

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2025
for
The Thomas Hughes Foundation

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for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

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The Thomas Hughes Foundation

Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the Foundation for the year ended 30th September 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Foundation's Trust Deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives of Trust

The Trustees are directed in terms of the Trust Deed to pay or apply the income or capital of the Trust Fund for the benefit or furtherance of such purposes, objects or institutions, charitable in law, as the Trustees in their absolute discretion shall determine. The Trustees are also authorised to accumulate income for a period of twenty-one years from 20th April 2008.

Although the objectives set out in the Trust Deed are far reaching the Trustees favour supporting projects that help to prevent poverty, advance education and health, citizenship and community development. It should be noted that the Trustees are not bound to continue supporting these areas and may in the future favour other areas of benefit.

The Trustees aim to achieve these objectives primarily by making grants to charitable organisations.

Report on the Activities of the Trust

The trustees supported such organisation as they considered appropriate and that were drawn to their attention. At present there is no formal application process. Donations of £57,375 (2024: £6,500) were made, with future commitments of £33,500, which were agreed on 3 March 2025.

These donations included multi-year commitments to international relief and development charity, All We Can and to Asylum Welcome, a charity that offers information, advice and practical support to asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Oxfordshire.

During the previous year, the Trustees had agreed that the Foundation would act as a Guarantor for the rental of a property to a family of Ukrainian refugees. The guarantee expired on the anniversary of the lease (17th April 2025) at which point the family was able to extend the lease without the need for a fresh guarantee.

Towards the end of the financial year, the financial year, £150,000 in cash was received from Casemate Publishers Ltd on the redemption of loan notes issued to the Foundation.

Grant Making Policy

The Trustees have opted for a policy of making donations to those organisations they feel require most support and whose purposes fall within the spectrum of the Trust Deed. The organisations supported by the Foundation are carefully evaluated by the Trustees to ensure that the public benefit of the Charity is maintained.

Grants typically take the form of multi-year, unrestricted core funding. The Trustees believe that this type of funding is of particular value to beneficiary charities because it is generally more difficult to obtain than project funding, facilitates long-term planning and reduces fund-raising costs.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Investment Policy and Performance

In accordance with the Trust Deed, the Trustees have power to invest in such stocks, shares, investments and property in the United Kingdom or abroad as they in their sole discretion think fit. The Trustees engaged Thornhill Investment Managers (now Schroder & Co Limited trading as Cazenove Capital Management) as investment managers.

The Trustees' investment policy aims to achieve total returns in excess of inflation. While there are no constraints as to type of investment, the Trustees intend to maintain diversified exposure to different asset classes, sectors, geographic regions and currencies.

In the year under review, returns from each of the main components of the Foundation's investment portfolio were above CPI inflation of 3.8%. The total return from the listed investment portfolio was 6.6% while the investment property and unlisted loan notes yielded income of 9.9% and 6.5% respectively.

Growth in net assets over the last two years has enabled the Trustees to step up the level of charitable donations. Between its establishment in April 2008 and 30 September 2025, the Foundation has donated £890,470, representing almost all of its original capital of £898,030. Nevertheless, there remain total funds to carry forward of £818,370.

By providing a guarantee, the Foundation helped to secure accommodation for a refugee family who have subsequently been able to find work and renew their lease without third party assistance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

There are net assets of £818,370 (2024 £809,385). Income totalling £75,752 (2024 £79,124.89) was received during the financial year. Donations of £57,375 (2024: £6,500) were made, with future commitments of £33,500, which were agreed on 3 March 2025. Previous future commitments outstanding at the year end were £0 (2024 £0).

Total borrowings were £359,257 consisting of a loan to City of Edinburgh Methodist Church (CEMC) of £297,500, along with the balance of a 15-year £185,000 mortgage from Triodos Bank to part-finance the purchase of an investment property in 2014.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Foundation and are satisfied that measures are in place to mitigate these major risks.

Performance of investments

A substantial and sustained fall in the value of the Foundation's investments would impair the Trust's ability to make charitable donations and might cause difficulties in meeting existing financial commitments. The Trustees have mitigated this risk by the appointment of professional investment managers to advise them, by putting in place a balanced investment strategy with a diversified portfolio and by ensuring that the portfolio is sufficiently liquid to meet obligations in the event of a down-turn in financial markets.

Risk of default by tenants or borrowers

A significant proportion of the Trust's net assets is represented by an investment property and by loans to private companies. The Trustees have mitigated the risk of default through careful vetting of the financial strength and track record of tenants and borrowers.

Debt service obligations

The Foundation must ensure that it is able to meet its debt service obligations. The Trustees have managed this risk by ensuring that liquid assets and income provide adequate cover for interest and loan repayments, and by carefully considering the impact on net assets and cash flow of fresh donation commitments.

Currency risk

The Trust's liabilities are denominated in Sterling, whereas some of its investments are linked to other international currencies. Currency risk is mitigated through diversification and by ensuring that all of the Trust's short-term obligations can be met from liquid, Sterling-denominated assets.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to distribute the income of the Trust in the form of grants or donations. It is anticipated that any surplus income at the close of the account would be so distributed in the following years.

The funds of the Foundation are wholly unrestricted and are represented by an investment property, investments and cash net of associated borrowings and unpaid grant commitments. The Trustees have power to draw upon the fund in furtherance of the Foundation's objectives, whilst retaining sufficient funds to meet any commitments they may undertake.

Given that the investment portfolio is made up of liquid assets, the Trustees do not consider it necessary to maintain specific reserves.

Going concern

The Trustees have no material uncertainties as to the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern and are confident that the Foundation will continue to be able to settle all of its debts as they fall due within the next 12 months.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

FUTURE PLANS

Since the year end, the above cash receipt has been used to:

- a) Repay the loan from Triodos Bank that was originally used to finance purchase of the investment property in 2014. The security has also been released.
- b) Add to the investment portfolio managed by Cazenove.
- c) Begin a multi-year donation commitment to MHA, in line with the Trustees' intention, stated in the last Annual Report to support high quality care for the elderly.

To complement the Foundation's historic model of using investment returns to make charitable donations, the Trustees intend, over time, to build a portfolio of direct investments that generate positive social and environmental impact.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Thomas Hughes Foundation is a charity registered with Scottish Charity Register (reg. no. SC039722) established under a Trust Deed Dated 20th April 2008)

Appointment of new trustees

The appointment of new Trustees is reserved to the Trustees in office.

Decision making

All Trustees are actively involved in the decision making process. Requests for funding are reviewed by the Trustees.

Management

All Trustees are active in the management of the Trust.

Related parties

Both Christopher and Alison Butler are shareholders (and Christopher is Finance Director) of Casemate Publishers Ltd in which the Foundation previously invested £150,000 in the form of loan notes that were redeemed in full at par in September 2025.

With effect from September 2023, Alison Butler became a Trustee of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, who received payments totalling £7,000 (2024 £18,500).

Employees

The Trust has no employees (2024 None).

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30th June 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr Christopher Butler - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Thomas Hughes Foundation

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2025 set out on pages seven to seventeen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.



J.E.Mason FCCA
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Date: 30th June 2026.....

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

		30/9/25 Unrestricted fund £	30/9/24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Investment income	2	75,752	79,125
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3	49,920	43,736
Charitable activities	4		
Wesley Memorial Methodist Church		7,000	6,500
All We Can		30,000	-
Asylum Welcome		15,000	-
Oxford Phab Club		5,000	-
ISLIP PCC		375	-
Total		107,295	50,236
Net gains on investments		40,528	35,613
NET INCOME		8,985	64,502
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		809,385	744,883
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		818,370	809,385

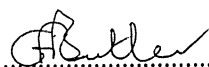
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The Thomas Hughes Foundation

Balance Sheet
30 September 2025

	Notes	30/9/25 Unrestricted fund £	30/9/24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments			
Investments	7	407,298	557,923
Investment property	8	595,000	595,000
		1,002,298	1,152,923
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	-	3,734
Cash at bank		224,495	41,147
		224,495	44,881
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(50,616)	(27,790)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		173,879	17,091
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,176,177	1,170,014
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(357,807)	(360,629)
NET ASSETS		818,370	809,385
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		818,370	809,385
TOTAL FUNDS		818,370	809,385

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30th June 2026..... and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr Christopher Butler - Trustee

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The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial statements preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Foundation constitutes a public benefit as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have assessed the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern and have reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are included in the financial statements together with associated gift aids, where applicable, when the Trustees have been advised of the donation with notification of both amount and intended settlement date.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the financial statement on an accruals basis and recognised in full as soon as a constructive obligation exists, the sums payable can be reliably measured and there is probability of payment.

A provision for a multi-year award is recognised at its present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled conditions and the effect of the discounting is material. At the financial year end of the account and considering the current economic climate at that time, the Trustees consider a discount rate of 2% to be appropriate.

Grants authorised to be paid in respect of the accounting year or future years are provided for in the financial statements in the year in which they are authorised.

Cost of raising funds

Investment management charges are included on an accruals basis and recognised in full as soon as a constructive obligation exists.

Support and governance costs

Support costs are the costs associated with the direct management of the charity. Governance costs are the cost of compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirement of the charity. All other support and governance costs are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities as appropriate. As the Foundation does not provide services directly but by the way of grants to other organisations, support and governance costs are not allocated against individual grants or donations.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Support and governance costs

Independent examination fees are recorded in support and governance costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment property

The Foundation acquired a property for investment purposes on 28th July 2014. The property is included at the Trustees' best estimate of fair value at year end.

Taxation

The Foundation has been recognised by HMRC as a charity for the purpose of Section 519 Income Taxes Act 2007.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30/9/25	30/9/24
	£	£
Rents received	58,713	52,144
Investment income	16,939	26,245
Deposit account interest	100	736
	75,752	79,125

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

3. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30/9/25	30/9/24
	£	£
Support costs	19,427	16,441
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Investment management costs

	30/9/25	30/9/24
	£	£
Investment advice	1,137	1,223
Rent collection	29,356	26,072
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	30,493	27,295
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Aggregate amounts	49,920	43,736
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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities £
Wesley Memorial Methodist Church	7,000
All We Can	30,000
Asylum Welcome	15,000
Oxford Phab Club	5,000
ISLIP PCC	375
	<u> </u>
	57,375
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5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2025 nor for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2025 nor for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Investment income	79,125
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	43,736
Charitable activities	
Wesley Memorial Methodist Church	6,500
Total	50,236
Net gains on investments	35,613
NET INCOME	64,502
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	744,883
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	809,385

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 October 2024	402,923	155,000	557,923
Additions	39,375	-	39,375
Disposals	(40,000)	(150,000)	(190,000)
At 30 September 2025	402,298	5,000	407,298
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 September 2025	402,298	5,000	407,298
At 30 September 2024	402,923	155,000	557,923

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

With the exception of the OxCLT shares, the Trust's investments consist of open-ended funds and other instruments with good liquidity that are listed on recognised stock exchanges. The Trust has no material holdings in markets subject to exchange controls or trading restrictions.

The main risk to the Trust from investments lies in the volatility of markets.

The Trust manages these investment risks by retaining expert advisors, operating an investment policy that provides for a high degree of diversification of holdings across asset classes and by ensuring adequate liquidity.

8. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

£

FAIR VALUE

At 1 October 2024

and 30 September 2025

595,000

NET BOOK VALUE

At 30 September 2025

595,000

At 30 September 2024

595,000

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

30/9/25

30/9/24

£

£

-

3,734

Debtors

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30/9/25	30/9/24
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 12)	18,300	11,900
Trade creditors	23,068	11,653
Other creditors	9,248	4,237
	<u>50,616</u>	<u>27,790</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	30/9/25	30/9/24
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 12)	43,457	63,129
Trade creditors	16,850	-
Other creditors	297,500	297,500
	<u>357,807</u>	<u>360,629</u>

12. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	30/9/25	30/9/24
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>18,300</u>	<u>11,900</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>43,457</u>	<u>63,129</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/10/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/9/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	809,385	8,985	818,370
	<u>809,385</u>	<u>8,985</u>	<u>818,370</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>809,385</u>	<u>8,985</u>	<u>818,370</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	75,752	(107,295)	40,528	8,985
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>75,752</u>	<u>(107,295)</u>	<u>40,528</u>	<u>8,985</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/10/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/9/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	744,883	64,502	809,385
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>744,883</u>	<u>64,502</u>	<u>809,385</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	79,125	(50,236)	35,613	64,502
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>79,125</u>	<u>(50,236)</u>	<u>35,613</u>	<u>64,502</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/10/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/9/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	744,883	73,487	818,370
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>744,883</u>	<u>73,487</u>	<u>818,370</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	154,877	(157,531)	76,141	73,487
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>154,877</u>	<u>(157,531)</u>	<u>76,141</u>	<u>73,487</u>

14. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The City of Edinburgh Methodist Church advanced a loan of £297,500 to The Thomas Hughes Foundation to support the purchase of the property. The loan is interest-free and is secured by a standard security over the property. Under the terms of the agreement, the Trust is obliged to transfer to the lender 50% of any income generated from the property and 50% of any net proceeds arising from a future disposal of the property, after deducting any directly attributable costs of sale.

The loan is shown in other creditors due greater than one year, at the amount borrowed, any gain on this value from the increase in the fair value of the property will be disclosed as a contingent liability, for 2025 £nil (2024, £nil).

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Both Christopher and Alison Butler are shareholders (and Christopher is Finance Director) of Casemate Publishers Ltd in which the Foundation had investment of £150,000 (June 2015) in the form of loan notes. As the loan notes bear interest at 6.5% per annum, the foundation received £9,406 during the year (2024 £9,750) and the loan notes were redeemed on 1st August 2025.

With effect from September 2023, Alison Butler became a Trustee of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, who received payments totalling £7,000 (2024 £18,500).

The Thomas Hughes Foundation

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

	30/9/25 £	30/9/24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Investment income		
Rents received	58,713	52,144
Investment income	16,939	26,245
Deposit account interest	100	736
	75,752	79,125
Total incoming resources	75,752	79,125
 EXPENDITURE		
Investment management costs		
Investment advice	1,137	1,223
Rent collection	29,356	26,072
	30,493	27,295
 Charitable activities		
Grants and Donations	57,375	6,500
 Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	2,731	2,595
 Finance		
Bank loan interest	5,524	7,111
 Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	11,172	6,735
Total resources expended	107,295	50,236
Net (expenditure)/income before gains and losses	(31,543)	28,889
 Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	40,528	35,613
Net income	8,985	64,502

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements