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Welcome

In 2023, the ScottishPower Foundation awarded almost **£1.2 million** to **19** registered charities in the UK. We also celebrated our 10th anniversary which provided an opportunity to reflect and celebrate the achievements of our charity partners.

We recognise the importance of the work of our charity partners and are pleased that the level of support we can provide has grown significantly over recent years. For the 2023 funding round, we received more than 300 applications for a share of the funding. This demonstrates the vital need for funding and provides something of a barometer for societal and environmental issues. It provides a real insight into the issues that are most pressing. The ScottishPower Foundation is delighted to be able to play its part in helping charitable organisations to deliver often lifechanging initiatives in communities and the environment.

During 2023, we continued to provide funding for a broad range of projects across our key themes. Under protecting and enhancing the environment, Glasgow Science Centre has been working with young people to equip them with the tools and skills to be effective advocates for the climate, while the Scottish Wildlife Trust provide volunteering opportunities for a range of groups in the local community to enhance biodiversity and access to greenspaces in Ayrshire. Durham Wildlife Trust has taken on management of the blanket bog and peatland of Cuthbert's Moor with the support of local citizen scientists, volunteers and students from Durham University. Trees for Life has been working with local landowners and communities in the Affric Highlands to increase the natural capital of the area through the creation of riparian woodland.

In the arts, Givin' It Laldie and Dance Base have brought song and dance to groups living with Dementia and Parkinson's respectively. They support clients and their carers to help

improve physical and mental wellbeing. The Daisy Chain Rising Stars project works with autistic children and young people through performing arts, encouraging beneficiaries to express themselves and to create friendships with their peers.

We continue to support the younger generation through innovative education projects. This includes live science shows sharing the wonder of the oceans at Techniquet in Cardiff and interactive science sessions delivered by Edinburgh Science Foundation in primary schools across Scotland. Volunteer Tutors Organisation provides weekly literacy hubs across the Central Belt to improve academic attainment, increase confidence and self-esteem among pupils. Leeds Culture Trust engages pupils to find solutions to real-life engineering problems faced by the planning team working on the transformation of Leeds city centre.

Finally, we have helped the Stillborn and Neonatal Death Charity, Sands to recruit more befrienders across the UK to support families who have been affected by pregnancy loss and baby death, and Magic Breakfast has provided over 3000 children in deprived schools across Glasgow with a nutritious breakfast to ensure that no child is too hungry to learn.

In addition to the 19 grants awarded through our annual grants programme, the Foundation also started its third year of support for the Restoration Forth project –the first grant from the Marine Biodiversity Fund and our largest award to date at £600,000 over three years.

Restoration Forth is managed by WWF, the leading independent conservation organisation, in partnership with charities and academic organisations. Restoration Forth aims to restore up to four hectares of seagrass and 30,000 oysters by the end of 2024. Along with fellow Trustees, I attended a seagrass processing event to ready the seeds for planting in the spring. This is an innovative project and our funding has supported the deployment of the first oysters in the Forth in over 100 years, a landmark moment for the restoration of the area.

Our annual Awards Ceremony was held in October 2023 for charities we had supported during the funding year. We awarded an additional £60,000 to the winning projects across four categories: Community Engagement, Education, Innovation, and Charity Champion. Peter Byrom was awarded Charity Champion in recognition of his extraordinary contribution and commitment to the Sands charity. This was a great opportunity to meet the inspirational people working in the charities we support, and I'd like to congratulate again all our nominees and winners.

None of this could be achieved without the support of our Trustees, Company Secretary, the ScottishPower Foundation support team and many others who work at ScottishPower. I'd like to take this opportunity to recognise their work and to thank them.

I'd also like to remember our friend and colleague Reverend Stuart MacQuarrie who joined the Board in 2022 and sadly

passed away in November 2023. We will miss his extensive knowledge and commitment to the Foundation.

I look forward to another year of supporting the Foundation as it continues to enable the critical work of charities across the UK and hope you enjoy reading about the inspiring projects we've been lucky enough to support in 2023.



Anita Longley
Chair

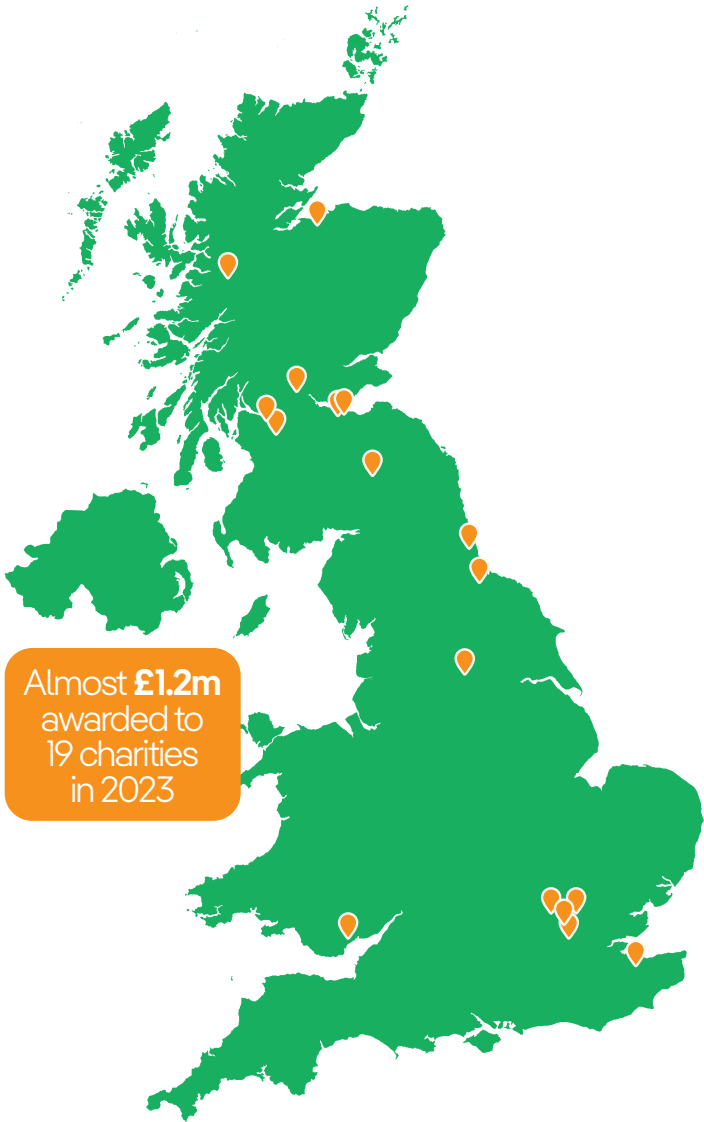
About the Foundation

The ScottishPower Foundation was established in March 2013 and reinforces our commitment to support charitable work throughout Britain.

The Foundation provides funding to registered charities for the following purposes:

- The advancement of education
- The advancement of environmental protection
- The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture, or science
- The prevention or relief of poverty and the relief of those in need by reason of disability or another disadvantage
- The advancement of citizenship and community development

Decisions to award funding by the ScottishPower Foundation are made independently of ScottishPower by an experienced Board of Trustees who have a special interest in the above areas.



Applying for funding

We currently provide annual funding through our general grants programme, as well as multi-year funding through our Marine Biodiversity Fund. When the application periods are open, registered charities can apply via our website at scottishpowerfoundation.com

Trustees



Anita Longley
Chair
Sustainability professional & former Chair of the Institute of Corporate Responsibility & Sustainability (ICRS). Trustee since 2018 and Chair since March 2023.



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Appointed in 2023



Stephen Giannini
Compliance Officer
Appointed in 2023

Education, Training and Research



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



TECHNIQUEST



Techniquet Ocean Extravaganza

Techniquet is committed to engaging audiences in the hardest to reach communities of South Wales and inspiring them with innovative STEM activities that leads to a positive change in their lives. The 'Ocean Extravaganza' project has educated participants on the marine world, raising awareness of its role and how it's vital to all life on Earth.

The educational attainment gap between children living in poverty and children living in more affluent areas in Wales has been widely acknowledged. Techniquet have attempted to bridge this gap through delivering this programme for children living in the highest levels of deprivation.

Key outcomes achieved:

- **4,715** visitors to the show.
- **989** spectators of the Enchanted Reef show in the planetarium.
- **403** visitors have participated in a lab workshop.
- The project has reached **40** teachers and **1,200** primary school children.



Leeds Culture Trust

Smeaton 300: Designing Smeaton Park



Key outcomes achieved:

- **1,673** children have taken part in Crest Awards supported by ScottishPower Foundation .
- STEAM and Arts Conference held on 30th September, supporting teachers and education practitioners to integrate creativity into STEM education.
- STEAM Industry Day with **60** children from Year 4 & 5 in attendance. At this session, held in an area with a high level of deprivation, **98%** of the children were from minority ethnic backgrounds.

LEEDS 2023 supported hundreds of creative and cultural events across the city and beyond, advertising the city as an exciting and vibrant cultural destination.

The project saw pupils work together with industry professionals to devise innovative solutions to real-life challenges, learn about the solar system in a mobile observatory, develop coding skills, and take part in British Science Association’s Crest Awards.

ScottishPower Foundation funding helped to develop resources to deliver the project in schools across Leeds.

Biodiversity and Climate Change



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



Trees for L🌱fe

Durham Wildlife Trust

Cuthbert Moor Restoration



In Durham, the Managing Moors Project at Cuthbert's Moor Nature Reserve has been supported by the ScottishPower Foundation. This 300-acre (121-hectare) site is part of the Teesdale Allotments Site of Special Scientific Interest. The project, led by Durham Wildlife Trust, includes restoration of peat and bog habitats, surveys of flora and fauna, and acoustic monitoring by Durham University to track bird populations. Community engagement has been successful, with talks and walks for local people and education delivery for schools.

Key outcomes achieved:

- A Cuthbert's Moor Managing Moors officer was recruited to lead the project in **May 2023**.
- **30** volunteers were recruited to participate in weekly citizen science monitoring and practical habitat management sessions on the site.
- Baseline ecological surveys on the site were completed which included, a breeding bird survey, invertebrate survey, vegetation classification, and a hydrology survey.
- **15** community engagement sessions have been delivered at Cuthbert's Moor and in surrounding communities.
- **5** educational services have been successfully delivered to local primary schools with approximately **30** children in each class.

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Glasgow Science Centre

Earth Allies



Glasgow Science Centre focuses on creating interactive experiences that inspire, challenge, and engage to increase awareness of science for all. The Earth Allies programme is an engaging course for 16-24 year olds from underserved communities that aims to empower participants and equip them with the tools to be advocates for climate action. Over twelve weeks, 51 participants built their knowledge of the key issues while learning essential skills like public speaking, online campaigning, and filmmaking.

Key outcomes achieved:

- **51** young people were recruited from underrepresented groups, particularly those who have not had the opportunity to be involved before.
- The four cohorts totalled **1,836** hours of engagement in climate learning.
- One young person, who stood out for their interest in engineering, has since been offered the opportunity to participate in a student placement in partnership with Glasgow Science Centre and the University of Glasgow.
- A new mini-exhibition was created by participants and was put on display at Glasgow Science Centre to celebrate the end of the course.

Marine Biodiversity Fund

Restoration Forth

Now in its third year, the Restoration Forth project has been supported with a grant of £600,000 from the Foundation’s Marine Biodiversity Fund which was set up as a legacy of the UN’s COP26 climate change conference held in Glasgow in 2021. Restoration Forth is managed by WWF, the leading independent conservation organisation, in partnership with local communities and organisations. It seeks to restore seagrass and reintroduce European flat oysters to the Firth of Forth, both species that improve water quality and provide sanctuary for a vast array of marine life as well as being important tools in the fight against climate change.

In March 2023, across three half-days and three sites, 100 project staff, local volunteers, funders, and politicians planted 25,000 seagrass seeds marking the start of seagrass restoration in the Forth. Since the planting days, the team have been supported by thousands of community members helping to monitor the growth of the seedlings and to process new seeds for planting.

In August, the Restoration Forth team visited Orkney and harvested a predicted 300,000- 500,000 seagrass seeds for preparation for planting in early 2024. The team conducted a series of engagement events with the Orcadian community to understand the value of the seagrass to the community there and had local volunteers join for snorkel seagrass picking sessions.

The first oysters were collected from Little Loch Broom near Ullapool and went through a series of biodiversity measures to ensure safe deployment. In an historic landmark moment, over 4,000 European flat oysters made their way back to the Forth on 18th September 2023.



Key outcomes achieved:

- Over **8,500** people reached through community engagement events and seagrass monitoring and processing
- **25,000** seagrass seeds planted at Drum Sands, Tynninghame and Pettycur Bay
- **47** engagement events reaching **2,605** people
- **4,017** oysters deployed

The 100 species exhibition toured was installed at the Scottish Seabird Centre and Heart of Newhaven aiming to show that Restoration Forth is not just restoring two species in a vacuum by making people aware of the incredible creatures the coast supports. The exhibition includes over 150 works of stitching, knitting, woodwork, poems and songs featuring the many species to be found in the Forth.

The team also held initial consultations with the community in Newhaven to launch plans for an oyster mural at the Heart of Newhaven Community in 2024.



Partners

Partners delivering Restoration Forth alongside WWF include: Edinburgh Shoreline Project, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, Heriot-Watt University, Marine Conservation Society, Project Seagrass, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, Scottish Seabird Centre, The Ecology Centre and The Heart of Newhaven Community.



Art and Culture

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



Dance Base

Dance for Parkinson's Scotland

Key outcomes achieved:

- **23** people living with Parkinson's, alongside family members, carers and volunteers collaborated on their first dance film project, which premiered on World Parkinson's Day 2024.
- With the ScottishPower Foundation funding they have trained, mentored, and shadowed **28** trainee teachers.
- **100%** of the volunteers who took part in training sessions said that it had given them more confidence in their role supporting people living with Parkinson's.
- Two new locations were piloted in West Lothian and Moray, with **16** new sessions taking place.

Dance Base have grown and developed the vital programme for those living with Parkinson's, improving the quality of life of those living with the condition and for their families and carers. The programme supported participants through specialised movement classes addressing the specific concerns of Parkinson's and provided a space for connection and solidarity between the dancers. Funding from the ScottishPower Foundation has enabled Dance Base to continue delivering weekly classes in Edinburgh and support the establishment of two new classes to add to the growing network.



"I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you, on behalf of each and everyone of us, for giving us all something a wee bit wonderful each week to look forward to, in what, for us, can at times be a difficult path to navigate."

~ Dance for Parkinson's participant
2023

Givin' It Laldie

Creative Ageing in the Gorbals

Key outcomes achieved:

- 61 sessions have been held in dementia units; 24 sessions held in sheltered housing, and 9 mini tours of interactive show.

“You make us all feel so relaxed. You give a big variety of songs, so we never know what is coming next – which is great! Your singing and his playing intersperse with others giving songs – maybe a solo from this one and a solo from that one. It’s all very relaxing and all very warm and enjoyable. It really is.”

~ Participant, 2023

“You join in with us and we can join in with you. We all join in together, and it’s good fun. It makes everyone very happy. It’s better than sitting crying.”

~ Participant, 2023

Givin' It Laldie is made up of a small team who are all Community Musicians, supported by freelance musicians with the vision of improving wellbeing and creating communities.

This project has increased connection, reduced loneliness, and improved physical and mental health for the older generation across the Gorbals, working with individuals who are living in sheltered housing accommodations and local dementia units to implement fun and accessible group singing sessions and interactive music shows.



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Social Initiatives

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



Smart Works Edinburgh

Supporting Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Women into sustainable employment

Smart Works Scotland is a charity that uses the power of high-quality clothing and one-to-one coaching to help unemployed women in disadvantaged circumstances, to fulfil their potential, get the job, and change their lives. The project supported by ScottishPower Foundation has helped to support women from minority ethnic backgrounds across Scotland to develop their skills, confidence, and the self-belief they need to secure sustainable employment and gain financial independence. Outreach work with key partner organisations across Greater Glasgow helped more minority ethnic women access in-person support at their local Smart Works centre, with a virtual service reaching women around the country. Services included strength-based career coaching, and interview coaching, as well as a first and second dressing to provide high quality workwear for interview and for starting a new position.



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- Key outcomes achieved:
- ScottishPower Foundation funded one outreach worker to support the project.
 - An engagement event attended by 24 clients provided a CV writing workshop delivered by 2 skilled volunteer coaches, to build skills and confidence and encourage uptake of career coaching appointments among women from minority ethnicity groups. 15 attendees went on to access one-to-one career coaching sessions.
 - Thanks to this project, translated materials and an interpreter service have been offered to any client who could benefit from this additional support, to ensure that language is not a barrier to accessing this vital service.
 - To date, 193 interview preparation appointments and 160 career coaching appointments to BME women have taken place
 - 90% of women from a minority ethnic background feel clearer on what to expect at interview.

“Everyone made me feel like it’s okay, I’m not doing anything wrong. It was the nicest experience. After my appointment, I felt more confident and not lost anymore.”
~ Rabeya
(pictured)

Sands

Befrienders – growing a network of community support for all those affected by pregnancy loss and baby death

Sands has extended its UK-wide essential network of volunteer befrienders across the UK to provide support to families affected by pregnancy and baby loss.

Sands Befrienders can be a lifeline for families seeking support and understanding during incredibly challenging times. They help local communities connect and enable families to share experiences, so no-one should ever feel alone.



By providing Sands Befrienders with comprehensive training and resources tailored to diverse local communities, Sands can help to ensure accessibility to support services for all families, regardless of ethnicity, income, or postcode. This initiative also contributes to raising awareness and challenging social taboos surround pregnancy and baby loss.

- Key outcomes achieved:
- Launch of recruitment video for Sands Befrienders to encourage more individuals across the country to provide peer-to-peer support to bereaved families.
 - **108** new expressions of interest received and **48** new Befrienders enrolled.
 - Support activities for bereaved families increased over **100%**, including meetings, sporting events, and community gatherings.
 - Key bereavement support materials translated into French, Gujarati, and Romanian languages, as well as an Easy Read Format, to support individuals with learning disabilities or low literacy skills.
 - Increased online support, delivering a new monthly online support group specifically targeted at Black and Asian communities.

“In sharing the nuances of baby loss in our shared culture (faith, extended family/ community, and shame), my own experience was better reflected, and I felt more understood.”
~ Vanisha, a bereaved Mum

“We’ll understand what you’re going through, and we’ll show you that there’s hope ahead.”
~ Elspeth, Sands Befriender

ScottishPower Foundation Awards 2023

The ScottishPower Foundation Awards have been held each year since 2014 and celebrate the outstanding achievements of the charities that have been funded by the Foundation.

Charities were invited to nominate their projects across four categories: Community Engagement, Education, Innovation, and Charity Champion. The winners of each category were awarded £10,000, with the runners-up being awarded £5,000.

The Community Engagement award recognises the work of charities who have made a positive impact on both their immediate target group and wider community, working in partnership to enact long-lasting change.

The Education award recognises the exceptional efforts of the charities working to encourage learning and education opportunities in all forms. Winning projects demonstrate how they are raising inspirations, promoting inclusion, and broadening horizons.

The Innovation award celebrates projects that address a community need, in a unique and innovative way. These initiatives show resilience and ingenuity to overcome a problem, making room for new ideas.

The Charity Champion award goes to an individual who has gone the extra mile to help their charity to achieve its goals and objectives. They exemplify what the organisation stands for and have been nominated to honour their commitment and drive.

Community Engagement Award

Winner – Sands

Runner-up – Durham Wildlife Trust

Education Award

Winner – Edinburgh Science Foundation

Runner-up – Smart Works

Innovation Award

Winner – Volunteer Tutors Organisation

Runner-up – Leeds Culture Trust

Charity Champion Award

Winner – Sands

Runner-up – Glasgow Science Centre



An inspiring charity leader named this year’s Charity Champion at the ScottishPower Foundation Awards

Pete Byrom, a long-standing volunteer for the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death charity, Sands has been crowned the ScottishPower Foundation Charity Champion 2023 for his remarkable commitment to supporting bereaved families across the country.

Following the loss of his son Thomas, who was stillborn in 2004, Peter became a volunteer with Sands in 2018, using his first-hand understanding of how isolating it can feel following baby loss to support other bereaved families.

As part of this work, Peter realised that not many men attended the support groups and founded Sands United FC Bristol as a way for men to come together through a shared love of sport and to form a network where they can feel more at ease to talk about their grief.

A hub for many other dads, uncles, brothers and family members who have been through a similar experience to Peter, Sands United has grown over the past four years to over 800 men being supported weekly, through 42 teams across the UK. With each player commemorating the name of their baby on their football shirt, the innovative approach combines sport with physical and mental wellbeing while aiming to end the stigma and silence around baby loss.

Sands was also recognised for its wider charity work, winning the Community Engagement Award for its commitment to high-quality bereavement support within local communities, across the country. In particular, Sands was honoured with the award due to its work to recruit and train 114 Hospital Liaison Volunteers to provide prejudice-free and compassionate care to support families impacted by baby loss. Acting as a link between Sands, local hospitals and community support groups, the charity plans to use the prize-winning donation of £10,000 to onboard and train even more volunteers.



“Winning the ScottishPower Foundation Charity Champion Award is truly amazing. This award is for my son, Thomas, and all the other babies whose parents are brave enough to share their stories and show other bereaved parents that there is a path. I will definitely be taking some time to go to where Thomas is buried and share the award with him in some way.

“Sands United has given me hundreds of brothers around the country that I didn’t know I had. Thank you, ScottishPower Foundation, for helping to break the isolation and silence that men may face when they lose a baby, and for supporting us both on and off the pitch.”

~ Peter Byrom, Charity Champion 2023

Summary of Accounts 2023

At the time of publication, ScottishPower has contributed **£14,337,750** to the Foundation since its inception in 2013.

Financial output for the year:

The charity's income for the period amounted to £1,509,451.

The charity paid out £1,480,976 in grants and governance costs and had net incoming resources of £28,475.

Total reserves at the period end were £283,841, with accruals of £8,001 held for creditors due within the coming year that have been approved in 2023.

Principal funding sources:

During the financial year of 2023, ScottishPower Limited has contributed to £1,506,919 to the Foundation. A further donation of £1,506,919 has been committed for the financial year 2024.

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 Tridos 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 31st of October 2023 and agreed that the current level of reserves was sufficient.

The balance held as unrestricted funds on 31st December 2023 was £83,841 and is regarded as free reserves. There is a further £200,000 of restricted reserves for a multi-year marine project. This gives a total reserves balance of £283,841. The Foundation currently has a committed donation from ScottishPower Limited of £1,506,919 for 2024 to pay donations and grants that have been approved and agreed to be paid in 2024 and beyond. This includes a further £200,000 for the Marine Biodiversity Fund for a new multi-year project. The current level of reserves is therefore sufficient to meet the Foundation's requirements for 2024.



Where the money comes from:

Donations from ScottishPower: £1,506,919
Investment income: £2,532
Total Incoming Resources = £1,509,451

Where the money goes:

Charitable activities: £1,447,455
Travel: £1,909
Management charges: £6,518
Publicity costs: £15,679
Bank charges: £12
IT support: £1,403
Governance costs: £8,000
Total Expenditure = £1,480,976

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2023

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand: £291,279
Debtors: £563
Total Current Assets = £291,842

Current Liabilities

Creditors: amounts falling Due within one year (£8,001)
Net Current Assets = £283,841

In the period to 31 December 2023, the Foundation made 19 grants of between £35,000 and £95,105 to charitable organisations.





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