

Charity registration number 327013 (England and Wales)

THE M J SAMUEL CHARITABLE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

THE M J SAMUEL CHARITABLE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	The Hon. Michael J. Samuel The Hon. Mrs Julia A. Samuel Viscount Bearsted
Charity number	327013
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025.

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

The M J Samuel Charitable Trust is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 327013 and has a registered office address of Mells Park, Frome, Somerset.

Objectives and activities

The trustees have discretion to pay income or capital to any charitable body or for any charitable purpose either nationally or overseas as they see fit.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the trust's aims and objectives, and in planning future activities and setting grant making policies.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

The financial statements show investments at market value. Gains on investment revaluations and disposals in the year amounted to £37,105 (2024: Gain of £144,811). Investment management fees of £1,704 (2024: £4,432) were paid in the year. Investment income for the year amount to £28,173, a decrease of £3,944 on the year before (Investment Income 2024: £32,117).

£28,893 (2024: £29,337) was spent on governance costs during the year. Charitable donations of £339,783 were made in the year (2024: £760,233).

The trustees consider that the fund has sufficient resources available to continue to meet the objectives of the fund, in particular to provide grants to specific projects.

The policy of the trustees is to make grants to particular projects each year broadly within the annual income of the fund. They do not therefore see any need for a reserve fund.

The powers of the trustees which they are governed, including the powers of investment, are set out in the trust deed.

The trustees intend that the real value of their assets be maintained and enhanced over the long term by investment in a portfolio comprised of equities, fixed income stocks, and cash. For the purposes of the charity, the trustees wish to withdraw a sum each year to meet their expenditure. The withdrawals may be met from income or capital.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the investment strategy. They are satisfied that adequate procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

Structure, governance and management

The trust was set up by the settlor, the Hon M J Samuel, by a deed dated 2 December 1985.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

The Hon. Michael J. Samuel

The Hon. Mrs Julia A. Samuel

Viscount Bearsted

The power of appointment of the new trustees is vested in the settlor during his lifetime.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The trustees are the original trustees of the trust. When recruiting new trustees the settlor will look for individuals with skills and experience which are of value to the trust. Any prospective trustees will be interviewed by the settlor and provided with a pack of information including the most recent accounts and a copy of the trust deed.

The trustees are highly experienced individuals and have a good understanding of what is involved in being a trustee of a charity.

The trustees have regular contact during the year to consider recommendations for, and make final decisions on, the awarding grants.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the investment strategy. They are satisfied that adequate procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

Investment Strategy

The powers of the Trustees by which they are governed, including the powers of investment, are set out in the Trust deed.

The Trustees intend that the real value of their assets be maintained and enhanced over the long term by investment in a portfolio comprised of equities, fixed income stocks and cash. The withdrawals may be met from income or capital.

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



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The Hon. Michael J. Samuel

Trustee

Date: 15/10/25

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE M J SAMUEL CHARITABLE TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The M J Samuel Charitable Trust (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Gravita Audit Oxford LLP

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Dated: 16/10/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	200,000	-
Investments	4	28,173	32,117
Total income		<u>228,173</u>	<u>32,117</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	<u>1,704</u>	<u>4,432</u>
Charitable activities	7	<u>368,676</u>	<u>789,570</u>
Total expenditure		<u>370,380</u>	<u>794,002</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	<u>37,105</u>	<u>144,811</u>
Net movement in funds		(105,102)	(617,074)
Fund balances at 6 April 2024		<u>1,399,090</u>	<u>2,016,164</u>
Fund balances at 5 April 2025		<u><u>1,293,988</u></u>	<u><u>1,399,090</u></u>

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

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	11		1,242,612		1,357,251
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		57,201		47,579	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,825)		(5,740)	
Net current assets			51,376		41,839
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,293,988</u>		<u>1,399,090</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>1,293,988</u>		<u>1,399,090</u>
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15/10/25



The Hon. Michael J. Samuel
Trustee

THE M J SAMUEL CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The M J Samuel Charitable Trust is a Charity set up in England and Wales. It's registered address is Mellis Park, Mellis, Frome, BA11 3QB.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015) 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). assets accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are shown at market value, and in compliance with all applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity may be used at the discretion of the trustees and used to make grants as they see fit. The money for the funds originated when the settlor donated monies to the charity. As all income is unrestricted, it was decided that the fund note for the accounts was not required.

1.4 Income

Income is generally recognised on a receivable basis and reported gross of related expenditure, where the amounts are reasonably certain and when there is adequate certainty of receipt. The following specific policies are applied to the particular categories of income:

- Income arising on investments, together with any associated tax credit is recognised in the year in which it is receivable.
- Interest on deposit accounts is credited in the year in which it is received.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and gross of any related income. Costs are 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.

- Costs of charitable activity comprise direct expenditure including donations
- Expenditure on donations/ grants is recorded once the trust has made an unconditional commitment to pay the donations and this communicated to the beneficiary or the donation has been paid, whichever is the earlier
- Governance costs include those costs, such as independent examiner's fees, associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Investments are stated at their middle-market values ruling at the balance sheet date. All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Income arising from these investments is accounted for when it is receivable.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	200,000	-

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other income	28,173	32,117

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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5 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Investment management	1,704	4,432

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2025 £	Charitable expenditure 2024 £
Direct costs		
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	339,783	760,233
Share of support and governance costs (see note)		
Governance	28,893	29,337
	<u>368,676</u>	<u>789,570</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>368,676</u>	<u>789,570</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

7 Grants payable

	Charitable grants 2025 £	Charitable grants 2024 £
Somerset Community Foundation	22,277	22,277
Prospect Burma	8,455	17,700
Friends of Nation Libraries	1,200	-
Anna Freud Centre	16,500	1,000
GWCT	17,601	20,056
Gosh Gosh	-	3,000
Beit Halochem	-	10,000
The Brit School Foundation	1,000	-
Progressive Farming Trust	1,000	-
Hofesh Shechter Company Ltd	1,000	-
Camden Psychotherapy Unit	5,000	-
Oxford Hospitals Iceskating	-	3,000
James Place	-	1,000
Kings College London	-	25,000
Civic	264,000	625,000
GOED Life	-	2,000
Tutor the nation	-	3,000
Full Fact Big Give Challenge	-	25,000
3 (2024: 4) other donations of less than £1,000 each	1,750	2,200
	<u>339,783</u>	<u>760,233</u>
Governance Costs	28,893	28,837
	<u>368,676</u>	<u>789,070</u>

8 Trustees

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

9 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Revaluation of investments	37,105	144,811

10 Taxation

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

11 Fixed asset investments

	Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 6 April 2024	1,357,251
Additions	1,174,408
Valuation changes	37,105
Cash movement	(2,995)
Disposals	(1,323,157)
	<u>1,242,612</u>
At 5 April 2025	<u>1,242,612</u>
Carrying amount	
At 05 April 2025	<u>1,242,612</u>
At 05 April 2024	<u>1,357,251</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>5,825</u>	<u>5,740</u>

13 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

The Hon. Michael J. Samuel, who is a Trustee, is one of two Directors of Civic Ltd, and as such is considered to have significant influence over the entity.

In the year donations were paid to Civic Ltd totaling £264,000 (2024: £625,000). As at the year end there was £Nil (2024: £Nil) committed to donate to Civic Ltd.