



FOUNDATION
SCOTTISHPOWER

ScottishPower Foundation

Annual Report 2021

Welcome

2021 was the year of COP26 and as part of our continued commitment to the fight against climate change, the ScottishPower Foundation launched the Marine Biodiversity Fund – the first multi-year fund in the history of the Foundation and the largest grant we have ever awarded.

We received a high number of excellent funding proposals and, following presentations to the Board of Trustees, the Restoration Forth project was awarded up to £600,000 over the next three years. Managed by leading independent conservation organisation WWF – in partnership with scientists, charities, and local community groups – the £2.4 million project will lead pioneering work to restore seagrass meadows and native oyster populations to the Firth of Forth.

Applying to the Foundation for funding is highly competitive every year and, in 2021, we saw a 25% increase in applications. This is testament to the work we do, but also shows the increasing demand for support from across the charitable sector. Following consideration of all the applications – and my thanks to everyone involved in this important task – the Foundation awarded funding of almost £1.2 million to 16 registered charities to support their work throughout the UK.

Street League's 'Transforming Lives' project worked with secondary schools across six regions in Scotland to engage young people most at risk of future unemployment through a combination of sport and employment workshops. Dynamic Earth used its funding to develop a new programme of innovative science engagement for underserved groups.

New elements included a ScottishPower Foundation Community Pass, offering free visits and supported learning for disadvantaged people. Finding Your Feet improved the wellbeing of Scottish amputees by delivering activities that reduced social isolation and increased physical fitness. Size of Wales brought a cohort of Youth Ambassadors to COP26 in Glasgow where they tabled the resolutions agreed at the four nations Mock COP held between high school pupils from around the UK. These are just a handful of our 2021 funded projects and terrific examples of the difference the Foundation makes – day in and day out.

The effects of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and restrictions continued to impact our funded projects during the year and the Foundation worked with charity colleagues to ensure meaningful outcomes within the new circumstances. Restrictions also impacted our ability to visit many of our funded projects; however, the Foundation operational team did manage to visit Whizz Kids and the Single Homeless Project where they met a number of beneficiaries and also had the opportunity to experience one of the creative employability workshops for themselves.

The 2021 funding pot included £30,000 awarded to charities at the eighth annual ScottishPower Foundation Awards in September. There were four awards, including the Charity Champion Award which gives special recognition to individuals working in the charitable sector for personal dedication. The 2021 Charity Champion was eight-year-old Laila McRae from East Kilbride, who was recognised for her incredible

fundraising efforts on behalf of Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland (SBH Scotland). Well done to Laila and all our winners and nominees.

I want to thank the Foundation operational team, my fellow Trustees, our Company Secretary, and the wider team at ScottishPower for their commitment over these past twelve months. I look forward to working with them in the coming year, ensuring that the Foundation continues to grow from strength to strength.

I hope you find our report of interest. The Foundation will continue to support more inspiring projects in the coming year.



Mike Thornton OBE,
Chair

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About the ScottishPower Foundation

The ScottishPower Foundation was established in 2013 by ScottishPower, which is part of the Iberdrola Group; one of the world's largest integrated utility companies and a world leader in wind energy.

ScottishPower is the first integrated energy company in the UK to generate 100% green electricity. It is committed to speeding up the transition to cleaner electric transport, improving air quality over time, driving down bills to deliver a better future, quicker for everyone. Its commitment to supporting communities throughout the UK is reflected in its overall contribution to the Foundation, which currently stands at over **£11m**.

The Foundation aims to make a significant and lasting contribution to society, enhancing the lives of people living in communities throughout the UK. Funding awards, aligned to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), are made to registered charities in the following areas:

- Education, Training and Research
- Biodiversity and Climate Change
- Art and Culture
- Social Initiatives

Decisions to award funding are made independently of ScottishPower by an experienced Board of Trustees who have a special interest in these themes.

£1.2 million

allocated in
funding in 2021



APPLYING FOR FUNDING

During the annual application period, registered charities can apply via our website at www.scottishpowerfoundation.com

Trustees



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REBECCA FAIRLEY
Solicitor at ScottishPower Renewables. Company Secretary since 2019.



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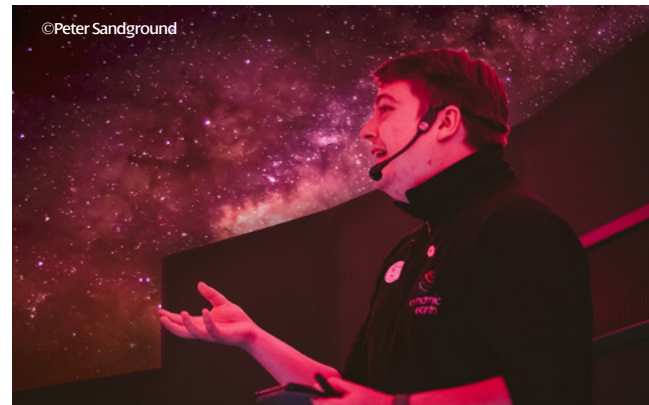


Education, Training and Research

To support education, training, and research, prioritising innovation to contribute to energy sustainability.



Drake Music Scotland



Dynamic Earth Charitable Trust



Scottish Autism



Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland

Dynamic Earth Charitable Trust

ScottishPower Foundation Planetarium Community Pass

Dynamic Earth is a science centre and educational charity dedicated to engaging people of all ages and backgrounds with Earth and environmental science.

Having received a second year of funding from the ScottishPower Foundation, the centre sought to expand the learning offering to include wider community groups and to engage teachers in professional learning opportunities to address inequalities in access to quality science education.

The new ScottishPower Foundation Planetarium Community Pass was launched to support community groups facing a multitude of social barriers to learning, enabling them to visit and enjoy bespoke experiences at the centre. The recipients of the pass included young carers groups, disabled groups and refugees and asylum seekers who enjoyed full-day activities, art sessions, stargazing and outreach workshops within the community. Funding also supported in-house astronomers to produce a suite of digital and printed learning resources to complement flagship planetaria shows.

Key outcomes achieved:

- **199** teachers attended professional learning sessions to increase their knowledge of climate change and environmental protection with a focus on marine biodiversity
- **671** in-depth science engagements delivered to **236** people through the ScottishPower Foundation Planetarium Community Pass
- Resources developed including activities and guides to supplement learning from flagship planetaria shows 'You Are Here' and 'Under Pressure'

"I was really inspired by the session and excited to share what I learned about sustainability and Scotland's seas with the children in my class."

Teacher, Oceans CLPL Session



Scottish Autism

Affinity Coaching and Counselling

Scottish Autism is an organisation dedicated to enabling those with autism to lead happy, healthy and fulfilling lives.

The Affinity Coaching and Counselling programme delivered an online service for autistic people and families throughout Scotland and supported them with the long-term effects of COVID-19 on mental health and wellbeing. Scottish Autism, together with expert associates, helped participants develop coping strategies to support them in their daily lives, including children at school and adults in the workplace.

Key outcomes achieved:

- **1057** coaching and counselling sessions delivered
- **93%** participant satisfaction scores from the programme
- **66%** of participants felt less anxious as a result of attending the programme

“ This is the first support I have had since diagnosis over a decade ago and many of the things put in place for me by Scottish Autism will make my life so much better.”

Affinity Coaching and Counselling Participant





Biodiversity and Climate Change

To support the protection of the environment and enhance biodiversity to actively contribute to the fight against climate change.



The Food Museum



DangerPoint



Size of Wales



Scottish Wildlife Trust

Size of Wales

Connecting the UK on climate change: Sharing the MockCOP model nationally

Size of Wales is a climate change charity based in Cardiff, working to mobilise Wales to help secure, sustain and restore tropical forests as part of its national response to climate change. Its work involves education and awareness raising activities across the UK, supporting young people to deepen their climate literacy and develop advocacy skills.

Young people from twenty schools across the UK took part in the 'MockCOP' programme and were inspired to use the skills they had developed and make the most of their growing network to advocate for action on climate change at a local, national and international levels, initiating change projects in their schools and communities.

Size of Wales also secured access for its Youth Climate Ambassadors at COP26 in both the Green and Blue Zones. They spoke at several different COP events to present the resolutions agreed at the MockCOP and met with high-profile leaders and politicians such as Nicola Sturgeon, Mark Drakeford and Ed Miliband.

Key outcomes achieved:

- Youth ambassadors speaking to the Climate Change Committee at COP26
- **12** workshops delivered and **38** teachers trained in schools in England
- **12** schools participated in COP26 workshops while another **45** signed up for COP26 engagement activity



“It has been a privilege to be able to attend COP26 and I am so grateful to the team at Size of Wales for allowing me the opportunity to take part in such an inspirational life experience.”

Youth Climate Ambassador



The Food Museum

A River for All

The Food Museum, formerly the Museum of East Anglian Life, is the largest independent museum in Suffolk, set in 75 acres of beautiful countryside. The charity aims to enrich the lives of local people by encouraging full enjoyment of the natural environment and enhancing learning through events, programmes, and training.

The charity's project aims to increase public access to a new woodland river trail and restore a complex of community allotments. Having cleared the river and its surrounds of litter and debris, members of the local community – including school pupils, councillors and community groups – were invited to plant trees and create new habitats such as bird boxes and bug hotels along the mile-long stretch of woodland.

Eight artists were commissioned to design and install decorative sculptures depicting the creatures that inhabit the forest. Many of these sculptures were created using recycled and upscaled materials gathered within the forest or within the museum to further promote the ethos of sustainability.

Key outcomes achieved:

- **143** volunteers participated in a series of events promoting environmental action
- **1** mile of trails opened; unsafe trees removed; **330** new trees planted; and **100** new habitats created
- **46** plots have been developed at the allotment site with specific plots for use for green therapy projects, working with the NHS.



Marine Biodiversity Fund Restoration Forth



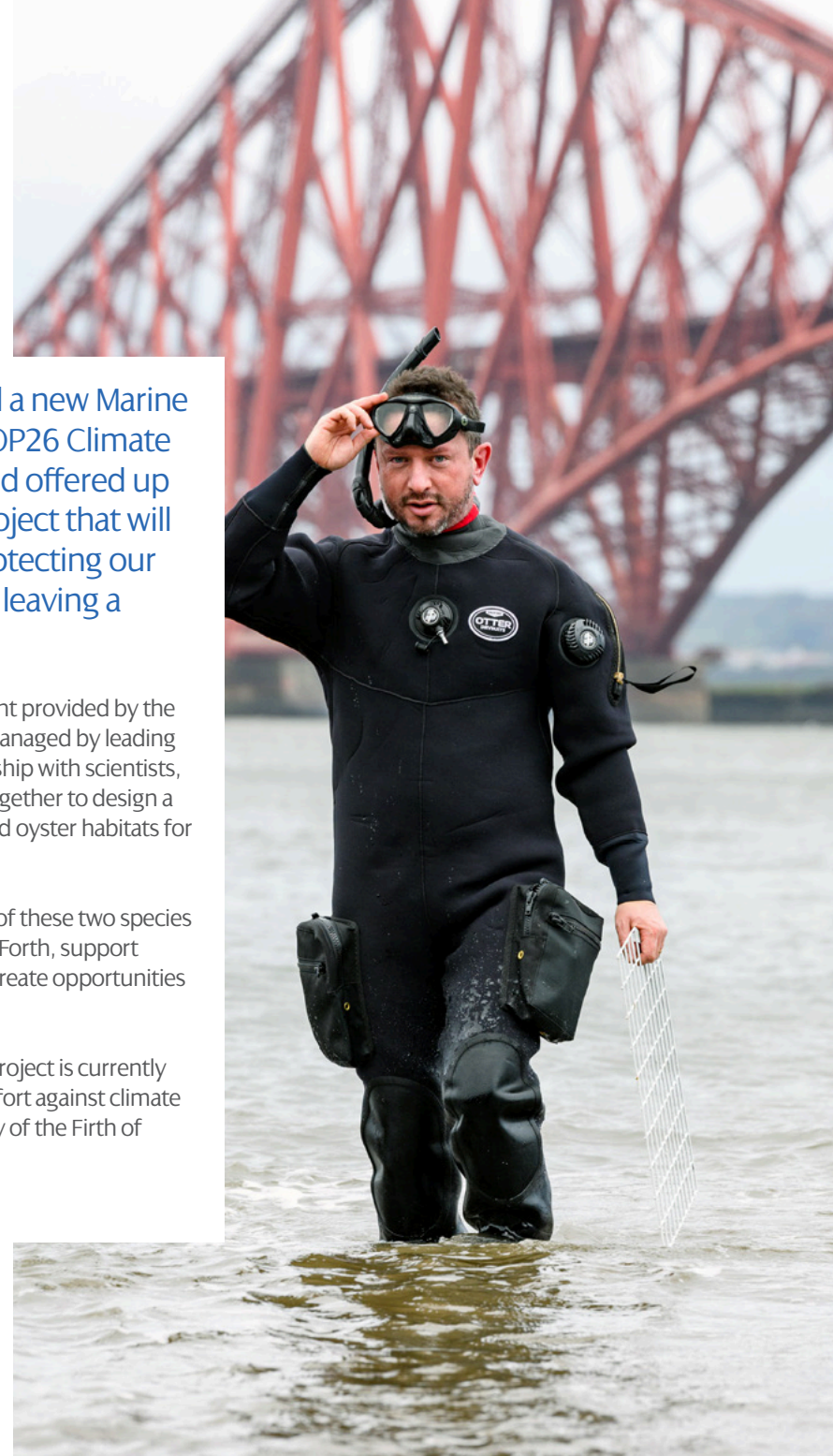
Marine Biodiversity Fund Restoration Forth

The ScottishPower Foundation launched a new Marine Biodiversity Fund in 2021 to mark the COP26 Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. The Fund offered up to £600,000, over three years, to one project that will contribute to the global objectives of protecting our seas and enhancing marine biodiversity, leaving a positive legacy for future generations.

The first award from the fund – and the biggest-ever grant provided by the ScottishPower Foundation – ‘Restoration Forth’ will be managed by leading independent conservation organisation WWF in partnership with scientists, charities, and local community groups. They will work together to design a blueprint to restore and sustainably manage seagrass and oyster habitats for a thriving Firth of Forth.

Working closely with local communities, the restoration of these two species will enhance the coastal and marine environment of the Forth, support nature-based solutions to address climate change, and create opportunities for local people to reconnect with the sea.

Announced just days before COP26 got underway, the project is currently in its early stages. It has the potential to accelerate the effort against climate change by transforming the ecosystems and biodiversity of the Firth of Forth for generations to come.



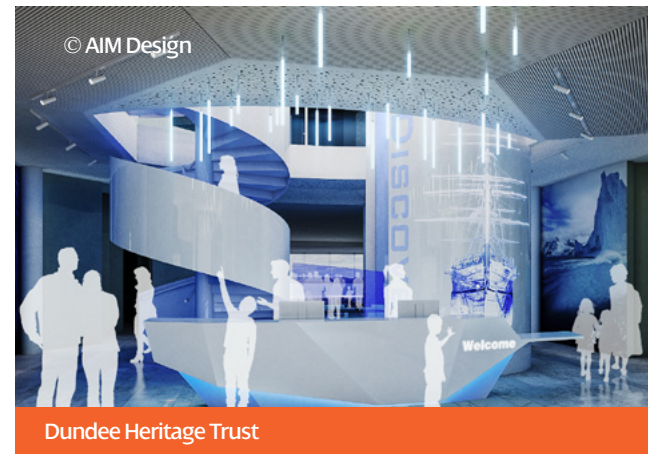


Art and Culture

To protect and safeguard artistic and cultural heritage by promoting conservation and restoration of the arts and supporting local development.



Culture, Heritage and Arts Assembly, Argyll and Isles (CHARTS)



Dundee Heritage Trust



Single Homeless Project

Culture, Heritage and Arts Assembly, Argyll and Isles (CHARTS)

Heritage Horizons

Heritage Horizons is a collaboration between CHARTS and the Argyll & Bute Museums & Heritage Forum, to address barriers to youth engagement, productivity and growth.

The project offered fifteen youth placements across the Argyll and Bute region, including remote rural areas, ranging from social media management, visitor services, woodland management and tour-guiding. The charity supported the young participants to design and research their own projects to help improve public access to heritage venues, historic sites and collections, and to produce a suite of digital resources documenting learning pathway links to literacy, science and heritage mapping. The project encouraged digital skills building and assisted participants to access employment opportunities throughout Argyll and Bute.

Key outcomes achieved:

- Around **120** young people gained recognised accreditations to support their education, health and wellbeing
- Participation in **15** placements based at a range of heritage locations, in addition to school-based and outreach opportunities, helping young people build employability skills and discover more about their local heritage



“ This is a really good working model to get young people into heritage as it has given me a lot of skills that are needed for the sector. It has got me more involved with my local heritage and the museum itself, which I wouldn't have been able to do otherwise”

Iona Tytler, Castle House Museum, Dunoon



Single Homeless Project

Using creativity to inspire access to sustainable employment

Based in London, the Single Homeless Project is passionate about making a difference in the lives of individuals experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness.

The charity delivered a new employability programme supporting people to develop skills and access work experience while exploring the creative arts, courses in carpentry, jewellery-making and filmmaking. Not only did the programme represent an important re-introduction to working with others and socialising for many of the participants, but 1 in 3 have since moved into paid work, training or self-employment as a direct result of their participation.

Key outcomes achieved:

- **12** eight-week courses delivered in carpentry, jewellery, and filmmaking
- **31** participants supported to gain work experience or access further education or training
- **1:1 growth** mindset sessions, CV writing and portfolio preparation workshops delivered



The course really helped me to get back on my feet and find my confidence." **Carpentry Course Participant**

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Social Initiatives

To contribute to sustainable human development by supporting the most vulnerable people and groups.



Action for M.E



Edward's Trust



Finding Your Feet



Street League



SAMEE



Finding Your Feet

Helping Scottish Amputees Thrive After Limb Loss

Finding Your Feet's programme aims to improve the wellbeing of Scottish amputees by delivering activities that reduce social isolation, increase physical fitness, reduce the stigma around mental health and improve the ability to self-manage.

The charity ran a mix of online and face-to-face sessions for amputees across Scotland. These included online coffee sessions, game nights, physical clubs, counselling, and provided a safe space for those attending to chat and relate with other members of the community. Bi-weekly phone calls also reached those in need of extra support.

Key outcomes achieved:

- A total of **361** activities delivered including fitness classes, social clubs, and skill activities with more than **6,700** engagements with individual people
- **96** online social activities such as virtual coffee mornings, quizzes and gigs attended by **661** people
- **139** online fitness and yoga classes, achieving **2,395** engagements with individual people

“For me personally I feel that without FYF, life would be unbearable for amputees, especially people who live alone. They give us so many opportunities to meet others in the same position as me and to share our stories.”

Finding Your Feet Beneficiary



Street League

Transforming Lives

Street League use the power of sport to help young people across the country get into education, training, and employment. The charity aims to change lives for the better by nurturing positivity and confidence in young people to achieve their objectives in life.

The 'Transforming Lives' project worked with secondary schools in Scotland to identify and engage young people at risk of future unemployment. Through sport, pupils developed soft skills such as teamwork and communication, complemented by employability workshops designed to support them to prepare applications for employment opportunities.

The charity supported young people through sessions at 34 schools across Ayrshire, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverclyde, Lanarkshire, and Renfrewshire.

Key outcomes achieved:

- **484** participants engaged in weekly sessions within schools
- **34** young people progressed into Street League's Academy Programme after finishing school
- **21** young people progressed into employment, education or training outcomes after finishing the Academy Programme



"My advice for other young people in my area is to trust the process. Respect the Street League staff and other young people around you, and you will get all the help you need."

Street League project participant.

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Recognising Achievement

Eight of the charities supported in 2021 shared prize funding of £30,000 at the annual ScottishPower Foundation Awards held virtually for the second time. The Awards celebrated the organisations the Foundation supported throughout the year and was an opportunity to showcase and illustrate all their hard work, success, and achievements.

The Awards celebrate the work of our funded charities throughout the UK, with organisations judged in four categories: Innovation, Education Award, Community Engagement, and the Charity Champion Award, which gives special recognition to the outstanding contribution made by an exceptional employee or volunteer who exemplifies what their organisation stands for.

Winners in each category receive an additional £5,000 funding boost, with runners-up receiving £2,500. The winners were announced on ScottishPower’s Twitter channel – @ScottishPower – on 3rd September 2021.



- INNOVATION AWARD**
Winner – Edward’s Trust
Runner-up – Street League
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD**
Winner – Dundee Heritage Trust
Runner-up – Action for M.E
- EDUCATION AWARD**
Winner – Single Homeless Project
Runner-up – SAMEE
- CHARITY CHAMPION AWARD**
Winner – Laila McRae, Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland
Runner-up – Rio King, Single Homeless Project



Laila McRae was crowned the ScottishPower Foundation’s Charity Champion 2021 for her incredible fundraising efforts for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland. Laila’s fundraising efforts included drawing rainbows of hope and displaying them around her local community with a JustGiving

link to SBH Scotland and completing the kilt walk in April. Laila raised over £2,000 in 2021 alone to make a real difference for her baby sister Amber, who is supported by SBH Scotland. Laila’s efforts provided a £5,000 funding boost to the charity, which has made a huge difference to her family.

Summary of Accounts 2021

During the financial period since inception in 2013, ScottishPower has contributed £11,323,912 to the Foundation.

Financial outturn for the year
The charity’s income for the period amounted to £1,370,198.

The charity paid out £1,624,256 in grants and governance costs and had net outgoing resources of £102,807.

Total reserves at the period end were £71,700, with accruals of £203,601 held for creditors due within the coming year that have been approved in 2021.

Principal funding sources
During the financial year of 2021, Scottish Power Limited has contributed £1,370,000 to the Foundation. A further donation of £1,370,000 has been committed for the financial year 2022.

Investment policy
Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each period, most of the charity’s funds are to be spent in the short term, so there are few funds for long-term investment. The Foundation presently holds a Charity Current Account with Triodos Bank.

The Foundations banking arrangements will be reviewed on an ongoing basis, thereby ensuring maximum returns for the Foundation as far as possible.

Reserves policy
The Trustees regularly consider the level of reserves required, taking into account their current and future liabilities. The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level to cover any incidental costs that would be incurred in the event of the winding up of the Foundation.

The Trustees considered the reserve level at their meeting on the 26th October 2021 and agreed that the current level of reserves was sufficient. Accordingly, it was agreed that £20,000 of existing unrestricted reserves could be used to fund grants for 2022.

The balance held as unrestricted funds at 31st December 2021 was £71,700 and is regarded as free reserves. There were no restricted funds at the 31st December 2021 (£200,000 – 2020), following the donations made, and committed to in the year towards the WWF’s Marine Biodiversity Fund multi-year project.

The Foundation currently has a committed donation from Scottish Power Limited of £1,370,000 for 2022, to pay donations and grants that have been approved and agreed to be paid in 2022 and beyond. The current level of reserves is therefore sufficient to meet the Foundation’s requirements for 2022.

Where the money comes from
Donations from Scottish Power Ltd £1,370,000
Investment income £198
Total Incoming Resources £1,370,198

Where the money goes
Charitable activities £1,573,822
Travel £1,081
Management charges £8,092
Publicity costs £5,175
Bank charges £5
IT support £32,481
Governance costs £3,600
Total Expenditure £1,624,256

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

Current assets
Cash at bank and in hand £274,602
Debtors £699
Total Current Assets £275,301

Current liabilities
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (£203,601)
Net Current Assets £71,700

In the period to 31 December 2021, the Foundation made 17 grants of between £36,590 and £400,000 to charitable organisations.



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