

LSA CHARITABLE TRUST

Registered charity number: 803671

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Chairman	Simon Thornton-Wood
Trustees	Geoffrey Richards Paul Hadley Simon Thornton-Wood Martin Emmett Alex Spofforth FCA
Charity Registration Number	803671
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Independent Examiner	Phil Butterworth Thomas Westcott Chartered Accountants 7 Castle Street Bridgwater Somerset TA6 3DT

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CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

I must start by marking the Trust's debt to Geoffrey Richards, who has steered its development into a new productive and invigorated era in the past few years, as he steps down as Chair. Geoffrey has brought a cheerful and considered approach, drawing out the best amongst colleagues, to the great benefit of a new generation of beneficiaries in the Trust's work. Geoffrey is not leaving the Trustee Board immediately and I am very grateful to have his wise counsel for a further period, and particularly through the challenging times that we have all faced in the past eighteen months.

The year ending March 2021 has indeed been a challenge for the Trust's major activities, but we have been pleased to be able to continue our support for both the LSA Charitable Trust Fellowship participants, whose experiences through the pandemic have reflected the wider travails of the horticulture industry, and our small remaining group of people in need from the "old LSA". This has been a traumatic experience for the whole nation; so many primary industries have gained new appreciation from the public and it is to be hoped that horticulture enjoys an increase in that respect too.

A new cohort of the Fellowship scheme was due to start in the Spring of 2021; inevitably this was pushed back to July as Covid-19 continued to create difficulties in society. However, we have been pleased to elicit continued interest in the scheme with a good number of applicants, from which we a full cohort of six were selected..

Fellows who were already engaged in the programme were provided a year's extension to ensure that they could enjoy the full benefit of the scheme. The extension did not draw immediate activity to a halt, however, as webinars and Zoom meetings replaced face to face meetings – the order of the day for so many of us stuck at home – and we are pleased that the Fellows themselves stepped up to organise such activities themselves. We are also grateful for the kind support of senior industry figures who have met with the Fellows online.

We have continued to support a small number of people connected with the old LSA. This is a part of our remit that Trustees continue to take very seriously, and we continue in our appreciation of the work undertaken by the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI), through whom that support is provided with a professionalism that would not otherwise be available to a small Trust.

The financial position of the Trust has been relatively resilient through such a global shock, and whilst we are guarded about immediate greater investment in the Fellowship scheme, we remain keen to build upon its success to achieve more, and to play our part in rebuilding confidence in a vital industry.

My fellow Trustees and our able Secretary, Cheryl Boyce, continue in their tremendous work for the Trust; it is a very great pleasure to work with them all.

Simon Thornton-Wood
22 September 2021

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the governing document, statutory requirements and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2015 (SORP).

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is organised so that the Trustees meet and communicate as necessary by email, to manage its affairs. There are currently five trustees who manage the charity. The trustees met four times in the year, online.

In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees regard is had to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. New trustees are shown the trust deed and latest report and accounts, and apprised of the application of the charitable objectives set, and of the essential duties of a Trustee. This includes an annual evaluation of risks facing the Trust in pursuit of its charitable objectives.

Risk Management

The Trustees have informally assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks.

Objectives

The trust is constituted by a Trust Deed of 19 May 1989 for, first, the advancement of education in the field of horticulture and agriculture, and second, the relief of poverty of former members, employees and tenants of the Land Settlement Association Limited.

These objectives were met through the activities set out in the Achievements and performance note below.

Grant Making Policy

Grant applications are considered by the Trustees and grants are given to deserving cases consistent with the charity's objectives.

Statement of Public Benefit

We have reviewed the Trust's objectives in accordance with the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit, when reviewing the charity's aims and in planning future activities.

The trust is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities is shown on page 5. There was a net surplus of £5,384 (2020: £16,782), together with realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on investments on the unrestricted funds of £188,823 (2020: £206,011 losses).

The Trustees confirm that the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil its financial obligations.

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Achievements and performance

Grants to assist individuals continued to be assisted by the services of The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

Investment Policy and Performance

There are no restrictions on the charity's investment powers. The investment strategy is set by the Trustees after consultation with Kleinwort Hambros, and balances the need for income against capital growth and maintenance. As less income was required during the year due to restrictions imposed from the covid-19 pandemic, the investment strategy reduced the income generation target in favour of re-balancing the portfolio to react to changing market conditions.

Reserves Policy

Whilst the need for certain specific reserves are identified in the accounts, the balance representing the general fund is retained on the basis of working capital being required in order to allow the charity to fund future activities in furtherance of its charitable objects. The reserves were initiated as an expendable endowment.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing those 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 accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 22 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Simon Thornton-Wood
Chairman

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General fund £	2021 Total £	<i>2020 Total £</i>
INCOME				
<i>Income from</i>				
Investments	2	41,054	41,054	<i>62,783</i>
Total Income		41,054	41,054	<i>62,783</i>
EXPENDITURE				
<i>Expenditure on</i>				
Charitable activities	3	14,117	14,117	<i>23,670</i>
Support costs	4	21,553	21,553	<i>22,331</i>
Total expenditure		35,670	35,670	<i>46,001</i>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds before gains on investments		5,384	5,384	<i>16,782</i>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		188,823	188,823	<i>(206,011)</i>
Net movement in funds		194,207	194,207	<i>(189,229)</i>
Total funds brought forward		1,331,440	1,331,440	<i>1,520,669</i>
Total funds carried forward		1,525,647	1,525,647	<i>1,331,440</i>

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		<u>1,445,545</u>		<u>1,119,086</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank and with brokers		82,700		215,164	
Accruals	6	<u>(2,598)</u>		<u>(2,810)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>80,102</u>		<u>212,354</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,525,647</u>		<u>1,331,440</u>
Represented by:					
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds			<u>1,525,647</u>		<u>1,331,440</u>
Total funds	7		<u>1,525,647</u>		<u>1,331,440</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 22 September 2021 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by

Simon Thornton-Wood
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their Accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust.

Incoming resources

Income to the charity is recognised when the receipt is considered probable to occur.

Resources expended

Expenses and grants payable are recognised in the accounts when they are incurred by the charity.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are recognised within the Statement of Financial Activities. Dividend income is credited to income on an accruals basis, using the date of payment of the dividend.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand, demand deposits with banks and other short term, highly liquid investments.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts supported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Reserves

The charity holds reserves in order to fund future charitable activities and grants in furtherance of the charitable objectives.

2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2021	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£
Income from listed investments	41,054	41,054	<i>62,783</i>
	41,054	41,054	<i>62,783</i>

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3 Grants made

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Charitable Grants	14,117	14,117	<i>23,670</i>
	14,117	14,117	<i>23,670</i>

Grants to Institutions (for advancement of education)

	2021 £	2020 £
Fellowship grants	-	<i>5,113</i>
Fellowship interview costs	-	<i>891</i>
British Growers as administrators of the LSA Fellowship Scheme	6,696	<i>9,309</i>
	6,696	<i>15,313</i>

Activities during the year were curtailed by covid-19 restrictions, but bursary grants to LSA Fellows had been agreed in principle to be drawn down against expenses to attend courses and events, which are unspent at the year end as to £30,747.

Grants to Individuals (for relief of poverty)

Paid via RABI	7,421	<i>8,357</i>
Total	14,117	<i>23,670</i>

4 Support costs

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Investment manager fees	10,273	10,273	<i>9,176</i>
Administration costs	10,080	10,080	<i>11,607</i>
Trustees expenses	-	-	<i>348</i>
Independent Examiners' fee	1,200	1,200	<i>1,200</i>
	21,553	21,553	<i>22,331</i>

Annual costs and charges on the whole investment portfolio were reported under MiFID at £22,436 (2020:£22,355) for the year.

There were no employees during the year (2020: nil).

No (2020: five) trustees were reimbursed during the year for travel and subsistence costs relating to meetings, and totalling £0 (2020: £348). There were no other payments to Trustees or to other related parties.

5 Investments

	Listed investments £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of year	1,119,086	1,119,086	<i>1,366,613</i>
Additions	950,537	950,537	<i>203,168</i>
Disposal proceeds	(812,901)	(812,901)	<i>(244,684)</i>
Revaluations	188,823	188,823	<i>(206,011)</i>
At end of year	1,445,545	1,445,545	<i>1,119,086</i>

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6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Total 2021	<i>Total 2020</i>
Accruals	<u>2,598</u>	<u>2,810</u>

7 Analysis of fund balances

	At beginning of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment losses £	At end of year £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	<u>1,331,440</u>	<u>41,054</u>	<u>(35,670)</u>	<u>188,823</u>	<u>1,525,647</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>1,331,440</u>	<u>41,054</u>	<u>(35,670)</u>	<u>188,823</u>	<u>1,525,647</u>

8 Registered charity

The charity is registered in England (No. 803671) and as such is not liable to tax.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited accounts of LSA Charitable Trust

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 but was less than £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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27 September 2021**