

Company Registration No. 05747404 (England and Wales)
Scottish Charity No SC039389
English Charity No 1113423

The Mertoun Gardens Trust

**Unaudited financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2018**

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2018

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2018.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the current statutory requirements, the Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014.

The Trustees

The Trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Lord Henry Alexander Egerton

Lady Alice Marian Fremantle

Michael John Chantler

Structure, governance and management

Legal Status

The Mertoun Gardens Trust is a private company limited by guarantee (company number 05747404) and a registered charity (charity number 1113423). The charity is also registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (charity number SC039389).

It is governed by its memorandum and articles of association dated 16 March 2006. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability of the members of the company is limited to £1 each.

The organisation's structure

The minimum number of Trustees is 3 and the maximum 10. Trustees must be a member of the company. Trustees can be appointed by the Board at any time and the appointment must be ratified at the following annual general meeting.

The Gardens are administered by a Gardens Committee which reports to the Trustees and to whom the day to day running and administration of the Gardens has been delegated by the Trustees.

How the Trustees are appointed and trained

The Trustees have been appointed on the basis of their skills, knowledge and experience of the current and future activities of the organisation, by agreement with existing Trustees. The Trustees recognise that new Trustees should be aware of the charity's charitable purposes, modus operandi and plans. Trustees are kept informed of developments in the law and accounting practices by their professional advisers.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2018

How decisions are made

Most decisions are taken by consensus agreement. Should it be necessary, an issue may be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast at a meeting, but a written resolution signed by all the Trustees is as valid as a resolution passed at a meeting. Except for the chairman of the meeting, who has a second or casting vote, every Trustee has one vote on each issue.

Risk management

The Trustees keep under review the main risks to which the charity is exposed. The Trustees meet regularly and review the policies and procedures established to help mitigate these risks as necessary. Day to day risks are mitigated by the policies and procedures established by the Trustees as implemented by the Gardens Committee and are reviewed on a regular basis.

Strategy and activities

Strategy of the charity

The strategy of the charity is:

- To promote for the public benefit the planting, maintenance, improvement and preservation of Mertoun Gardens at St Boswells, Melrose, Roxburghshire;
- To advance the education of the public, in particular in relation to the history, design and horticultural significance of the Gardens; and
- Such other charitable purpose as the Trustees shall think fit.

Objectives for the year

In addition to the ongoing planting, preservation and maintenance of the Gardens for the public benefit, the Trustees are committed to opening the Gardens to the widest possible audience. The Trustees have sought accordingly to ensure that admission charges to the Gardens are kept as low as reasonably possible and have explored means of widening the audience, including liaising with local schools to encourage organised school visits.

Investment policy

There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest and the Trustees have adopted an investment strategy that seeks to balance the income needs of the charity with future capital growth. The Trustees have delegated the management of the investment portfolio to Waverton Investment Management who manage the portfolio on a discretionary basis and who report to and meet with the Trustees on a regular basis to review the performance of the portfolio and investment strategy.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2018

Achievements and performance

The Trustees confirm they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and setting its plans for future years.

The Charity's significant activities are outlined in this report. In furtherance of their charitable objects, the Trustees maintain the Gardens and open them to the public generally and with special parties and guided tours being organised by arrangement. The Charity also undertakes activities related to the Gardens which have an educational emphasis.

Financial review

Reserves and financial review

During the year the Trustees received incoming resources totalling £265,798 (2017: £289,731). Direct expenditure on the Gardens amounted to £191,921 (2017: £90,683) and general administration costs of £14,956 (2017: £13,646). This resulted in a net surplus for the year of £58,921 (2017: £185,402) before the gain on disposal of investments of £118,084 (2017: £67,080) and unrealised loss on investments and assets of £152,545 (2017: £225,765 gain). The Trustees are aware of the need to increase the income generating asset base in order to balance their books.

The Trustees have reviewed the reserves available to them and are satisfied that they are adequate to meet their short term needs. The investment portfolio is shown as a designated capital endowment. The intention of the Trustees is that the endowment should be able to generate sufficient income to meet the costs of the charity's operations.

Plans for future years

As stated, the Trustees wish to build up their endowment to ensure that sufficient income can be generated from the investment portfolio in order to meet the costs associated with operating the Gardens and opening the Gardens to the public. The Trustees wish to ensure the widest possible public access to the Gardens commensurate with their preservation and planting seasons.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that year.

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**Report of the Trustees (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2018**

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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements in the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

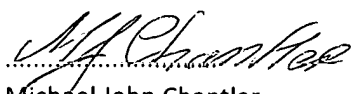
In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant accounting information of which the charity's accountants are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant accounting information and to establish that the accountants are aware of that information.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board



Michael John Chantler

Trustee

27/11/2018

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Company information

Registered charity name	The Mertoun Gardens Trust
Trustees	Lord Henry Egerton Lady Alice Marian Fremantle Michael John Chantler
Gardens Committee	Her Grace the Duchess of Sutherland Evelyn, Duchess of Sutherland Harriet Bowes-Lyon
Secretary	James Galbraith
English charity number	1113423
OSCR charity number	SC039389
Company number	05747404
Registered office	66 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LH
Accountants	Jamie H Younger CA Saffery Champness LLP Edinburgh Quay 133 Fountainbridge Edinburgh EH3 9BA
Investment Managers	Waverton Investment Management Limited 16 Babmaes Street London SW1Y 6AH
Bankers	Bank of Scotland plc 8/9 The Square Kelso TD5 7HQ

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Independent examiner's report

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2018 which are set out on pages 7 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) or under regulation 10 (1)(a) to (c) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and section 44(1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act);
2. to follow the provisions laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

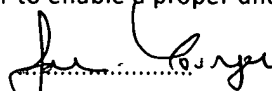
- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006, section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and

have not been met; or

- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jamie H Younger CA
Saffery Champness LLP
Chartered Accountants

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Statement of financial activities incorporating the income and expenditure account
For the year ended 31 March 2018

	Notes	Endowment Fund 2018	Unrestricted Fund 2018	Total Funds 2018	Total Funds 2017
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations	2	-	158,921	158,921	196,632
Investment income	3	-	74,547	74,547	64,868
Income from charitable activities	4	-	32,330	32,330	28,231
Total income		-	265,798	265,798	289,731
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	-	191,921	191,921	90,683
Other: investment management costs	7	7,478	7,478	14,956	13,646
Total expenditure		(7,478)	(199,399)	(206,877)	(104,329)
Net (expenditure)/income	8	(7,478)	66,399	58,921	185,402
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gain on sale of fixed asset		-	-	-	50
Realised gains on investments		118,084	-	118,084	67,030
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments		(152,545)	-	(152,545)	225,765
Net movement in funds		(41,939)	66,399	24,460	478,247
Gross transfer between funds		55,000	(55,000)	-	-
Total funds brought forward		2,380,620	254,167	2,634,787	2,156,540
Total funds carried forward		2,393,681	265,566	2,659,247	2,634,787

There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those shown in these accounts. All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2018

	Notes	£	2018 £	£	2017 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		37,091		44,324
Investments	14		2,578,750		2,567,582
			<u>2,615,841</u>		<u>2,611,906</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	12	1,800		1,045	
Debtors	13	14,770		6,614	
Cash at bank and in hand		63,461		20,965	
			<u>80,031</u>	<u>28,624</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(36,625)		(5,743)	
Net current assets			<u>43,406</u>		<u>22,881</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>2,659,247</u>		<u>2,634,787</u>
Capital and reserves					
Unrestricted fund	17		265,566		254,167
Endowment fund	18		2,393,681		2,380,620
Total funds			<u>2,659,247</u>		<u>2,634,787</u>

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Balance sheet (continued)

As at 31 March 2018

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps adequate accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts 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 notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board for issue on 27/11/2018


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Michael John Chantler

Trustee

Company Registration No. 05747404

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 March 2018

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis for preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts 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 Mertoun Gardens Trust 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 note(s).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Cash flow statement

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

1.3 Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources

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

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Property improvements	10% - 20% straight line
Plant and machinery	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. Financial instruments are recognised in the company's Balance Sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other debtors, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Other financial assets

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publically traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

De-recognition of financial assets

Financial assets are de-recognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when the Group transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities, including debt instruments that do not meet the definition of a basic financial instrument, are measured at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as appropriate.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

De-recognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are de-recognised when, and only when, the company's obligations are discharged, cancelled, or they expire.

1.6 Investments

Investments are shown at market value.

1.7 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.8 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Costs of generating funds comprise those costs directly attributable to raising donations and grants.

Charitable expenditure comprises costs that are directly attributable to the furtherance of achieving the charities objectives.

Governance costs comprise costs that directly relate to the governance of the charity.

1.9 Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account in the year they are payable.

1.10 Unrestricted fund

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

1.11 Endowment fund

The Trustees have designated, as an administrative allocation of unrestricted general funds, the investment portfolio on the basis that it is intended to form a capital endowment whose income is to be used for the general purposes of the Trust.

2 Donations	2018	2017
	£	£
Donation received from The Marquis of Stafford	158,921	196,632
	<u>158,921</u>	<u>196,632</u>

All donations received are deemed unrestricted.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2018

3 Investment income	2018	2017
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	11	9
Income from investments	74,536	64,859
	<u>74,547</u>	<u>64,868</u>

All investment income received is deemed unrestricted.

4 Income from charitable activities	2018	2017
	£	£
Admission charges	4,224	3,703
Garden sales	4,550	1,400
Contracting sales	8,040	7,657
Letting sales	15,516	15,471
	<u>32,330</u>	<u>28,231</u>

All income from charitable activities is deemed unrestricted.

5 Cost of charitable activities	2018	2017
	£	£
Labour costs	50,224	51,301
Heating and lighting	2,617	1,346
Seed, fertilisers, plants etc	1,141	1,780
Equipment maintenance and running expenses	5,618	4,569
Rates on gardeners' houses	1,467	1,325
Buildings maintenance	103,961	5,698
Administration	5,437	5,146
Insurance	1,696	1,577
Contractor services	857	1,888
Depreciation	8,153	8,003
Governance costs	10,750	8,050
	<u>191,921</u>	<u>90,683</u>

A full breakdown of governance costs is included in note 6.

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6	Governance costs	2018	2017
		£	£
	Accountancy fees	3,550	3,450
	Accountancy fees - advisory	700	600
	Legal fees	6,500	4,000
		<u>10,750</u>	<u>8,050</u>
7	Investment management costs	2018	2017
		£	£
	Investment manager fees	14,956	13,646
		<u>14,956</u>	<u>13,646</u>
8	Net outgoing resources for the year	2018	2017
		£	£
	Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	8,153	8,003
		<u>8,153</u>	<u>8,003</u>

9 Taxation

The company is a charity for the purposes of Section 505 ICTA 1988 and is exempt from taxation on the whole of its income.

10 Staff numbers

The average monthly headcount was as follows:

	2018	2017
Maintenance	3	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year (2017: Nil).

No Trustee received remuneration during the year (2017: Nil).

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11 Tangible fixed assets	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2017	62,470	68,426	15,841	146,737
Additions	-	920	-	920
At 31 March 2018	<u>62,470</u>	<u>69,346</u>	<u>15,841</u>	<u>147,657</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2017	29,750	61,541	11,122	102,413
Charge for the year	5,802	1,171	1,180	8,153
At 31 March 2018	<u>35,552</u>	<u>62,712</u>	<u>12,302</u>	<u>110,566</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2018	<u>26,918</u>	<u>6,634</u>	<u>3,539</u>	<u>37,091</u>
At 31 March 2017	<u>32,720</u>	<u>6,885</u>	<u>4,719</u>	<u>44,324</u>
12 Stocks				
			2018	2017
			£	£
Stocks			1,800	1,045
13 Debtors				
			2018	2017
			£	£
Trade debtors			108	199
Other debtors			14,662	6,415
			<u>14,770</u>	<u>6,614</u>

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14 Fixed asset investments

	2018	2017
	£	£
Quoted Investments		
Market value as at 1 April 2017	2,403,447	1,875,237
Additions at cost	507,047	869,720
Realised/unrealised (losses)/gains	(34,575)	292,795
Disposals	(416,418)	(634,305)
	<u>2,459,501</u>	<u>2,403,447</u>
Market value as at 31 March 2018	2,459,501	2,403,447
Unquoted Investments		
Value as at 1 April 2017 & 31 March 2018	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Value of quoted and unquoted investments at 31 March 2018	2,459,502	2,403,448
Funds in bank held for investment	<u>119,248</u>	<u>164,134</u>
Investment value at 31 March 2018	<u>2,578,750</u>	<u>2,567,582</u>
Quoted investment cost as at 31 March 2018	<u>2,096,848</u>	<u>1,888,252</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018	2017
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,082	1,893
Other creditors	34,543	3,850
	<u>36,625</u>	<u>5,743</u>

16 Company Limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of members is restricted to £1 each.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)
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17 Unrestricted fund	Balance at 1 April 2017	Net income less expenses	Transfer to designated capital endowment	Balance at 31 March 2018
	£	£	£	£
General unrestricted fund	254,167	66,399	(55,000)	265,566
	<u>254,167</u>	<u>66,399</u>	<u>(55,000)</u>	<u>265,566</u>

18 Endowment fund	Balance at 1 April 2017	Designated income	Net investment	Balance at 31 March 2018
	£	£	£	£
Investments	2,380,620	55,000	(41,939)	2,393,681
	<u>2,380,620</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>(41,939)</u>	<u>2,393,681</u>

19 Analysis of net assets (between restricted and unrestricted funds)

	Tangible fixed assets	Investments	Other net assets	Total 31 March 2018
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	2,338,681	-	2,338,681
Unrestricted funds	37,091	240,069	43,406	320,566
	<u>37,091</u>	<u>2,578,750</u>	<u>43,406</u>	<u>2,659,247</u>

20 Related party relationships and transactions

Mertoun Gardens is leased from a Sutherland Family Settlement for a peppercorn sum and the lease expires on 31 March 2037.

Michael John Chantler, one of the Trustees, was a partner in Farrer & Co LLP until his retirement on 30 April 2014 and he continued in the period of these accounts as a consultant. Farrer & Co LLP provides legal and administrative support to the charity. During the year Farrer & Co LLP supplied services to the charity amounting to £6,500 (2017: £4,000) relating to advice given in connection with general charitable advice and administrative support.

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**Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2018**

	£	2018 £	£	2017 £
Incoming Resources				
Donations		158,921		196,632
Income from investments		74,536		64,859
Income from Mertoun Gardens:				
- Admission Charges	4,224		3,703	
- Garden Sales	4,550		1,400	
- Contracting charges	8,040		7,657	
- Letting income	15,516		15,471	
- Bank interest	11		9	
		<u>32,341</u>		<u>28,240</u>
		265,798		289,731
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Expenditure on Mertoun Gardens:				
Seeds, fertilisers and plants	1,141		1,780	
Wages and salaries	50,224		51,301	
Heating and lighting	2,617		1,346	
Rates on gardener's cottage	1,467		1,325	
Equipment maintenance and running expenses	5,618		4,569	
Building maintenance	103,961		5,698	
Administration and sundry expenses	5,437		5,146	
Insurance	1,696		1,577	
Contractor services	857		1,888	
Depreciation	8,153		8,003	
		<u>(181,171)</u>		<u>(82,633)</u>
		84,627		207,098
Other Expenditure				
Accountancy fees	3,550		3,450	
Accountancy fees - advisory	700		600	
Legal fees	6,500		4,000	
Investment management charges	14,956		13,646	
		<u>(25,706)</u>		<u>(21,696)</u>
Surplus for the year carried forward		58,921		185,402

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**Statement of financial activities (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2018**

	2018	2017
	£	£
Surplus for the year brought forward	58,921	185,402
Fund balances brought forward	2,634,787	2,156,540
Realised gain on investments	118,084	67,030
Unrealised (loss)/gain on investment	(152,545)	225,765
Gain on sale of fixed assets	-	50
Fund balances carried forward	<u>2,659,247</u>	<u>2,634,787</u>

Pages 18 and 19 do not form part of the statutory financial statements.