be even handed in their treatment of present and future beneficiaries and to meet the Recoupment Policy as noted above. The amount transferred to the Income or General Fund in the year to meet grants was £192,000.

Reserves Policy.

The trustees are also aware that if the value of the capital fund should fall below the declared value of the permanent endowment no transfers to the income fund will be permitted until the situation improves. The situation with the stock market has shown that such a fall in value could occur, hopefully only on a temporary basis, and that in this event a reserve in the Income Fund would be required to enable the charity to continue to operate, albeit at a reduced level. The trustees have established a Reserves Policy to permit transfer of sufficient Unallocated Return to the Income Fund to build up to one year's income in reserve at the end of the financial year. The policy has been reviewed during the year and will be maintained for as long as is considered necessary.

Winding-Up of The Wykeham House School Trust

Following the closure of Wykeham House School and the disposal of its assets, its Trustees decided that the surplus funds (£156,789.60) should be given to this charity to assist in furthering its aims. The funds have been invested in a separate account as requested by the liquidators. An interim recommendation to invest 98% of the Wykeham House cash was made and fund purchases completed in June 2018. The objective was to provide a 3% annual income yield to fund a bursary and grow the capital over the longer term. The portfolio has met the brief and cash is available to distribute. As of the 31st March 2024 the available cash was £19,816.00.

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Designated Fund.

In the short time that the Fareham Educational Trust was in existence there were four establishments named as beneficiaries of that charity, Fareham College and three schools, although none were due to receive any benefit until the Wickham Road school site had been sold and the proceeds invested. These four establishments are also beneficiaries of this charity and as such have received many grants to date. However now that the charities have amalgamated, to ensure that the establishments would not be at a disadvantage compared with two separate charities, the trustees have agreed to designate part of the income fund specifically for them. Further funding has been designated and payments from this fund have been made.

Conclusion.

Overall the William Price Charitable Trust is in as good a shape as the current market conditions allow. The capital from the sales of the two school sites is invested in a diversity of assets and in the longer term this is expected to provide the growth necessary for the charity to survive into the foreseeable future, as well as seeking to maintain grants to current beneficiaries. This income is being used to assist the education of the young who live in the Fareham town parishes, close to the original wishes of the benefactor, William Price.

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



Mr D Marlow
Chairman

Date: *DH June 2024*

WILLIAM PRICE CHARITABLE TRUST

Annex A - Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity

Charity Name	William Price Charitable Trust	
Registered No.	307319	
Registered office	8 Earl Godwin Close Hampshire Fareham PO16 0DW	
Trustee	William Price Trust Company	
Registered No.	2775695	
Registered office	8 Earl Godwin Close Hampshire Fareham PO16 0DW	
Governing Document	Charity Commission Scheme of 31 December 1993 (Amended 19/01/1999 and 24/11/2005)	
Charity Commission Orders	- Investment Manager	14 March 1994
	- Total Return Approach	11 January 2002
Administration of the property of Fareham Educational Trust	Charity Commission Scheme of 8 August 2006 (for Charity no.3963656)	
Director and Chairman of the Trust	Mr D Marlow	
Company Sec & Clerk of the Trust	Mr C Newcombe	

Members of the Trust Company and Charity Trustees:		Committee Membership
Mrs Donna Irving	Nominee, Bishop of Portsmouth	G
Mrs Pamela Bryant	Nominee, Fareham Brough Council	G
Mrs Tina Ellis	Nominee, Fareham Brough Council	F
Mrs Margaret Chappell	Nominee, PCC St Peter & St Paul	G
Mrs Eleanor Coutts	Nominee, PCC St John the Evangelist	G
Mrs Lucy Docherty	Nominee, PCC Holy Trinity	F
Mr Peter Latham	Nominee, Hampshire County Council	G
Mrs Anne Butcher	Co-opted	G
Mr Phillip Reynolds	Co-opted	F/G/P
Mr Derek Marlow	Co-opted	F/G/P
Mr Tim Geoghegan	Co-opted	F/P
Mrs Sara Heysman	Co-opted	G/P
Mr Neale Fray	Co-opted	G
Mr David Lockett	Co-opted	G
Mr Nick Groves	Co-opted	F
Mr David Foot	Co-opted	F
Mrs Louise Clubley	Co-opted	G

G = Grants Committee, P = Policy Committee, F = Finance Committee

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Annex A - Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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

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

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Annex B - Grants Made

Cat.	School / College	Projects Supported by Grants	Grants		
			2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
1	Orchard Lee Infant	No applications			
2	Orchard Lee Hub	No applications			
3	Ranvilles Infant	Laptops and Sensory Practice	5,950		
4	Ranvilles Junior	Outdoor learning centre	3,000		
5	St Francis	Rejuvenation of 'Dingly Dell'	5,850		
6	Heathfield	Rejuvenation of Library	6,350		
7	Wallisdean Infant	Educational visits & develop sensory garden	6,300		
8	Wallisdean Junior	School visits & gardening project	2,880		
9	St Columba CofE Primary Academy	SEMH support & THRIVE sessions	5,100		
10	Redlands Primary	Ipads	8,300		
11	St Jude's Primary	No applications			
12	Wicor Primary	Smart Screens	13,000		
13	Boundary Oak	No applications			
14	Henry Cort College	Upgrade Drama studio & Laser cutters	21,440		
15	Fareham Academy	All weather canopy	11,750		
16	Cams Hill	DofE Equip/purchase 25 sewing machines & Ipads/ replace rotten wooden benches	32,100		
17	Harrison Primary	Outdoor tactile play area	7,500		
18	Uplands Primary	No applications			
19	Fareham College	No applications			
				129,520	112,256
	Churches				
21	St John Evangelist	Promoting Christian education amongst persons under the age of 25 years who live within the parishes	2,000		
22	Holy Trinity		2,500		
23	St Columba		2,500		
24	St Peter & St Paul		210		
25	Individual Assistance Grants		7,096	7,210	9,656
26	Other grants for individuals	College / University fees / Bursaries (11 persons)	15,450	7,096	10,009
	Fareham Welfare Trust		13,000	15,450	20,480
	Total grants for the financial year			13,000	11,000
				172,276	163,401

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WILLIAM PRICE CHARITABLE TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of William Price Charitable Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities 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 charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WILLIAM PRICE CHARITABLE TRUST

Responsibilities of trustees

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

Identification and assessment of irregularities including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We designed procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures were capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including The Charities Act 2011;
- we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and how the entity is complying with that framework by making appropriate enquiries of management as well as considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- we made enquiries of those charged with governance and management concerning:
 - the risks of fraud;
 - instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of actual, suspected, or alleged fraud is documented during the period;
- we allocated an engagement team that we considered collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Audit response to the risk of irregularities including fraud

Based on the results of our risk assessment, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.
- evaluating whether the selection and application of accounting policies by the entity that may be indicative of fraudulent financial reporting resulting from management's effort to manage earnings.
- assessing whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in note 2 were indicative of potential bias.
- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation.
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- testing of journal entries to address the risk of fraud through management override.
- incorporating an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing, and extent of our audit procedures.

Conclusions regarding the risks of irregularities including fraud

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

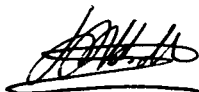
We considered our audit was capable of detecting irregularities due to:

- the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls;
- the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures performed; and
- the absence of contradictory evidence.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Investments	3	9,038	212,383	221,421	7,562	169,393	176,955
Total income and endowments		9,038	212,383	221,421	7,562	169,393	176,955
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	4	236,429	-	236,429	229,632	-	229,632
Total expenditure		236,429	-	236,429	229,632	-	229,632
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	10,515	62,687	73,202	(23,640)	(459,840)	(483,480)
Net income/(expenditure)		(216,876)	275,070	58,194	(245,710)	(290,447)	(536,157)
Transfers between funds		192,000	(192,000)	-	206,000	(206,000)	-
Net movement in funds	7	(24,876)	83,070	58,194	(39,710)	(496,447)	(536,157)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		173,314	7,511,436	7,684,750	213,024	8,007,883	8,220,907
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		148,438	7,594,506	7,742,944	173,314	7,511,436	7,684,750

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

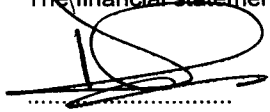
WILLIAM PRICE CHARITABLE TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		7,039,494		7,488,148
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		707,000		200,152	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,550)		(3,550)	
Net current assets			703,450		196,602
Total assets less current liabilities			7,742,944		7,684,750
Net assets excluding pension liability			7,742,944		7,684,750
The funds of the charity					
Endowment funds	14		7,594,506		7,511,436
Unrestricted funds			148,438		173,314
			7,742,944		7,684,750

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12th June 2024.



Mr D Marlow
Chairman

WILLIAM PRICE CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

William Price Charitable Trust is an unincorporated charity, registered with the Charity Commission number 307319. The registered address is 8 Earl Godwin Close, Fareham, Hampshire, PO16 0DW.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

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

1.4 Income

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

Investment income comprises income from dividends which is recognised once the dividend has been declared and notice has been received that the dividend income is due.

WILLIAM PRICE CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

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

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

Grants payable are recognised in full once a constructive obligation to make a payment has been created by the charity, unless the conditions attached to the grant are such that the trustees retain discretion in whether to make payment.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

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

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

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

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

WILLIAM PRICE CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted Endowment funds		Total	Unrestricted Endowment funds		Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from listed investments	8,291	196,248	204,539	7,375	165,230	172,605
Interest receivable	747	16,135	16,882	187	4,163	4,350
	<u>9,038</u>	<u>212,383</u>	<u>221,421</u>	<u>7,562</u>	<u>169,393</u>	<u>176,955</u>

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2024	Charitable activities 2023
	£	£
Direct costs		
Grant funding of activities (see note 5)	172,276	163,401
Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)		
Support	59,395	61,639
Governance	4,758	4,592
	<u>236,429</u>	<u>229,632</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>236,429</u>	<u>229,632</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5	Grants payable	Charitable activities	Charitable activities
		2024	2023
		£	£
	Grants to institutions:		
	Grants payable - institutions	149,730	132,912
	Grants to individuals	22,546	30,489
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
6	Support costs allocated to activities	2024	2023
		£	£
	Staff costs	22,521	20,413
	Portfolio management costs	36,585	39,296
	Insurance	157	1,638
	Printing, postage and stationery	55	196
	Bank charges	77	96
	Governance costs	4,758	4,592
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		64,153	66,231
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Analysed between:		
	Charitable activities	64,153	66,231
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		2024	2023
	Governance costs comprise:	£	£
	Audit fees	3,948	3,408
	Legal and professional	108	78
	Sundry	702	1,106
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		4,758	4,592
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
7	Net movement in funds	2024	2023
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	3,948	3,408
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8 Trustees

No trustees (or any persons connected with them) received benefits or expenses from the charity during the year.

WILLIAM PRICE CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Management	1	1
Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	22,521	21,072
Social security costs	-	(659)
	<u>22,521</u>	<u>20,413</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

10 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:						
Revaluation of investments	10,515	62,687	73,202	(23,640)	(459,840)	(483,480)

11 Taxation

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

WILLIAM PRICE CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	7,488,148
Additions	1,350,466
Valuation changes	73,202
Disposals	(1,872,322)
At 31 March 2024	<u>7,039,494</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	<u>7,039,494</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>7,488,148</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	<u>3,550</u>	<u>3,550</u>

14 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
Permanent endowments	4,928,126	-	29,000	-	4,957,126
Expendable endowments					
Expendable	2,583,310	212,383	(221,000)	62,687	2,637,380
	<u>7,511,436</u>	<u>212,383</u>	<u>(192,000)</u>	<u>62,687</u>	<u>7,594,506</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14 Endowment funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2023 £
Permanent endowments					
Permanent	4,899,126	-	29,000	-	4,928,126
Expendable endowments					
Expendable	3,108,757	169,393	(235,000)	(459,840)	2,583,310
	<u>8,007,883</u>	<u>169,393</u>	<u>(206,000)</u>	<u>(459,840)</u>	<u>7,511,436</u>

15 Unrestricted funds

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

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
The Wykeham House Designated Fund	166,128	9,002	-	-	10,515	185,645
General funds	7,186	36	(236,429)	192,000	-	(37,207)
	<u>173,314</u>	<u>9,038</u>	<u>(236,429)</u>	<u>192,000</u>	<u>10,515</u>	<u>148,438</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2023 £
The Wykeham House Designated Fund	182,242	7,526	-	-	(23,640)	166,128
General funds	30,782	36	(229,632)	206,000	-	7,186
	<u>213,024</u>	<u>7,562</u>	<u>(229,632)</u>	<u>206,000</u>	<u>(23,640)</u>	<u>173,314</u>

WILLIAM PRICE CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:			
Investments	142,807	6,896,687	7,039,494
Current assets/(liabilities)	5,631	697,819	703,450
	<u>148,438</u>	<u>7,594,506</u>	<u>7,742,944</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 March 2023:			
Investments	153,322	7,334,826	7,488,148
Current assets/(liabilities)	19,992	176,610	196,602
	<u>173,314</u>	<u>7,511,436</u>	<u>7,684,750</u>

17 Related party transactions

The children of a Trustee received £1,950 (2023 - £2,700) in grants in accordance with the charities objectives. The grant applications went through the usual processes and were approved by the board of Trustees at arms length.

There were no further disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).