

THE NORTH BERWICK TRUST LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year ended 31 March 2023

**Company Registration Number SC599995
Scottish Charitable Company Number SC048462**

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors, who are the directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

Objects and Activities

Purposes

The charitable objectives are to benefit the residents of North Berwick as the directors in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion think fit and without prejudice to the foregoing generality:-

- To provide, maintain, service and staff facilities for public recreation in North Berwick;
- To provide assistance of any kind for the education of residents of North Berwick and their dependents;
- To provide, maintain, service, plant, cultivate and manage public amenity grounds and gardens within North Berwick and all necessary or desirable ancillary roads, sewers and other services; and
- To alleviate need and suffering of any kind among residents of North Berwick and their dependants.

Vision

The Directors have agreed the following statement.

1. We will take a flexible and responsible approach to managing the charitable company's funds, enabling us both to invest in the community today and create a North Berwick 'Forever Fund' for the future;
2. Working with North Berwick Community Council, the Coastal Area Partnership and other appropriate bodies, we will use the charitable company's resources to assist in meeting identified community needs;
3. We will award grants to North Berwick community groups, organisations and individuals;
4. We will seek to work inclusively, collaboratively and transparently; and
5. We will review our work regularly and are presently undertaking a major review in 2022/2023.

Grant making

The directors are able to expend capital or income according to needs and ambitions identified by the local community.

Achievements and Performance

During the year to 31 March 2023 the charitable company:

- The Trust's park has been further developed into a well-used green space; benefitted from community planting days, provision of benches and picnic tables, and enhancing the entrance following transfer back to NBTL from the housing developer.
- Maintained the charitable company's thematic groups, involving community members and advising the Board. These groups are Grants, Finance, Future Strategy and Estates.

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Achievements and Performance (cont.)

- Planted wild flowers in the area identified for a community hub, this includes clearance of the ground and was also the site of a community planting day for seed scattering.
- Published two newsletters, maintained an active and pro-active social media stream, and worked closely with Fringe by the Sea to put on a Meet the Trust day.
- Further developed and managed the grants scheme, giving out £275,135 to local organisations. A Young Persons Scholarship grants fund was launched, and the Grants and Communications Manager worked with all North Berwick schools to target specialist support to young people in need of assistance.

Financial Review

Cash at the bank as at the year end amounted to £285,880 (2022: £155,566) and the charitable company held investments valued at £16,420,794 (2022: £17,192,620).

The charitable company recorded a net decrease in funds for the year of £771,376 (2022: increase of £1,065,099). Total income amounted to £368,802 (2022: £290,273) and total expenditure amounted to £452,016 (2022: £476,355).

At the year end the charitable company had total funds of £16,386,265 (2022: £17,157,641), all of which are unrestricted. Free reserves, being unrestricted funds not tied up in tangible fixed assets or investments, amounted to a deficit of £34,530 (2022: deficit of £34,980) as at the year end.

Reserves Policy

The directors retain sufficient capital and income to meet the charitable company's aims. The investment fund, representing the investments held, is used for generating income and capital growth that can be expended to support the objectives of the charitable company. The Directors have the authority to sell investments and transfer the proceeds to the operating fund.

Investment Policy

The charitable company's funds are invested through two investment companies. The charitable company aims to produce as attractive a level of income as possible while taking a moderate level of investment risk. The Directors have set an income target of 3% (before fees) for the investment companies to achieve either via income received on the investments or by liquidating some of the investments. This now gives the two investment companies greater freedom to pursue maximisation of total return (capital growth plus income) rather than having to focus on delivering a specific income only return which meant having to exclude certain high capital growth but low income shares. Income generated by the portfolio is important to the Directors and will be used to give grants to beneficiaries. The Directors understand that, in order to generate capital growth and mitigate inflation risk in the long term, and indeed to generate an attractive level of income, the underlying investments will include assets such as equities and therefore the short term capital value may be volatile. The Directors are willing to tolerate some volatility over the short term in order to generate sound long term capital returns.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

Risk Management

The Directors have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charitable company is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. They have assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charitable company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The principal risks faced by the charitable company, and the way they are mitigated are

1. There is a risk that the value of the charitable company's investment might be affected by stock market volatility. This risk is mitigated by an investment policy that balances return and risk.
2. There is a risk that the charitable company might fail to deliver its objectives and it mitigates this risk by actively developing and reviewing its strategy and delivery.
3. The charitable company's Finance Group carried out a review of risk within the period and no new risks were identified.

The Directors are committed to the process of reviewing the necessary strategies for the avoidance of the above noted risks.

Plans for Future Periods

The charitable company plans to further develop its grant award process, supporting the local community in North Berwick in line with its objectives. The Trust are further developing its grant funding, launching a Capital Grants Programme for larger projects.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The North Berwick Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee with charitable status. The company was incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 14 June 2018 and was granted charitable status on 18 June 2018. It was established under a Memorandum of Association that established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. The charitable company was set up to take over the activities of the North Berwick Trust (SC000135) following its agreement to transfer all its assets to the charitable company in May 2019. This process was fully completed by 21 November 2019, the date to which the final accounts for North Berwick Trust were drawn up.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

Structure, Governance and Management (cont.)

Recruitment and appointment of the Directors

Directors are appointed by the existing Directors of the charitable company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Any member who wishes to be considered for appointment as a Director must apply in writing to the company. At an Annual General Meeting the charitable company may, by ordinary resolution, appoint a director. The directors may also, at any time, appoint a member to fill a vacancy or as an additional director. At the first meeting of the Board following the Annual General Meeting the directors elect the Chair and Vice Chair.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the maximum and minimum number respectively of Directors may be determined from time to time by Ordinary Resolution in General Meeting of the charitable company. Currently the maximum number of Directors is twelve and the minimum number of Directors is seven.

The Directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Director to fill a vacancy as an additional Director, provided that the appointment does not cause the number of Directors to exceed any number determined in accordance with the Articles of Association as the maximum number of Directors and for the time being in force. At each Annual General Meeting one third of the Directors shall retire but can offer themselves for reappointment as long as their total term does not exceed six years unless approved by the other Directors.

None of the Directors have any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Directors are full members of the charitable company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Director induction & Training

There is a formal director induction and training process.

Organisational Structure

The Directors meet regularly to oversee the operation of the charitable company and determine its strategic direction and policies. The charitable company employs a manager and, since May 2021 a further employee, to handle administration and the grants process. Maintenance of the financial records is outsourced to independent third parties.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

Reference and Administrative Information

Company Registration Number SC599995

Charitable company Number SC048462

Directors & Trustees

Sir David Tweedie
Charlotte Flood appointed 15 September 2022
Morgan Flynn
Jim Goodfellow
Lesley Kay
Alexander MacGruer appointed 15 September 2022 & resigned
22 November 2022
Jane McMinn appointed 15 September 2022
Gordon Moodie
Elizabeth Morris
Olwyn Owen resigned 8 June 2023
Benjamin Palmer appointed 15 September 2022
Ian Watson

Company Secretary

Whitelaw Wells
The Lighthouse
Heugh Road
North Berwick, EH39 5PX

Registered and Principle Office

Bass Rock, The Lighthouse, Unit 2, Heugh Road Industrial Estate,
North Berwick, EH39 5PX

Statutory auditors:

Geoghegans,
6 St Colme Street
Edinburgh EH3 6AD

Senior Statutory Auditor:

Paul Marshall

Bankers:

Bank of Scotland
38 St. Andrew Square
Edinburgh, EH2 2YR

Solicitors:

Gillespie Macandrew
5 Atholl Crescent
Edinburgh, EH3 8EJ

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Brewin Dolphin
144 Morrison Street
Edinburgh, EH3 8BR
McInroy and Wood
Easter Alderston
Haddington, EH41 3SF

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

Directors responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the director should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- 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 assume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, The Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The directors 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.

The directors 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.

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Directors on 7 September 2023 and signed by:-



Sir David Tweedie
Director

THE NORTH BERWICK TRUST LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The North Berwick Trust Limited for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account), 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 FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Accounting 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 2023 and of 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, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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 Auditors' 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 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 directors' (who are also the trustees of the charity for charity law purposes) 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 company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS

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Other information

The other information comprises the information in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors 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 audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on 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 Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006, Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors 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 Directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the directors (who are also the trustees of the charitable company for the purposes of charity 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 directors 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 directors 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 directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures to respond to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we consider the following:

- The nature of the industry, control environment and business performance of the charitable company
- The requests of our enquires with management and Directors about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities
- The matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we consider the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charitable company for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override and inappropriate income recognition.

We also obtain an understanding of the legal and regulatory environment in which the charitable company operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and those which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities FRS 102 (2019), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at:
<https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>.

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, and the directors, as a body, in accordance with regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 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.



Paul Marshall CA

Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of Geoghegans, Statutory Auditor

Geoghegans is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

6 St Colme Street

Edinburgh EH3 6AD

Date: 27 September 2023

THE NORTH BERWICK TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:			
<i>Donations</i>		198	9,000
<i>Investments</i>			
Dividends		315,170	185,381
Interest receivable		5,584	42,952
Wayleaves		76	-
Rent receivable		7,250	12,000
<i>Other income</i>			
Investment managers fee rebate		40,524	33,560
Recharged Legal fees		-	7,380
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Total income		368,802	290,273
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Expenditure on:			
<i>Raising funds</i> - Investment managers fees		40,015	43,037
<i>Charitable activities</i>			
Grants payable	4	275,135	296,052
Other costs	5, 6	38,218	40,505
Support costs	5, 6	98,648	96,761
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Total expenditure		452,016	476,355
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Net (expenditure) before gains and losses on investments		(83,214)	(186,082)
Net (loss)/gain on investments	9	(688,162)	1,251,181
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Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		(771,376)	1,065,099
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Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	12	17,157,641	16,092,542
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Total funds carried forward	12	16,386,265	17,157,641
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All funds are unrestricted general funds.

The charitable company has no recognised gains and losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All the results of the charitable company are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 15 to 26 are an integral part of this Statement of Financial Activities.

THE NORTH BERWICK TRUST LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		Year ended 31 March 2023	Year ended 31 March 2022
Note		£	£
Tangible fixed assets	8	1	1
Investments	9	16,420,794	17,192,620
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		16,420,795	17,192,621
 Current assets:			
Debtors	10	18,751	38,612
Cash at bank		285,880	155,566
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		304,631	194,178
 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
	11	(339,161)	(229,158)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net current (liabilities)		(34,530)	(34,980)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total assets less current liabilities		16,386,265	17,157,641
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 Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	12	16,386,265	17,157,641
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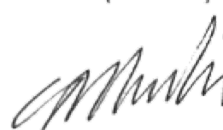
These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standards (FRS 102).

Approved by the Directors on 7 September 2023 and signed by:



Sir David Tweedie
 Director

Company registration number: SC599995



Gordon Moodie
 Director

The notes on pages 15 to 26 are an integral part of these accounts.

THE NORTH BERWICK TRUST LIMITED
STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 March	31 March
	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(281,430)	(376,065)
	_____	_____
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income	328,080	233,455
Purchase of Investments	(1,588,671)	(1,189,495)
Proceeds from sale of investments	1,714,804	1,239,543
	_____	_____
Net cash provided by investing activities	454,213	283,503
	_____	_____
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	172,783	(92,562)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	208,635	301,197
	_____	_____
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	381,418	208,635
	=====	=====
RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net (expenditure) for the year	(83,214)	(186,082)
Adjustments for:-		
Investment income	(328,080)	(233,455)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	19,861	(15,851)
Increase in creditors	110,003	59,323
	_____	_____
Net cash (used in) from operating activities	(281,430)	(376,065)
	=====	=====
Analysis of cash and cash deposits		
Cash in hand	285,880	155,566
Cash held within investment portfolio	95,538	53,069
	_____	_____
	381,418	208,635
	=====	=====

The notes on pages 15 to 26 are an integral part of these accounts.

THE NORTH BERWICK TRUST LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The North Berwick Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recorded at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Based on the charitable company's financial plans and the related expected financial outcomes, the directors consider there are no material uncertainties about the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income

Income is recognised when the charitable company has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Donations are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Accounting policies (cont.)

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure is stated inclusive of VAT. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to the expenditure.

- *Charitable activities* include grants awarded, overheads and support costs, including governance costs.

Grants are regarded as commitments when the directors have approved a request for support that is payable over a financial year-end and have written to the beneficiary stating the amount and period over which grants will be made. If, within the commitment period, a beneficiary ceases or materially adversely changes its charitable operations or fails to meet any funding condition the directors would have no hesitation in withdrawing their commitment. Future commitments are recognised as liabilities.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charitable company but do not directly undertake charitable activities, including general administration expenses, insurance, governance costs and professional fees. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charitable company and include audit, accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charitable company.

Depreciation

Assets are initially recorded at cost, with assets costing in excess of £500 capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, excluding land which is not depreciated. Professional and associated costs related to the acquisition of assets are capitalised.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the market value at the balance sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charitable company does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charitable company is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of the investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors and sub sectors.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amount and included when reasonable certainty exists over their receipt. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

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1. Accounting policies (cont.)

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and highly liquid short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charitable company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount due.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are those funds that can be used in accordance with the objectives of the charitable company at the discretion of directors. Designated funds are those set aside by Directors for particular purposes.

Financial Instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. Net expenditure

This is stated after charging:-

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditors' remuneration – audit fees	5,082	4,620
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No directors received any remuneration in the current year or previous period. There was one claim for expenses in the current year but none in the previous period.

3. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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4. Charitable grants

The following is a summary of grants paid by the charitable company:

	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2022 £
<u>COVID-19 Business Support</u>		
Nil (1) Small business award	-	4,500
<u>Educational</u>		
1 (3) Individual awards	800	5,144
Coastal Communities Museum	(103)	11,436
Law Breakfast and After School Club	-	4,993
Law Primary School	7,865	5,294
North Berwick Day Care Centre	-	18,226
North Berwick High School	11,660	-
North Berwick Playgroup	2,880	1,536
<u>Environmental</u>		
Firth of Forth Lobster Hatchery	5,000	3,000
Herbspace	7,000	-
North Berwick in Bloom	1,000	7,034
North Berwick Environment and Heritage Trust	4,800	(1,076)
North Berwick Harbour Trust Association	29,848	6,670
Scottish Seabird Centre	25,000	30,000
Upward Mobility Limited	-	9,000
Westerdunes Park Proprietors Association	(1,200)	-
<u>Health</u>		
Nil (1) individual award	-	16,465
Carers of East Lothian	5,000	10,000
Leuchie	(800)	10,200
North Berwick Health & Wellbeing	20,000	-
Stepping Out	-	15,435
<u>Sports</u>		
2 (Nil) individual awards	5,330	-
132 (North Berwick) Squadron Air Training Corps	2,356	-
Bass Rock Cricket Club	7,975	-
British Divers	1,600	(28)
Chill East Lothian	6,000	-
Cycling Without Age Scotland SCIO	14,100	-
EnjoyLeisure East Lothian	-	2,969
Fidra Lions Hockey Club	-	2,450
North Berwick Bowling Club	5,000	-
North Berwick Community Skate Park Project	-	20,000
North Berwick Highland games	-	10,000
North Berwick Rowing Club	2,690	-
North Berwick Surf Live Saving Club	-	6,804
North Berwick Swim Club	2,410	-
Whitekirk Hill Park Run	3,000	-
C/Fwd	169,211	200,052

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4. Charitable grants

	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
	£	£
B/fwd	169,211	200,052
 <u>Social Action</u>		
2 (Nil) individual awards	5,000	-
Bass Rock Community Group	859	-
Dementia Friendly East Lothian	(1,998)	-
Five in a Row	-	5,000
Fringe by the Sea	30,000	30,000
5 th North Berwick Brownies	1,200	-
North Berwick Burns Club	1,648	-
North Berwick Coastal Communities Connection	24,215	-
North Berwick Community Council Christmas Lights	-	3,000
North Berwick Community Centre from the start	-	13,000
North Berwick Community Centre for family worker post	-	27,000
North Berwick Community Centre Projector	3,000	-
North Berwick Pipe Band	-	3,000
North Berwick Youth Project	15,000	15,000
North Berwick Scouts	10,000	-
Sustaining North Berwick	17,000	-
	275,135	296,052
	275,135	296,052

Five grants were awarded to individuals during the period (2022: five).

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5 Charitable activities

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
<u>Other costs</u>		
Architect fee	(4,200)	10,200
Ground maintenance	42,418	30,305
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	38,218	40,505
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<u>Support costs</u>		
Administration and Secretarial costs	8,211	6,685
Staff Costs (see below)	53,479	46,731
Insurance	10,235	8,473
Advertising	-	312
Legal fees	5,725	15,859
Office rent	8,155	7,296
Website development	1,997	630
Miscellaneous	1,684	2,615
<u>Governance costs</u>		
Audit	5,082	4,620
Accountancy	4,080	3,540
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	98,648	96,761
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The aggregate payroll costs were:		
Wages and salaries	49,133	43,860
Social Security costs net of employment allowance	-	-
Pension costs	4,346	2,871
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	53,479	46,731
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On an average head count basis the charitable company had 2 members of staff (2022: two) during the period. Administration and support services are provided by third parties and are included in administrative expenses. Support costs are allocated to activities in relation to the grants award each year.

All expenditure in the current and previous year was unrestricted.

The key management of the charitable company are deemed to be the directors. The total key management personnel remuneration for the year was £Nil (2022: £Nil).

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6. Analysis of charitable expenditure

The charitable company undertakes its charitable activities through grant making and awards grants to local charities and institutions in furtherance of its charitable activities.

	Grants	Other costs	Support costs	Total 31 March 2023	Total 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Educational	23,102	-	8,283	31,385	61,870
Environmental	71,448	38,218	25,617	135,283	112,986
Health	24,200	-	8,677	32,877	69,130
Sports	50,461	-	18,092	68,553	55,982
Social Action	105,924	-	37,979	143,903	127,380
COVID -19 Business Support	-	-	-	-	5,970
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	275,135	38,218	98,648	412,001	433,318
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7. Summary analysis of expenditure and related income for activities

This table shows the cost of the main activities and the sources of income that support those activities.

	Education	Environ- mental	Health	Social Action	Sports	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Costs	(34,745)	(148,081)	(36,396)	(159,308)	(73,486)	(452,016)	(476,355)
Investment income	27,547	87,105	28,857	126,308	58,263	328,080	240,333
Donations	17	53	17	76	35	198	9,000
Other income	3,403	10,759	3,564	15,601	7,197	40,524	40,940
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	(3,778)	(50,164)	(3,958)	(17,323)	(7,991)	(83,214)	(186,082)
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8. Tangible Fixed Assets	Land £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1 April 2022	1	1
Additions	-	-
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As at 31 March 2023	1	1
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Net book value		
As at 31 March 2023	1	1
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As at 31 March 2022	1	1
	=====	=====

It was agreed that the former North Berwick Trust would transfer its remaining interest in land to North Berwick Trust Limited for £1. The title of the land is freehold and is subject to an option by Walker Group (Scotland) Limited and Cala Management Limited.

9. Investments	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Market value at 1 April 2022	17,139,551	15,938,418
Add: Acquisitions at cost	1,588,671	1,189,495
Disposal proceeds	(1,714,804)	(1,239,543)
Realised (loss)/gain	(59,487)	93,651
Unrealised (loss)/gain	(628,675)	1,157,530
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Market value at 31 March 2023	16,325,256	17,139,551
Capital held for investment	95,538	53,069
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	16,420,794	17,192,620
	=====	=====
Historic cost	15,336,613	15,172,254
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<u>The portfolio consists of</u>		
Equity	16,069,632	16,975,533
Fixed interest securities	255,624	164,018
Cash held within the investment portfolio	95,538	53,069
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	16,420,794	17,192,620
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9. Investments (continued)

	Year ended 31 March 2023	Year ended 31 March 2022
	£	£
<u>Net gain on investments</u>		
Realised loss/(gain)	59,487	(93,651)
Unrealised loss/(gain)	628,675	(1,157,530)
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	688,162	(1,251,181)
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All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments are all in traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value, using the bid price. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value).

The significance of the financial instruments to the ongoing financial sustainability of the charitable company is considered in the financial review and investment policy and the Report of the directors.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charitable company is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of the investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors and sub sectors, particularly as the charitable company uses the dividend yield in part to finance its work.

The charitable company has managed the investment risks by retaining an expert advisors and operating an investment policy that provides a high degree of diversification of holdings within investment asset classes that are quoted on recognised stock exchange. The charitable company does not make use of derivatives and other similar complex financial instruments.

10. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	Year ended 31 March 2023	Year ended 31 March 2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	18,751	31,232
Other debtors	-	7,380
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	18,751	38,612
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11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Accruals	11,773	21,486
Grants payable	326,319	206,826
Pension	577	354
Tax and Social security	492	492
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	339,161	229,158
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12. Funds

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds:		
General fund	(34,530)	(34,980)
Designated funds:		
Land	1	1
Investments	16,420,794	17,192,620
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	16,386,265	17,157,641
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The designated **Land Fund** represents the net book value of land owned by the charitable company. The designated **Investments Fund** represents the net book value of investments.

13. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 31 March 2022 £	Cashflow £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	155,566	130,314	285,880
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14. Company limited by guarantee

This is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. Each member of the company has agreed to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the company in the event of winding up.

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15. Related parties

Directors donated £Nil (2022: £1,000) to the Trust in the year.

One director (2022: none) was reimbursed £54 (2022: £Nil) for expenses incurred in the year.

There were no other transactions with related parties were undertaken in either the current or previous year such as are required to be disclosed under Financial Reporting Statement 102. No one individual had control of the charitable company during the year.