

THE JOHN SPEDAN LEWIS FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Charity Number: 240473

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of The John Spedan Lewis Foundation (referred to as the "Charity", the "Foundation" and the "Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 11 and comply with the Charity's trust deed and the Charities Act 2011, and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. In preparing the financial statements the Charity follows best practice as set out in the UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the Foundation are to provide finance for charitable purposes, in the first instance reflecting the interests of John Spedan Lewis, including horticulture, ornithology, entomology, and associated educational and conservation projects. Appeals are accepted from charities for which natural history topics are explicitly stated among their charitable purposes, including wildlife conservation, horticulture that positively impacts biodiversity and wildlife, ornithology and entomology. In meeting these aims the Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Grant making policy

Funding is usually divided annually between a number of small and medium sized projects and a PhD research project, which is widely promoted through various networks. The typical grant making process is as follows: Applications for funding are sought from charitable organisations. These are reviewed in the first instance by the Secretary against specific criteria and objectives determined by the Trustees. Applications meeting these criteria are then considered by the Trustees at the two meetings held each year. The requests are scrutinised as far as possible on the basis of their viability and value, and their alignment to the interests, ideals and principles of John Spedan Lewis. The majority of donations are made on a one-off basis. The Trustees taking into account both the benefits of the fund requests, and the cash available, decide at these meetings whether to grant the donations.

Achievements and performance

The JSLF Emerging Leader Award for the UK Natural Environment

Originally commissioned in 2014 as the John Spedan Lewis Medal, the Award was created to mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Foundation, and from 2015 to 2019 was awarded to an individual making a significant and innovative contribution to conservation. The medal was designed by one of the country's foremost medallists, the late Felicity Powell, and is curated on behalf of the Foundation by the Linnean Society of London (of which John Spedan Lewis was a fellow from 1933 until his death in 1963).

In 2022, the Medal was relaunched as an Emerging Leader Award to emphasise the Foundation's commitment to widening participation in UK nature.

The Award seeks to acknowledge and celebrate individuals (professional and non-professional) who are showing leadership and inspiring others to understand, protect and be custodians of UK nature, especially those who are supporting and inspiring communities that have historically been under served by UK nature, natural history and wildlife conservation organisations.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Linnean Society in May 2023, Kwesia (City Girl in Nature) was presented with the Emerging Leader Award for the UK Natural Environment 2023.

Growing up in inner-city London, Kwesia underwent many challenges, including homelessness. A British Exploring Society expedition to the Peruvian Amazon allowed her to encounter nature in a way that presented positive opportunities, forming bonds with fellow nature enthusiasts. As a result, Kwesia developed 'City Girl in Nature', and became a 'nature connection activist', establishing a YouTube channel, website and social media presence to help others from her community connect with the natural world.

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The JSLF Emerging Leader Award for the UK Natural Environment (continued)

'I am delighted to receive the John Spedan Lewis Emerging Leader Award for my work in engaging communities with the natural environment. Too often, members of my community feel excluded and marginalised from the green spaces around them, yet it is often these very same places that bring joy and healing to our lives. This award gives me the encouragement and motivation to keep enabling these opportunities, and to keep telling stories of nature empowerment for all.' Kwesia (City Girl in Nature)

PhD Studentship

In 2022, the Trustees completed a review of the PhD award process, launching an applications process for a high quality research project with a university who shares our commitment to supporting a student from a non-traditional background (recognising the demographic characteristics of the environmental scientific research community is not fully representative of society as a whole). Following interviews of shortlisted supervisory panels in the autumn of 2022, The University of York was selected. The PhD studentship project title is *"From Roots to Shoots: how do meadow ants shape grassland ecosystems, and what role could they play in habitat restoration?"* The funding agreement was signed at the start of February and the first payment for Year 1 costs of £31,745 was made shortly thereafter. An accrual of £2,698 for the second payment for Year 1 costs (covering other costs) is included in the accounts to 31 March 2023.

Grant awards

During the year to 31 March 2023 the Trustees held their usual bi-annual meetings and at the November meeting, grant awards totalling of £61,168 were awarded.

Steyning Downland Scheme

A grant of £7,290 was awarded to Steyning Downland Scheme to support its conservation grazing work. Steyning Downland Scheme manages 165 acres (66 ha) of the Wiston Estate, on the South Downs National Park, near Steyning, West Sussex. A registered charity since 2009, they reconnect local people from all walks of life to the unique piece of species-rich downland.

The project aims to transform conservation grazing on the Estate using the 'Nofence' system, a new technique which uses satellite technology to create moveable 'virtual fences' around land parcels. The technology allows land managers to precisely focus grazing on important areas at specific times. The 'Nofence' system enables experimentation with new grazing techniques, removes internal fences, and avoids the use of temporary electric fencing, so creating a more open, accessible, 'rewilded' landscape.

Campaign For National Parks

An unrestricted grant of £7,500 was awarded to Campaign for National Parks to support its operational costs.

Campaign for National Parks is the only independent charity dedicated to securing the future of National Parks in England and Wales for wildlife and people.

The grant will support core costs to enable stability as the Campaign for National Parks work towards their new 5-year strategy and associated research including their State of National Parks report.

This report will bring together national and local data sets for biodiversity, habitat and people's connection to nature, to show, for the first time, how collectively National Parks are delivering upon their statutory purposes to conserve wildlife and promote public enjoyment. This research builds upon their 2018 influential Raising the Bar report.

The unrestricted grant will also support the campaigning work for a new National Park for North-East Wales with a vision of it being an exemplar for nature recovery.

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Grant awards (continued)

EcoBirmingham

A grant of £10,000 was awarded to EcoBirmingham to support environmental education and community action activities to be paid in two instalments of £5,000 in line with project milestones.

EcoBirmingham aims to affect social change and the transition towards a low-carbon and sustainable lifestyle. By inspiring and supporting communities and organisations across Birmingham to take positive action, EcoBirmingham aims to demonstrate that building low carbon communities brings benefits, opportunities and well-being to everyone, whilst protecting the environment.

The grant will support three programmes; Power2Grow, Wild Holiday Bunch and Stories4Nature, which aim to improve access to nature and develop community gardens in urban settings through high quality environmental education and community engagement.

EcoDrama

A grant of £16,378 was awarded to EcoDrama to support the Out to Play project to be paid in two instalments of £8,189 in line with project milestones.

EcoDrama is a Scottish charity which aims to advance education by increasing awareness of environmental issues through participation in drama and theatre; to advance citizenship or community development by encouraging community participation, organising and delivering theatre experiences and raising awareness about conservation and environmental issues; to advance the arts, heritage, and culture by offering theatre and arts experiences for children, young people and the wider community; to advance environmental protection or improvement by promoting the natural environment in schools and communities.

The Out to Play project focuses on Outdoor Learning for primary aged and pre-school children using drama and storytelling to inspire a connection with nature and engage children's hearts and minds to deepen their understanding of the environment. The programme includes delivery of residencies and learning sessions in primary schools and early years settings, CPD training for teaching staff and the development of free online resources. All sessions will take place within Greater Glasgow.

Badger Trust

A grant of £20,000 was awarded to Badger Trust to support the State of The Badger Pilot Project to be paid in four instalments of £5,000 in line with project milestones.

Badger Trust is the leading voice for badgers in England and Wales, working to promote and enhance the welfare, conservation and protection of badgers, their setts, and their habitats.

The project is a research initiative to develop the methodological rigour necessary for an England and Wales-wide badger survey that can be repeated every five years for effective species monitoring. The project will provide insight into the population numbers of badgers in the pilot survey areas, which will inform the management recommendations for badgers in these and similar habitats. The training of survey participants will provide educational opportunities for volunteers to learn research methods and develop transferable soft skills in communication, organisation and data management. A citizen science approach will engage communities to act for nature conservation, and instil pride in native British wildlife.

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Financial review

The Foundation was established in 1964 with a donation of £500 from John Lewis Partnership Trust. John Lewis plc then undertook to pay by Deed of Covenant £15,000 per annum for ten years to establish the Trust.

In January 2023, the Foundation gratefully accepted a further unrestricted donation of £8,333 from the John Lewis Partnership to deliver on its purpose of supporting UK registered charities with natural history, wildlife conservation and horticulture, continuing the work of John Spedan Lewis.

Total investment income of £66,543 for the year to 31 March 2023 was 6.9% higher than last year (2022: £62,261) and equated to an average income return of 2.4%. This was below the Trust's income target rate of CPI inflation plus 3.5% over the long term. Full details of investment income is in note 5 to the accounts.

As at 31 March 2023, the abrdn portfolio was valued at £2,547,274 a decline of 9.1% on the previous year end. Further details of investment performance and market conditions are given in the Investment Policy and Performance section below.

Total expenditure on Charitable activities for the year at £75,927 is significantly ahead of last year's total of £45,093 as a result of the recommencement of PhD funding with a new award to a University of York project.

At 31 March 2023, the John Spedan Lewis Foundation had unrestricted funds of £2,636,022; this is an 8.5% decline on last year largely driven by the fall in value of the investment fund.

Reserves policy

The Charity has divided its reserves into a long-term fund (with an indefinite horizon) and a short-term reserve that will be needed to provide immediate liquidity for up to two years. Each has a different risk appetite.

At the November 2022 meeting the Trustees agreed an update to the Reserves policy.

Short-term liquidity should be kept in the short-term reserve (usually its bank account, or secure money market fund) at a targeted balance of £50k to provide working capital, grants and financial mitigation.

Investment policy and performance

The Foundation seeks to produce the best financial return with an acceptable level of risk and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) compliance for each of its short-term reserve and its long-term funds. The investment objective for the long-term fund is to maintain a value against CPI inflation plus 3.5% over the long term. Risk tolerance and liquidity profile should be consistent with the planned rate of withdrawal in the Spending Policy, of at least 3.5% of the value of the fund. This can be funded from capital and/ or income.

The investment objective for the short-term reserve is to preserve the capital value with a minimum level of risk and maximum available level of liquidity and ESG compliance. This fund will have negligible risk tolerance.

As at 31 March 2023, the abrdn portfolio, excluding income earned but not distributed, was valued at £2,547,274 which equated to a decline of 9.1% on the previous year end. The majority of the decline occurred in the first quarter of the financial year. Investment income for the year at £66,543 equated to a return of 2.4% which was below the Charity's income target.

The Foundation's investment portfolio recovered strongly in the second half of the financial year following one of the most challenging periods for investment markets in history. The impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine amplified existing issues in the global economy, leading to surging energy prices and a renewed wave of inflation and higher interest rates. Despite strong gains in the Foundation's healthcare and renewable infrastructure investments, it was a more challenging period for holdings in fixed income and growth-focussed equities.

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Investment policy and performance (continued)

Looking forward, the outlook for the global economy remains uncertain. The Foundation's investment managers will focus on identifying high quality companies, that are resilient to a range of potential economic environments and which are positioned to grow without causing environmental decline.

The Trustees, in collaboration with their investment manager, have been actively moving the portfolio towards an approach that positively expresses the purpose of the charity. Through a series of workshops, the Trustees have set their longer term ambitions for their investments and formalised an updated investment policy. The new policy creates the framework to target greater positive impact, through increasing alignment of the portfolio with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the commitments of the Paris Climate Agreement. The Trustees have instructed their investment managers to exclude companies that conflict with the Foundations purpose,

At the same time the investment manager will target engagement and voting to improve climate and biodiversity performance and continue to increase the pace of investment in climate and nature based solutions. This work supports the Trustees ambition to become a signatory to the Funder Commitment on Climate Change, which will be reviewed this financial year.

In February, it was announced that the Foundation's investment partner abrdn Discretionary, would be acquired by LGT Wealth Management. The Trustees have been assured that the investment strategy and team will remain unchanged and that LGT Group shares their commitments to sustainable investing, the climate transition and protecting biodiversity. Trustees will monitor this situation as the acquisition completes.

Future plans

The Foundation received a proposal in November 2022 to merge the charity with the John Lewis Foundation. The Trustees have considered the proposal and, having taken legal advice, agree in principle to proceed with merging into the John Lewis Foundation. The Trustees are currently negotiating the final terms of the merger and expect that all steps will be completed before the 31st March 2024.

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Reference and administrative details

Charity Name: The John Spedan Lewis Foundation
Charity Number: 240473
Registered Office: 171 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 5NN

Trustees

Sharon White, Chair
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Samuel Lee-Gammage
Dr David Cope
Dr Hazel Norman

Secretary

Dr Ruth Bone (up to 18th March 2023)

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The John Spedan Lewis Foundation is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 14 December 1964 and is a registered charity (no: 240473). The Charity is an unincorporated association.

Organisation

The Trustees who have served during the year are set out on page 5. The Chairman of John Lewis Partnership Trust Limited, Sharon White, and the President of the Partnership Council of the John Lewis Partnership, Chris Earnshaw, hold office ex-officio as Trustees.

The Partnership Council on which all Partners (employees) of the John Lewis Partnership are represented elects as a Trustee a member or retired member of the Partnership, for a term of up to three years. This post is currently held by Sam Lee-Gammiage, who was appointed as a Trustee on 25 April 2019 and was confirmed as continuing his appointment for a second term following the Partnership Council elections in autumn 2022.

Two external Trustees, Dr Hazel Norman and Dr David Cope, were appointed as Trustees on 21 June 2019, each for a three year term and were confirmed as continuing for a second three year term on 7 June 2022.

No fees are payable to the Trustees.

Day to day management and administration was carried out by Dr Ruth Bone, Partner and Secretary to the John Spedan Lewis Foundation. From 19th March 2023, these responsibilities are being delivered by the Charities Volunteering Specialist and Officer from the John Lewis Partnership Social Impact Team and is funded directly by the John Lewis Partnership. All support provided directly by the John Lewis Partnership is done so in adherence to the parent organisation pay policy.

Related parties

The administration of the Trust is performed by employees of John Lewis plc. The value of these services is estimated at £13,130. The estimated value is recognised within income as a donation and an equivalent charge is included within support costs.

Risk management

The Trustees review annually the Charity's activities in relation to its objectives, and during the year to 31 March 2023 gave specific consideration to the risks, both operational and financial, to which the Charity may be exposed. They identified the most significant areas of risk to the achievement of the Charity's objectives as being the investment of the Trust Fund and the integrity of the recipients. The investment risk has been considered as part of the Charity's recent review of investment strategy which seeks to align investments with the Charity's purpose. Across the risk register as a whole, the Trustees satisfied themselves that the appropriate follow up and reporting procedures were in place to minimise the possible effects of these risks.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements

Under charity law, the Trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Trustees are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

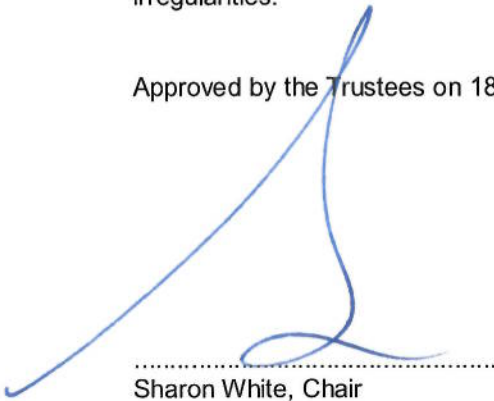
The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the Trustees:


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether the financial statements comply with the Trust Deed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Trustees are required to act in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Charity at that time, and to enable the Trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 18 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



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Sharon White, Chair



18 September 2023

THE JOHN SPEDAN LEWIS FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Notes	2023 £	2022 £
	Income	
4	21,463	12,908
5	66,543	62,261
	88,006	75,169
	Expenditure	
6	(75,927)	(45,093)
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	12,079	30,076
	Operating surplus/(deficit)	
11	(255,703)	12,059
	(243,624)	42,135
	Net income/(loss)	
14	(243,624)	42,135
	Net movement in funds	
	Reconciliation of funds	
	2,879,646	2,837,511
	Total funds brought forward	
	2,636,022	2,879,646
	Total funds carried forward	

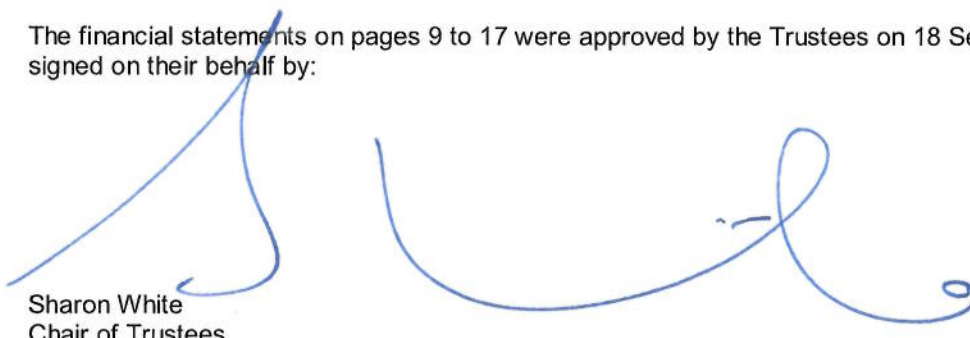
The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

Notes		Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
	Fixed assets		
11	Investments	2,547,274	2,802,977
	Total fixed assets	2,547,274	2,802,977
	Current assets		
12	Debtors	80,891	14,537
	Short-term investments	-	6,226
	Cash and cash equivalents	10,556	55,906
	Total current assets	91,446	76,669
	Liabilities		
13	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,698	-
	Net current assets	88,748	0
	Total net assets	2,636,022	2,879,646
	The funds of the charity		
	Unrestricted income funds:		
	Funds designated as held for investment	2,547,274	2,802,977
	General unrestricted fund	88,748	76,669
	Total charity funds	2,636,022	2,879,646

The financial statements on pages 9 to 17 were approved by the Trustees on 18 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Sharon White
Chair of Trustees

18 September 2023

Charity registered number: 240473

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Note		2023	2022
		£	£
	Cash flows from operating activities:		
14	Net cash outflow from operating activities	(118,119)	(71,722)
	Cash flows from investing activities		
	Dividends and interest income	66,543	62,261
	Sale of short-term investments	6,226	0
	Net cash inflow from investing activities	72,769	62,261
	Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(45,350)	(9,461)
	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	55,906	65,367
	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	10,556	55,906

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Charities Act 2011, and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the Trustees consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The business model of the Charity is such that its charitable activities are limited to those which it has sufficient funds to support from the excess of funding received over the costs of administering the Charity. The Charity therefore has no specific commitments and no committed costs beyond its fixed costs of operation which are detailed in notes 6-10.

The Trustees have reviewed the cash flow forecasts for a period of 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements which indicate that the Charity will have sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period. The Trustees consider that as a result of its operating model explained above, even if no further funding is received in the 12 month period, the Charity has sufficient cash reserves to pay all committed costs.

Consequently, the Trustees are confident that the Charity will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Investment income

Income from investment and dividends is recognised when its receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably. Dividends and interest income is accrued when the Charity's right to receive payment is established and measurement is at the fair value receivable i.e. when the Charity is notified of the award.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are recognised as income when the Charity has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Charity of the item is probable and can be measured reliably. John Lewis plc has provided administrative support at no cost. The estimated value of these services is recognised within income as a donation, and an equivalent charge is included within support costs.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Donations payable are charged in the year they are agreed by the Trustees, and notified to the recipients.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Investments

Investments are stated at market value and any gains and losses have been recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Short-term investments

Short-term investments comprise deposits with original maturities of greater than 90 days but less than one year.

Cash and cash equivalents

All cash is held in bank accounts with a short notice period of less than 90 days.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2. Custody of assets

The assets of the Foundation are held in the name of Platform Securities Nominees Limited under the provisions of a Trust Deed dated 14 December 1964 which requires the Foundation's assets to be held in the name of any company incorporated under the Companies Act.

3. Taxation

The John Spedan Lewis Foundation is a registered charity, and as such is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied solely for charitable purposes, falling within s478 to s490 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2020 and s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

4. Donations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donated services	13,130	12,908
JLP Nature Donation	8,333	-
Total	21,463	12,908

Administrative support is provided by John Lewis plc. The estimated value of these services is recognised within income as a donation, and an equivalent charge included within support costs.

In January 2023, the John Lewis Partnership made an unrestricted donation of £8,333 to the John Spedan Lewis Foundation to deliver on its purpose of supporting UK registered charities with natural history, wildlife conservation and horticulture, continuing the work of John Spedan Lewis.

5. Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Barings Targeted Return Fund	-	31,679
BlackRock Market Advantage Strategy Fund GBP	-	16,031
Aberdeen Standard Capital Portfolio	66,354	14,537
Interest on cash deposits	189	14
Total	66,543	62,261

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations payable	27,296	25,000
PhD University of York	34,443	-
Support costs	13,130	12,908
Other costs	1,057	7,175
Bank charges	-	10
Total	75,927	45,093

The estimated support costs relate to wages and salaries for the administrative services provided by John Lewis plc at no charge. An equivalent sum is included within income as a donation.

Other costs of £1,057 comprise of ; support with the PhD studentship selection process, legal advice relating to the proposed merger with the John Lewis Foundation and travel expenses.

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

Donations payable

	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£
Institutions			
EcoBirmingham	5,000		
Steyning Downland	7,290		
Badger Trust	5,000		
Campaign for National Parks	7,500		
EcoDrama	8,189		
The Big Give Trust - Green Match Fund	(5,683)		25,000
Sub-total of donations to institutions		27,296	25,000
Total		27,296	25,000

7. Multi-year project with EcoBirmingham

In November 202 the Trustees agreed a multi-year project with the EcoBirmingham to support environmental education and community action activity. The total amount approved was £10,000 to be paid over two years. The total amount committed but not provided as at 31 March 2023 was £5,000.

8. Multi-year project with the Badger Trust

In November 202 the Trustees agreed a multi-year project with the Badger Trust to support the State of The Badger Pilot Project. The total amount approved was £20,000 to be paid over instalments. The total amount committed but not provided as at 31 March 2023 was £15,000.

9. Multi-year project with the EcoDrama

In November 202 the Trustees agreed a multi-year project with the EcoDrama to support the Out to Play project. The total amount approved was £16,378 to be paid over two years. The total amount committed but not provided as at 31 March 2023 was £8,189

10. The Big Give Trust refund

In June 2022, The Big Give Trust refunded £5,683 of the 2022 Green Match Fund donation as a result of funds not being matched in the April 2022 fundraising event.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value at 1 April	2,802,977	2,790,918
Net gains/(losses) on sale	-	116,225
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation	(255,703)	(104,166)
Market value at 31 March	2,547,274	2,802,977

Investments at 31 March comprised:	2023	2022
	Market Value	Market Value
	£	£
Income Funds		
Abrdn Portfolio	2,547,274	2,802,977
Historical cost as at 31 March	2,907,143	2,907,143

12. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest Receivable	80,891	14,537

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
University of York PhD	2,698	-

14. Movement in Fund

	£
Fund at 31 March 2022	2,879,646
Net movement in funds	(243,624)
Fund at 31 March 2022	2,636,022

15. Related party transaction

The audit fee has been borne by John Lewis plc. The Trustees did not receive, and were not entitled to receive, any remuneration for their services. Expenses in the year totalled

Administrative support is provided by John Lewis plc. The value of these services is estimated at £13,130 (2022: £12,908). The estimated value of these services is recognised within income as a donation, and an equivalent charge included within support costs.

THE JOHN SPEDAN LEWIS FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*16. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flows from operating activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds	(243,624)	42,135
(Gain)/loss on investments	255,703	(12,059)
Deduct investment income shown in investing activities	(66,543)	(62,261)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	2,698.00	(25,000)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(66,354)	(14,537)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(118,119)	(71,722)

Independent auditor’s report to the Trustees of The John Spedan Lewis Foundation Charity

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The John Spedan Lewis Foundation (“the charity”) for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity’s affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (or its predecessors) and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (“ISAs (UK)”) and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the charity in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going concern

The trustees have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the charity or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the charity’s financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements (“the going concern period”).

In our evaluation of the trustees’ conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the charity’s business model and analysed how those risks might affect the charity’s financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the trustees’ use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the trustees’ assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity’s ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the charity will continue in operation.

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud (“fraud risks”) we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud.

Our risk assessment procedures included:

- enquiring of personnel, as to whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- reading the Trustee minutes; and
- using analytical procedures to identify any unusual relationships or movements.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because revenue is in the form of cash receipts and notified to the charity in line with signed agreements.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, through discussion with management and discussed the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

The charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation), and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Whilst the charity is subject to many other laws and regulations, we did not identify any others where the consequences of non-compliance alone could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information, which comprises the Trustees' Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. We are required to report to you if:

- based solely on that work, we have identified material misstatements in the other information; or
- in our opinion, the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Charities Act 2011 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the charity has not kept sufficient accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Trustees' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 9, the trustees are responsible for: the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the charity'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 they either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with section 149 of the Charities Act 2011 (or its predecessors) and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Hargreaves". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jessica Hargreaves

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

KPMG LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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