

Charity Registration No. NIC101790

Company Registration No. NI026238 (Northern Ireland)

**COUNTY TRUST LIMITED**  
(a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

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# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr B Jones Mr I Jones Mr G Jones
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr B Jones
<b>Charity number</b>	NIC101790
<b>Company number</b>	NI026238
<b>Registered office</b>	4A Portora Wharf Queen Street Enniskillen Co Fermanagh BT74 7PW
<b>Auditor</b>	Moore (N.I.) LLP 30-32 Lodge Road Coleraine BT52 1NB
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# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024*

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2024.

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 charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

#### **Aims, objectives and activities**

1. The advancement of the Christian Religion
2. The relief of poverty
3. The relief of hunger
4. The relief of sickness
5. The advancement of education and medical knowledge and research

1. County Trust operates a centre known as 'The Stables' which includes meeting/function room with kitchen. There are also two townhouses attached. The direct benefit flowing from the meeting/function room is that it provides facilities to church organisations who in turn provide improvement of spiritual and emotional welfare to people across Northern Ireland. The benefit flowing from the townhouse is the provision of accommodation for a person who could not otherwise afford it. County Trust also makes grants of money to evangelists, missionaries, individuals and organisations promoting the Christian religion throughout Northern Ireland and worldwide. The direct benefits flowing from this is the support of those who in turn provide improvement of physical, mental and spiritual welfare to people across Northern Ireland and the rest of the world.

2. County Trust makes grants of money and provides necessary items to those who cannot afford them. County Trust also makes grants to organisations working to relieve poverty worldwide such as Drop-Inn. The direct benefits flowing from this is the relief of poverty of people to whom such grants are made. County Trust's intended beneficiaries are people living worldwide.

3. County Trust makes grants of money to organisations working to relieve hunger worldwide. The direct benefits flowing from this is the support of the organisations to which such grants are made in turn allowing them to pursue their work with people across the world. County Trust's intended beneficiaries are people living worldwide.

4. County Trust seeks to provide support to sick and disabled persons generally and also to relieve mental and physical sickness of persons suffering as a result of bereavement, loss, family breakdown, addiction, redundancy or financial hardship and promote their physical, mental and spiritual welfare by providing grants of money to those people and to other organisations involved in counselling or treating those people and through the provision of equipment to organisations involved in counselling or treating those people. County Trust makes the Stables available to organisations working with people suffering from such disability. County Trust makes the second townhouse available as free halfway accommodation to those who are seeking to overcome addiction. The direct benefits flowing from this include the reduction of symptoms, stress and anxiety to people who are suffering from illness, disability, bereavement, loss, family breakdown, addiction, redundancy or financial hardship and members of their family. The beneficiaries of this purpose are mainly people living in the Fermanagh area of Northern Ireland.

5. County Trust makes grants of money and provides equipment in support of education. For example through awarding scholarships or providing equipment to schools in underdeveloped countries. The direct benefits flowing from this is the advancement of education of people worldwide attending recognised educational institutions; particularly those who may not otherwise be able to afford such education enabling people to participate more fully in society. County Trust's intended beneficiaries are people living worldwide. It is not intended that such grants will be made to Trustees though it is possible that equipment, at some point in the future, may be provided or money donated to a school that members of a Trustee's extended family may then attend. This benefit would be incidental and necessary to ensure that the benefit is provided to the beneficiaries. These benefits are demonstrable from feedback and reports received from those evangelists, missionaries, individuals and organisations who have been helped. No harm arises from the meeting/function room or house being made available or from grants being made. No private benefit arises as it is not intended that any grant will be made to the Trustees of County Trust.

# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

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

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

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#### **Financial review**

The results for the year are set out on page 9. The company returned net expenditure resources for the year of (£647,119) (2023 - £479,087). At 30th April 2024 the total funds of the charity amounted to £8,325,123 (2023 - £8,972,242) comprising unrestricted income funds of £72,551 (2023 - £1,246,334).

During the financial year the property at Lackaboy Rd, Enniskillen was sold to Fermanagh Christian Fellowship under the terms of the existing lease agreement dated 9th July 2018. County Trust Ltd provided a commercial loan to Fermanagh Christian Fellowship to accommodate the purchase at 2.5% above Bank of England base rate.

#### *Reserves policy*

The results for the year are set out on page 10. At 30th April 2024 the total funds of the charity amounted to £8,325,123 (2023 - £8,972,242) comprised solely of general unrestricted funds.

#### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The Trustees maintain a written risk register in order to document and review identified risks.

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

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr B Jones

Mr I Jones

Mr G Jones

#### *Recruitment and appointment of trustees*

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the company may from time to time in general meetings increase or decrease the number of trustees and determine in what rotation such increased or reduced number shall go out of office and make the appointments necessary to effect any such increase.

#### *Organisational structure*

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Charity. All of the Trustees are members of the Charity and guarantee to contribute a maximum of £10 in the event of a winding up.

#### *Induction and training of trustees*

Trustee members are familiar with the practical role of the charity. New trustees will be encouraged to attend appropriate external training events to help facilitate the undertaking of their role.

#### *Other matters*

No preference dividends were paid. The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

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### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees, who are also the directors of County Trust Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, 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; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company 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 charitable company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Moore (N.I.) LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.


### Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

### Disclosure of information to auditor

So far as each person who was a Trustee at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the Trustees individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditor is aware of that information.

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

  
Mr I Jones  
Trustee

28 February 2025

# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of County Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 April 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including 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 30 April 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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

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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 directors' report included within the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### **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 purpose 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 our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks 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 to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charitable company.

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and its operating environment, we determined that the most significant frameworks which have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements are those related to the reporting framework, (FRS 102, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Charity SORP and the Companies Act 2006). Compliance with these laws and regulations was assessed as part of our procedures.

Other laws and regulations of which non-compliance may have a material effect on the financial statements, e.g. through fines or litigation, were identified such as regulations in relation to employment law. Our required procedures in these areas are limited to inquiry of trustees and other management and inspection of any regulatory or legal correspondence. These limited procedures did not identify any actual or suspected non-compliance.

# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

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We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, including evaluating management's incentives and opportunities to manage earnings or influence the reported results. From the results of our assessment, we determined that the principal risks of fraud relate to posting inappropriate journal entries and use of charity funds for purposes outside of restrictions imposed by the donor. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

#### **Audit response to risks identified**

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- We obtained an understanding of the charitable company's internal control systems in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with relevant laws and regulations, including those as a result of its registration with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and charitable status with HM Revenue & Customs, by making enquiries of management and those charged with governance.
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We test the completeness of incoming resources to address the risk of fraud in revenue recognition.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment through collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

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

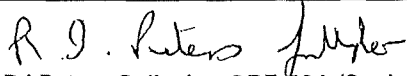
#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the 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.

COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)  
TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

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Dr R I Peters Gallagher OBE FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP

28 February 2025

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor

30-32 Lodge Road  
Coleraine  
BT52 1NB

# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

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	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Charitable activities	3	(38,851)	1,222,531
Investments	4	111,402	23,803
<b>Total income</b>		<u>72,551</u>	<u>1,246,334</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	5	719,670	767,247
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>719,670</u>	<u>767,247</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		<u>(647,119)</u>	<u>479,087</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Fund balances at 1 May 2023		8,972,242	8,493,155
<b>Fund balances at 30 April 2024</b>		<u>8,325,123</u>	<u>8,972,242</u>

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

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirement for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED


## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	11		-		18
Tangible assets	12		263,973		270,811
Investment property	13		3,750,000		4,250,000
			<u>4,013,973</u>		<u>4,520,829</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors falling due after one year	14	275,842		-	
Debtors falling due within one year	14	98,934		55,341	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,162,633		4,645,914	
		<u>4,537,409</u>		<u>4,701,255</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	<u>(226,259)</u>		<u>(249,842)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>4,311,150</u>		<u>4,451,413</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>8,325,123</u>		<u>8,972,242</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>8,325,123</u>		<u>8,972,242</u>
			<u><u>8,325,123</u></u>		<u><u>8,972,242</u></u>
<b>The funds of the charitable company</b>					
Unrestricted funds			8,325,123		8,972,242
			<u>8,325,123</u>		<u>8,972,242</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 28 February 2025

  
Mr I Jones  
Trustee

Company registration number NI026238 (Northern Ireland)

# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

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	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	20		(1,094,683)		1,401,943
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Proceeds from disposal of investment property		500,000		-	
Investment income received		111,402		23,803	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			611,402		23,803
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(483,281)		1,425,746
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			4,645,914		3,220,168
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>4,162,633</u>		<u>4,645,914</u>

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# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024*

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

County Trust Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is 4A Portora Wharf, Queen Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7PW 4A Portora Wharf, Queen Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7PW.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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)". The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

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 charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

#### 1.4 Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charitable Company is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support programme activities and is recognised where the entitlement, certainty of receipt and amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

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

# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.6 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired on business combinations are recognised separately from goodwill at the acquisition date where it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the fair value of the asset can be measured reliably; the intangible asset arises from contractual or other legal rights; and the intangible asset is separable from the entity.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Website	33% Straight line
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#### 1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% Straight line
Fixtures and fittings	15% Reducing Balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.8 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

#### 1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charitable company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.10 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.

# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.11 Financial instruments

The charitable company 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 charitable company's balance sheet when the charitable company 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 1.12 Taxation

The company is a charity and is recognised by HM Revenue & Customs under the charity tax reference XN88600. As a result there is no liability to taxation on any of its income.

#### 1.13 Employee benefits

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

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

#### 1.14 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

# COUNTY TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

### 3 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other income	28,650	29,296
Rental income	(67,501)	1,192,035
Government grant income	-	1,200
	<u>(38,851)</u>	<u>1,222,531</u>

### 4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Bank interest received	109,360	23,803
Interest receivable	2,042	-
	<u>111,402</u>	<u>23,803</u>

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### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Charitable activities 2023 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Staff costs	35,495	34,936
Depreciation and impairment	6,857	7,575
Rates	249,366	162,730
Insurance	70,221	60,668
Light and heat	71,956	55,801
Repairs and maintenance	35,515	119,255
Bank charges	2,110	658
Sundry expenses	10,774	2,903
Charitable donations	135,628	244,677
Rental Property expenses	33,125	50,836
Profit or loss on sale of investment property	(50,000)	-
	<u>601,047</u>	<u>740,039</u>

#### Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)

Governance	118,623	27,208
	<u>719,670</u>	<u>767,247</u>

#### Analysis by fund

Unrestricted funds	<u>719,670</u>	<u>767,247</u>
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### 6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs	<u>118,623</u>	<u>27,208</u>

#### Analysed between:

Charitable activities	<u>118,623</u>	<u>27,208</u>
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	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Governance costs comprise:</b>		

Audit fees	3,776	3,450
Legal and professional	114,847	23,758
	<u>118,623</u>	<u>27,208</u>

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<b>7</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	6,839	6,981
	Amortisation of intangible assets	18	594
		<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>

### 8 Trustees

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the Charitable Company during the year.

### 9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
	2	2
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>

### Employment costs

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	35,045	34,614
Other pension costs	450	322
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
	<b>35,495</b>	<b>34,936</b>
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>

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

### 10 Taxation

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

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### 11 Intangible fixed assets

	Website £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 May 2023 and 30 April 2024	1,800
<b>Amortisation and impairment</b>	
At 1 May 2023	1,782
Amortisation charged for the year	18
At 30 April 2024	1,800
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 30 April 2024	-
At 30 April 2023	18

### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 May 2023	301,639	23,372	325,011
At 30 April 2024	301,639	23,372	325,011
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 May 2023	36,197	18,002	54,199
Depreciation charged in the year	6,033	806	6,839
At 30 April 2024	42,230	18,808	61,038
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 30 April 2024	259,409	4,564	263,973
At 30 April 2023	265,441	5,370	270,811

### 13 Investment property

	2024 £
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 May 2023	4,250,000
Disposals	(500,000)
At 30 April 2024	3,750,000

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### 13 Investment property

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Investment property comprises premises at 21 Townhall St, Enniskillen, BT74 7BD; Barclaycard House, Massey Road, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees, TS17 6EX and 20 Lackaghboy Industrial Estate, Tempo Road, Enniskillen, BT74 4RL. During the year the Lackaboy property was sold in the year to the Fermanagh Christian Fellowship.

The fair value of the investment properties has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at 30th April 2021 by the Trustees. The valuation was made on an open market value basis by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties.

### 14 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	98,934	55,341
	<u>98,934</u>	<u>55,341</u>
<b>Amounts falling due after more than one year:</b>		
Other debtors	275,842	-
	<u>275,842</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total debtors</b>	<u>374,776</u>	<u>55,341</u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	221,107	244,690
Accruals	5,152	5,152
	<u>226,259</u>	<u>249,842</u>

### 16 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Defined contribution schemes</b>		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	450	322
	<u>450</u>	<u>322</u>

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

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### 17 Unrestricted funds

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

	At 1 May 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	8,972,242	72,551	(719,670)	8,325,123
	<u>8,972,242</u>	<u>72,551</u>	<u>(719,670)</u>	<u>8,325,123</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 May 2022</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>At 30 April 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
General funds	8,493,155	1,246,334	(767,247)	8,972,242
	<u>8,493,155</u>	<u>1,246,334</u>	<u>(767,247)</u>	<u>8,972,242</u>

### 18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>At 30 April 2024:</b>	
Tangible assets	263,973
Investment properties	3,750,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	4,311,150
	<u>8,325,123</u>
	<u>8,325,123</u>
	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>At 30 April 2023:</b>	
Intangible fixed assets	18
Tangible assets	270,811
Investment properties	4,250,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	4,451,413
	<u>8,972,242</u>
	<u>8,972,242</u>

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#### 19 Related party transactions

During the year the charitable company entered into the following transactions with related parties:

Included within repairs and maintenance for the year is £19,584 (2023: £18,454) to B.I.G. Contracts Limited, a company owned by the Trustees of Country Trust Limited. These costs relate to work carried out on the Stables and the purchase of materials. The balance outstanding at the year end and included in other creditors is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

Included within legal and professional for the year is £24,000 (2023: £Nil) to B.I.G. Contracts Limited, a company owned by the Trustees of Country Trust Limited. These costs relate to project management fees in relation to the Barclaycard House refurbishments. The balance outstanding at the year end and included in other creditors is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

Included within rental property expenses for the year is £Nil (2023: £383) to B.I.G. Contracts Limited, a company owned by the Trustees of Country Trust Limited. These costs relate to service charges for Unit 3. The balance outstanding at the year end and included in other creditors is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

Included within charitable donations for the year is £8,000 (2023: £8,000) to Sow 2 Reap Trust, a charity which Ian Jones is a Trustee. The balance outstanding at the year end and included in other creditors is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

Included within wages and salaries for the year is £20,000 (2023: £20,000) to a sister of the Trustees. These costs relate to remuneration for her services as a welfare officer. The balance outstanding at the year end and included in other creditors is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

Included within rental income for the year is -£179,999 (2023: £40,000) from Fermanagh Christian Fellowship, a charity which Ian Jones is a Trustee. The rental income relates to Lackaboy Property. The balance outstanding at the year end and included in other debtors is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

Included within profit on sale of investment property for the year is -£50,000 (2023: £Nil) relating to the sale of Lackaboy Property to Fermanagh Christian Fellowship, a charity which Ian Jones is a Trustee. The balance outstanding at the year end and included within other debtors is £318,192 (2023: £Nil).

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20	Cash generated from operations	2024	2023
		£	£
	(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(647,119)	479,087
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(111,402)	(23,803)
	Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	18	594
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	6,839	6,981
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(319,436)	883,499
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(23,583)	55,585
	<b>Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations</b>	<b>(1,094,683)</b>	<b>1,401,943</b>

21 **Analysis of changes in net funds**  
The charitable company had no material debt during the year.