

**The Alfred Williams Charitable Trust**

**Financial Statements**

**Year ended 5th April 2024**

**Penn and Company**

Chartered Accountants and Chartered Tax Advisers

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**Charity information**

Legal structure	An unincorporated Trust Fund operating under the founding Trust Deed dated 4th April 1973 settled by Mr Alfred Williams.
Registered charity number	266652
Registered address	Haughley Park Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 3JY
Trustees	Mr P Clarke JP BA ACIB Mr J H Penn BA FCA CTA Mr R J Williams MA MSc Dr L R Williams BSc MB ChB
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Solicitors	Birketts Providence House 141-145 Princes Street Ipswich IP1 1QJ
Investment managers	JM Finn & Co 60 Abbeygate Street Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LB
Independent examiner	Mr David Gould ACA 7 Karen Close Ipswich IP1 4LP

**The Alfred Williams Charitable Trust  
Trustees' Report for the year ended 5th April 2024**

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**Administration, Policy and Objectives**

The Charity is managed in accordance with the provisions of the founding Trust Deed dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 1973 which gives the Trustees discretionary power to apply the income and, since the death of the settlor Alfred Williams MBE, the capital of the Trust to a wide range of charitable objectives.

In practice, being a small trust and following guidelines recommended by the settlor, the current policy of the Trustees is to apply only the income of the Trust mainly to environmental and social causes in the county of Suffolk with a bias towards preservation or regeneration of the built heritage, amenity and landscape of the county. Donations to social causes are either for start-up projects, or for modest on-going support to groups involved in voluntary care, education, theatre, music and youth and community projects. Donations are not made to individuals.

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit and have concluded that the Trust's grant making role is for the public benefit.

**Recruitment and Training of Trustees**

The power of appointment is vested with existing trustees. Appointments are made on the basis of ability and experience considered to be of benefit to the Trust. J H Penn, P D Clarke, R J Williams and L R Williams held office as trustees throughout the year.

Training, which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures and the history of the trust, is undertaken by attendance at seminars and from information obtained from relevant websites including that of the Charity Commission.

**Grants awarded in 2023-24**

In pursuance of the charity's stated objectives, 44 bodies received grants in the year ended 5th April 2024 totalling £75,150. This was within the year's investment income net of administration expenses.

The sector distribution of these grants was as follows:

- 9 grants totalling £19,500 were made to churches for fabric repair or amenity projects;
- 7 grants totalling £8,000 was made to natural environmental causes;
- 15 grants totalling £32,300 were made to man-made heritage causes
- 5 grants totalling £5,000 were made to music, literary and drama causes;
- 8 grants totalling £10,350 were made to social welfare causes.

A full list of grants made is included on page 8.

**Finance, Reserves and Risk Assessment:**

As may be seen in the Statement of Financial Activities, the net movement in funds for the year was an appreciation of £285,003 (2023: deterioration of £219,259). The appreciation is due to gains, both realised and unrealised, made on investments.

The main focus of the investment policy of the trustees is to maintain the value of the capital in inflation adjusted terms and, subject to that, to maximise income.

A total of £5,165 (2023: £4,788) was spent on administrative costs and £19,882 (2023: £19,370) on investment management costs, which trustees consider acceptable.

The reserves policy of the trustees is to accumulate a proportion of income when possible in order to provide resources to enable the Trust to continue a reasonable level of grant-making activity during periods of lower income. An anticipated year's worth of grants (£75,000) is considered to be an appropriate level of reserves.

The trustees, through periodic meetings and discussions, regularly consider possible risks to the charity, its assets and reputation and take appropriate actions to minimise these.

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**Trustees' Report (continued) for the year ended 5th April 2024**

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**Trustees' responsibilities**

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any 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 trustees are responsible for the keeping of accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the provisions of the Trust Deed and the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are 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. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

**Report and accounts approval**

This report together with the attached financial statements, comprising of a statement of financial activities, balance sheet and related notes, were approved and signed by the Trustees at their meeting on 5th October 2024

R J Williams R J Williams

J H Penn J H Penn

**The Alfred Williams Charitable Trust**

**Independent examiner's report on the accounts for the year ended 5th April 2024**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Alfred Williams Charitable Trust ("the Charity") for the year ended 5th April 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement:**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 the 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.

**Date:** 29 July 2024

**Signature:**



**Name:**

David Gould ACA

**Relevant profession or body:**

ICAEW

**Address:**

7 Karen Close, Ipswich, IP1 4LP

**The Alfred Williams Charitable Trust**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5th April 2024**

	Note	Restricted		Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
		Unrestricted funds £	income funds £		
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Interest and dividends from investments	3	90,040	-	90,040	82,951
Interest on bank deposit account	3	480	-	480	94
		<u>90,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,520</u>	<u>83,045</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Donations and grants	2	75,150	-	75,150	69,400
Legal, professional and administrative fees		5,165	-	5,165	4,788
Investment management fees		19,882	-	19,882	19,370
Foreign tax on overseas dividends		2,925	-	2,925	2,693
		<u>103,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,122</u>	<u>96,251</u>
<b>Net outgoing resources</b>		(12,602)	-	(12,602)	(13,206)
<b>Other recognised gains</b>					
Gains/(losses) on quoted investment assets		297,604	-	297,604	(206,053)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>285,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>285,002</u>	<u>(219,259)</u>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		3,602,133	-	3,602,133	3,821,392
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>3,887,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,887,135</u>	<u>3,602,133</u>

**The Alfred Williams Charitable Trust**  
**Balance Sheet as at 5th April 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments in quoted and similarly traded companies	3	3,842,977	3,557,089
Cash deposits held at investment managers	3	8,391	14,034
		<u>3,851,368</u>	<u>3,571,123</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank		37,677	32,670
		<u>37,677</u>	<u>32,670</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		1,910	1,660
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>35,767</u>	<u>31,010</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>3,887,135</u>	<u>3,602,133</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds		3,887,135	3,602,133
Designated funds		-	-
Total unrestricted funds		<u>3,887,135</u>	<u>3,602,133</u>
Restricted income funds		-	-
Endowment funds		-	-
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>3,887,135</u>	<u>3,602,133</u>

All the funds within the balance sheet are unrestricted funds.

Approved by the Trustees on 25th October 2024

R. Williams

R J Williams

J. Penn

J H Penn

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**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2024**

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**1) Basis of preparation**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

**Incoming resources**

**Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Investment income**

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

**Investment gains and losses**

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

**Taxation**

The charity's activities are not considered liable to UK income or capital gains tax, but the charity does incur foreign taxes deducted at source on foreign investment income. Value Added Tax is paid on supplies of some services made to the charity.

**Expenditure and liabilities**

**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**Grants payable**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

**Assets**

**Investments**

Investments traded on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end.

2) Donations and grants

	2024	2023
	£	£
Abbeycroft Leisure	1,000	-
All Saints, Great Ashfield	-	3,000
Beacon Church	-	1,000
Britten as a boy statue appeal	1,500	-
Bury St Edmunds Sociey CIO	1,500	-
Butterfly Conservation	-	1,000
Designer Makers CIO	2,500	-
East Anglian Childrens Hospice	1,000	1,000
Eden Rose Coppice Trust	-	2,000
Food Museum (was Museum of East Anglian Life)	3,000	-
Forest for our children	1,000	-
Freeman Community Primary School, Stowupland	2,000	-
Fresh Start Charity	1,400	-
Friends of All Saints Church, Hitcham	3,000	-
Friends of St Peter's Sibton Fabric Account	-	2,700
Future Trees Trust	2,500	-
George Community Pub, Wickham Market	3,000	-
Gt Finborough and Buxhall Under 5's	450	-
Green Light Trust	1,000	-
Haughley PC	800	5,000
Involve Centre, Lowestoft	-	1,000
Little Ouse Headwaters - River Link Project	-	2,000
Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau	3,000	3,000
Mid Suffolk Voluntary Organisation Forum	3,000	-
New Wolsey Theatre	1,000	1,000
Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust Charity	-	5,000
Norton Village Hall	3,000	-
Orchard Barn	2,000	2,000
Palgrave Parish Council	-	2,000
PCC All Saints, Shelley	1,500	1,500
PCC St Margaret's, Somerton	-	5,000
PCC St Mary at the Elms	1,000	-
PCC Barking cum Darmsden	-	2,000
PCC St Mary's, Dallinghoo	-	2,000
PCC St Mary's Tuddenham with St Andrews	-	2,000
PCC Fornham St Martin	3,000	-
PCC Gazeley	3,000	-
PCC Henley	2,000	-
PCC Herringswell	2,000	-
PCC Stoke by Clare	1,500	-
PCC Stoke by Nayland	-	2,500
Plant Heritage	1,000	-
Puddle Ducks, Suffolk	-	200
Roja Arts CIC	-	1,000
St. Elizabeth Hospice	1,000	1,000
St. Nicholas Hospice	1,000	1,000
St Peter's Church, Mildenhall	-	2,000
Stowmarket Chorale	1,000	1,000
Stowmarket ASD Saturday Club	-	200
Stowmarket Operatic and Dramatic Society	1,000	1,000
Stowupland Falcons Football Club	1,000	-
Suffolk Buildings Preservation Trust	3,000	3,000
Suffolk Historic Churches Trust	2,500	300
Suffolk Mind	-	1,000
Suffolk Music Festival Association	1,000	1,000
Suffolk Preservation Society	1,500	-
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	-	3,000
The Art Station	1,000	-
The Long Shop Museum	-	2,500
The Rifle Hall, Halesworth	-	2,000
The Quay Theatre Trust	2,000	-
Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds	1,000	1,000
Thornham Field Centre	500	500
Wetherden Townlands Charity	1,000	-
Wickham Market Partnership	1,000	-
Woodbridge Riverside Trust	-	1,000
Wyverstone Village Hall	3,000	-
	<b>75,150</b>	<b>69,400</b>

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**3) Fixed Asset Investments**

**Investments in quoted and similarly traded companies**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Market value brought forward	3,557,089	3,764,344
Additions to investments at cost	158,188	100,923
Sales proceeds	(172,116)	(103,916)
Restatement of cost for accumulation units and accrued income	2,212	1,791
Realised loss on disposal compared to opening valuation	(1,434)	(2,703)
Net unrealised gain / (loss) on revaluation	299,039	(203,350)
Market value carried forward	<u>3,842,978</u>	<u>3,557,089</u>

**Analysis of interest and dividends received**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Dividends received - UK companies	48,232	49,676
Dividends received - UK authorised unit trusts	12,836	9,104
Overseas dividends - Overseas companies	12,674	12,078
Overseas dividends - Overseas unit trusts	315	600
Overseas interest	931	-
Interest received - authorised unit trusts, bank & broker's accounts	14,003	10,393
Property income distributions	<u>1,529</u>	<u>1,194</u>
	<u>90,520</u>	<u>83,045</u>

**Analysis of cash deposits**

	<b>Market value at year end</b>	<b>Income from cash deposits for the year</b>
	£	£
JM Finn Income account	514	-
JM Finn Income account - "A" portfolio	607	-
JM Finn Deposit account	4,968	492
JM Finn Deposit account - "A" portfolio	<u>2,302</u>	<u>65</u>
	<u>8,391</u>	<u>557</u>

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**4) Analysis of Income Surplus**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Surplus brought forward	109,720	101,426
Income for the year		
Interest and dividends from investments	90,040	82,951
Interest from bank deposit account	480	94
	<u>90,520</u>	<u>83,045</u>
Expenditure for the year chargeable to income:		
Donations and grants	75,150	69,400
Legal and professional fees re income	2,896	2,658
Foreign tax on overseas dividends	2,925	2,693
	<u>80,971</u>	<u>74,751</u>
Surplus income carried forward	<u>119,269</u>	<u>109,720</u>

**5) Fees for the preparation and examination of the accounts and other related services**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Independent examiner	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Accountancy services	<u>1,560</u>	<u>1,560</u>

**6) Related party transactions**

Included within creditors is £1,560 (2023: £1,560) due to accountants Penn and Company for the preparation of the financial statements and other related work for the year ended 5th April 2024.

£1,560 (including VAT) was paid to Penn and Company during the year for the preparation of the financial statements and other related work for the year ended 5th April 2023.

Mr J H Penn is a Trustee of The Alfred Williams Charitable Trust and has an interest in Penn and Company (Suffolk) Limited which trades under the name of Penn and Company.