Registered number: 08217668 Charity number: 1149510

THE BELSAY TRUST

(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

Trustees

Simon Roger Kirkup Mrs Anne-Marie Belinda Trevelyan John Antony Scott Walton Angus Edward Collingwood-Cameron

Company registered number

08217668

Charity registered number

1149510

Registered office

Belsay Estate Office, Belsay, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE20 0DX

Independent auditors

Ryecroft Glenton, 32 Portland Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 1QP

Bankers

Lloyds plc, High Street, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne

Solicitors

Bond Dickinson, St Ann's Wharf, Newcastle upon Tyne, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1SB

Estate management

Land Factor, Bywell Estate Office, Stocksfield, Northumberland, NE43 7AQ

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of The Belsay Trust (the company) for the ended 31 March 2015. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

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The Belsay Trust is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association dated 17 September 2012. The Trust's registered charity number is 1149510.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees are or have been professional persons with relevant experience in acting in the capacity of Trustees. The Trustees have an established system to train new Trustees in relation to their duties and to induct them into the affairs and relvant workings of the charity, as required.

d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

Overall responsibility for the running of the charity is vested in the Trustees. Subject thereto, the administration of the day to day running of the charity is undertaken by the land management agents, Land Factor Limited.

e. RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS

During the year, the charitable company was provided with legal services by Bond Dickinson LLP, in which Trustee, S R Kirkup, is a partner.

f. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

The primary objective of the charitable company is to preserve, for the benefit of the nation, the property of the company comprising those parts of the Belsay Estate in Northumberland which are of historical or architectural interest or of natural beauty, whether on their own or as a setting for Belsay Castle and Belsay Hall and for such other charitable purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time deem appropriate. The Trustees believe the Trust has met its objectives throughout the year.

b. STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Decisions are made by a combination of the Trustees with the land management agent's input.

c. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

The activities of the company are farming and the renting out of property comprising the estate in order to generate income to maintain, preserve, restore, improve and develop the estate.

Achievements and performance

a. GOING CONCERN

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After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The Trustees continue to maintain the properties of the Trust and have put in hand a programme of potential conversion of redundant buildings to productive use, in keeping with the ambience of the estate and its environs.

c. INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

In furtherance of the charitable objects of the company, the Trustees have full and unrestricted powers of investment as set out in the Articles of Association.

d. FACTORS RELEVANT TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES

The Trustees work closely with their advisers and other parties to ensure that the charity's land and properties are properly maintained and that income is used to maintain, preserve, restore, improve and develop the charity's assets.

Financial review

a. RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain free reserves, which at 31 March 2015 stood at £1,460,734, which the Trustees consider to be at an appropriate level to finance the continuing investment in, and improvement of, the charity's assets and to allow for sufficient liquidity to provide funds to cover management, administration and support costs.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

Plans for the future

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a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Trustees are considering the possible development of some properties with a view to generating additional income to enable them to carry out their policies and achieve their objectives.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of The Belsay Trust for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. 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 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 6 November 2015 and signed on their behalf by:

Simon Roger Kirkup

Trustee

John Antony Scott Walton Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BELSAY TRUST

We have audited the financial statements of The Belsay Trust for the year ended 31 March 2015 set out on pages 7 to 14. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

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 Auditors' 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 opinion we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, 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.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the financial statements:

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- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2015 and of 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 applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

OPINION ON OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BELSAY TRUST

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the 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 to take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report or in preparing the Trustees' report.

Ryecroft Glenton

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

32 Portland Terrace Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1QP 6 November 2015

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

		Endowment funds 2015	Unrestricted funds 2015	Total funds 2015	Total funds 2014
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds: Investment income	2	_	1,464	1,464	321
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	. •	337,139	337,139	335,822
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		-	338,603	338,603	336,143
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities		-	240,175	240,175	225,813
Governance costs	4	-	8,403	8,403	9,322
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	7		248,578	248,578	235,135
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE REVALUATIONS			90,025	90,025	101,008
Gains and losses on revaluations of fixed assets for the charity's own use	11	-	-	-	12,326,412
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR	₹	-	90,025	90,025	12,427,420
Total funds at 1 April 2014		13,978,282	1,362,647	15,340,929	2,913,509
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2015		13,978,282	1,452,672	15,430,954	15,340,929

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

	Note	£	2015 £	£.	2014 £
FIXED ASSETS		, -	~		~
Tangible assets	11		15,057,973		15,005,801
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	41,718		39,361	•
Cash at bank and in hand		443,624		363,662	
	•	485,342	•	403,023	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	13	(112,361)		(67,895)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	•	,	372,981		335,128
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILIT	TIES		15,430,954		15,340,929
CHARITY FUNDS					
Endowment funds	14		13,978,282		13,978,282
Unrestricted funds	14		1,452,672		1,362,647
TOTAL FUNDS	•	,	15,430,954	•	15,340,929

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 6 November 2015 and signed on their behalf, by:

Simon Roger Kirkup

John Antony Scott Walton

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' published in March 2005, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.5 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.6 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Resources expended on charitable activities include both direct costs and support costs being those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company and include project management costs. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery

25% reducing balance

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

	FOR THE YEAR	R ENDED 31 N	IARCH 2015	•	
2.	INVESTMENT INCOME				
		Endowment funds 2015 £	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
	Bank interest received	-	1,464 	1,464	321
3.	INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITA	ABLE ACTIVIT	IES		
		Endowment funds 2015 £	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
	Rental income - farms Grass Parks Rental income - houses Rental income - commercial and wayleaves Rental income - office and equipment Woodlands Sundry income	- - - - -	65,599 89,754 144,274 30,434 2,100 3,649 1,329	65,599 89,754 144,274 30,434 2,100 3,649 1,329	65,600 101,501 140,525 24,938 2,100 - 1,158
		•	337,139	337,139	335,822
4.	GOVERNANCE COSTS				
		Endowment funds 2015 £	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
	Governance Auditors' remuneration Governance Auditors' non audit costs	<u> </u>	2,825 5,578	2,825 5,578	2,750 6,572
		-	8,403	8,403	9,322
5.	DIRECT COSTS				
			Activities £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
	Grass parks maintenance Woodlands maintenance Property maintenance		44,502 1,666 76,991	44,502 1,666 76,991	54,011 - 56,661

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

6. SUPPORT COSTS

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			A 141:	Total	Total
			Activities	2015	2014
			£	£	£
	Management fees and expenses	•	40,931	40,931	40,031
	Legal and professional fees		34,616	34,616	23,476
	Insurance		11,656	11,656	12,478
	Heat and light		624	624	1,373
	Stationery and sundry expenses		4,149	4,149	8,845
	Telephone		770	770	1,096
	Rates and water		172	172	540
	Depreciation		520	520	693
	Unrecoverable VAT		16,221	16,221	18,223
	Office repairs and renewals		182	182	1,636
	Bank charges		30	30	· <u>-</u>
	Wages and salaries		7,145	7,145	6,750
			117,016	117,016	115,141
					
7.	ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED	BY EXPENDIT Staff costs 2015 £	URE TYPE Other costs 2015 £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
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	Maintenance of Assets Governance	7,145	233,030 8,403	240,175 8,403	225,813 9,322
		7,145	241,433 ===================================	248,578	235,135
8.	ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED Maintenance of assets	BY ACTIVITIES Activities undertaken directly 2015 £	Support costs 2015 £ 117,016	Total 2015 £ 240,175	Total 2014 £ 225,813
		. 20, 100	,	,	223,010

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

9. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

2015	2014
£	£
520	693
2,825	2,750
5,578	6,572
	£ 520 2,825

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2014 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2014 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2014 - £NIL).

10. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2015	2014
	£	£
Wages and salaries	7,145	6,750
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as fo	llows:	
	2015	2014
	No.	No.
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

11.	TANO	SIBLE	FIXED	ASSETS
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		Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Other fixed assets £	Total £
	Cost or valuation				
	At 1 April 2014 Additions	15,000,000 52,692	8,882	3,724 -	15,012,606 52,692
	At 31 March 2015	15,052,692	8,882	3,724	15,065,298
	Depreciation	•			
	At 1 April 2014 Charge for the year	-	6,805 520	· -	6,805 520
	At 31 March 2015	-	7,325	<u> </u>	7,325
	Net book value				,
	At 31 March 2015	15,052,692	1,557	3,724	15,057,973
	At 31 March 2014	15,000,000	2,077	3,724	15,005,801
12.	DEBTORS			2015	2014
				£	£
·	Trade debtors Other debtors			34,815 6,903	34,695 4,666
				41,718	39,361
13.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year				
				2015	2014
				£	£
	Accruals and deferred income			112,361	67,895
14.	STATEMENT OF FUNDS				
		Brough Forward		Expended	Carried Forward £

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

	Unrestricted funds				
	General Funds - all funds Other General funds	1,362,647 -	338,603	(240,516) (8,062)	1,460,734 (8,062)
	·	1,362,647	338,603	(248,578)	1,452,672
	Endowment funds				
	Endowment Funds - all funds	13,978,282	-	-	13,978,282
	Total of funds	15,340,929	338,603	(248,578)	15,430,954
	SUMMARY OF FUNDS				·
	•	Brought Forward £	resources	Resources Expended £	Carried Forward £
	General funds Endowment funds	1,362,647 13,978,282	•	(248,578) -	1,452,672 13,978,282
		15,340,929	338,603	(248,578)	15,430,954
15.	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FU	JNDS			
			Unrestricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		2015	2015	2015	2014
		£	£	£	£
	Tangible fixed assets	13,978,282	1,079,692	15,057,974	15,005,801
	Current assets	-	485,341	485,341 (442.361)	403,023
	Creditors due within one year		(112,361)	(112,361)	(67,895)
		13,978,282	1,452,672	15,430,954	15,340,929
					

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Mr S.R.Kirkup is a partner in the firm of Bond Dickinson LLP. The firm received fees of £25,668 (2014: £17,373) from the Trust in respect of legal matters.