

Scottish Charity: SCO36069
Company Number: SC275793

HAZEL'S FOOTPRINTS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 5 April 2025

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Reference and administrative information

Constitution

Hazel's Footprints Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Charity number: SC036069. Company number: SC275793.

Board of Trustees

William Scott Aiton
Joan Scott Aiton
Joanna Scott Aiton
Lucy Costain
Rachel Hill (resigned 27 October 2024)
Chris Hildyard
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HAZEL'S FOOTPRINTS TRUST

Report of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are:

- (a) to provide financial assistance to people embarking on a period of voluntary work overseas in the educational, charity or community sectors;
- (b) to provide an annual donation to the Otjikondo Village School Foundation, Namibia (English registered charity 1050178) in support of the school's educational and community programmes and on-going capital projects;
- (c) such other purposes as are recognised by law to be exclusively charitable within the meaning of Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 or any Act amending or replacing the same and which relate to the foregoing purposes.

Achievements and Performance

The Trustees have continued to concentrate their efforts on supporting causes through educational project grants alongside the Trust's annual grant to Otjikondo Village School Foundation.

Financial Review

The financial statements show a net expenditure for the year of £29,003 (2024: £35,308) before gains and losses on investments. Taking into account losses on the revaluation and sale of investments of £14,592 (2024: gains of £7,514) the net movement in funds for the year is a deficit of £43,595 (2024: £27,794 deficit).

Reserves Policy

Unrestricted reserves at the year end were £448,654 (2024: £492,249) of which £425,477 (2024: £470,069) is held as fixed asset investments to generate sufficient annual income to finance the core objectives of the trust. Any additional fundraising will be used on an annual basis to finance further projects. Net current assets of £23,177 (2024: £22,180) reflect the 'free' reserves at the year end.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have utilised the services of McInroy & Wood to manage all the investment funds of the charity with a view to achieving a balanced growth of capital and income with emphasis on income generation.

Future Activities

The Trustees have agreed a plan for the forthcoming year to meet the objectives of the trust.

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Report of the Board of Trustees (Continued)

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is constituted by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. A Board of Trustees, consisting currently of ten members, who meet as required, administers the charity.

All Trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are appointed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The maximum number of directors is twelve.

The current Trustees have a comprehensive understanding of the workings of the charity. They take professional advice as required.

The Trustees' duties include the stewardship of the charity, public accountability and ensuring an appropriate strategy for the charity in the years ahead.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP) FRS 102.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Hazel's Footprint Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Board of Trustees is required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The Board of Trustees is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Report of the Board of Trustees (Continued)

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement (Continued)

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2019 – FRS 102) and the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 9 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Joan Scott Aiton

Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HAZEL'S FOOTPRINTS TRUST

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025 set out on pages 6 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of Company Law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Emma Marshall, CA
Independent Examiner

9 November 2025

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HAZEL'S FOOTPRINTS TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
for the year ended 5 April 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted £	2024 Unrestricted £
Income from:			
Donations		15,376	24,458
Investments		13,895	14,214
Merchandise		12	-
Total income		29,271	38,672
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds:			
Fundraising costs		76	76
Investment management costs		1,128	1,154
Charitable activities		57,070	72,750
Total expenditure	3	58,274	73,980
Net (expenditure) before gains on investments		(29,003)	(35,308)
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(14,592)	7,514
Net (expenditure) and net movement in funds		(43,595)	(27,794)
Funds brought forward		492,249	520,043
Funds carried forward		448,654	492,249

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

HAZEL'S FOOTPRINTS TRUST**BALANCE SHEET
as at 5 April 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed asset investments	6	<u>425,477</u>	<u>470,069</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank		22,148	21,269
Debtors	7	<u>1,029</u>	<u>911</u>
		23,177	22,180
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net current assets		<u>23,177</u>	<u>22,180</u>
Net Assets		<u>448,654</u>	<u>492,249</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted		<u>448,654</u>	<u>492,249</u>

For the year ended 5 April 2025, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 9 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Joan Scott Aiton

Joan Scott Aiton

Trustee

Company number: SC 275793

HAZEL'S FOOTPRINTS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 5 April 2025

1. Accounting policies

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, 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 in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes that the charity will continue its operations. Trustees are closely monitoring the impact of the current economic environment on the charity's activities and finances. There are no material uncertainties that exist and the Trustees consider it appropriate to prepare financial statements on a going concern basis.

Hazel's Footprints Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(b) Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources are included in the period in which they are receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource.

Donated services and goods are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these financial statements.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity. This is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividends has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

HAZEL'S FOOTPRINTS TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**
for the year ended 5 April 2025**1. Accounting policies (continued)****(c) Expenditure**

All 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. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and its stated gross of irrecoverable VAT. All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Expenditure is categorised under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs for fundraising purposes.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Support costs relate to the administrative costs of running the charity and include governance costs.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiner's fee and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

(d) Grants policy

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the activities of the charitable company. Grants are accounted for where the Trustees have either agreed to pay the grant without condition, the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant, or any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the charity.

(e) Investments

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

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

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

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(f) Debtors

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

HAZEL'S FOOTPRINTS TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**
for the year ended 5 April 2025**1. Accounting policies (continued)****(g) Cash at bank**

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

(h) Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured reliably.

(i) Fund accounting*Unrestricted general funds*

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

(j) Taxation

As a charity, Hazel's Footprints Trust is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

2 Legal status of the charity

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.

3 Expenditure – 2024/25

	Basis of allocation	Raising funds £	Educational & Community Projects £	Governance £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Costs directly allocated to activities						
Grants/donations (Note 4)	Direct	-	54,570	-	54,570	70,250
Independent examiner's fee	Direct	-	-	2,500	2,500	2,500
Bank charges	Direct	76	-	-	76	76
Investment management	Direct	1,128	-	-	1,128	1,154
		<u>1,204</u>	<u>54,570</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>58,274</u>	<u>73,980</u>

HAZEL'S FOOTPRINTS TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**
for the year ended 5 April 2025**3 Expenditure – 2023/24**

	Basis of allocation	Raising funds £	Educational & Community Projects £	Governance £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Costs directly allocated to activities						
Grants/donations (Note 4)	Direct	-	70,250	-	70,250	44,370
Independent examiner's fee	Direct	-	-	2,500	2,500	1,700
Companies house	Direct	-	-	-	-	13
Bank charges	Direct	76	-	-	76	72
Investment management	Direct	1,154	-	-	1,154	1,231
		<u>1,230</u>	<u>70,250</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>73,980</u>	<u>47,386</u>

4 Grants/donations awarded

	2025 £	2024 £
Otjikondo School	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Third aim projects:		
• African Promise for Ngambenyi school	7,000	7,000
• Awamu	6,240	-
• Kidogo	3,600	-
• Funzi & Bodo	15,000	-
• Friends of St Micheal	3,400	-
• Aid for Education	9,086	-
• Footprinters Grant	800	-
• London Marathon Place	444	-
• Open Way, Ethiopia	-	4,050
• Team Kenya, Kenya	-	14,700
• Uphill Trust	-	15,000
• Street Kids	-	4,700
• Accomplish Children's Trust	-	8,500
• Chili Children Trust	-	2,700
	<u>45,570</u>	<u>60,250</u>
	<u>54,570</u>	<u>70,250</u>

5 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The Trustees received no remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in either the current or previous years.

HAZEL'S FOOTPRINTS TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**
for the year ended 5 April 2025

6	Investments	2025	2024
		£	£
	Market value at 5 April 2024	470,069	502,555
	Disposal proceeds	(30,000)	(40,000)
	Net (losses)/gains on sale and revaluation	<u>(14,592)</u>	<u>7,514</u>
	Market value at 5 April 2025	<u>425,477</u>	<u>470,069</u>
	Historical cost at 5 April 2025	<u>271,895</u>	<u>289,950</u>
	Investments held at 5 April 2025 which are over 5% of the portfolio value:		
		£	£
	UK investments held - MW Income Fund – Personal Class units	<u>425,477</u>	<u>470,069</u>
7	Debtors	2025	2024
		£	£
	Income tax recoverable	<u>1,029</u>	<u>911</u>
8	Funds held on behalf of others	2025	2024
		£	£
	Funds held on behalf of others	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year, the charity received £750 (2024: £900) from external funders to support the Otjikondo School project. These funds were remitted to the school along with the charity's own award of £10,000 (2024: £10,000), during the year resulting in a £nil balance held at 5 April 2025 (2024: £nil).

9 Related party transactions

During the year one Trustees (2024: two) made donations to the charity amounting to £450 (2024: £260). Close family members of Trustees made donations amounting to £2,000 (2024: £720).

Hazel's Footprints Trust
(Charity No: SCO36069, Company No: SC275793)
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9 November 2025

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Dear Madam

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your independent examination of the charitable company's financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate and are sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can make each of the following representations. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

General

1. We acknowledge that the work performed by you is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and that you do not express an audit opinion.
2. We confirm that the charitable company qualifies as small in accordance with the conditions set out in chapter 1 of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.
3. We confirm that the charitable company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to have its financial statements for the financial year ended 5 April 2024 audited. We also confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
4. We have fulfilled our responsibilities as directors / trustees as set out in the terms of your engagement letter dated 4 March 2024, under the Companies Act 2006 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
5. All the transactions undertaken by the charitable company have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
6. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charitable company, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.
7. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

Internal control and fraud

8. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error, and we believe that we have appropriately fulfilled these responsibilities. We have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment that the financial statements may be misstated as a result of fraud.
9. We have disclosed to you all instances of known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees who have a significant role in internal control or others where fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
10. We have also disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by current or former employees, analysts, regulators or others.

Assets and liabilities

11. The charitable company has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charitable company's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
12. All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.
13. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and, where relevant, the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

Accounting estimates

14. The methods, data and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement and disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

Legal claims

15. We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements.

Laws and regulations

16. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

Related parties

17. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

Subsequent events

18. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

Going concern

19. We believe that the charitable company's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charitable company's needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

Grants and donations

20. All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees

Yours faithfully

Joan Scott Aiton

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Trustee