

Charity Registration No. 326839

Company Registration No. 01890971 (England and Wales)

**THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 MARCH 2024**



# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Charity Status</b>	Registered in England and Wales
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# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The directors are pleased to present their report together with the audited financial statements of the charitable company ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2024, which also represents the trustees' report which is required to be prepared by Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors of the charity are its trustees for the purpose of charity law, as set out on the legal and administrative information page, and throughout the financial statements are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out on pages 13 to 15 and with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, current statutory requirements, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 (Charitable Companies), 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ('FRS 102') and the charity's governing document. Legal and administrative information forms part of this report.

#### Objectives and activities

The Hobson Charity was founded in 1985 and was established to achieve the following objectives:

- The relief of poverty, suffering and distress of those in need in the United Kingdom, including the provision of facilities for recreation and leisure in the interests of their social welfare;
- The advancement of education amongst the inhabitants of the United Kingdom;
- The furtherance of other charitable purposes beneficial to such communities of the United Kingdom as the charity may think fit; and
- To make grants to such associations, trusts, societies or corporations established for charitable purposes

The trustees will consider applications for grants which are in accordance with the stated objectives of the charity and:

- are from a registered charitable organisation based in England and Wales;
- do not include salary, people or core running costs of any kind; and
- are not repeat or multi-year requests.

Exceptions to these principles are only considered in (very) exceptional circumstances.

In the short-term, the charity carries out its objectives by making grants to a wide range of charitable causes as quantified in note 5 to the financial statements. The charity aims to distribute grants to those charitable organisations that the board of trustees decide are in line with the objectives of the charity. By providing such financial support the charity seeks to enable other charitable organisations to achieve their objectives.

The trustees' long-term aim is to maintain total funds at a level which will generate investment income to fund future grant making at a level of approximately £1.2m per annum in perpetuity. In the current year, the charity achieved total investment income of £1,637,796 (2023: £1,449,087). The charity had been staggering its £36m reinvestment plans to spread its risk exposure, becoming fully invested in the final quarter of the year ended 31 March 2022. Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to invest without any restrictions any monies of the charity upon such investments and in such manner as may from time to time be expedient.

The trustees confirm that in accordance with section 17 of the Charities Act 2011, they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning their future grant making activities.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, the trustees aimed to distribute a minimum of £1,200,000 (2023: £1,200,000) in grants. In October 2022, the charity changed the focus from Covid-19 to the Cost of Living, at the time of writing the trustees are focusing their attention to urgent Cost of Living related applications from 'frontline' service charitable organisations. The section 'Achievements and performance' below contains further details of grants made during the year.

#### Objectives and activities (continued)

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### Achievements and performance

During the year the trustees approved 185 grants totalling £1,471,297 (2023: £1,702,782). Of this total, £982,853 (2023: £1,135,288) falls due for payment in future years. This was more than the charity's objective for the year due to the large number of applications held back from the prior years. The following table puts the charity's grants for the year into broad categories and shows the prior year for comparison. Full details of the grant recipients are set out in note 5 to the financial statements.

Category	2024 Amount £	2024 Number of grants	2023 Amount £	2023 Number of grants
Animals	37,240	5	108,540	10
Arts	-	-	5,000	1
Bereavement	20,110	3	17,000	2
Cathedral	10,000	1	20,000	1
Community	162,214	20	111,322	24
Disability	243,284	30	233,824	37
Domestic Abuse	9,000	1	22,000	3
Education	15,000	1	5,000	1
Elderly	24,318	6	36,060	4
Environmental	18,826	3	1,000	1
Family	21,789	5	19,366	5
Health & Wellbeing	-	-	24,551	3
Homeless	100,110	9	90,266	11
Hospice	100,917	12	99,652	13
Life-Limiting	8,346	2	19,513	4
Medical	113,722	11	513,767	18
Mental Health	72,530	10	47,146	9
Museum	77,582	5	61,500	4
Music	47,493	5	16,730	2
Poverty	188,219	27	94,665	19
Rehabilitation	11,500	3	12,400	2
Rescue	61,024	5	29,698	1
Theatre	41,853	4	-	-
Veterans	12,000	1	34,700	5
Youth	74,220	16	79,082	21
<b>Total of grants approved in year</b>	<b>1,471,297</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>1,702,782</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>Less: grants cancelled from previous years</b>	<b>(100,606)</b>		<b>(88,180)</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,370,691</b>		<b>1,614,602</b>	

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## TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### **Achievements and performance (continued)**

During the year 185 grants (2023: 201) were awarded to 185 different beneficiaries (2023: 200) in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

The charity received investment income (net of the management charges) of £1,280,281 from Sarasin & Partners LLP Investment Fund (2023: £1,240,306) the increase is as expected.

The charity received interest of £198,229 (2023: £50,357), incurred governance costs of £84,414 (2023: £87,900) and investment management fees of £159,286 (2023: £158,424).

The trustees invested a further £465,229 (2023: £nil) in the current year into the portfolio held with Sarasin & Partners LLP. The fair value of the investment portfolio at the balance sheet date was £42,163,189 (2023: £39,060,817). The trustees believe this portfolio is adequately diversified and will provide beneficial investment returns in the future.

### **Financial review**

The charity's activities resulted in net incoming (2023: outgoing) resources on the Unrestricted Income Fund for the year of £23,406 (2023: £411,839).

The total amount received during the year into the Unrestricted Income Fund was £1,478,510 net of the investment management charges (2023: £1,290,663). The usual principal funding sources of the charity are the income from the investments and bank interest. Donations received amounted to £nil (2023: £nil). These sources generate enough income to enable the charity to meet its objectives. No transfers were made from the Expendable Endowment Fund to the Unrestricted Income Fund. The Expendable Endowment Fund increased by a net amount of £3,105,444.

This was made up of an increase of the unrealised gain of £3,105,444 (2023: £2,464,941 decreased unrealised gain) on the Sarasin & Partners LLP Investment Fund. The charity holds an expendable endowment fund to ensure the aims of the charity can be met in perpetuity.

As at 31 March 2024 the charity had total funds carried forward of £47,925,395 (2023: £44,796,545). The trustees consider the risks associated with the assets in which funds are held and aim to maintain an appropriate mix of assets in order to realise the long-term aim.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have been holding previous years underspent income during the transition from property to equities as a buffer to ensure that there are sufficient funds to donate. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered. Part of the accumulated unrestricted fund has been used to fund the £36m of long term investment portfolio to ensure ongoing operations in perpetuity.

The balance held as unrestricted funds at 31 March 2024 was £18,698,775 (2023: £18,675,369), of which £3,534,233 (2023: £3,510,828) are regarded as available reserves.

### **Plans for the future**

At the time of writing, the trustees are continuing to actively prioritise urgent cost of living applications from 'frontline' service charitable organisations as well as prioritising applications for urgently needed equipment or other specific items.

The charity is a paperless organisation, the trustees have developed an online application portal, any potential applicants are advised to visit the portal found at [www.hobsoncharity.org.uk](http://www.hobsoncharity.org.uk) for up-to-date availability of funds and advice on how to apply. The portal is managed by the administrator, Mark Turner, who can be contacted by email at [post@hobsoncharity.org.uk](mailto:post@hobsoncharity.org.uk) or, if email is not possible, then to the correspondence address PO Box 57691, London, NW7 0GR.

Grant applications must: be consistent with the charity's objectives; exclude core costs, people or salary costs; and include the project details, a detailed budget and the most recent year end financial statements.

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## TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### **Plans for the future (continued)**

The trustees intend to distribute a total of approximately £1.2m from the unrestricted funds during the year ending 31 March 2025 and to review how the charity's grants have been applied by the recipients of previous donations and grants and progress made by projects that the charity's funding has made possible.

The trustees continue to work with their investment advisors Sarasin & Partners LLP in seeking alternative appropriate investment opportunities. During the prior year, the charity reached their target investment holding with Sarasin & Partners of £36m.

The trustees are confident that through a combination of different income streams, they will receive sufficient income to enable the charity to meet its objectives.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Hobson Charity Limited is a private company, limited by shares and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a trustee either to fill a vacancy or as an additional trustee. Subject to Article 31, a trustee may be appointed under the Memorandum and Articles of Association to hold office for life or any other period or upon such terms in respect of their retirement as the trustees shall at the time of their appointment determine. Any person may be appointed or elected as a trustee, whatever may be their age, and no trustee shall be required to vacate their office by reason of their attaining or having attained the age of seventy years or any other age.

The trustees have considered the recruitment, appointment and training of new trustees. They agreed that any new trustee would have to be reputable, professional and be selected based on their suitability for the role. Training in financial accounting should be a requirement, although this would be dependent on the experience and knowledge of the trustee. Training in the role and responsibilities of a charity trustee would be mainly in the form of publications available from the Charity Commission. Any queries would be addressed to relevant professional advisors as required. As part of the induction process, new trustees are familiarised with the charity's governing document.

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the current and prior year.

Decisions are made by the trustees with regards to grant making and other areas, with the consent of all trustees at board meetings.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

During the year the trustees have undertaken a risk assessment. The assessment helped to identify the major risks to which the charity is exposed.

The principal risk and uncertainty for the charity is that not enough income is generated in order to award grants and cover any governance costs. The charity holds a mixed portfolio of investments and the trustees have established a system to review major risks and to mitigate those risks by regularly reviewing the portfolio. The exposure of the charity to price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk from holding its investments is therefore limited.

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## TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

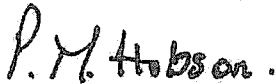
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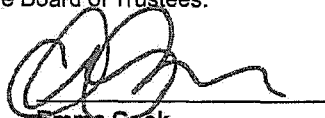
### Reference and administrative information

The reference and administrative information set out on the legal and administrative information page forms part of this report.

The trustees who served during the year are shown on the legal and administrative information page forms part of this report.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

  
Lady Patricia Hobson OBE

  
Emma Cook

  
Jennifer Richardson

Dated: 22 October 2024

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The trustees, who are also the directors of The Hobson Charity Limited for the purpose of company law, 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).

Company Law 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 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 charity will continue in operation.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In preparing this report the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006'.

The trustees authorise the Directors' Report.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

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## Opinion on financial statements

We have audited the financial statements of The Hobson Charity Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows 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 FRS 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 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the 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 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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## Other information

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## 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 Trustees Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

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## **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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 Trustees Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- 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**

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, 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.

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

Irregularities are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, it is the primary responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

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### The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (cont.)

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team:

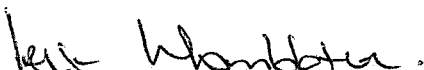
- obtained an understanding of the nature of the sector, including the legal and regulatory framework that the charitable company operates in and how the charitable company is complying with the legal and regulatory framework;
- inquired of management, and those charged with governance, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud;
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we consider the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, Charities SORP (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, the charitable company's governing document, and Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016. We performed audit procedures to detect non-compliances which may have a material impact on the financial statements which included reviewing the financial statements including the Directors' Report, remaining alert to new or unusual transactions which may not be in accordance with charity law, inspecting board minutes and confirming that there has been no correspondence with the Charity Commission or external legal advisers in the period.

The audit engagement team identified the risk of management override of controls and income recognition as the areas where the financial statements were most susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included but were not limited to testing manual journal entries and other adjustments, evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business, challenging judgments and estimates. We have also carried out substantive testing over financial income.

### 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. We also considered those other laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of financial statements, such as the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.



Irene Hambleton BAcc CA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor

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11 November 2024

**THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>					
Investments	3	1,637,796	-	1,637,796	1,449,087
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>					
Raising funds	4	159,286	-	159,286	158,424
Charitable activities		1,455,104	-	1,455,104	1,702,502
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>1,614,390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,614,390</b>	<b>1,860,926</b>
Net gains on investments	10	-	3,105,444	3,105,444	(2,464,941)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>23,406</b>	<b>3,105,444</b>	<b>3,128,850</b>	<b>(2,876,780)</b>
Total funds brought forward		18,675,369	26,121,176	44,796,545	47,673,325
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>18,698,775</b>	<b>29,226,620</b>	<b>47,925,395</b>	<b>44,796,545</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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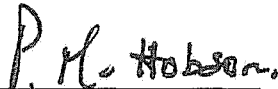
## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

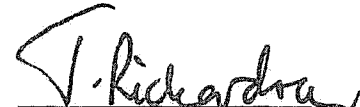
	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	11	42,163,189		39,060,817	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	35,643		32,482	
Cash at bank and in hand		7,067,793		7,100,938	
		<u>7,103,436</u>		<u>7,133,420</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<u>(1,052,795)</u>		<u>(1,102,687)</u>	
Net current assets		6,050,641		6,030,733	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>48,213,830</u>		<u>45,091,550</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	14	(288,430)		(295,000)	
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>47,925,400</u></u>		<u><u>44,796,550</u></u>	
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Share capital	15		5		5
Expendable Endowment Fund	16	29,226,620		26,121,176	
Unrestricted Income Fund	17	18,698,775		18,675,369	
		<u>47,925,400</u>		<u>44,796,550</u>	

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22 October 2024

  
 Lady Patricia Hobson OBE  
 Trustee

  
 Emma Cook  
 Trustee

  
 Jennifer Richardson  
 Trustee

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash absorbed by operations	19		(1,205,712)		(1,592,575)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of other investments		(465,229)		-	
Interest received		1,637,796		1,449,087	
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>			1,172,567		1,449,087
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(33,145)		(143,488)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			7,100,938		7,244,426
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>7,067,793</u>		<u>7,100,938</u>

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

The Hobson Charity Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Suite 104, 6 The Broadway, Mill Hill, London, United Kingdom, NW7 3LL.

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the charity's historic cost convention and in accordance with, the Companies Act 2006 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) ) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Charities Act 2011 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS102.

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 £.

#### 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. The trustees have been holding previous years underspent income during the transition from property to equities as a buffer to ensure that there are sufficient funds to donate. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered. Part of the accumulated unrestricted fund has been used to fund the £36m of long term investment portfolio to ensure ongoing operations in perpetuity. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### Charitable funds

The charity maintains an Unrestricted Income Fund, which includes a Designated Unrestricted Income Fund and an Expendable Endowment Fund.

Income generated by the Expendable Endowment Fund is recognised as part of the Unrestricted Income Fund. Unrealised valuation gains or losses on listed investments are recognised in the Expendable Endowment Fund.

The Expendable Endowment Fund was established from donations received for that purpose. The primary intention in establishing an Expendable Endowment Fund is for funds to be invested so as to generate future income for the purpose of the charity. The trustees shall also be permitted to convert any or the entire Expendable Endowment Fund to the Unrestricted Income Fund, however in any decision whether or not to convert endowment monies into expendable income the trustees should have regard for the primary intention of this endowment.

The charity established a Designated Unrestricted Income Fund in the year ended 2019 from the donation received. The intention in establishing a Designated Fund is for funds to be granted for the advancement of research and heritage. Another one was created in the prior year for wildlife. These Designated Unrestricted Income Funds are in addition to the Designated Unrestricted Income Fund for the advancement of education which was created in the year ended 2018.

Any funds receivable during the relevant accounting year but not utilised are carried forward as part of the Unrestricted Income Fund.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors 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.

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, on the following basis:

##### (i) Donations and legacies

Donations, legacies and grants are recognised when the charity 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.

##### (ii) Listed investments

Dividends and commission are recognised when receivable and represent income received from listed securities.

##### (iv) Bank interest receivable

Interest is recognised when receivable by the charity and represents treasury and bank interest.

##### Resources expended

##### (i) Raising funds

This comprises investment management fees which are recognised on an accruals basis. Any irrecoverable VAT is added to the related expense.

##### (ii) Grant making

Grants are accounted for in full in the period the grants are approved and the decision is notified to the recipient irrespective of the period covered by the grant. Grants awarded but not yet paid are recorded as grant commitments in the Balance Sheet. Grant commitment creditors are split between creditors amounts falling due within one year and creditors amounts falling due after one year according to when the grants will be paid (see note 6).

##### (iii) Governance costs

Governance costs include external audit and accountancy fees, staff costs and legal and professional fees. Governance costs are recognised on an accruals basis. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

##### Fixed asset investments

Listed investments are stated in the financial statements at fair value. Realised gains and losses on the sale of investments are calculated as the difference between the sale proceeds and the original cost. Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement between fair values. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are included on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities (including an income and expenditure account). Listed investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the charity.

##### 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.

##### Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### ***Basic financial assets***

Basic financial assets, which include other 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.

##### ***Impairment of financial assets***

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Financial assets are derecognised when:

- (a) The contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled; or
- (b) Substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset are transferred to another party; or
- (c) Control of the asset has been transferred to another party who has the practical ability to unilaterally sell the asset to an unrelated third party without imposing additional restrictions.

##### ***Basic financial liabilities***

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors that are classified as debt 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. 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 business from suppliers. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability is extinguished, this is when the contractual obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts presented in the financial statements when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

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

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of the charity's financial statements require trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, at the reporting date. However uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in future periods.

#### 3 Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from listed investments	1,439,567	1,398,730
Interest receivable	198,229	50,357
	<u>1,637,796</u>	<u>1,449,087</u>

#### 4 Raising funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment management fees	<u>159,286</u>	<u>158,424</u>

#### 5 Grant making

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Animals</b>			
Harper Asprey Wildlife Rescue	-	5,000	5,000
Our Special Friends	5,000	-	5,000
People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA)	-	2,240	2,240
Prickles and Paws Hedgehog Rescue	-	15,000	15,000
RSPCA Bath And District Branch	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>32,240</u>	<u>37,240</u>
<b>Bereavement</b>			
Compassionate Friends	-	4,000	4,000
Grief Encounter	9,000	-	9,000
Never Alone Project	-	7,110	7,110
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>11,110</u>	<u>20,110</u>
<b>Cathedral</b>			
Gloucester Cathedral	-	10,000	10,000

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 5 Grant making (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Community</b>			
All Saints Church, Whiteparish	-	2,000	2,000
Azalea	-	5,000	5,000
Beyond Detention	6,000	-	6,000
Cardiff Methodist Circuit	-	5,000	5,000
Community Solutions North West LTD	-	5,000	5,000
Edge Ministries	-	5,000	5,000
Emmanuel Church Marlborough	-	25,000	25,000
Grove Centre Church	-	10,000	10,000
Holy Cross Church, North Bersted	-	15,000	15,000
Holy Trinity, Hinckley	5,000	-	5,000
Manchester Action on Street Health	-	5,000	5,000
Plunkett Foundation	4,114	-	4,114
Relate Worcestershire	6,000	-	6,000
Saint Ambrose, Leyland, Lancashire	5,000	-	5,000
Shefford Methodist Church	1,000	-	1,000
St James Church, Leckhampstead	10,000	-	10,000
St Michael le Belfrey with St Cuthbert York	-	30,000	30,000
St Nicholas, Fyfield with Tubney	-	10,000	10,000
St Thomas, Stopsley, Luton	-	400	400
Steep Turnpike Evangelical Church, Matlock	-	7,700	7,700
	<u>37,114</u>	<u>125,100</u>	<u>162,214</u>
<b>Disability</b>			
Brainwave Centre Limited	2,000	-	2,000
Break	1,558	-	1,558
British Disabled Angling Association	1,925	-	1,925
Chilterns Neuro Centre (formerly Chilterns MS Centre Limited)	10,000	-	10,000
Dingley Family And Specialist Early Years Centres	4,036	-	4,036
Disability Challengers	-	9,900	9,900
Dogs for Autism	-	6,000	6,000
Families United Network	8,237	-	8,237
Happy Days Children's Charity	6,000	-	6,000
Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre	6,000	-	6,000
Kef Kids	1,200	-	1,200
Livability	15,231	-	15,231
Meath Epilepsy Charity	5,295	-	5,295
Multiple Sclerosis Trust	-	5,750	5,750
Muscle Help Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
National Autistic Society	-	15,042	15,042
Royal National Institute Of Blind People (RNIB)	-	10,700	10,700
Share Community Limited	-	6,630	6,630
Speaking Up Speaking Out	1,600	-	1,600
Stable Family Home Trust	-	11,250	11,250
Step by Step London	3,229	-	3,229
Team Domenica	7,344	-	7,344

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 5 Grant making (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
Thomley Hall Centre Limited	-	10,000	10,000
Thornage Hall Independent Living	-	50,000	50,000
Turning the Red Lights Green	5,000	-	5,000
UK Veterans Hearing Foundation	-	3,298	3,298
United Response	-	5,000	5,000
Whizz-kidz	-	5,000	5,000
Wingate Special Children's Trust	21,059	-	21,059
	<u>104,714</u>	<u>138,570</u>	<u>243,284</u>
<b>Domestic Abuse</b>			
East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services (ESDAS)	9,000	-	9,000
<b>Education</b>			
Celtic Harmony	15,000	-	15,000
<b>Elderly</b>			
Age UK Bexley	-	6,000	6,000
Aylsham & District Care Trust	1,200	-	1,200
Friends of the Elderly	10,000	-	10,000
Gwennie's Getaways	-	1,020	1,020
Stoke-on Trent and North Staffordshire Theatre Trust Limited (New Vic Theatre)	-	2,500	2,500
Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours	-	3,598	3,598
	<u>11,200</u>	<u>13,118</u>	<u>24,318</u>
<b>Environmental</b>			
Earth Trust	1,000	-	1,000
Lawrence Weston Community Farm	-	8,176	8,176
London Wildlife Trust	-	9,650	9,650
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>17,826</u>	<u>18,826</u>

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 5 Grant making (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Family</b>			
Abingdon Carousel	2,000	-	2,000
Alternatives Trust East London	5,000	-	5,000
Home-Start Walsall	-	4,963	4,963
Our Kids First	2,860	2,800	5,660
St. Vincent's Family Project	4,166	-	4,166
	<u>14,026</u>	<u>7,763</u>	<u>21,789</u>
<b>Homelessness</b>			
Crisis UK	-	14,860	14,860
Emmaus North East	-	6,000	6,000
King's Arms Project (Bedford)	-	3,000	3,000
Lifeline (Harrogate) Ltd	-	3,250	3,250
Off the Streets	-	5,000	5,000
One YMCA	-	25,000	25,000
Providence Row	8,000	-	8,000
Second Chance Charity	10,000	-	10,000
Winter Night Shelter Milton Keynes	-	25,000	25,000
	<u>18,000</u>	<u>82,110</u>	<u>100,110</u>
<b>Hospice</b>			
Alexander Devine Children's Cancer Trust	3,145	-	3,145
Darlington and District Hospice Movement	9,795	-	9,795
Hospiscare	-	5,630	5,630
Lindsey Lodge Limited	-	8,000	8,000
North Yorkshire Hospice Care	25,000	-	25,000
St David's Foundation Hospice Care	2,876	-	2,876
St Helena Hospice Limited	7,831	-	7,831
St Joseph's Hospice Hackney	-	13,410	13,410
St Michael's Hospice (incorporating the Freda Pearce Foundation)	-	5,230	5,230
St Peter's Hospice	-	5,000	5,000
St Wilfrid's Hospice (Eastbourne)	-	5,000	5,000
Thames Hospice	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>48,647</u>	<u>52,270</u>	<u>100,917</u>

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 5 Grant making (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Life- Limiting</b>			
Little Hearts Matter	-	2,562	2,562
Ruddi's Retreat	5,784	-	5,784
	<u>5,784</u>	<u>2,562</u>	<u>8,346</u>
<b>Medical</b>			
Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	-	20,000	20,000
Chronicle Sunshine Fund	4,088	-	4,088
Eric (Education And Resources For Improving Childhood Continence)	3,234	-	3,234
Hearts Together	-	10,000	10,000
Leicester Hospitals Charity	-	10,000	10,000
Maggie Keswick Jencks Cancer Caring Centres Trust	-	30,000	30,000
Microphthalmia, Anophthalmia and Coloboma Support	-	5,400	5,400
Oracle Cancer Trust	-	7,000	7,000
Pancreatic Cancer Action	2,000	-	2,000
Richard Dimpleby Cancer Fund	-	10,000	10,000
Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability	-	12,000	12,000
	<u>9,322</u>	<u>104,400</u>	<u>113,722</u>
<b>Mental Health</b>			
Beat (Formerly Eating Disorders Association)	-	17,280	17,280
Birmingham Industrial Therapy Association Limited t/a Better Pathways	6,000	-	6,000
Blyth Star Enterprises Limited	-	5,000	5,000
Day One Trauma Support	5,000	-	5,000
Epiphany Trust	5,000	-	5,000
Ride High Limited	-	20,000	20,000
Self Injury Support Ltd	-	5,250	5,250
Step One Charity	-	4,000	4,000
Strength and Learning Through Horses	-	3,000	3,000
Wellspring Therapy & Training	2,000	-	2,000
	<u>18,000</u>	<u>54,530</u>	<u>72,530</u>

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 5 Grant making (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Museum</b>			
Dyson Perrins Museum Trust	-	6,647	6,647
National Trust	-	40,000	40,000
Royal Air Force Museum	10,000	-	10,000
Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum Trust	-	10,935	10,935
Zurbaran Trust	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>67,582</u>	<u>77,582</u>
<b>Music</b>			
Absolute Return for Kids (ARK)	1,530	-	1,530
English National Opera	13,000	-	13,000
Ipswich Hospital Band Limited	-	2,963	2,963
St Paul's Cathedral Foundation	-	25,000	25,000
UK Music Masters Ltd (formerly London Music Masters)	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>14,530</u>	<u>32,963</u>	<u>47,493</u>
<b>Poverty</b>			
Bridging the Gap (Manchester)	-	3,000	3,000
Broxtowe Community Projects	-	6,000	6,000
Church Army in partnership with Portman House Trust	19,202	-	19,202
City Gate Community Projects	-	950	950
City Gateway Limited	5,000	-	5,000
Community Initiatives South West Limited	-	20,000	20,000
Cystic Fibrosis Trust	10,000	-	10,000
Dementia Support	1,000	-	1,000
Dentaid Limited	-	5,000	5,000
Feeding Coventry	-	5,000	5,000
Feeding Families	5,000	-	5,000
Gateways	-	10,000	10,000
Horsham Matters Limited	-	5,000	5,000
Level Trust	8,000	-	8,000
Mustard Tree	10,000	-	10,000
New Beginnings Reading	-	3,000	3,000
Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum	-	2,388	2,388
Off The Fence Trust Limited	-	5,000	5,000
Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT)	5,000	-	5,000
Shop and Donate	-	6,512	6,512
St John's Winchester	-	10,000	10,000
St Matthias, Brighton	-	5,000	5,000
Thanet Community Development Trust	2,958	-	2,958
Their Voice	-	4,800	4,800

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 5 Grant making (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
Three13 Training and Enterprise Ltd	15,000	-	15,000
University of East Anglia	10,000	-	10,000
YMCA North Tyneside	5,409	-	5,409
	<u>96,569</u>	<u>91,650</u>	<u>188,219</u>
<b>Rehabilitation</b>			
Elizabeth Fry Charity	-	3,000	3,000
Irene Taylor Trust	-	3,500	3,500
Switchback Initiative	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>11,500</u>
<b>Rescue</b>			
Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Charity	-	5,524	5,524
Great Western Air Ambulance Charity	-	16,500	16,500
London Air Ambulance	-	25,000	25,000
Magpas	-	6,000	6,000
Yorkshire Air Ambulance Ltd	8,000	-	8,000
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>53,024</u>	<u>61,024</u>
<b>Theatre</b>			
Cherwell Theatre	1,218	-	1,218
Kiln Theatre	-	6,135	6,135
Old Vic Theatre Trust 2000	-	30,000	30,000
Royal Court Liverpool Trust Limited	-	4,500	4,500
	<u>1,218</u>	<u>40,635</u>	<u>41,853</u>
<b>Veterans</b>			
Royal British Legion Industries Ltd	12,000	-	12,000
<b>Youth</b>			
Avenues Youth Project	5,000	-	5,000
Barnet Youth Zone	5,000	-	5,000
Bendrigg Trust	-	5,000	5,000
Carney's Community	-	5,400	5,400
Fight for Peace International	5,460	-	5,460
Garden Classroom	-	3,200	3,200
GASP Motor Project Ltd	-	5,000	5,000
Kidney Research UK	5,000	-	5,000
Only Connect UK	2,806	-	2,806

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 5 Grant making (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
Open Trail	-	5,300	5,300
Rock UK Adventure Centres Limited	5,054	-	5,054
Shropshire Youth Support Trust	-	5,000	5,000
South Downs National Park Trust	-	5,000	5,000
Sparks of Success	-	2,500	2,500
Tim Henman Foundation	-	2,500	2,500
Young Gamers and Gamblers Education Trust	7,000	-	7,000
	<u>35,320</u>	<u>38,900</u>	<u>74,220</u>
Subtotal before reductions	488,444	982,853	1,471,297
Prior year grant commitments cancelled	(100,606)	-	(100,606)
	<u>387,838</u>	<u>982,853</u>	<u>1,370,691</u>
Grants made by Fund			
Income	321,626	694,286	1,015,912
Education	74,874	107,742	182,616
Research and heritage	(8,662)	132,935	124,273
Wildlife	-	47,890	47,890
	<u>387,838</u>	<u>982,853</u>	<u>1,370,691</u>

Please see note 22 for 2023 comparatives

#### 6 Analysis of accruals for grants payable

	Notes	2024 £	2025-26 £	Total £
Grants committed during the year		694,423	288,430	982,853
Grants committed in prior periods		326,836	-	326,836
	<b>5</b>	<u>1,021,259</u>	<u>288,430</u>	<u>1,309,689</u>
<b>Analysis of accruals for grants payable - prior year</b>		<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2024-25 £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Grants committed during the year	<b>22</b>	840,288	295,000	1,135,288
Grants committed in prior periods		238,569	-	238,569
	<b>13</b>	<u>1,078,857</u>	<u>295,000</u>	<u>1,373,857</u>

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 7 Governance costs

	Governance costs £	2024 £	2023 £	Basis of allocation
Staff costs	50,000	50,000	50,000	Governance
Bank charges	208	208	205	Governance
Other expenses	7,566	7,566	8,310	Governance
Audit fees	19,716	19,716	18,600	Governance
Accountancy	6,924	6,924	10,785	Governance
	<u>84,414</u>	<u>84,414</u>	<u>87,900</u>	

Included within the above are amounts payable to auditor of £19,716 for audit fees (2023 - £18,600) and £5,724 fee for accountancy services (2023 - £nil) – inclusive of VAT.

### 8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 9 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

#### Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>

No employees in the current and prior year received employment benefits of greater than £60k.

### 10 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Gain/(loss) on sale of investment	<u>3,105,444</u>	<u>(2,464,941)</u>

# THE HOBSON CHARITY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 11 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 31 March 2023	39,060,817
Additions	465,229
Unrealised (loss)/gain on revaluation	3,105,444
Movement in liquid assets	(468,301)
At 31 March 2024	<u>42,163,189</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2024	<u>42,163,189</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>39,060,817</u>

	2024 £	2023 £
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Historic cost	36,000,000	35,534,771
Unrealised gains	6,162,221	3,056,777
Liquid assets	968	469,269
	<u>42,163,189</u>	<u>39,060,817</u>

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on listed investments are allocated to the Expendable Endowment Fund.

### 12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	35,643	32,482
	<u>35,643</u>	<u>32,482</u>

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals for grants payable	6	1,021,259	1,078,857
Accruals and deferred income		31,536	23,830
		<u>1,052,795</u>	<u>1,102,687</u>

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#### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals for grants payable	288,430	295,000

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, other creditors, general accruals (excluding the audit fee accrual) and accruals for grants payable and amounted to £1,341,225 (2023: £1,397,687).

#### 15 Share capital

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Ordinary share capital</b>		
<b>Issued and fully paid</b>		
5 Ordinary shares of £1 each	5	5

#### 16 Endowment funds

	Movement in funds				Balance at 31 March 2024 £
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Revaluations gains and losses £	
<b>Permanent endowments</b>					
Expendable Endowment Fund	26,121,176	-	-	3,105,444	29,226,620
	26,121,176	-	-	3,105,444	29,226,620

#### 17 Unrestricted funds

	Movement in funds				Balance at 31 March 2024 £
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	
Unrestricted Fund	16,699,883	1,637,796	(1,259,611)	(500,000)	16,578,068
Education Fund	1,376,983	-	(182,616)	-	1,194,367
Research and Heritage Fund	96,088	-	(124,273)	500,000	471,815
Wildlife Fund	502,415	-	(47,890)	-	454,525
	18,675,369	1,637,796	(1,614,390)	-	18,698,775

The designated funds reflect our commitment to specific areas of importance, allowing us to make a meaningful impact in the realms of education, research, heritage, and wildlife conservation.

It was agreed to transfer £500,000 from the Unrestricted fund to the designated Research & Heritage fund in order to cover future donations.

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#### 18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Income	Expendable Endowment	Share capital	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:				
Investments	12,936,569	29,226,620	-	42,163,189
Current assets/(liabilities)	6,050,636	-	5	6,050,641
Long term liabilities	(288,430)	-	-	(288,430)
	<u>18,698,775</u>	<u>29,226,620</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>47,925,400</u>

#### 19 Cash generated from operations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	3,128,850	(2,876,780)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,637,796)	(1,449,087)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(3,105,444)	2,464,941
Movements in working capital:		
Movement in liquid assets	468,301	(3,622)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(3,161)	2,040
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(56,462)	269,933
<b>Cash absorbed by operations</b>	<u>(1,205,712)</u>	<u>(1,592,575)</u>

#### 20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023- £Nil).

#### 21 Control

The trustees consider there to be no overall controlling party.

#### 22 Comparatives for Grant making year ended 31 March 2023

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Animals</b>			
Cats Protection	15,000	-	15,000
Cuan Wildlife Rescue	-	10,000	10,000
Falconry Centre, Hagley Ltd	-	4,200	4,200
Freshfields Animal Rescue	3,000	-	3,000
Horse Sense Wirral	5,000	-	5,000
Mayhew Animal Home	4,340	-	4,340
National Animal Welfare Trust	10,000	-	10,000

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#### 22 Comparatives for Grant making year ended 31 March 2023 (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
Pet Food Bank Service	-	5,000	5,000
Team Poundie	2,000	-	2,000
Zoological Society of London (ZSL)	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>39,340</u>	<u>69,200</u>	<u>108,540</u>
<b>Arts</b>			
Rambert School of Ballet & Contemporary Dance	5,000	-	5,000
<b>Bereavement</b>			
Cruse Bereavement Care	-	10,000	10,000
Lullaby Trust	-	7,000	7,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>
<b>Cathedral</b>			
Corporation of Liverpool Cathedral	-	20,000	20,000
<b>Community</b>			
Bath, Weston, All Saints	-	10,000	10,000
Brighton Fringe Ltd	300	-	300
Castle Point Social Car Scheme Limited	-	5,000	5,000
Church of St John the Evangelist, Kingston Park	240	-	240
Community Heart Productions	-	4,000	4,000
Explore York Libraries and Archives Mutual Ltd	3,000	-	3,000
GodFirst Christchurch	5,000	-	5,000
His Place	-	15,000	15,000
Jewish Training Academy for Girls (JTAG) Ltd	-	4,440	4,440
KEYS Project	450	-	450
Loughborough Junction Action Group	2,592	-	2,592
Medboume Village Hall	-	10,000	10,000
Poplar HARCA	-	2,820	2,820
Sailors' Society	3,000	-	3,000
St Bamabas Church, Peasemore	-	9,163	9,163
St Edward's Church, Egguckland (Church Hall)	3,240	-	3,240
St James Church, Staunton	-	5,000	5,000
St Mary Magdalene, Shabbington, Buckinghamshire	-	5,000	5,000
St. James The Great, Audlem	-	5,000	5,000
St. Margaret's Church , Stoodleigh	-	1,000	1,000
St. Mary's Church, Hartpury	-	3,000	3,000
Tenbury Community Pool Ltd	5,927	-	5,927
West Somerset Railway Association	-	3,150	3,150
Winchester Pavilion Project	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>23,749</u>	<u>87,573</u>	<u>111,322</u>

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#### 22 Comparatives for Grant making year ended 31 March 2023 (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Disability</b>			
Action For Kids Charitable Trust	2,000	-	2,000
Aim Up	-	10,000	10,000
Alkaptonuria Society Ltd	-	5,000	5,000
Allsorts Gloucestershire	-	1,897	1,897
ASPIRE (Association for Spinal Injury Research, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration)	2,300	-	2,300
Bexley Beavers	700	-	700
Blind Veterans UK	-	10,000	10,000
BucksVision	900	-	900
C F Dream Holidays	4,395	-	4,395
Camphill Rudolf Steiner School Ltd (Camphill School Aberdeen)		20,000	20,000
Carers First	10,800	-	10,800
Cerebra - For Brain Injured Children and Young	2,000	-	2,000
CompassDisability Services	3,893	-	3,893
Croydon Voluntary Association for the Blind	8,407	-	8,407
Ethel Trust	2,500	-	2,500
FitzRoy Support	-	4,400	4,400
Foundation For Conductive Education	-	7,460	7,460
Garwood Foundation	-	50,000	50,000
Helping Disabilities Trust	2,609	-	2,609
Jigsaw Trust	4,692	-	4,692
Kisharon	-	9,986	9,986
Lake District Calvert Trust	2,640	-	2,640
Liquid Listening	-	2,415	2,415
Motor Neurone Disease Association - MNDA	5,000	-	5,000
NMC MidlandsLtd	-	3,535	3,535
Open Country	5,000	-	5,000
Options for Supported Living	1,125	-	1,125
Peter Pan Centre Ltd	1,860	-	1,860
Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children'sCharity	1,790	-	1,790
Sandcastle Trust	-	5,000	5,000
Saracens Sport Foundation	-	18,742	18,742
Seashell Trust	-	2,867	2,867
Snow Buddies UK	-	3,073	3,073
Society for Mucopolysaccharide Diseases - MPS	10,000	-	10,000
Springboard Opportunity Group	2,005	-	2,005
VICTA Children Ltd	2,550	-	2,550
York Blind & Partially Sighted Society (MySight York)	2,283	-	2,283
	<u>79,449</u>	<u>154,375</u>	<u>233,824</u>

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#### 22 Comparatives for Grant making year ended 31 March 2023 (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Domestic Abuse</b>			
First Light South West Ltd	4,000	-	4,000
Jericho Foundation	-	15,000	15,000
Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre	-	3,000	3,000
	<u>4,000</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>
<b>Education</b>			
Access Project	5,000	-	5,000
<b>Elderly</b>			
Birmingham Jewish Community Care	4,560	-	4,560
Bridge Care Limited	-	20,000	20,000
Dementia Support - Hampshire & IOW	322	1,178	1,500
Jewish Care	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>4,882</u>	<u>31,178</u>	<u>36,060</u>
<b>Environmental</b>			
Caring For Life	1,000	-	1,000
<b>Family</b>			
Bonny Downs Community Association (BDCA)	4,184	-	4,184
Children's Adventure Farm Trust	8,240	-	8,240
Hessle Road Network	2,978	-	2,978
Home- Start West Berkshire	1,000	-	1,000
Why me? UK	-	2,964	2,964
	<u>16,402</u>	<u>2,964</u>	<u>19,366</u>
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>			
Progressive Farming Trust Limited	4,551	-	4,551
Stroke Association	-	20,000	20,000
	<u>4,551</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>24,551</u>
<b>Homelessness</b>			
1625 Independent People	5,000	-	5,000
Amber Foundation	-	5,266	5,266
Connection Support	5,000	-	5,000
Emmaus Sheffield	-	5,000	5,000
Emmaus South Lambeth Community	-	300	300
HandsOn London	1,800	-	1,800
Renova Trust	-	7,500	7,500
Response Organisation	10,000	-	10,000

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#### 22 Comparatives for Grant making year ended 31 March 2023 (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO	-	25,000	25,000
Waltham Forest Churches Night Shelter- WFCNS Limited	-	15,400	15,400
Your Place (London) Limited (Previously, Caritas Anchor House)	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>21,800</u>	<u>68,466</u>	<u>90,266</u>
<b>Hospice</b>			
Ashgate Hospicecare	7,164		7,164
Harlington Hospice Association Limited	-	2,000	2,000
Havens Hospices	-	10,000	10,000
Hospice Charity Partnership (known as Birmingham Hospice)	-	10,400	10,400
Lifelites	5,000	-	5,000
North London Hospice	-	25,000	25,000
North Yorkshire Hospice Care	-	5,760	5,760
Overgate Hospice	5,014	-	5,014
Pilgrims Hospicesin East Kent	-	4,314	4,314
South Bucks Hospice	3,000	-	3,000
St Clare West Essex Hospice Care Trust	-	10,000	10,000
St John & St Elizabeth Charity	2,000	-	2,000
Willen Hospice	10,000	-	10,000
	<u>32,178</u>	<u>67,474</u>	<u>99,652</u>
<b>Life- Limiting</b>			
Chance to Shine Foundation Limited	-	4,975	4,975
Hope For Tomorrow	-	8,083	8,083
Joss Searchlight	1,500	-	1,500
Odyssey Project Limited	-	4,955	4,955
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>18,013</u>	<u>19,513</u>
<b>Medical</b>			
Action Medical Research	10,900	-	10,900
Brainstrust	-	4,000	4,000
ChildhoodEye Cancer Trust (CHECT)	5,000	-	5,000
Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group	7,800	-	7,800
Cobalt Health	10,000	-	10,000
Dudley Group NHS Foundation Charty	3,420	-	3,420
Institute of Cancer Research	16,678	-	16,678
Murray Parish Trust	-	10,000	10,000
Prostate Cancer UK	-	10,000	10,000
Royal Free Charity	-	31,438	31,438
Royal Marsden Cancer Charity	62,774	-	62,774
St Bartholomew's Heritage Medical	-	50,000	50,000
Strongbones Children's CharitableTrust	6,757	-	6,757
Target Ovarian Cancer	-	10,000	10,000
UniversityHospitalsBirmingham Charity	-	5,000	5,000

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#### 22 Comparatives for Grant making year ended 31 March 2023 (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
University of Manchester	-	250,000	250,000
Wellbeing of Women (WOW)	10,000	-	10,000
West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Charity	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>133,329</u>	<u>380,438</u>	<u>513,767</u>
<b>Mental Health</b>			
Acacia Family Support	2,000	-	2,000
Arts and Minds (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation for the Arts and Mental Health)	-	5,000	5,000
Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital	-	5,520	5,520
Brent Adolescent Centre For Young People (BCYP)	3,328	-	3,328
British Horse Society	5,000	-	5,000
Growing Well Limited	3,000	-	3,000
HUMEN	10,000	-	10,000
Normandy Community Therapy Garden	11,748	-	11,748
Oakleaf Enterprise	-	1,550	1,550
	<u>35,076</u>	<u>12,070</u>	<u>47,146</u>
<b>Museum</b>			
Brunel Museum	-	11,500	11,500
Coldharbour Mill Trust Limited	-	10,000	10,000
Milton Keynes Museum Trust Limited	-	20,000	20,000
Wallace Collection	-	20,000	20,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>61,500</u>	<u>61,500</u>
<b>Music</b>			
National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain	1,500	-	1,500
Royal School of Church Music	15,230	-	15,230
	<u>16,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,730</u>
<b>Poverty</b>			
Achieved Dreams	-	500	500
Aspirations Program CIO	12,000	-	12,000
Blooming Blossoms Trust	-	4,500	4,500
Christians Together Calderdale	-	5,000	5,000
City Harvest	5,000	-	5,000
Cystic Fibrosis Trust	5,000	-	5,000
Faithworks Wessex	-	5,000	5,000
Friends For Families (Sevenoaks)	10,000	-	10,000
Lincoln St Swithin	4,547	-	4,547
Off The Fence Trust Limited	-	3,000	3,000
Orchards	546	-	546
Parish Trust	6,000	-	6,000

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#### 22 Comparatives for Grant making year ended 31 March 2023 (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
Parochial Charities	6,572	-	6,572
Racing Welfare	5,000	-	5,000
Richmond Furniture Project	-	5,000	5,000
Sandwell African Women Association	-	2,000	2,000
School- Home Support Service (UK)	5,000	-	5,000
Waford & Three Rivers Refugee Partnership	5,000	-	5,000
YMCA East Surrey	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>69,665</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>94,665</u>
<b>Rehabilitation</b>			
Headway Cambridgeshire	-	2,400	2,400
Nelson Trust	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>12,400</u>	<u>12,400</u>
<b>Rescue</b>			
Bravo Medics	-	29,698	29,698
	<u>-</u>	<u>29,698</u>	<u>29,698</u>
<b>Veterans</b>			
ABF The Soldiers' Charity (2 grants)	2,000	10,700	12,700
Open University	7,000	-	7,000
Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund	10,000	-	10,000
Walking With the Wounded	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>24,000</u>	<u>10,700</u>	<u>34,700</u>
<b>Youth</b>			
Active Hope Ltd	-	4,100	4,100
Andrew Simpson Foundation	4,635	-	4,635
Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS)	5,000	-	5,000
Create (Arts) Limited	-	3,414	3,414
Discovery Sailing Project	1,600	-	1,600
Drama Expressions for Children	4,200	-	4,200
Kenelm Youth Trust Limited	-	8,400	8,400
Leeds Children's Charity at Lineham Farm	4,500	-	4,500
Mayor's Fund for London	6,265	-	6,265
National Youth Jazz Orchestra	-	4,000	4,000
Northdale Horticulture	-	4,400	4,400
Portsmouth Sail Training Trust (PSTT)	-	1,125	1,125
Quest for Learning	2,250	-	2,250
ReachOut Youth	5,770	-	5,770
St Andrew's Club	1,500	-	1,500
Starlight Children's Foundation	4,728	-	4,728
StreetGamesUK	4,000	-	4,000

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#### 22 Comparatives for Grant making year ended 31 March 2023 (Continued)

	Paid 23/24	Payable in future years	Total
	£	£	£
Talent- Ed Education	4,025	-	4,025
Villiers Park Educational Trust	-	2,000	2,000
Youth & Community Connexions	-	1,800	1,800
Youth Adventure Trust	1,370	-	1,370
	<u>49,843</u>	<u>29,239</u>	<u>79,082</u>
<b>Subtotal before reductions</b>	567,494	1,135,288	1,702,782
<b>Prior year grant commitments cancelled</b>	(88,180)	-	(88,180)
<b>Total</b>	<u>479,314</u>	<u>1,135,288</u>	<u>1,614,602</u>
<b>Grants made by Fund</b>			
Income	331,429	555,913	887,342
Education	71,739	109,275	181,014
Research and Heritage	36,875	400,900	437,775
Wildlife	39,271	69,200	108,471
<b>Total</b>	<u>479,314</u>	<u>1,135,288</u>	<u>1,614,602</u>