

**The A Team Foundation Limited**

**Annual Report and Financial  
Statements**

5 April 2023

Company Limited by Guarantee  
Registration Number  
03775136 (England and Wales)

Charity Registration Number  
1077094

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## Reference and administrative information

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<b>Registered office</b>	61 Grosvenor Street London W1K 3JE
<b>Company registration number</b>	03775136 (England and Wales)
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1077094
<b>Auditor</b>	Buzzacott LLP 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL
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## Directors' report Year ended 5 April 2023

The directors present their statutory report together with the financial statements of The A Team Foundation Limited for the year ended 5 April 2023.

This report has been prepared in accordance with Part VIII of the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 16 to 19 of the attached financial statements and comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of The A Team Foundation Limited, applicable laws 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

### **GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Constitution**

The A Team Foundation Limited is a company limited by guarantee (Registration Number 03775136) and a registered charity (Registration Number 1077094).

#### **Directors**

The names of the directors who served during the period are set out as part of the reference and administrative information on page 1 of these Annual Report and Financial Statements.

The Articles of Association require a minimum of three directors and a maximum of seven. Directors may co-opt any person duly qualified to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional director. Decisions on donations are taken by all directors and investment decisions have been delegated to Benjamin Arbib.

#### **Directors' responsibilities statement**

The charitable company's directors (who are also trustees of the Foundation for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with 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, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of The A Team Foundation Limited and of its income and expenditure for the financial year then ended. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

## **GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT** (continued)

### **Directors' responsibilities statement** (continued)

- ◆ state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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 which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

Each of the directors confirms that:

- ◆ so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- ◆ the director has taken all steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Risk management**

The directors have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed and remain confident that they have in place systems and procedures to mitigate the risks. They feel that the main risk to which the charity is exposed is the protection of assets and income. The income of the charity is mainly derived from the portfolio of investments held within the charity. The directors monitor the performance of the investments and regularly review their investment policy, meeting on a quarterly basis to consider the investment yields and capital growth.

### **Key management personnel**

The directors are the key management and as such have not at any time received any remuneration for their services.

## OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND RELEVANT POLICIES

In accordance with its Articles of Association, the Foundation is to promote any charitable purpose or support any charity selected by the directors. The directors seek through their grant-making programme and social investments to support charitable projects in areas identified as being of particular interest to them.

Within these broad formal objects, the directors have considered how best the charity can apply its resources for public benefit. In doing so, the directors have paid due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

### Strategy

Since 2009, the Foundation directors have chosen to support organisations and projects that explore the links between the consumption and production of foods and their effects on human health, social wellbeing and the environment. Most recently, the directors have focused on funding within five broad programme areas:

- **Inspiring nutrition:** Encouraging authentic and enlightened food production and consumption.
- **Community cohesion:** Engaging communities with food to form meaningful connections to people and the land.
- **Education:** Disseminating the true value and interconnectivity of food and farming.
- **Environmental stewardship:** Endorsing responsible land management that works in harmony with nature.
- **Equality:** Supporting the rights for people to work and live in dignity, providing assistance for marginalised food growing communities.

### Grantmaking

The directors support a wide range of charitable institutions and purposes. They take a strategic approach to grant-making and do not respond to unsolicited applications. The foundation's directors and staff proactively solicit proposals from organisations that evidence public benefit and alignment with the foundation's strategy.

The foundation primarily funds within the UK, with some grants being awarded to international organisations that evidence a unique or innovative approach to the foundation's programme areas.

### Collaboration and pooled grantmaking

The directors recognise the value of working collaboratively with other funders to pool resources, share learning, and increase impact.

In 2019, the A Team Foundation and the Roddick Foundation cofounded Farming the Future, a collaborative pooled fund that aims to be in service of the food and farming movements by enabling funders and organisations to work together more effectively. In 2021, the collective included the A Team Foundation, the Roddick Foundation, Samworth Foundation, Thirty Percy, Savitri Trust, Be The Earth, Bertha Earth, the Kreitman Foundation and a number of private individuals.

During 2021, Farming the Future's fiscal sponsorship transferred from the A Team Foundation to Prism the Gift Fund to better recognise its financial independence. The A Team Foundation now award an annual grant directly to Prism the Gift Fund's nominated Farming the Future account for regranting. In financial year ending April 2022, the A Team awarded a grant of £179,157 for this purpose.

The Foundation also makes an annual contribution to the Agroecology Fund, a multi-donor fund based in the US that amplifies agroecological practices and policies throughout the world.

### **Investments**

The investment strategy is set by the directors, who consider the charity's income requirements, the risk profile and the view of economic and market conditions. The investment objectives are to obtain a balanced return from both capital growth and income. The directors meet on a regular basis to consider the charity's portfolio and investment performance.

The directors recognise that the foundation's investments play a significant role in achieving the foundation's charitable aims. In recent years, a percentage of the foundation's investment portfolio has been transitioned to mission aligned investments. Each investment within the mission aligned portfolio is assessed against the Commonlands Four Returns Framework (<https://www.commonland.com/4-returns/>), which seeks the following returns:

- Inspiration: Giving people hope and a sense of purpose
- Social capital: Bringing back jobs, business activity, education and security
- Natural capital: Restoring biodiversity, soil, water quality and capturing carbon
- Financial capital: Realising long-term sustainable profit

### **Funder Commitment on Climate Change**

In November 2021, the A Team Foundation signed the Funder Commitment on Climate Change. The Commitment recognises that the growing climate emergency is a serious risk to the pursuit of charitable aims. All foundations can play a part in addressing the causes of climate change and supporting adaptation to its effects. There is a special responsibility on foundations, whose assets are held for the public good, to use their resources and independence to rise to the challenge.

The Commitment comprises the following:

- **Educate and learn:** We will make opportunities for our trustees, staff and stakeholders to learn more about the key causes and solutions of climate change.
- **Commit resources:** We will commit resources to accelerate work that addresses the causes and impacts of climate change. (If our governing document or other factors make it difficult to directly fund such work, we will find other ways to contribute, or consider how such barriers might be overcome).
- **Integrate:** Within all our existing programmes, priorities and processes, we will seek opportunities to contribute to a fair and lasting transition to a post carbon society, and to support adaptation to climate change impacts.
- **Steward our investments for a post-carbon future:** We will recognise climate change as a high-level risk to our investments, and therefore to our mission. We will proactively address the risks and opportunities of a transition to a post carbon economy in our investment strategy and its implementation, recognising that our decisions can contribute to this transition being achieved.
- **Decarbonise our operations:** We will take ambitious action to minimise the carbon footprint of our own operations.
- **Report on progress:** We will report annually on our progress against the five goals listed above. We will continue to develop our practice, to learn from others, and to share our learning.

The Commitment was launched in November 2019, and since June 2020 has been hosted by the Association of Charitable Foundation (ACF). Every year, ACF publishes a report

summarising the progress of all signatories. The A Team Foundation will publish its first annual progress report in November 2022.

## **ACTIVITIES IN THE CURRENT YEAR**

### **Summary of three largest grants (excluding grant to Prism the Gift Fund for Farming the Future and the National Portrait Gallery)**

#### **Beyond GM**

*Identifying the Core Principles and Criteria for Agroecologically Appropriate Technology £50,000 (over 2 years)*

Beyond GM was established in 2014 as an independent initiative with the goal of bringing a disenfranchised public back into the discussions around genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

In response to growing pressure on farmers, governments, policymakers, retailers, citizens and the philanthropic community to support and participate in an agricultural transition; Beyond GM seek to find consensus on more clearly defined principles for technology choices in agroecology. The participative project will map the current situation regarding technology options with farmers on the agroecological spectrum to understand the practical and philosophical underpinnings of the technology choices.

#### **Black Mountains College**

*Growth Strategy at Black Mountains College £46,000 (2 years)*

Black Mountains College is a start-up further and higher education college dedicated to addressing the climate and ecological crisis; pioneering new approaches to education that mainstream ecology, climate action, climate justice and social transformation.

The 120 acre farm campus will be an exemplar site of best practice agroecological land use, community growing and learning. With few other programmes that address climate issues holistically, Black Mountains college curriculum challenges the basis of our destructive economy. As the demand for ecological education is growing the college is expanding its further education program to meet the needs of students who want a holistic program

#### **Partnerships for Change and Toxic Free Future for Our Children**

*Changing the Paradigm report media campaign, \$78,750USD*

Partnerships For Change and Toxic Free Future For Our Children have partnered to promote the Changing the Paradigm report to help inform a wide range of stakeholders on the true cost of the global toxicity crisis. The partnership enables a media and public outreach campaign for Toxic Free Future For Our Children's Changing the Paradigm report.

Partnerships For Change a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of sustainable development through direct humanitarian action and transforming social and economic conditions of underserved communities around the globe. Toxic Free Future For Our Children brings together a diverse group of communications and media professionals, scientists, environmental health professionals, legal, scientific and environmental health experts and activists to tell the story of the cascading global toxicity crisis and to kick-start possible solutions.



## PERFORMANCE

### Investment performance

There were various acquisitions and disposals of investments during the year. The realised investment loss on disposals for the year ended 5 April 2023 was £49,661 (2022 – gains of £32,342) while the unrealised loss on changes in the market value of investments amounted £1,990,514 (2022 – gain of £3,067,952).

The Investment portfolio yielded dividends and interest amounting to £121,088 (2022 - £150,559) in the year. The directors consider investment performance to be in line with market conditions. In addition, interest was earned on cash held in short term deposit accounts and secured loans amounting to £40,961 (2022 - £6,219).

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Results for the period

During the year ended 5 April 2023, the charity's total income was £458,425 (2022 - £420,225), mainly derived from investments and donations received. Donations of £266,011 were received and restricted for the specific purpose of being used on the Farming The Future project.

The charity incurred expenditure on its unrestricted fund of £1,362,472 (2022 - £981,831) of which 81% related to grants payable, which resulted in net charitable expenditure on unrestricted funds of £1,170,058. After foreign exchange gains of £722 (2022: gains of £49,746), and transfers in of £2,395,900 (2022 – transferred out £2,033,712) from the expendable endowment fund, unrestricted funds were £1,620,029 (2022 - £393,415) as at 5 April 2023.

The charity received donations totalling £266,011 (2022 - £247,966) on its restricted fund. The charity incurred expenditure of £58,948 on its restricted fund leaving a net balance of £386,777 to carry forward to 2023/24.

After investment management fees of £9,301, net investment losses of £2,040,175 (2022 – net investment gains of £778,570) and the transfer out of £2,395,900 to the unrestricted fund the expendable endowment fund totalled £12,720,521 (2022 - £17,165,897) at 5 April 2023.

### Reserves policy and financial position

As at 5 April 2023 total funds of £14,727,327 were carried forward in accordance with the directors' policy on reserves. Included are restricted funds of £386,777 relating to funding from the National Lottery which is carried forward in support of future costs of the Farming the Future project.

The foundation's "free reserves" are £14,727,327 at 5 April 2023 (2022 - £17,739,026). The policy is to expend the income generated by the endowment fund to the fullest extent possible, in as much that the directors are able to identify suitable recipients during the year. The endowment will be invested with the intent to, as far as possible, retain its capital value and produce an annual income.

## FUTURE PLANS

The directors are satisfied with their grant making policy and it is their intention to support a wide and varied number of charities.

**Directors' report** Year ended 5 April 2023

Approved by the directors and signed on their behalf by:



[Benjamin Arbib \(Jan 3, 2024 13:15 AST\)](#)

Director

Approved on: Jan 3, 2024

The A Team Foundation Limited

Registered Company Number 03775136 (England and Wales)

**Independent auditor's report to the members of The A Team Foundation Limited**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The A Team Foundation Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 5 April 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 5 April 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

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable parent 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.

**Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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.

**Other information** (continued)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of 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 the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- ◆ adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- ◆ the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- ◆ certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- ◆ we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

**Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors 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.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP FRS 102 and the Charities Act 2011.
- We understood how the charitable company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to management and those responsible for legal, compliance and governance procedures. We corroborated our inquiries through our review of trustee meetings and papers provided to the trustees.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatements, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:
  - Identifying and assessing the design and implementation of controls in place to prevent and detect fraud;
  - Challenging assumptions and judgments made by management and the trustees in its significant accounting estimates;
  - Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular adjustments made at the year-end for financial statement preparation; and
  - Assessing the extent of compliance with relevant laws and regulations by reviewing correspondence with regulators and legal advisors.
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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Independent auditor's report Year ended 5 April 2023

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Katharine Patel, Senior Statutory Auditor  
for and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor  
130 Wood Street  
London  
EC2V 6DL

Date: 05 January 2024

## Statement of financial activities year to 5 April 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Expendable endowment £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Investment income	1	121,088	-	-	<b>121,088</b>	150,559
Interest receivable	2	40,961	-	-	<b>40,961</b>	6,219
Donations received		30,365	266,011	-	<b>296,376</b>	263,447
<b>Total income</b>		<u>192,414</u>	<u>266,011</u>	<u>-</u>	<b><u>458,425</u></b>	<u>420,225</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
On charitable activities	3/4	1,362,472	58,948	9,301	<b>1,430,721</b>	1,064,150
Net (gains)/losses on foreign exchange		(772)	-	-	<b>(772)</b>	(49,746)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,305,211</u>	<u>58,948</u>	<u>9,301</u>	<b><u>1,429,949</u></b>	<u>1,014,404</u>
<b>Net expenditure before losses on investments</b>		(1,169,286)	207,063	(9,301)	<b>(971,524)</b>	(594,179)
Net (losses)/gain on investments	7	-	-	(2,040,175)	<b>(2,040,175)</b>	778,570
<b>Net income before transfers</b>		<u>(1,169,286)</u>	<u>207,063</u>	<u>(2,049,476)</u>	<b><u>(3,011,699)</u></b>	<u>184,391</u>
Transfer between funds		2,395,900	-	(2,395,900)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<u>1,226,614</u>	<u>207,809</u>	<u>(4,445,376)</u>	<b><u>(3,010,953)</u></b>	<u>184,391</u>
<b>Fund balances brought forward at 6 April 2022</b>		<u>393,415</u>	<u>179,714</u>	<u>17,165,897</u>	<b><u>17,739,026</u></b>	<u>17,554,635</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 5 April 2023</b>	15	<u>1,620,029</u>	<u>386,777</u>	<u>12,720,521</u>	<b><u>14,727,327</u></b>	<u>17,739,026</u>

All recognised gains and losses are included in the statement of financial activities.

All of the charity's activities are derived from continuing operations.

## Balance sheet as at 5 April 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	7		<b>10,993,527</b>		15,555,134
Mixed Motive social investments	8		<b>905,820</b>		290,228
			<b>11,899,347</b>		15,844,362
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors:	9				
Amounts falling due within one year		<b>7,988</b>		150,000	
Amounts falling due after one year		<b>281,013</b>		-	
		<b>289,001</b>		150,000	
Cash at bank	10	<b>2,844,188</b>		1,933,344	
		<b>3,133,189</b>		2,083,344	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11		<b>(281,453)</b>	(145,680)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>2,851,736</b>		1,937,664
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		<b>(23,756)</b>		(43,000)
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>14,727,327</b>		17,739,026
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
<i>Capital funds</i>					
Expendable endowment fund			<b>12,720,521</b>		17,165,897
<i>Income funds</i>					
Restricted funds	14		<b>386,777</b>		179,714
Unrestricted funds – general fund			<b>1,620,029</b>		393,415
<b>Total charity funds</b>	15		<b>14,727,327</b>		17,739,026

Approved by the directors and signed on their behalf by:



[Benjamin Arbib \(Jan 3, 2024 13:15 AST\)](#)

Director

Approved on: Jan 3, 2024

The A Team Foundation Limited

Company Registration Number 03775136 (England and Wales)



## Statement of cash flows Year to 5 April 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net cash used in operating activities	A	<b>(1,156,817)</b>	(477,823)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Investment income		<b>121,088</b>	150,559
Interest received		<b>40,961</b>	6,219
Proceeds from the disposal of investments		<b>3,029,122</b>	8,668,022
Purchase of investments, less capital distributions		<b>(508,690)</b>	(9,661,369)
Mixed motive social investments made in year		<b>(615,592)</b>	(12,764)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>2,066,889</b>	(849,333)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>910,072</b>	(1,327,156)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 6 April 2022</b>	B	<b>1,933,344</b>	3,210,754
Changes in cash due to exchange rate movements on monetary assets		<b>772</b>	49,746
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 5 April 2023</b>	B	<b>2,844,188</b>	1,933,344

### Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year to 5 April 2023.

#### A Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash used in operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>	<b>(2,954,464)</b>	184,391
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Interest receivable	<b>(40,961)</b>	(6,219)
Investment income	<b>(121,088)</b>	(150,559)
Losses/(gains) on movements in market value of investments	<b>1,990,514</b>	(746,228)
Losses/(gains) on disposal of investments	<b>49,661</b>	(32,343)
Net losses/(gains) on foreign exchange translation of monetary assets	<b>(772)</b>	(49,746)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	<b>(139,001)</b>	139,000
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<b>116,529</b>	183,880
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(1,156,817)</b>	(477,823)

#### B Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>2,844,188</b>	1,933,344
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>2,844,188</b>	1,933,344

## Principal accounting policies 5 April 2023

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

### **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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost except for the modification to a fair value basis as specified in the accounting policies below.

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

All financial information is presented in British Pounds Sterling (£), the charity's functional currency, and has been rounded to the nearest pound (£).

### **Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and judgements. It also requires the directors to exercise judgement in the process of applying accounting policies. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including an expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Although these estimates are based on the directors' best knowledge of the amount, event or actions, actual results may differ from those estimates.

The areas requiring the use of estimates and critical judgements that may impact on the charity's financial activities and financial position include:

- the directors' assessment of the market value for investments in UK and Overseas private limited companies or investment vehicles, where there may be limited market based evidence of their valuation; and
- the directors' assessment of recoverability and consideration of impairment provisions in relation to loans receivable.

### **Assessment of going concern**

The directors have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements. The directors have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The directors consider that the expected investment returns and investment performance of the charity's investment portfolio will be sufficient to generate financial resources to allow the charity to continue its charitable activities for the foreseeable future and meet liabilities as they fall due.

### **Income**

Investment income includes dividends and interest on the charity's portfolio of listed investments. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and the charity has received notification that the dividend is due.

Interest on the charity's investment portfolio and funds held on deposit is recognised when receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably using the effective interest method. Included as interest receivable is any financing element where grant commitments are offered by the charity over a period greater than one year from the balance sheet date.

Income from donations is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to the donation and where receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It includes VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises grants payable and related support and governance costs.

#### *Grants payable*

Grants payable are recognised when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the donation and has satisfied all related conditions. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued for. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed or has to meet certain conditions before the grant is released are not accrued for but are noted as financial commitments in the notes to the financial statements.

#### *Support and governance costs*

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include administration, personnel and governance costs. Governance costs include audit costs and legal costs relating to the charity's compliance with regulation and good practice.

Investment management fees incurred in managing the investments of the endowment are charged against the endowment fund.

### **Fixed asset investments**

The charity's investment in quoted shares and similar investments are initially measured at cost and subsequently at market value. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period in which they arise.

The charity's investment in unquoted shares and similar investments are initially carried at cost and subsequently at market value unless the market value cannot be measured reliably in which case the investments are valued at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, together with impairment charges are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period in which they arise.

**Fixed asset investments** (continued)

*Mixed motive social investments*

Mixed motive social investments are made to provide funding to organisations in order to generate a financial return for the Foundation but also to contribute to the Foundation achieving its charitable objectives. The investments consist of concessionary loans which are initially recognised at the amount paid, with the carrying value being subsequently adjusted for repayments and any impairment.

**Financial assets and liabilities**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

**Debtors**

Other debtors and loans receivable are initially recognised at their settlement amount and subsequently at amortised cost or their recoverable amount. Impairment provisions are recognised when there is objective evidence, such as significant financial difficulties on the part of the counterparty or default or a significant delay in payment, that the charity will be unable to collect all of the amounts due.

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be measured or estimated reliably.

Creditors and provisions are initially recognised at fair value, being the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt, and subsequently at amortised cost.

Non-current creditors are measured at their present value at the balance sheet date where the time value of money is material. On initial recognition, the financing element of non-current creditors is recognised as income as interest receivable and the subsequent unwinding of the discount is charged against income as an interest expense.

**Financial instruments**

The company only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the company and their measurement basis is as follows:

*Financial assets* – trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 9. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

*Cash and cash equivalents* – are classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

**Financial instruments** (continued)

*Financial liabilities* – accruals and grant commitments are basic financial instruments and are measured at amortised cost or present value as detailed in note 10. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instrument disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

**Foreign currency transactions and balances**

Cash held in foreign currency accounts are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

**Fund accounting**

The unrestricted funds represent funds available for the general charitable purposes of the charity at the discretion of the directors.

The expendable endowment fund represents monies retained as capital which is available for the general charitable purposes of the charity at the discretion of the directors.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors for particular purposes. The aim and use of the restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

## Notes to the financial statements 5 April 2023

### 1 Investment income

	2023 £	2022 £
Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange		
Dividends – UK investments	-	22,512
Dividends – Overseas investments	26,337	21,250
Interest – UK unit trusts	84,240	93,600
Interest – Overseas investments	10,511	13,197
	<b>121,088</b>	<b>150,559</b>

### 2 Interest receivable

	2023 £	2022 £
Interest on loans receivable	40,961	6,219
	<b>40,961</b>	<b>6,219</b>

**3 Charitable expenditure**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Grants payable to institutions:</b>		
<b>Main Fund:</b>		
Prism the Gift Fund (2 grants)	151,225	179,157
Boston College	-	75,403
The Gaia Foundation	15,000	70,000
Global Greengrants UK (Agroecology Fund)	10,000	60,000
Ukraine Alive	-	50,000
Disasters Emergency Committee	-	50,000
International Conservation Fund of Canada	-	74,685
CSA Network	-	30,000
Beyond GM	50,000	30,000
Ibiza Preservation Trust	26,098	29,931
Sustainable Food Trust	1,000	20,000
Food Ethics Council	-	15,000
Bristol Textile Quarter	-	10,000
Real Farming Trust	7,200	9,000
Fairwild Foundation	15,000	5,013
Torth Y Tir	-	5,000
Soil Association	-	11,000
Pesticide Action Network UK	-	20,843
The Landworkers' Alliance	5,000	-
Farmerama Radio	20,400	-
Food, Farming and Countryside Commission – South West Mutual Fd	10,000	-
National Portrait Gallery	500,607	-
Black Mountains College	46,000	-
Growing Real Food for Nutrition	20,000	-
Rewilding Britain via The Big Give	5,966	-
Beyond Foodbank	5,000	-
Partnerships for Change	32,418	-
Next 7	4,135	-
Regenerative Earth Sacred Land	1,315	-
Soil Hero Foundation	26,545	-
Waterfall Unity Alliance Farm	21,810	-
Regenerosity (via Buckminster Fuller Institute)	4,011	-
Meridian Institute	20,017	-
LEAF	1,000	-
Toxic Free Future for our Children	31,583	-
Tapestry Institute	40,105	-
Rio Oro Project	21,810	-
<b>1% For the Planet Fund</b>		
Pur Project	30,395	31,575
Silvermill Foundation	-	4,694
Gorilla Organisation	-	4,160
<b>Total grants payable to institutions</b>	<b>1,123,640</b>	<b>785,461</b>
Future grants rescinded	10,000	-
<b>Total grants payable for the year</b>	<b>1,113,640</b>	<b>785,461</b>
Support and governance costs (note 4)	317,081	278,689
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>1,430,721</b>	<b>1,064,150</b>

## Notes to the financial statements 5 April 2023

### 3 Charitable expenditure (continued)

A reconciliation of grants payable and grant commitments as shown above and notes 10 are as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Grant commitments at 6 April 2022	179,080	-
Grants made during the year, less lapsed commitments	1,112,641	785,461
Total grants payable	1,291,721	785,461
Grants paid during the year	(992,886)	(606,381)
Commitments at 5 April 2023	298,834	179,080

	2023 £	2022 £
The above grants commitments fall due as follows:		
Within one year	275,078	136,080
More than one year	23,756	43,000
	298,834	179,080

### 4 Support and governance costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Consultancy costs	206,326	176,156
Staff costs	66,374	54,265
Investment management fees	9,301	14,067
Governance costs	35,080	34,201
	317,081	278,689

#### *Analysis of governance costs:*

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditor's remuneration	5,540	4,800
Legal fees	-	4,771
Insurance fees	-	467
Bank charges	1,222	2,695
Other expenses	28,318	21,468
	35,080	34,201

Of the above costs £58,948 (2022: £68,252) were incurred on the Restricted Fund made up of £12,849 staff costs, £46,020 consultancy costs and £79 in bank charges.

### 5 Staff costs, directors' remuneration and key management personnel

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs comprised:		
Salaries and wages	42,862	36,418
Social security costs	17,344	13,617
Pension Costs	6,168	4,230
	66,374	54,265

The Foundation had four employees in the year (2022 – two). No remuneration was paid to any director in respect of their services during the year (2022 – None).

The directors and the CEO of the charity are considered to be the key management personnel.



## Notes to the financial statements 5 April 2023

### 6 Taxation

The A Team Foundation Limited is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

### 7 Investments

Fixed asset investments comprise both listed and unlisted investments as follows:

Investments	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Listed £	Unlisted £	Total £	Total £
Market value at start of year	8,932,653	6,621,481	<b>15,554,134</b>	13,782,217
Additions at cost	-	609,647	<b>609,647</b>	9,750,491
Capital distributions	-	(100,957)	<b>(100,957)</b>	(89,123)
Disposals at carrying value (proceeds £3,029,122; realised loss £49,661)	(1,606,475)	(1,472,308)	<b>(3,078,783)</b>	(8,635,679)
Revaluation gains/(losses) in year	(2,030,307)	39,793	<b>(1,990,514)</b>	746,228
Market value at end of year	<u>5,295,871</u>	<u>5,697,656</u>	<u><b>10,993,527</b></u>	<u>15,554,134</u>
Historical cost	<u>6,458,805</u>	<u>5,249,316</u>	<u><b>11,708,122</b></u>	<u>13,415,803</u>

Capital distributions have been accounted for as a reduction in the carrying value of the underlying investment.

The amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities arising from changes in investments are:

	2023 £	2022 £
(Losses) / gains on disposal	<b>(49,661)</b>	32,342
Unrealised (losses) / gains from changes in market value	<b>(1,990,514)</b>	746,228
	<u><b>(2,040,175)</b></u>	<u>778,570</u>

Investments comprise:

	Quoted Investments 2023 £	Unquoted Investments 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Investment assets in the UK				
- UK Equities	-	-	-	-
- UK Unit & Investment Trusts	1,648,753	-	<b>1,648,753</b>	1,988,572
- UK Private Equity Funds	-	1,559,680	<b>1,559,680</b>	1,434,676
	<u>1,648,753</u>	<u>1,559,680</u>	<u><b>3,208,433</b></u>	<u>3,423,248</u>
Investment assets outside the UK				
- Overseas Equities	3,647,118	-	<b>3,647,118</b>	6,944,081
- Overseas Private Equity Funds	-	4,137,976	<b>4,137,976</b>	5,186,805
	<u>3,647,118</u>	<u>4,137,976</u>	<u><b>7,785,094</b></u>	<u>12,130,886</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>5,295,871</u>	<u>5,697,656</u>	<u><b>10,993,527</b></u>	<u>15,554,134</u>

## 7 Investments (continued)

The following individual holdings had a market value in excess of 5% of the entire investment portfolio at the year end:

	2023 £	2022 £
. Westbeck	<b>2,019,649</b>	-
. Lansdowne Energy Dynamics N/R Voting B Inst ACC	<b>976,004</b>	877,072
. WisdomTree Bitcoin	<b>818,928</b>	1,278,798
. Honeycomb Investment Trust	<b>672,750</b>	1,111,500
. LSG Craftory	<b>757,205</b>	-
. MVPQ	<b>750,000</b>	-
. Galaxy Digital Holding Company	<b>288,992</b>	1,124,279

## 8 Mixed motive social investments

	2023 £	2022 £
At 5 April 2022	<b>290,228</b>	277,464
Additions in year	<b>615,593</b>	12,764
At 5 April 2023	<b>905,821</b>	290,228

Mixed motive social investments consist of concessionary loans made to organisations that have similar charitable objectives as the Foundation. The loans support funding for agroecological food and farming enterprises and the support of environment projects for land conservation.

## 9 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
<i>Due within one year:</i>		
Loan	<b>7,988</b>	150,000
	<b>7,988</b>	150,000
<i>Due after one year:</i>	<b>281,013</b>	-
	<b>281,013</b>	-

Loans have been made to organisations that have similar charitable objectives to the Foundation. These consist of secured loans to the Ecological Land Co-op which is interest bearing at 2% per annum, paid bi-annually. The loan is repayable from 2023 following an agreement to extend the repayment period.

## 10 Cash at bank and short term deposits

	2023 £	2022 £
C Hoare & Co	<b>2,023,015</b>	611,808
Thesis Unit Trust Management	<b>821,173</b>	1,321,535
<b>Cash at bank</b>	<b>2,844,188</b>	1,933,343

## Notes to the financial statements 5 April 2023

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	6,374	9,600
Grant commitments (note 3)	275,078	136,080
	<b>281,452</b>	<b>145,680</b>

### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Grant commitments (note 3)	23,756	43,000
	<b>23,756</b>	<b>43,000</b>

### 13 Related party transactions

Mr B Arbib and Mr P Reynolds are directors of Thamesis Limited. The charity holds 10 ordinary 5 pence shares in Thamesis Limited which represents 6.25% of its issued share capital. The charity holds the shares at their nominal value.

The charity received a donation of £30,365 from Nurture Brands Ltd, of which Mr B Arbib is a director and shareholder (2022 - £12,481).

Mr B Arbib is a director of Super Fruit Partners Limited. At the year end the charity held 150,000 shares in Super Fruit Partners Limited at cost of £133,792.

Mrs M Arbib is a director of Meat v Plant Ltd. At the year end the charity held 50,000 shares in Meat v Plant Ltd at cost of £325,000.

### 14 Restricted funds

The National Lottery Community Fund ('NLCF') agreed, in May 2021, to provide the foundation with up to £5m over 10 years with £1.5m payable in years 1-3 and £3.5m payable in years 4-10, to fund the Foundation's "Growing great Ideas" project. The project's aims are to develop a growing and ambitious ecosystem committed to creating a thriving, fair and just agroecological food and land movement for the UK. Sadly, during the year, the directors received notice from NLCF that they will be scaling back their original pledge from 10 years to 3 years. The Foundation received donations in the year totalling £266,011 (£513,977 from original pledge to date) from NLCF.

### 15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Expendable endowment £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 5 April 2022 are represented by:				
Investments	10,933,527	-	-	<b>10,933,527</b>
Mixed motive social investments	905,820	-	-	<b>905,820</b>
Debtors	289,001	-	-	<b>289,001</b>
Cash at bank and short term deposits	532,173	1,925,238	386,777	<b>2,844,188</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	(281,453)	-	<b>(281,453)</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	(23,756)	-	<b>(23,756)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>12,720,521</b>	<b>1,620,029</b>	<b>386,777</b>	<b>14,727,327</b>