

Wenlock Forester Trust

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 OCTOBER 2025

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WENLOCK FORESTER TRUST
TRUSTEES REPORT AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity number:	1140882
Principal address	Hinton House, 50 Sheinton Street, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6HU
Investment Advisers:	Throgmorton Assocs. Wealth Management, Willow House West, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury, SY2 6LG
Bankers:	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Trustees	Mr M Laws (Chairman) The Lady Forester Mrs S Preston (Treasurer) Mrs P R Walker Mr J C W Walker Dr J Duffield also known as Dr Jill Blackmore

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 October 2025. This report is prepared in accordance with the charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting Charities" (revised 2008) issued by the Charity Commission in March 2005.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trust is a registered charity, charity number 1140882, and is constituted under a trust deed dated 16 February 2011 as amended by a trustees' resolution dated 6 October 2022 to simplify the name of the trust to 'Wenlock Forester Trust' from 'Much Wenlock Forester Charitable Trust' and was established by an initial gift from the Extracare Charitable Trust Ltd ("the donor").

The trust does not actively fundraise and seeks to continue the charitable work desired by the donors through the careful stewardship of its existing resources.

The power of appointment of new trustees is vested in the continuing trustees for the time being (excluding any retiring trustees), their tenure of office and the election of the chairman. The trust deed states that the number of trustees shall not be less than five. New trustees are briefed on the powers and responsibilities of the trustees, the grant making process, investments, and the recent financial performance of the charity.

The management of the Charity and its assets is vested in the trustees. The trustees who served during the year are listed above.

The trustees must hold at least four meetings each year, either in person or by suitable electronic means to assess grant applications and to enable donations to be made on a regular basis without delay. In addition, one of the meetings, on an annual basis, is specifically to consider a report by the investment managers on the performance of the trust's investments.

All decisions regarding the trust's activities are made by the trustees.

Objectives and activities for the Public Benefit

The trusts objectives are set out in its trust deed. It is to support funding to relieve financial hardship, sickness and poor health amongst elderly people resident in Shropshire and particularly in and around Much Wenlock, including the funding and /or provision of specially adapted housing items, services or facilities calculated to relieve the needs of such person.

In practice and for over 13 years after its inception, the trust continues to provide financial aid to those elderly people who are in need of support, showing that there is a demand for the financial support that it provides.

Achievements and performance

During the current reporting financial year nine (9) grants were awarded totalling £60,297, compared with just seven (7) grants totalling £12,437 in the previous year. There were two (2) individual grant awarded and seven (7) were made to other organisations who assist the elderly, in accordance with the trusts governing document.

Fundraising

The trust does not fundraise directly with individuals and therefore is not registered with the fundraising regulator. No fundraising activities are undertaken and if donations from individuals are received, the trust aims to protect personal data and would never sell data or swap data with other organisations.

Financial review

It is the policy of the trust that unrestricted funds are for the use of being able to assist the elderly for a good number of years, the trustees have invested the funds to provide both income and capital growth and have sought investments that are of medium risk.

The amount distributed each year to assist the elderly is determined by the applications received, but also to enable the trust to provide benefits for ongoing years. The trustees invite applications for support in accordance with the objectives of the charity

The trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Plans for future Period


The Charity is a lasting testimony to the generous gift in March 2011 of £250,000 to the town of Much Wenlock following the sale of The Lady Forester Community Nursing Home in 2010 from the vendors, The Extracare Charitable Trust Ltd. This was given in recognition of the sums historically raised by the people of Much Wenlock and by way of a show of gratitude to the people in and around Much Wenlock.

The Trustees will continue that charitable concern and intend that all the income earned from the investments, less costs, is utilised by carrying out the trusts objectives by donating funds to the wide variety of applications which are received.

With the continued assistance of the trust's financial advisors, Throgmorton Associates, every effort will be made to maintain and enhance the value of the trust's investment portfolio to ensure that it will continue to produce a level of income in the longer term to enable a greater level of donations to be made for the foreseeable future.

Priority will continue to be given to applications received within Much Wenlock.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Signed..........

Mark Laws (Chairman/Trustee)

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Trustees' Responsibility Statement in Relation to the Accounts


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales/Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 2019 (FRS102).
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by :-


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Mark Laws (chairman/trustee)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

WENLOCK FORESTER TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WENLOCK FORESTER TRUST

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Wenlock Forester Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Dated 27th February 2026

WILKINSON FORESTER TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	
		2025	2024
		£	£
Incoming Resources			
Voluntary Donations		-	-
Investment income		70	87
		<u>70</u>	<u>87</u>
Total Incoming Resources		70	87
Resources Expended			
Charitable Activities			
Grants made	1	60,297	12,437
Insurance	2	303	294
Postage, stationery and miscellaneous	2	0	-
Bank charges	2	60	60
Transfer to SJP Investment		-	-
		<u>60,660</u>	<u>12,791</u>
Governance Costs			
Accountancy & Taxation		<u>300</u>	<u>348</u>
		<u>60,660</u>	<u>13,139</u>
Net Expenditure before Gains & Losses		(60,890)	(13,052)
Gains & Losses on Investments			
Gains or Losses on investments	3	49,019	56,881
		<u>(11,871)</u>	<u>43,829</u>
Net Movement in Funds		(11,871)	43,829
Total Funds Brought Forward		432,811	388,982
		<u>432,811</u>	<u>388,982</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward		£420,940	£432,811
		<u>£420,940</u>	<u>£432,811</u>

WLOCK FORESTER TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Investment value @31.10.24 as per SJP valuation	4	405,475	406,456
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank – CAF A/c		13,890	25,143
Cash at Bank – Scottish Widows		<u>1,875</u>	<u>1,848</u>
		15,765	26,991
Liabilities due in one year			(636)
Creditors		(300)	
Net Current Assets		15,465	26,355
Total Net Assets		<u>420,940</u>	<u>432,811</u>
Represented by			
Unrestricted funds		<u>420,940</u>	<u>432,811</u>

WENLOCK FORESTER TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
1 Grants Made		
27.11.24 – Carer Connect	1,500	
27.11.24 – Stair Lift	895	
27.11.24 – Feed the Birds	200	
28.11.24 – 4 all Foundation	1,000	
07.02.25 – Friendly Bus	50,000	
25.02.25 – Taxi – Crowmill Centre	240	
11.04.25 – Mayfair Stretton Trust	1,300	
06.05.25 – Wenlock Clickers	162	
30.05.25 – RJAH Pall Care Nurse	5,000	
	<u>60,297</u>	<u>12,437</u>
2 Expenses		
Web Domain Name	-	
Insurance	303	294
CAF Account monthly fee	60	60
	<u>363</u>	<u>354</u>
3 Fixed Asset Investments		
Market value as at 31 Oct	406,456	349,575
Transfers to/from CAF Account	(50,000)	-
Unrealised Gains/Losses on Investments	49,019	56,881
	<u>405,475</u>	<u>406,456</u>

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