

Charity number: 311740
Company Number: 00462901

Catherine Grace Trust
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Trustees' report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 August 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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David Wragg

Company Secretary

Elisabeth Johnson

Key Management Personnel

Aonghus Gordon OBE – Founder & Executive Chair
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees', who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year to 31 August 2023.

- **Governing document**

Catherine Grace Trust is a registered charity (registered no. 311740) and a company limited by guarantee (registered no. 00462901), as defined by the Companies Act 2006. Its Governing Instrument is the Memorandum & Articles of Association dated 24th June 1998, as amended on 22nd March 2010 and 24th July 2019.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

- **Group Structure**

Ruskin Mill Trust Ltd is the sole member of Catherine Grace Trust. Catherine Grace Trust is part of the Ruskin Mill Trust Group.

Catherine Grace Trust's charitable objects are "to advance the education and to preserve the health of individuals by providing therapeutic support, education, and care in accordance with the principles, methods and philosophy of Rudolf Steiner. In May 2021, Grace Garden School was opened on the 18-acre site, located on Canford Lane, Westbury on Trym. Catherine Grace Trust will fulfil its charitable objects by operating Grace Garden School from the site.

The registered office of Catherine Grace Trust is Ruskin Mill, Millbottom, Nailsworth, Stroud, GL6 0LA and the principal office is Catherine Grace Trust, Canford Lane, Westbury on Trym, BS9 3PE.

- **Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees**

The charity's practice regarding recruitment has been for members of the Board to make recommendations for suitably skilled and experienced people who are then appraised by Ruskin Mill Trust's Board of Trustees which makes the final decision.

Induction and training are carried out during the meeting cycle, and members are also invited to training at Ruskin Mill Trust's other centres. During the year, individual Trustees undertook a range of appropriate training.

- **Organisational Management**

The trustees delegate the day to day running of the provision to a local management team who oversee operations, and which reports to Ruskin Mill Trust's Director of Schools and Rise. The key management personnel are listed on page 2. The trustees did not receive any remuneration from Catherine Grace Trust in the current or previous period.

- **Directors and Trustees**

The Trustees during the period are listed on page 2.

OBJECTS AND AIMS

- **Objects**

The charity's Objects are:

The Trust's objects are restricted, for the public benefit, to advance the education and to preserve the health of individuals by providing therapeutic support, education, and care in accordance with the principles, methods and philosophy of Rudolf Steiner. Nothing in these articles shall authorise an application of the property of the Trust for purposes which are not charitable in accordance with any statutory provision regarding the meaning of the word "charitable" or the words "charitable purposes" in force in any part of the United Kingdom.

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- **Aims**
Catherine Grace Trust is the proprietor of Grace Garden School which offers specialist education to children aged 9 – 16. The school opened in May 2021, and at the end of July 2023, the school had 24 pupils.
- **Public benefit**
In carrying out its activities in the year under review, the Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

STRATEGIC REPORT

- **Achievements & Performance**
Grace Garden School has continued to grow and develop over the academic year and, because of the strong interest in the school, it submitted an application to the DfE to increase pupil numbers to 35, which was successful.

Additional work on the land and garden infrastructure has improved access for the pupils. Attendance and retention are very high in the school, the pupils enjoy coming into school as they start each day on the land, caring for the animals and harvesting, before going into classes and other activities.

The school is looking to expand, and renovation work has started on a nearby site that will provide additional space for an upper school. The decision to do this was taken by the Trustees because of the high levels of interest and applications for places at Grace Garden School.

- **Financial Review**
 - **Results**
Trustees value the surplus of £106,135 made during the period to 31 August 2023 (2022: surplus of £632,407).
 - **Fundraising**
 - Fundraising throughout the Ruskin Mill Trust Group is managed by an in-house Fundraising Department which is led by a Director of Fundraising. No use is made of any external, professional fundraiser or any commercial participator, so no fundraising activities were carried out on Catherine Grace Trust's behalf during the year nor were any approaches made to vulnerable individuals in pursuit of the raising of funds for the charity.
 - Catherine Grace Trust's parent charity, Ruskin Mill Trust Limited, has signed up to the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Fundraising Practice and it pays an annual levy to the Regulator. During the year there was no failure to comply with a scheme or standard cited nor were any complaints received about the fundraising activities conducted by the Ruskin Mill Trust Limited.
 - Money raised by Catherine Grace Trust through fundraising activities are used by it as agreed with the donor and comply with any conditions attached by the donor.
 - **Reserves**
The trustees review the charity's financial plans and results regularly throughout the year. This is done through monitoring income and expenditure against budget forecasts and monitoring cash flow.

The trustees feel it prudent to build the level of reserves on an annual basis with the purpose of ensuring that the charity has sufficient reserves to act as a buffer against unexpected drops in income or increases in expenditure. The reserves currently held are unrestricted funds £1,683,350 (2022: £1,577,215) and restricted funds £16,354 (2022: £16,354).

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- **Risks & Uncertainties**

The trustees review the risks to which the charity is exposed such as the health and safety of service users, visitors, volunteers and staff on an on-going basis and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage exposure to the major risks. They maintain appropriate levels of insurance cover for all foreseeable risks.

Specific areas of risk and uncertainty are:

- **Financial Viability:**
Catherine Grace Trust has launched a new school in the Bristol area. The project required some initial investment to adapt the site for the school and had initial staff and operational costs before the income from pupil placements. The school has seen significant growth in the first year and whilst there have been significant capital costs as well, because of the high levels of interest in the school, financial risk is mitigated. The school has recently submitted a request for Material Change to the DfE to grow to 35 pupils and this has been successful. The growth will be staged.
- **Poor Inspection result:**
Grace Garden School had a successful Ofsted inspection in May 2022. The Director of Schools and senior leaders are continually working on quality assurance to further improve the provision and there has been a specific teacher training developed for the staff to ensure they have the necessary skills and knowledge.
- **Regulatory non-compliance:**
The risk of regulatory non-compliance requires constant review and the upskilling of staff and trustees to meet an ever-changing regulatory landscape and student profile.
Specifically:
 - **Keeping service users safe:** The potential risks associated with keeping service users across the whole of the Ruskin Mill Trust Group safe has required continued vigilance and mitigation by robust risk assessment and action plans, assessments, appropriate training, the appointment of safeguarding managers at each of the main centres and improved internal meeting and reporting arrangements. The Trust Head of Safeguarding is working effectively with Designated safeguarding leads across all sites as well as Headteachers and the Directors to ensure that each centre is compliant. The Head of Safeguarding is part of the Civil Service and therefore works collaboratively with other key functions including HR, IT/MIS, H&S, and staff training to provide high quality support. In addition, a Ruskin Mill Trust Trustee holds lead responsibility for maintaining oversight of Safeguarding and Health & Safety across the Group.
 - **GDPR:** A rigorous programme of cross-Trust training continues to be implemented to ensure compliance, all overseen by Ruskin Mill Trust's Head of Legal Services. An external agency has been contracted to deliver training and site audits across the Trust.
 - **Charity Law:** To assist compliance with Charity Law, Ruskin Mill Trust's Head of Legal Services provides Trustees with regular Charity Law Updates which are supplemented by advice on further provisions as they come into force. As an example, to comply with statutory changes made to the automatic disqualification rules for charity trustees, a new Trustee Eligibility Declaration procedure is being introduced.
- **Recruitment of staff:**
As the school grows, there will need to be recruitment of additional staff. Bristol offers a wide and diverse workforce, however, there are still challenges to recruiting certain posts, such as support staff. The Trust has employed a team of specialist recruiters to help mitigate the risk.
- **IT disaster:**
The charity continues to monitor and improve IT cyber security arrangements to ensure a robustness and preparedness for any future attacks. Catherine Grace Trust Ltd benefits from technical and MIS services and support provided by Ruskin Mill Trust's central services.

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- **Reputational Risk:**
The risk of reputational harm is being mitigated through the vigilance of the charity including ongoing monitoring of the Trust's Risk Register and implementing a Code of Conduct and ensuring staff are suitably supported and trained.
- **Risks to Ruskin Mill Trust Group's Method (PSTE):**
Vigilance continues to be needed to ensure that the Ruskin Mill Trust Group's educational method is not compromised. The Trust invests in staff training and research to support the method.

- **Future Plans**

Grace Garden School aims to launch the Upper School at the Helios site in the Spring of 2024. This new site will offer additional classroom spaces, as well as a garden and horticulture area for the older children at Grace Garden school. It is also better placed for community access thereby supporting the transition from school into the community, and the development of independent skills. There are additional works required to the main site to improve some of the classroom spaces. The school will be at full capacity by Spring 2024.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors of Catherine Grace Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP and FRS 102;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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- **Provision of information to Auditor**

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this Report of the Trustees is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- that trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any information needed by the charitable company's auditor in connection with preparing its report and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

- **Qualifying third party indemnity provisions**

Trustees' indemnity insurance indemnifying each director against liability to third parties, has been in place throughout the year ended 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of this report.

- **Auditor**

The auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, will be proposed for reappointment at the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the trustees on 15 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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Aonghus Gordon OBE
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CATHERINE GRACE TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Catherine Grace Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (Net Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including, its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities, 2019 Edition; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act. 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

We are responsible for concluding on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor's opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.

In our evaluation of the trustees' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks associated with the charitable company's business model including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as the cost of living crisis and high inflation, we assessed and challenged the reasonableness of estimates made by the trustees and the related disclosures and analysed how those risks might affect the charitable company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

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.

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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 charitable company'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 directors 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 Trustees' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Trustees' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report, prepared for the purposes of company law, included in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report included in the Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matter on which we are required to report under the Companies Act 2006

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Directors' Report included in the Trustees' Report.

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 Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view,

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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 company 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:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and the sector in which it operates. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011;
- We understood how the charitable company is complying with these legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries of management and those charged with governance. We enquired of management and those charged with governance whether there were any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, or whether they had any knowledge of actual or suspected fraud. We corroborated the results of our enquiries through our review of board and other minutes and through our legal and professional expenses review;
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur and the risk of material override of controls. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:
 - Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of certain controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud
 - Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting policies
 - Identifying and testing journal entries, with a focus on manual postings, journals that directly impacted on the surplus reported in the statement of financial activities and journal entries posted in the closing and accounts preparation period
 - Identifying and testing related party transactions
 - Inspecting the board and other committee minutes
 - Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement item
- These audit procedures were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error and detecting irregularities that result from fraud is inherently more difficult than detecting those that result from error, as fraud may involve collusion, deliberate concealment, forgery or intentional misrepresentations. Also, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from

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events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it;

- Assessment of the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team included consideration of the engagement team's:
 - understanding of, and practical experience with audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity through appropriate training and participation
 - knowledge of the charity, education and care sector
 - understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements specific to the charitable company including:
 - the provisions of the applicable legislation
 - guidance issued by the Charities Commission.
- The team communications in respect of potential non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations included the potential for fraud in revenue through manipulation of income and management override of controls; and
- In assessing the potential risks of material misstatement, we obtained an understanding of:
 - the charitable company's operations, including the nature of its income and expenditure and its services and of its objectives and strategies to understand the classes of transactions, account balances, expected financial statement disclosures and business risks that may result in risks of material misstatement.
 - the charitable company's control environment, including:
 - the policies and procedures implemented by the charitable company to ensure compliance with the requirements of the financial reporting framework and relevant laws and regulations
 - the adequacy of procedures for authorisation of transactions and review of management accounts
 - procedures to ensure that possible breaches of laws and regulations are appropriately resolved.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Jim McLarnon ACA
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP
Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants
Birmingham

Date: 15 April 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(NET INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31.8.23 £	Total Funds Year to 31.8.22 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	755,959
Charitable activities		2,257,165	-	2,257,165	1,134,676
Investments		27,939	-	27,939	2,518
Other		2,709	-	2,709	2,466
TOTAL INCOME	3	2,287,813	-	2,287,813	1,895,619
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities		(2,180,653)	-	(2,180,653)	(1,262,887)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4	(2,180,653)	-	(2,180,653)	(1,262,887)
NET INCOME /(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		107,160	-	107,160	632,732
(Loss)/Gain on investments	11	(1,025)	-	(1,025)	(325)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		106,135	-	106,135	632,407
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		106,135	-	106,135	632,407
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	17	1,577,215	16,354	1,593,569	961,162
Total funds carried forward	17	1,683,350	16,354	1,699,704	1,593,569

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00462901

	Notes	31 August 2023	31 August 2022
FIXED ASSETS:			
Tangible assets	10	287,445	227,870
Investments	11	753,966	754,990
		<u>1,041,411</u>	<u>982,860</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Debtors	12	99,957	140,840
Cash at bank and in hand		1,509,640	1,444,150
		<u>1,609,597</u>	<u>1,584,990</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Creditors falling due within one year	13	<u>(898,304)</u>	<u>(921,281)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		711,293	663,709
Creditors falling due in over one year	14	(53,000)	(53,000)
NET ASSETS		<u><u>1,699,704</u></u>	<u><u>1,593,569</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		1,683,350	1,577,215
Restricted funds		16,354	16,354
	18	<u>1,699,704</u>	<u>1,593,569</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Aonghus Gordon OBE
Trustee

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00462901**

	Note	Year to 31 August 2023 £	Year to 31 August 2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by operating activities	19	<u>112,200</u>	<u>762,611</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment income		27,939	2,193
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(74,649)	(79,116)
Payments to acquire fixed asset investments		-	(725,194)
Net cash used by investing activities		<u>(46,710)</u>	<u>(802,117)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		65,490	(39,505)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>1,444,150</u>	<u>1,483,656</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>1,509,640</u></u>	<u><u>1,444,150</u></u>

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Legal status of the Charity

Catherine Grace Trust was incorporated in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee (registered no. 00462901) and has no share capital.

Catherine Grace Trust is also registered as a charity with the Charity Commission (registered no. 311740).

Registered and principal office

The registered office of Catherine Grace Trust is Ruskin Mill, Millbottom, Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 0LA.

The principal office of Catherine Grace Trust is Grace Garden School, Canford Lane, Westbury on Trym, BS9 3PE.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements 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 (FRS 102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£) which is the functional currency of the charity. Catherine Grace Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The charitable company meets its financing requirement through funding provided by other group companies, and Ruskin Mill Trust Limited, the ultimate parent undertaking, has provided assurances that such group financial support will continue to be made available.

Working alongside Ruskin Mill Trust Limited, robust budgets are set, and the actual spend against these budgets is analysed on a monthly basis by both the Executive Team and the Board of Trustees Finance Sub-Committee. The full Board also receives the monthly management accounts and reviews them on a two-monthly cycle. The charitable company is currently negotiating fee increases with local authorities to mitigate the impact of inflation on its expenditure.

The group, headed by Ruskin Mill Trust Limited, has substantial net assets.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

After making detailed enquiries and considering the factors discussed above, the Board is confident that the charitable company has adequate scope to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future. There are no material uncertainties surrounding going concern and accordingly the charitable company continues to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Assets with a cost below £500 are not capitalised.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Leasehold property	2% pa	depreciated in line with lifetime of the lease
Equipment	25% pa	straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% pa	straight line
Motor vehicles	25% pa	straight line

Depreciation is not charged on assets under construction.

Income

Donations are credited to revenue when the charitable company has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable and other trading activities is accounted for in the period in which the income is earned.

Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Cash and cash equivalents

The cash and cash equivalents of Catherine Grace Trust, currently comprises of cash in hand, bank deposits and short term deposits net of bank overdrafts.

Expenditure

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 the use of resources.

Termination payments

Termination payments are accounted for as soon as the charitable company is aware of the obligation to make the payment.

Pension costs

The charitable company contributes to a defined contribution scheme. Amounts paid in relation to this scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities when they fall due. All pension costs are allocated to unrestricted funds.

Debtors

Short term debtors are initially measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Prepayments are measured at the amount prepaid.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Creditors

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. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in note 17 of these financial statements.

Financial instruments

Catherine Grace Trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Debtors and creditors are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value. Financial investments are initially measured at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date. Please see note 16.

Investments

Listed investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Investments in subsidiary companies are accounted for at cost less any impairment at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposal throughout the year.

Significant estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The items in the financial statements where these estimates and judgements have been made include the following:

Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives are recognised over the life of the lease on a straight-line basis as a reduction to the expense.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and as such is entitled to tax exemption on all its income and gains, properly applied for its charitable purposes.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**Long Term Pension Liability**

The Trust makes pension payments to certain former employees under an unfunded pension arrangement. The value of the pension fund has been calculated by using the date of births of the former employees and an estimate of how long this will be paid out.

Impairment of Debtors

The Group makes an estimate of the recoverable value of trade and other debtors. When assessing impairment of fee and other debtors, management considers factors including the current credit rating of the debtor, the ageing profile of debtors and historical experience.

2. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR to 31.8.22

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31.8.22 £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies		725,194	30,765	755,959
Charitable activities		1,134,676	-	1,134,676
Investment income		2,518	-	2,518
Other		2,466	-	2,466
TOTAL INCOME	3	1,864,854	30,765	1,895,619
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities		(1,243,387)	(19,500)	(1,262,887)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4	(1,243,387)	(19,500)	(1,262,887)
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR BEFORE GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		621,467	11,265	632,732
Loss on investments	11	(325)	-	(325)
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME AND MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		621,142	11,265	632,407
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	17	956,073	5,089	961,162
Total funds carried forward	17	1,577,215	16,354	1,593,569

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3. INCOME

	Year to 31 August 2023 £	Year to 31 August 2022 £
Donation income	-	755,959
Charitable activities:		
Fees	2,257,165	1,134,676
Other trading activities:		
Sale of goods	2,709	2,466
	<u>2,259,874</u>	<u>1,893,101</u>
Investment income	27,940	2,518
TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>2,287,813</u></u>	<u><u>1,895,619</u></u>

4. EXPENDITURE

	Direct costs (Note 5) £	Support costs (Note 6) £	Year to 31 August 2023 £	Year to 31 August 2022 £
Charitable activities:				
Teaching and educational costs	<u>2,073,669</u>	<u>106,984</u>	<u>2,180,653</u>	<u>1,262,887</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u><u>2,073,669</u></u>	<u><u>106,984</u></u>	<u><u>2,180,653</u></u>	<u><u>1,262,887</u></u>

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5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 31 August 2023 £	<i>Year Ended 31 August 2022 £</i>
Staff costs	1,080,951	665,062
Other staffing	488,035	185,205
Administrative costs	426,795	213,847
Equipment and supplies	56,181	54,381
Welfare and training costs	21,707	42,678
	<u>2,073,669</u>	<u>1,161,173</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Other £	Depreciation £	Total Year to 31 August 2023 £
Administration costs	-	91,910	15,074	<u>106,984</u>

	Finance £	Other £	Depreciation £	<i>Total Year to 31 August 2022 £</i>
Administration costs	-	94,588	7,126	<u>101,714</u>

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7. NET INCOME

Net income is stated after charging:

	Year Ended 31 August 2023 £	Year Ended 31 August 2022 £
Auditor's remuneration for the provision of:		
- statutory audit	5,000	4,000
Operating lease payments	192,524	192,524
Depreciation - owned assets	15,074	7,126

8. STAFF COSTS

	Year Ended 31 August 2023 £	Year Ended 31 August 2022 £
Staff Costs:		
Wages and Salaries	976,838	605,111
Social security costs	84,159	47,467
Pension costs	19,954	12,484
	<u>1,080,951</u>	<u>665,062</u>

The monthly average headcount number of employees during the period was as follows:

	Year Ended 31 August 2023 No	Year Ended 31 August 2022 No
Administration	4	2
Education	24	14
Therapy	12	8
	<u>40</u>	<u>24</u>

The numbers of employees earning in excess of £60,000 (excluding employer NI and pension costs) were:

	Year to 31 August 2023 No.	Year to 31 August 2022 No.
£60,001 - £70,000	0	1

No key management personnel received remuneration in the current or previous period.

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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No Trustees received remuneration in the current or previous period. No Trustee expenses were reimbursed in the current or previous period.

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Assets under construction £	Total £
Cost						
<i>At 1 September 2022</i>	108,693	5,226	31,415	1,827	88,114	235,275
Additions	61,004	5,245	8,400	-	-	74,649
Transfers	88,114	-	-	-	(88,114)	-
At 31 August 2023	257,811	10,471	39,815	1,827	-	309,924
Depreciation						
<i>At 1 September 2022</i>	1,859	723	4,176	647	-	7,405
Charge for the year	3,950	2,290	8,378	456	-	15,074
At 31 August 2023	5,809	3,013	12,554	1,103	-	22,479
NBV						
At 31 August 2023	252,002	7,458	27,261	724	-	287,445
<i>At 1 September 2022</i>	106,834	4,503	27,239	1,180	88,114	227,870

11. INVESTMENTS

	31 August 2023 £	31 August 2022 £
Listed investments:		
Market value at start of period	29,797	30,121
Loss in period	(1,025)	(325)
Market value at end of period	28,772	29,796
Investments in subsidiaries:		
Helios Trust	725,194	725,194
	753,966	754,990

Catherine Grace Trust is the sole member of Helios Trust, no group accounts are required as this entity and Helios Trust are consolidated into the group accounts of Ruskin Mill Trust.

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11. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following investments represent more than 5% of the total market value:

	31 August 2023	<i>31 August 2022</i>
	£	£
Threadneedle	5,503	5,499
Henderson	4,541	4,835
Invesco	18,728	19,463

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31 August 2023	<i>31 August 2022</i>
	£	£
Trade Debtors	74,687	136,708
Intercompany Debtors	10,288	-
Prepayment and accrued income	6,365	1,353
Other Debtors	8,617	2,779
	99,957	140,840

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31 August 2023	<i>31 August 2022</i>
	£	£
Trade creditors	56,409	55,959
Amounts owed to parent undertakings	771,208	824,485
Social security and other taxes	48,481	30,314
Other creditors	17,100	9,678
Accruals and deferred income	5,106	845
	898,304	921,281

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31 August 2023	<i>31 August 2022</i>
	£	£
Pension Liability	53,000	53,000
	<u>53,000</u>	<u>53,000</u>

15. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At the period end the charitable company has total commitments due under non-cancellable operating leases, for land and buildings only, as set out below:

	Year Ended 31 August 2023	<i>Year Ended 31 August 2022</i>
	£	£
Operating Lease commitments due:		
Within 1 year	192,524	192,524
Within 2 – 5 years	770,095	770,095
Over 5 years	433,178	625,702
	<u>1,395,797</u>	<u>1,588,321</u>

16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	31 August 2023	<i>31 August 2022</i>
	£	£
Financial assets measured at settlement value	2,318,137	2,308,830
Financial assets measured at fair value	28,772	29,797
Financial liabilities measured at settlement value	902,823	943,967

Financial assets measured at settlement value comprise cash, trade debtors, other debtors, amounts due from group undertakings, and investments in subsidiaries.

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17. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**Movement in Funds – 2023:**

	<i>At 31 August 2022</i>	Income	Expenditure	Gains	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	1,577,215	2,287,813	(2,180,653)	(1,025)	1,683,350
Restricted funds					
Electric vehicle	500	-	-	-	500
Play Equipment	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Other funds	5,854	-	-	-	5,854
TOTAL	<u>1,593,569</u>	<u>2,287,813</u>	<u>(2,180,653)</u>	<u>(1,025)</u>	<u>1,699,704</u>

A £20,000 donation was received from the John James Bristol Foundation for the purchase of an electric vehicle.

A donation of £10,000 has been received from the Sterling Charity. This donation is to go towards the purchase of play equipment.

Movement in Funds – 2022:

	<i>At 31 August 2021</i>	Income	Expenditure	Gains	At 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	956,073	1,864,529	(1,243,387)	-	1,577,215
Restricted funds					
Electric vehicle	-	20,000	(19,500)	-	500
Play Equipment	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Other funds	5,089	765	-	-	5,854
TOTAL	<u>961,162</u>	<u>1,895,294</u>	<u>(1,262,887)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,593,569</u>

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18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

2023	Investments	Fixed Assets	Net Current	Fund
	£	£	Assets	Balance
			£	£
Unrestricted funds	753,966	287,445	641,939	1,683,350
Restricted Funds	-	-	16,354	16,354
	<u>753,966</u>	<u>287,445</u>	<u>658,293</u>	<u>1,699,704</u>
 2022				
Unrestricted Funds	754,990	227,870	594,355	1,577,215
Restricted Funds	-	-	16,354	16,354
	<u>754,990</u>	<u>227,870</u>	<u>610,709</u>	<u>1,593,569</u>

19. CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31 August	31 August
	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds	106,135	632,407
Loss/(gain) on investments	1,025	325
Investment income	(27,939)	(2,193)
Depreciation	15,074	7,126
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	40,882	(98,214)
Increase in creditors	(22,977)	223,160
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>112,200</u>	<u>762,611</u>

20. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND CONTROLLING PARTY

Ruskin Mill Trust Limited (registered in England and Wales; company number: 07252866 and charity number: 1137167) is the sole member and controlling party of Catherine Grace Trust. The objects of Ruskin Mill Trust Limited include the advancement of the education of young people with learning difficulties and/ or behavioural problems or special educational needs; the promotion of research into the practice and development of those areas of education; and the promotion of Rudolf Steiner education establishments. The charitable company runs six special educational needs schools/colleges. A copy of their financial statements can be obtained from the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

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21. RELATED PARTIES

2023 transactions and year-end balance between subsidiaries and parent company

	Ruskin Mill Trust	Sunfield	Helios Trust
Donation paid to parent	200,000	-	-
Trade debtor amounts due from subsidiary	-	-	10,288
Trade creditor amounts due to subsidiary	(770,788)	(420)	

2022 transactions and year-end balance between subsidiaries and parent company

	Ruskin Mill Trust	Sunfield	Helios Trust
Donation paid to parent	-	-	-
Trade debtor amounts due from subsidiary	-	-	-
Trade creditor amounts due to subsidiary	(824,065)	(420)	

During the current and prior year, the Executive Chair was the director and sole corporate Trustee of Ruskin Mill Land Trust (RMLT). In the year, there were purchases from RMLT of £192,524 (2022: £192,524). These purchases relate to the annual rental of Cherry Orchards. The balance owed to RMLT at the end of the year is £16,044 (2022: £16,044).