

Charity number: 268321

The Godinton Charitable Trust

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 October 2018

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Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers for the year ended 31 October 2018

Trustees

T J Bennett
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Charity registered number

268321

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 October 2018

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the year to 31 October 2018.

Structure, governance and management

• Constitution

The grant making charity was constituted by the late Alan Wyndham Green ("the settlor") by a settlement dated 21 March 1974. The trustees are required to pay or apply the income of the trust fund and at any time or times to pay or apply the whole or any part of the capital of the trust fund to or for such charitable objects or purposes as the settlor directed. Since his death on 6 February 1996, the trustees have absolute discretion as to the application of the trust fund for charitable objects or purposes. In a letter of intent dated 17 January 1991 the settlor directed the trustees, after his death, to transfer to The Godinton House Preservation Trust (registered charity no. 1002278) such amounts of capital or income at such times as the trustees think fit at their discretion.

• Organisational structure and decision making

The trustees named on page 1 served throughout the year. Appointment of trustees is governed by the trust deed of the charity. The board of trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of existing trustees.

Objectives and activities

• Grant making policies

The charity is a privately funded grant-making charity. It issues no appeals for funding. While the trustees have discretion as to the application of its income or capital, for charitable objects or purposes generally, it was always the intention that the charity would help provide long-term endowment for its associated charity, The Godinton House Preservation Trust ("Godinton"). The trustees have therefore determined:

- (i) To regard the charity as available primarily for the benefit of Godinton;
- (ii) To regard Godinton as having priority over other charitable purposes or objects;
- (iii) Subject to that, to apply the charity's income mainly for the benefit of other Kent-based charities.

The trustees liaise closely with the Godinton House trustees in order to decide which projects to support and, therefore, the proportions in which the charity's available income is to be provided for or towards Godinton projects and, subject thereto, for the benefit of other charities. When approving specific grants to The Godinton House Preservation Trust, or in support of other charitable objects and purposes generally, the trustees do so after considering whether the proposed grant meets the test of providing public benefit in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. In conjunction with The Godinton House Preservation Trust the trustees are keen to promote and support educational and training projects on the Godinton Estate.

Achievements and performance

• Review of activities, future plans and financial review

The charity achieved a surplus of £65,431 in the year before realised losses of £30,942 and unrealised losses of £218,590 on investment assets. As at 31 October 2018 the charity had unrestricted funds of £6,334,168.

The charity has continued to make annual and one off donations for charitable purposes as set out in the accounts (note 4). These amounted to £16,000 (2017: £16,000) of annual donations and £47,500 (2017: £48,050) of one-off donations.

The trustees received applications for grants and those applications that met the grant making policy of the charity were considered at the biannual meetings of the trustees and grants have been awarded as shown. It is expected that the trust will continue to operate in this manner in the forthcoming year.

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• Investment policy and performance

The trustees have delegated the management of investments to Waverton Investment Management (Waverton) at its discretion which is exercised in the best interests of the charity.

(i) Investment objective

The aim of the charity is to secure an overall return at the best rate Waverton believes to be sustainable over the long term, to be achieved by a combination of capital growth and income, via a prudent and balanced exposure to the best stocks and funds worldwide.

(ii) Investment restrictions

The trustees have wide powers of investment. There are no specific restrictions other than that the investments should be suitable for trustees.

(iii) Investment strategy

The portfolio may be invested, consistent with the objective, in a diversified selection of equities, fixed interest stocks, bonds, funds and cash with overall medium risk.

(iv) Review

Waverton provides reports on the portfolio at least half yearly, incorporating indicators of its performance as measured periodically in relation to the agreed benchmarks. The primary benchmark is the FTSE/APCIMS Income Index.

The trustees review periodically (1) the investment objective, as stated above, in relation to the needs of the charity and (2) the arrangements under which Waverton acts as their investment manager.

The trustees are satisfied with the performance of the investment portfolio in the period under review.

• Reserves policy and going concern

As the charity is grant-making, and has no long term obligations (all its grants being discretionary, year by year) the trustees have concluded that there is no ideal level of reserves. However, if the charity's income in any year exceeds its expenditure for that year the excess is carried forward towards future expenditure, the trustees' policy being to match income and expenditure over time. In the opinion of the trustees the charity has sufficient liquid assets to meet any reasonably foreseeable liability that may arise in a period of 12 months from the date of the approval of these accounts.

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2011/2006 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charities Commission, including public benefit guidance.

This report was approved by the trustees, on 7 December 2018 and signed on their behalf by:

M F Jennings
Trustee

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Independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 October 2018

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Godinton Charitable Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2018.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

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

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

Signed:

Dated: 7 December 2018

M A Crawley FCA

Chavereys
Chartered Accountants
Faversham

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 October 2018

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £	total funds 2017 £
Income and endowments from:				
Investments	2	170,648	170,648	175,072
Total income and endowments		170,648	170,648	175,072
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds:				
Investment management		31,817	31,817	25,221
Charitable activities	3	73,400	73,400	73,830
Total expenditure		105,217	105,217	99,051
Net income before investment gains/(losses)		65,431	65,431	76,021
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(249,532)	(249,532)	485,519
Net (expenditure)/income before other recognised gains and losses		(184,101)	(184,101)	561,540
Net movement in funds		(184,101)	(184,101)	561,540
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	10	6,518,269	6,518,269	5,956,729
Total funds carried forward		6,334,168	6,334,168	6,518,269

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 October 2018

	Note	£	2018 £	£	2017 £
Fixed assets					
Investment property	7		70,000		70,000
Investments	8		6,006,189		6,276,972
			<u>6,076,189</u>		<u>6,346,972</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		272,356		192,346	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(14,377)		(21,049)	
			<u>257,979</u>	<u>171,297</u>	
Net current assets					
Net assets			<u>6,334,168</u>	<u>6,518,269</u>	
Charity funds					
Unrestricted funds	11		6,334,168		6,518,269
Total funds			<u>6,334,168</u>	<u>6,518,269</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 7 December 2018 and signed on their behalf by:

M F Jennings

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2018

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

The Godinton Charitable Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling and all values are rounded to the nearest pound (£).

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis, there are no material uncertainties about the ability of the charity to continue to operate.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure

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

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'gains/(losses) on investments' in the statement of financial activities.

1.5 Financial instruments

The charity 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.6 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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2. Investment income

	2018 £	2017 £
Interest from listed investments and cash deposits	2,707	-
Dividend income from listed investments	167,941	175,072
	<u>170,648</u>	<u>175,072</u>

All investment income for both the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

3. Analysis of expenditure

	Grants £	Support and governance costs £	2018 £	2017 £
Grants	63,500	9,900	73,400	73,830

All expenditure for both the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

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4. Grants

	2018 £	2017 £
Godinton House Preservation Trust	26,800	25,800
The Rifles Officers Fund	1,000	1,000
Great Chart PCC	1,750	1,750
National Arts Collection Fund	1,000	1,000
Army Benevolent Fund	1,000	1,000
Glyndebourne Arts Trust	1,000	1,000
Hothfield PCC	1,750	1,750
Pilgrims Hospices in East Kent	1,000	1,000
Weald of Kent Preservation Society	500	500
Kent Wildlife Trust	1,000	1,000
Delmelza House Childrens Hospice	1,000	1,000
Kentish Stour Countryside Project	1,000	1,000
Deal Festival	1,000	1,000
Canterbury Cathedral Appeal Trust	1,000	1,000
Kent Community Foundation, Ashford	2,000	2,000
Bridge Project	2,000	2,000
Bethersden Cricket Club	-	2,500
Brockhill Park Performing Arts College	-	650
Ashford and Tenterden Umbrella	1,000	1,000
Kent Association for the Blind	500	500
St Lawrence, Hougham	-	2,500
Wealden Literary Festival	-	800
Childhood First	-	1,000
FitzRoy	-	3,000
The Young Lives Foundation	-	1,000
St Mary and the Holy Cross, Milstead	-	2,000
Egerton Music Festival	-	1,000
Dover Sea Cadets	-	1,300
1st Charing Scout Group	-	3,000
Music at Malling	1,000	-
The Fire Fighters Charity	1,000	-
Making a Difference	1,000	-
S Willesborough After School Club	1,000	-
Wye Village Hall	1,000	-
Kenward Trust	2,000	-
Together Ashford Churches	1,000	-
Cantercare	1,700	-
Wye Community Farm	500	-
Hawkinge Baptist Church	1,000	-
Charing Palace Trust	2,000	-
St Margaret's Church, Hothfield	2,000	-
Blackthorn Trust	2,000	-
	63,500	64,050

All grants for both the current and prior year were made from unrestricted funds.

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5. Support and governance costs

	2018 £	Total 2017 £
Bank charges	60	60
Independent examiner's fees	3,240	3,120
Management charge	6,600	6,600
	<u>9,900</u>	<u>9,780</u>

All support and governance costs for both the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds and were made in pursuance of the charity's grant making activity.

6. Net income

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration, benefits in kind or reimbursement of expenses (2017-£Nil).

7. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 November 2017 and 31 October 2018	<u>70,000</u>

The 2018 valuations were made by N G Sandford MRICS, on an open market value for existing use basis.

8. Fixed asset investments

	Listed securities £	Cash at brokers £	Total £
Market value			
At 1 November 2017	5,929,056	347,916	6,276,972
Additions	1,186,684	(191,859)	994,825
Disposals	(1,047,018)	-	(1,047,018)
Revaluations	(218,590)	-	(218,590)
	<u>5,850,132</u>	<u>156,057</u>	<u>6,006,189</u>
At 31 October 2018	<u>5,850,132</u>	<u>156,057</u>	<u>6,006,189</u>
Historical cost	<u>4,668,145</u>	<u>156,057</u>	<u>4,824,202</u>

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8. Fixed asset investments (continued)

Material investments

Material investments which are more than 5% of total market value:

	2018 £	2017 £
Waverton Sterling Bond Fund A Inc	358,680	382,160
Morgan Wright Japan Fund B £ Inc	324,716	344,967
	<u>683,396</u>	<u>727,127</u>

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

Accruals and deferred income	<u>14,377</u>	<u>21,049</u>
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10. Statement of funds

Balance as at 1 November 2017	6,518,269	5,956,729
Income	170,648	175,072
Resources expended	(105,217)	(99,051)
Investment (losses)/gains	(249,532)	485,519
	<u>6,334,168</u>	<u>6,518,269</u>
Balance as at 31 October 2018		

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Unrestricted funds 2017 £
Fixed asset investments	6,006,189	6,276,972
Investment property	70,000	70,000
Current assets	272,356	192,346
Creditors due within one year	(14,377)	(21,049)
	<u>6,334,168</u>	<u>6,518,269</u>

12. Connected charity

The Godinton House Preservation Trust (registered charity no. 1002278) is a charity established by the late Alan Wyndham Green to preserve Godinton House, its grounds, surrounding parkland and contents for public benefit. M F Jennings, Hon J D Leigh-Pemberton and the Hon W G Plumtre are trustees of this charity. During the year the charity incurred a management charge for administration work of £6,600 (2017: £6,600).