

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Shared Interest Foundation is a
charitable company limited by guarantee
Registered Company Number: 4833073
Registered Charity Number: 1102375

SHARED INTEREST FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

LEGAL STATUS

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered company number 4833073), incorporated on 15 July 2003 and registered as a charity on 27 February 2004 (registered charity number 1102375).

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association (15 July 2003) which sets out the objectives and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association (15 July 2003).

DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS

for the year ended 30 September 2024

The Directors of the company, who are also the Trustees of the charity, who were in office during the year were:

	Year appointed
DP Alexander	2006
Y Gale (Chair)	2019
C Talens	2019
R Anderson	2020
MJF Duncan	2021
JCP Valentin	2021
J Miller	2022

Company Secretary

TD Morgan

Independent Auditors

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their report and audited financial statements for the year. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT AND ORGANISATION

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is also a registered charity. The day-to-day running of the company is overseen by the Board of Trustees.

PRINCIPAL AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Foundation are to:

- advance education and training; and
- to relieve poverty, sickness and distress in all parts of the world in all respects for the benefit of the public in accordance with the law of charity in England and Wales.

In order to deliver these objectives, we aim to improve livelihoods through the development of sustainable businesses and income generation initiatives across Africa and Latin America. Our projects provide business support to smallholder producer groups with a specific focus on empowering women and youth, and building climate resilience in remote communities. We believe that strong and well-managed businesses create employment opportunities and increase the income of producers and workers, resulting in an improvement in their quality of life.

Shared Interest Foundation is the legal subsidiary of Shared Interest Society (a registered society with registration number 27093R) and the organisations have a joint Theory of Change which describes how we aim to build resilient businesses that in turn provide benefits to local communities. This is explained in more detail in our social accounts available on the website <https://www.shared-interest.com/gb/invest/about-us/publications>

We have referred to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities and believe that we comply with this. A summary report of the projects demonstrating this is given on page 5. The principal and registered office of the Foundation is shown on page 3.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

The Directors of the company who served during the financial year are listed on page 3. They are appointed to the Board by resolution of the member - that is, Shared Interest Society Ltd ("SIS"). Following election they receive induction training including review of documents and policies, meeting staff and receiving briefings from key personnel. As permitted by the Articles of Association, the Directors have the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third-party indemnity provision as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force.

OTHER EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS

Below are shown the external directorships/trusteeships of the members of the Board of Directors and Senior Management Team. All below are Directors of Shared Interest Society Limited. Tim Morgan is the Company Secretary of the Foundation but is not a director. Kerrey Baker and Jo Powell are also only directors of the Society but not the Foundation.

Patricia Alexander **	St Oswald's Primary School, South Shields (Chair of Governors), Newcastle Business School Advisory Board
Tim Morgan *	Northern Dance
Yvonne Gale	NEL Fund Managers Ltd, Director (The appointments below in italics are dormant or semi-dormant entities linked to the above appointment). <i>NE Growth (ERDF) General Partner Ltd, Director</i> <i>NE Growth (ERDF) Carried Interest Partner Ltd, NE Debt Fund Carried Interest Partner Limited, Director</i> <i>NE Debt Fund General Partner Limited, Director</i> <i>NE Smaller Loans Fund Carried interest Partner Limited, Director</i> <i>NE Smaller Loans Fund General Partner Limited, Director</i> <i>Director NE Small Loan (ERDF) General Partner Ltd, Director</i> <i>Northern Enterprise Limited, Director,</i> Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Members and Commercial Board, Northern Society of Chartered Accountants, Trustee Millfield House Foundation, Trustee and Chair of Investment Committee, North East England Chamber of Commerce, Director and Chair of Investment Committee, Office of the Small Business Commissioner, Chair Creative UK, Credit Committee Member St Chad's College Durham, Director Innovate UK Loans Limited, Audit and Risk Committee member
Cristina Talens	Source Sustainable Supply Chains Ltd, Leek Gears Limited, Director of Business Risk Assessments at the Wilberforce Institute (University of Hull)
Richard Anderson	Marston Legal Services Limited, Engage Services (ESL) Limited
Melissa Duncan	Fairtrade International, Executive Director Tallulah Love Limited, Director Bondsteel Limited, Director
Paul Valentin	None
Jamie Miller	Chair, Board of Governors Sidcot School, Partner Konsortium LLC and Konsortium Partners LLP
Kerrey Baker *	Millin Trust
Jo Powell *	None

** Member of Senior Management Team, Foundation Board and Society Board

* Member of Senior Management Team and Society Board

TRUSTEES' REPORT

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

As noted above, the Board of Shared Interest Foundation has a large overlap with that of the member organisation, Shared Interest Society. Due to this fact a number of the committees of the Society Board are common to both organisations – notably the Audit, Nomination and Remuneration committees. The statutory accounts of the Society contain a detailed report of these committees and this has not been replicated here but is available in those accounts from the Publications section of the website <https://www.shared-interest.com/gb/invest/about-us/publications>. Alongside those there is also a report assessing compliance with the Charity Corporate Governance Code and this similarly applies to the Boards of both organisations.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Foundation works with a joint mission with Shared Interest Society to provide financial services and business support to make livelihoods and living standards better for people as they trade their way out of poverty. The Society is a social lender and the Foundation undertakes a range of activities, all focused on the end goal of supporting and developing producer organisations. We primarily support businesses within the fair-trade movement, seeking to ensure that our activity leads to both financial and social benefits within communities. The outcomes of the projects detailed below demonstrate that we have continued to deliver on one of our key aims, to support more resilient businesses providing both a social and a financial return in their local communities. Further detail of our impact is contained in our joint social accounts available from the website (see link above).

This year, Shared Interest Foundation worked on 14 projects focused on improving the livelihoods of farmers and artisans through enterprise development, women and youth empowerment, and building climate resilience. Three were brought forward from last year and 11 are new.

Two existing projects continued in the year. The SEED Project: Sustainable Empowerment through Enterprise Development (Brian's Legacy), launched in September 2023, is an 18-month initiative supporting 200 female groundnut farmers in western Uganda. It aims to enhance their production capabilities and add value to crops by processing them into products like peanut butter, boosting income and strengthening household resilience. The Growing Fairer Futures Ivory Coast project, now in its fourth year, is a partnership with cocoa co-operative CAYAT and continues to support 50 young farmers in establishing new cocoa farms or expanding existing ones. These farmers receive ongoing support with farm maintenance activities, including fertiliser provision and additional labour for weeding and harvesting. Seven new projects were launched this year.

In Burkina Faso, we extended "Improving livelihoods through agro-processing" to support a total of 90 female shea nut collectors, providing training and equipment for shea butter production. The extension, funded by Evan Cornish Foundation, began in March 2024.

A 12-month project entitled "Increasing the profitability and sustainability of producer groups through Technical Assistance" was launched in February 2024, focusing on building capacity for 21 co-operatives and producer groups across Africa and Latin America. This project aims to strengthen their governance structures, management systems, and financial capacity. To deliver the training in Africa we have partnered with COLEAD, a Belgian

organisation which designs management development programmes in the agriculture and food industry. In Latin America we are working with a Peruvian based consultant with extensive experience of supporting co-operatives.

Two "Bees for Business" projects were initiated in Uganda, supporting coffee farmers in diversifying into beekeeping. The Kabwohe project, launched in February 2024, assists 210 coffee farmers, while the Rwenzori project, launched in March 2024, supports 141 farmers. Both projects provide training in beekeeping and honey harvesting skills, as well as equipment such as modern beehives. In the Kabwohe project, farmers also received training in agroforestry skills and agroforestry trees to increase climate resilience.

In Peru in July 2024 we launched a 12-month project "Improving the resilience of young coffee farmers through the production and sale of dehydrated coffee pulp" which is helping 58 young coffee farmers produce and sell dehydrated coffee pulp. This project includes establishing a quality control centre at CACVI (a local coffee co-operative) and building their capacity for independent exporting.

August 2024 saw the start of a Soilless Farming project in Burkina Faso, supporting 75 economically vulnerable women with disabilities in sustainable, organic vegetable production using modern farming methods.

An innovative 18-month project which commenced in August 2024, entitled "Improving cocoa production in Ivory Coast through biological control of pests and diseases" began in Ivory Coast, developing a cost-effective biopesticide to protect cocoa trees from pests and diseases. This project, in partnership with Félix Houphouët-Boigny University and the Ivorian Fair Trade Network RICE, will train 200 farmers from four cocoa co-operatives in pest identification and biopesticide application.

In November 2023, we produced the end of project evaluations for three projects: Growing Fairer Futures Rwanda (Expansion), Solar Panel project supporting our Bees for Business project in Burkina Faso and the Passion fruit project in Uganda. As these projects were delivered in the previous financial year you can read more about them in the 22/23 Trustees Report.

Two further projects concluded in the year. In Rwanda, a two-year project strengthened 625 coffee farmers' resilience to climate change through training in good agricultural practices, organic compost making, and climate-smart agriculture. It also established two nurseries for coffee seedling production. In Uganda, a one-year agroforestry project supported 300 coffee farmers, providing training in eco-friendly farming practices and distributing 12,000 coffee seedlings and 4,300 agroforestry trees.

These diverse projects demonstrate Shared Interest Foundation's commitment to sustainable agriculture and improved livelihoods across Africa and Latin America. Through partnerships with local organisations and innovative approaches, we continue to make positive impacts in the lives of farmers and artisans.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

LIVELIHOOD SECURITY FUND

The Livelihood Security Fund was relaunched in 2020 to raise restricted funds to help producers in Africa and Latin America who are severely impacted by events outside of their control. A restricted fund sum of £7,806 (2023: £7,806) and a designated fund sum of £12,112 (2023: £12,112) was held in this fund at the financial year-end. This fund is held ready to deploy in appropriate emergencies and with no claims on it in the past year, has not changed in value.

RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

We acknowledge the receipt of restricted funds totalling £172k (2023: £143k) in our financial statements and details are provided at notes 2 and 3. We are grateful to all the donors who have supported our work in the past year.

UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

Unrestricted income for the year was £350k, down from £393k in the previous year, but £73k higher than our budget for the year. Much of this funding is provided by donations and legacies from members of the Shared Interest Society, for which the Trustees are very grateful. A number of the sums donated again came from accounts where we are aware, sadly, that the member of Shared Interest Society has died. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the families in question and assure you that we will seek to do the very best to honour your relative by putting their generous donation to good use in the Foundation.

The Foundation continues to hold a number of legacy nominations from the members of the Society and the Trustees of the Foundation are thankful to Society members who have indicated that they intend to support the charity by leaving a legacy in this manner.

Diversifying unrestricted income sources has continued to be challenging and we continue to seek new avenues to grow our income, recognising that we cannot only rely on donations from Society' members.

Fundraising costs in the financial statements represent a proportion of staff time, small fees to sites such as JustGiving and, when these occur (nil this year), some small costs of fund-raising events. We are grateful to all those who support our work, individuals, trusts and grant making bodies.

Management costs as a percentage of charitable expenditure were 23.3% (2023: 31.6%); with the decrease as a result of similar management costs year-on-year against much higher expenditure on charitable activities of £464,483 (2023: £336,143).

Fundraising costs as a percentage of income were slightly higher at 3.4% (2023:2.8%).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees consider that the main risks facing the charity are as below. A variety of tools, systems and procedures are used to mitigate these risks where possible.

1. Dependence on key personnel, absence, loss or failure to recruit;
2. Major incident during staff travel; and
3. Political instability creating operational and/or security issues overseas, impacting income and/or staff safety;

RESERVES AND GOING CONCERN STATUS

The Trustees have agreed that the reserves policy should be to keep, normally, the equivalent of three to six months unrestricted expenditure as free reserves to cover periods of uneven income or unexpected income shortfalls. The balance on the Unrestricted income fund at the year-end,

net of amounts designated for specific projects, represents about 6.5 months of forecast unrestricted expenditure, which is appropriate in the current very challenging operational and funding environment.

Based on the financial position at the 30th September and the Business Plan for the 2024/25 year and beyond, the Trustees believe that Shared Interest Foundation is a going concern and these financial statements have been prepared on that basis.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors of Shared Interest Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments 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 presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE AUDITORS

The Trustees who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed, as far as they are aware, that there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware. Each of the Trustees have confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditors.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The charity only has one member, Shared Interest Society, and there is a high degree of overlap between the Boards of both organisations. The charity does not therefore hold an Annual General Meeting but the Board of the Society will re-appoint Armstrong Watson as auditors for the year which began on 1 Oct 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Y Gale

Chair of Trustees

20 December 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF SHARED INTEREST FOUNDATION

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Shared Interest Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 September 2024 and its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Trustees' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the

other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees' were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 7, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations and in particular, adherence to the Charities Act;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with Trustees and other management and review of appropriate industry knowledge;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures as a risk assessment tool to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships; and
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit

in accordance with auditing standards. For example, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and cannot be expected to detect all fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

Use of our report

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

Simon Turner (Senior statutory auditor)

Armstrong Watson Audit Limited

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Newcastle upon Tyne

Date: 20 December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	334,660	-	334,660	387,672
Charitable activities	3	-	172,414	172,414	142,451
Investment income	4	15,821	-	15,821	5,869
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Total income		350,481	172,414	522,895	535,992
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	17,680	-	17,680	14,939
Charitable activities	5, 6	255,018	209,465	464,483	336,143
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Total expenditure		272,698	209,465	482,163	351,082
Net income / (expenditure) before transfers		77,783	(37,051)	40,732	184,910
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
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Net income / (expenditure)		77,783	(37,051)	40,732	184,910
Net movement in funds		77,783	(37,051)	40,732	184,910
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds at 1 October		417,471	127,558	545,029	360,119
Total funds at 30 September		<u>495,254</u>	<u>90,507</u>	<u>585,761</u>	<u>545,029</u>

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Previous Financial Year	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	2023	2023	2023
Income from:	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	387,202	470	387,672
Charitable activities	-	142,451	142,451
Investment income	5,869	-	5,869
Total income	393,071	142,921	535,992
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	14,939	-	14,939
Charitable activities	216,921	119,222	336,143
Total expenditure	231,860	119,222	351,082
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	161,211	23,699	184,910
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	161,211	23,699	184,910
Net movement in funds	161,211	29,826	184,910
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds at 1 October	256,260	103,859	360,119
Total funds at 30 September	417,471	127,558	545,029

BALANCE SHEET

AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	11	5,247	2,877
Cash at bank and in hand	12	211,887	195,876
Deposits with credit institutions	13	384,746	369,076
Total current assets		601,880	567,829
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(16,119)	(22,800)
Net current assets		585,761	545,029
Net assets		585,761	545,029
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15, 16, 17	90,507	127,558
Unrestricted designated funds	15, 17	387,264	322,153
Unrestricted funds	15, 17	107,990	95,318
Total funds		585,761	545,029

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – small entities.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 18 December 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Y. Gale

Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Company registration number: 4833073

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(1.1) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis as the charity has sufficient funding and activity to take it through 2025.

Shared Interest Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

(1.2) Company status

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of a winding up every member undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding the total of £1. There was one member at 30 September 2024, Shared Interest Society Ltd.

(1.3) Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

(1.4) Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the company is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the company has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the company, or the company is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

(1.5) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

(1.6) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

(1.7) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount repaid net of any trade discounts due.

(1.8) Cash at bank and in hand

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

(1.9) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the company 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 or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(1.10) Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(1.11) Cash flow statement

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

(1.12) Foreign currency transactions

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are stated in the balance sheet at the equivalent value in sterling at the exchange rate prevailing at the balance sheet date. Transactions during the year denominated in foreign currencies are stated at their equivalent value in sterling at the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction.

(1.13) Pensions

Employees of the Foundation are entitled to membership of the Shared Interest Group Personal Pension Plan. This is a defined contribution scheme with 9% of salary payable by the Charity and charged to the Income and Expenditure Account in the year relating to the salary cost.

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2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Individuals	330,423	-	330,423	383,293
Trusts and corporate	4,237	-	4,237	4,379
	<u>334,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>334,660</u>	<u>387,672</u>

In 2023, of the total income from donations and legacies, £387,202 related to unrestricted funds and £470 related to restricted funds.

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Anonymous - Bees for Business Rwenzori	-	40,000	40,000	-
Brian Taylor Fund - Brian's Legacy SEED Project	-	-	-	120,000
EA Foundation - Soilless Farming Burkina Faso	-	36,940	36,940	-
Evan Cornish Foundation - The Shea Project	-	10,485	10,485	-
Fitzer Lacy Trust - Bees for Business Kabwohe	-	80,000	80,000	-
Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development - Seed to Stall (GOA)	-	4,989	4,989	22,451
	<u>-</u>	<u>172,414</u>	<u>172,414</u>	<u>142,451</u>

In 2023, of the total income from charitable activities, £142,451 related to restricted funds.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Interest received	15,821	-	15,821	5,869
	<u>15,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,821</u>	<u>5,869</u>

In 2023, of the total investment income, £5,869 related to unrestricted funds.

5. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	Total 2024	Total 2023
	2024	2024	2024		
	£	£	£	£	£
Agroforestry Project	8,088	-	2,454	10,542	28,241
Bees for Business Kabwohe	368	63,240	20,286	83,894	-
Bees for Business Rwenzori	24,384	22,986	14,988	62,358	-
Biopesticide Project	20,086	-	6,102	26,188	-
Brian's Legacy SEED Project	3,263	86,515	28,465	118,243	25,943
Dehydrated Coffee Pulp	29,645	-	9,357	39,002	-
Environmental Protection and Biodiversity	-	-	-	-	18,191
Expansion of the Youth in Coffee	970	1,056	540	2,566	21,657
Growing Fairer Futures Rwanda	-	-	-	-	5,984
Improving Coffee Production in Peru	-	-	-	-	3,419
Improving Livelihoods Through Agro-processing	-	-	-	-	13,090
Increasing the Resilience of Coffee Farmers	1,615	1,526	901	4,042	21,754
Livelihood Security Fund	-	-	-	-	1,609
New projects	9,301	-	2,292	11,593	10,109
Seed to Stall ECF	-	-	-	-	9,501
Seed to Stall GOA	2,066	259	565	2,890	60,978
Soilless Farming Burkina Faso	2,735	18,900	6,481	28,116	-
Soilless Farming - Drip Irrigation	-	-	-	-	9,280
Solar Panel Project	322	1,213	470	2,005	28,747
Strengthening Coffee Resilience Rwanda	8,453	-	2,533	10,986	32,552
Technical Assistance Project	30,791	-	7,480	38,271	-
The Shea Project	2,833	8,270	3,344	14,447	-
Women in Nicaragua Organic Sesame Farming	-	-	-	-	10,063
Women in Soilless Farming Ghana	-	-	-	-	23,956
Youth in Cocoa Ivory Coast	1,664	5,500	2,176	9,340	11,069
	<u>146,584</u>	<u>209,465</u>	<u>108,434</u>	<u>464,483</u>	<u>336,143</u>

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Agroforestry Project	10,542	-	10,542	28,241
Bees for Business Kabwohe	20,654	63,240	83,894	-
Bees for Business Rwenzori	39,372	22,986	62,358	-
Biopesticide Project	26,188	-	26,188	-
Brian's Legacy SEED Project	31,728	86,515	118,243	25,943
Dehydrated Coffee Pulp	39,002	-	39,002	-
Environmental Protection and Biodiversity	-	-	-	18,191
Expansion of the Youth in Coffee	1,510	1,056	2,566	21,657
Growing Fairer Futures Rwanda	-	-	-	5,984
Improving Coffee Production in Peru	-	-	-	3,419
Improving Livelihoods Through Agro-processing	-	-	-	13,090
Increasing the Resilience of Coffee Farmers	2,516	1,526	4,042	21,754
Livelihood Security Fund	-	-	-	1,609
New projects	11,593	-	11,593	10,109
Seed to Stall ECF	-	-	-	9,501
Seed to Stall GOA	2,631	259	2,890	60,978
Soilless Farming Burkina Faso	9,216	18,900	28,116	-
Soilless Farming - Drip Irrigation	-	-	-	9,280
Solar Panel Project	792	1,213	2,005	28,747
Strengthening Coffee Resilience Rwanda	10,986	-	10,986	32,552
Technical Assistance Project	38,271	-	38,271	-
The Shea Project	6,177	8,270	14,447	-
Women in Nicaragua Organic Sesame Farming	-	-	-	10,063
Women in Soilless Farming Ghana	-	-	-	23,956
Youth in Cocoa Ivory Coast	3,840	5,500	9,340	11,069
	<u>255,018</u>	<u>209,465</u>	<u>464,483</u>	<u>336,143</u>

In 2023, of the total expenditure, £216,921 was expenditure from unrestricted funds and £119,222 was expenditure from restricted funds.

7. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Staff costs	Other costs	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	14,738	2,942	17,680	14,939
Charitable activities				
Agroforestry Project	2,335	8,207	10,542	28,241
Bees for Business Kabwohe	7,313	76,581	83,894	-
Bees for Business Rwenzori	6,776	55,582	62,358	-
Biopesticide Project	5,705	20,483	26,188	-
Brian's Legacy SEED Project	12,190	106,053	118,243	25,943
Dehydrated Coffee Pulp	4,490	34,512	39,002	-
Environmental Protection and Biodiversity	1,417	1,149	2,566	21,657
Expansion of the Youth in Coffee	-	-	-	18,191
Growing Fairer Futures Rwanda	-	-	-	5,984
Improving Coffee Production in Peru	-	-	-	3,419
Improving Livelihoods Through Agro-processing	-	-	-	13,090
Increasing the Resilience of Coffee Farmers	1,492	2,550	4,042	21,754
Livelihood Security Fund	-	-	-	1,609
New projects	8,615	2,978	11,593	10,109
Seed to Stall ECF	-	-	-	9,501
Seed to Stall GOA	2,248	642	2,890	60,978
Soilless Farming Burkina Faso	7,175	20,941	28,116	-
Soilless Farming - Drip Irrigation	-	-	-	9,280
Solar Panel Project	404	1,601	2,005	28,747
Strengthening Coffee Resilience Rwanda	2,793	8,193	10,986	32,552
Technical Assistance Project	29,717	8,554	38,271	-
The Shea Project	3,482	10,965	14,447	-
Women in Nicaragua Organic Sesame Farming	-	-	-	10,063
Women in Soilless Farming Ghana	-	-	-	23,956
Youth in Cocoa Ivory Coast	2,034	7,306	9,340	11,069
	98,186	366,297	464,483	336,143
	112,924	369,239	482,163	351,082

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Office costs including training	20,630	22,726
Wages and salaries	18,600	18,953
Support services provided by Shared Interest Society	50,420	49,250
Marketing costs	15,184	11,733
Governance costs	3,600	3,600
	<u>108,434</u>	<u>106,262</u>

9. NET INCOME / EXPENDITURE

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration (audit services)	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>

10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	81,165	78,437
Social security costs	3,036	2,857
Defined contribution pension costs	2,799	2,669
	<u>87,000</u>	<u>83,963</u>

Average monthly number of employees (none of whom are Trustees) during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Raising funds	1	1
Charitable activities	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No individual employee's emoluments exceeded £60,000 for either year shown. No pension contributions were payable by the Foundation in respect of the Trustees in either year shown.

The Trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2023: £Nil).

11. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	267	288
Accrued income	4,980	2,589
	<u>5,247</u>	<u>2,877</u>

12. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>211,887</u>	<u>195,876</u>
	<u>211,887</u>	<u>195,876</u>

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13. DEPOSITS WITH CREDIT INSTITUTIONS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposits repayable in not more than three months	124,407	120,015
Deposits repayable in not more than one year	260,339	249,061
	<u>384,746</u>	<u>369,076</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts owed to group undertakings	7,369	12,310
Accruals	8,750	10,490
Trade creditors	-	-
	<u>16,119</u>	<u>22,800</u>

15. CHARITY FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted and designated funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	90,507	511,373	601,880	567,829
Current liabilities	-	(16,119)	(16,119)	(22,800)
	<u>90,507</u>	<u>495,254</u>	<u>585,761</u>	<u>545,029</u>

In 2023, of current assets £127,558 was restricted and £440,271 were unrestricted and designated funds and of current liabilities £22,800 was unrestricted and designated.

16. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted income funds carried forward at the end of the financial year comprise:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bees for Business: Supporting Growth Through Solar Energy	-	1,212
Bees for Business Kabwohe	16,760	-
Bees for Business Rwenzori	17,014	-
Brian's Legacy SEED Project	19,162	105,677
Expansion of the Youth in Coffee	-	1,056
Increasing the Resilience of Coffee Farmers	957	2,483
Livelihood Security Fund	7,806	7,806
Seed to Stall GOA	-	(4,730)
Soilless Farming Burkina Faso	18,040	-
The Shea Project	2,215	-
Youth in Cocoa Ivory Coast	8,553	14,054
	<u>90,507</u>	<u>127,558</u>

In 2023, the negative balance on Seed to Stall GOA represented a final retention released by the funder, Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development, at the end of the project in October 2023.

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at 1 October 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer between funds	Designation of funds	Balance at 30 September 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Income funds	95,318	350,481	(160,832)	(15,146)	(161,831)	107,990
Unrestricted designated funds	322,153	-	(111,866)	15,146	161,831	387,264
Restricted Income funds	127,558	172,414	(209,465)	-	-	90,507
	<u>545,029</u>	<u>522,895</u>	<u>(482,163)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>585,761</u>

In 2023 the Trustees designated a further £270,000 for a number of projects which are ongoing. The Trustees have designated a further sum of £161,831 at the year-end for other projects.

18. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party of Shared Interest Foundation is Shared Interest Society Ltd (a Registered Society in the UK, registration number IP27093R) by virtue of Shared Interest Society Ltd being the only member of the Foundation. The financial statements of Shared Interest Society Ltd are available from the registered office of Shared Interest Foundation, as shown on page 3.