

THE ASHDEN TRUST



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Legal and Administrative

The Ashden Trust (No. 802623) was established under a trust deed dated 27 November 1989.

Trustees	Mrs S Butler-Sloss Mr R Butler-Sloss Miss J S Portrait
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Investment Advisers	Schroder & Co. Limited 100 Wood Street London EC2V 7ER
Investment Powers	The Trust deed empowers the Trustees to appoint investment advisers who have discretion to invest the funds of the Trust within guidelines established by the Trustees.
Objects	The objects of the Trust as given in the Trust Deed are for general charitable purposes.



Organisation

The Trust is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts which share a common administration.

Policies

During the year the Trustees continued to support initiatives under seven categories which are shown below:

- Sustainable Development UK
- Sustainable Development International
- People at Risk
- Sustainable Regeneration
- Arts & Sustainability
- Ashden - sustainable solutions, better lives
- General

There is also a Social Investment Fund and a Low Carbon Fund, which both draw directly from the Trust's capital. The Low Carbon Fund makes grants and social investments in the following areas:

- Avoiding Deforestation
- Climate Change Collaboration - Energy Efficiency
- Cultural Shift
- Green Finance
- Social Investment in Low Carbon Technologies

The Climate Change Collaboration was created in 2009 by four of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts – the Ashden Trust, the JJ Charitable Trust, the Mark Leonard Trust and the Tedworth Charitable Trust. It was established with an understanding that many of the projects the Trusts support would be negated by the impact of climate change. Therefore, the primary aim of the collaboration is to identify and support projects that accelerate progress towards a low carbon society. Currently the Trusts are making significant grants towards work on domestic energy efficiency in the UK guided by advice from experts in the fields of finance, economics, the environment and sustainable living. The Collaboration brings additional funding to this important area of work and encourages stakeholders to share best practice and research.

Proposals are generally invited by the Trustees or initiated at their request. Unsolicited applications are not encouraged unless they are aligned with Trustees' interests. The Trustees prefer to support innovative schemes that can be successfully replicated or become self-sustaining. Grants are not normally made to individuals. There have been no significant changes in the grant-making policies of the Trust during the year under review.

Environmental Policy

Both management and staff are committed to reducing the environmental impact of the Trust's day-to-day activities and supporting the implementation of an environmental management system in the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts.



Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to approve grants for payment over a number of years, subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions over the life of the grant. We consider this an important objective of the Trust in order to give recipients long term support.

The Trustees consider that when possible it is appropriate to hold free funds, both to meet the short term working capital needs of the Trust, and in anticipation of the potential payment of subsequent grant instalments. However, if these are insufficient, any shortfall could be met from the Trust's expendable endowment. The deficit on unrestricted funds at the year end simply reflects a timing difference between the recognition of grant liabilities required by SORP and when they will be paid.

The need for unrestricted income funds will vary from year to year and the Trustees will continue to review the position.

Investment Policy and Performance

In making investment decisions, environmental and social issues are taken into account to align investments with the Trust's policies whilst still seeking maximum return. The long term goal of the Trust is to move into suitable investments in companies which rely on or are based on sustainable resources. The Trustees regularly meet the investment managers to discuss strategy and review performance.

The Trustees are committed to using some of the Trust's expendable endowment for "impact" investing that will not only result in a financial return, but also produce social and environmental benefits that accord with the Trust's objectives. Initially, focus will be on four different sectors: forestry, microfinance in developing countries, renewable energy and clean technology infrastructure. The Trustees are interested in sharing their experience in impact investing with other investors to improve their own knowledge in these areas, and also to encourage more investors to adopt this approach.

Unrealised losses shown on the Statement of Financial Activities are due to a fall in stock markets over the year. Overall the portfolio produced a total return of 1.9%.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the Trust may be exposed. Through the joint office of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts, adequate systems are in place to meet such potential risks as the Trustees have identified. They continue to keep processes under review.

Charity and Public Benefit

Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it. They consider the full information which follows in this annual report, about the Trust's aims, activities and achievements in the many areas of interest that the Trust supports demonstrates the benefit to its beneficiaries and through them to the Public, that arise from those activities.

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Financial Overview

The Trustees met six times during the year to make grants and twice to review investments.

The Settlor made a generous donation of £500,000 in the year which has been added to expendable endowment. The asset value of the Trust decreased from £29 million at 5 April 2011 to £28.6 million at 5 April 2012, a decrease of 1.5%.

Against a backdrop of poor capital returns on the stock market, dividend income remained robust. Gifts from the Settlor invested in the stock market helped bolster total incoming resources resulting in total unrestricted funds for the year of £922,929 (2011 - £844,145), a 9.3% improvement on the previous year.

Staff and office costs have been allocated to grant-related support costs and governance costs as required by SORP 2005. Unfortunately, The UK Carbon Census Ltd went into receivership giving rise to a £15,000 loan write off, as shown on the SOFA.

During the year the Trustees approved 33 grants totalling £932,199 some of which are payable over more than one year. Payments made during the year totalled £1,323,499. Grants approved during the year may be analysed by number and value, payments made may be analysed by value in the categories set out below:

	Grants Approved			Payments Made	
	Number	£	%	£	%
Sustainable Development UK	2	65,000	7.0%	68,065	5.1%
Sustainable Development International	2	19,000	2.0%	40,000	3.0%
People at Risk	4	108,830	11.7%	83,830	6.3%
Sustainable Regeneration	1	45,000	4.8%	101,918	7.7%
Arts & Sustainability	4	45,000	4.8%	61,033	4.6%
Ashden - sustainable solutions, better lives	2	306,540	32.9%	617,290	46.8%
General	6	21,663	2.3%	56,847	4.3%
Low Carbon Fund (from capital)					
- Avoiding Deforestation	2	120,000	12.9%	110,000	8.3%
- Climate Change Collaboration - Energy Efficiency	6	120,166	12.9%	105,166	7.9%
- Cultural Shift	3	56,000	6.0%	25,500	1.9%
- Green Finance	1	25,000	2.7%	53,850	4.1%
- Social Investment in Low Carbon Technologies		-	0.0%	-	0.0%
	33	932,199	100.0%	1,323,499	100.0%

GRANTS APPROVED AND PAID

The following gives a brief description of grants approved in the year, and lists payments made with additional information in the case of grants not included in the lists of new approvals.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT UK

The Trust initiates and supports work that can reduce the speed and impact of climate change including energy efficiency and renewable energy technology, aviation and transport policy, and the wide ranging benefits of sustainable agriculture.

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In the area of climate change, sustainable energy and sustainable agriculture, the Trust aims to take a broad approach supporting research, practical action, awareness-raising, education and organisations that aim to influence policy in the field.

APPROVED GRANTS - £65,000

Sustainable Food Trust - £5,000

Support for review into where the grant-making activity of Ashden Trust and Mark Leonard Trust can have greatest impact to support sustainable food and farming.

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) UK - £60,000 (over three years)

Towards staff time and running costs to continue the work of the 1 in 5 Challenge in which WWF works with major companies to reduce business flights by 20% and advises the UK Government on the implication of reduced business travel for UK aviation policy.

PAYMENTS MADE - £68,065

(Descriptions included only when different from above.)

Living Streets	£15,000	Towards the costs of employing a Supporter Development Officer to work with community networks and volunteers to strengthen and develop local campaigning on issues relating to walkable neighbourhoods.
National Wildflower Centre	£3,000	Towards core costs.
Soil Association	£25,065	Towards the Low Carbon Farming project which will work with farmers to reduce carbon emissions, increase carbon sequestration and improve biodiversity within the agricultural sector in the South West.
Sustainable Food Trust	£5,000	As above.
World Wildlife Fund (WWF) UK	£20,000	As above.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL

The Trust continues to support community-based sustainable technology projects to equip people with the knowledge and tools to help themselves in an environmentally sustainable way. These projects help to alleviate poverty by using sustainable technologies for the enhancement of income generation, agriculture, education and health.

APPROVED GRANTS - £19,000

ACE Africa - £15,000 (over three years)

Towards community work with vulnerable people in Kenya and Tanzania and to share lessons between NGOs in the region.

Green Belt Movement - £4,000

Towards the memorial event with HRH The Prince of Wales for Wangari Maathai at Kew Gardens being organised by the Green Belt Movement for spring 2013.

PAYMENTS MADE - £40,000

(Descriptions included only when different from above.)

ACE Africa	£5,000	As above.
BioRegional Development Group	£30,000	Towards the One Planet eco-communities in South Africa and China.
Environmental Foundation for Africa	£5,000	Towards core costs to expand its work protecting the environment in Sierra Leone.

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PEOPLE AT RISK

Grants are made to organisations that help people at risk of homelessness to obtain support, secure permanent accommodation, regain economic independence and reconnect with important family and social networks.

Over the years the Trust has provided considerable help to projects where housing is seen as only part of the solution, and where there is awareness of the value for people in cultivating their sense of personal identity, of aspiration for life and livelihood, and of belonging among family and friends.

In this and the Sustainable Regeneration category, the Trust assists projects that pioneer fresh approaches in self-help and peer support, education and training, and opportunities leading to employment for people at risk, and other socially excluded groups, especially where social enterprise can lead to inspiration and achievement.

APPROVED GRANTS - £108,830

Manna Society - £5,000

Towards the set-up and first year's work of an English language and literacy service for homeless foreign nationals in south central London.

Off the Fence - £10,000

Towards core costs of this Brighton-based charity that provides vital services for people who are homeless and for women facing times of crisis.

Single Homeless Project - £66,000 (over three years)

This charity provides support to single vulnerable young people in London, including people with substance misuse problems, high risk offenders and people with mental health issues. It has a grant over three years to engage members of the community to support clients to develop food growing spaces and create a self-sustaining food co-op.

St Christopher's Fellowship - £27,830

Towards The Wrap Challenge and information film-making by young people at risk.

PAYMENTS MADE - £83,830

(Descriptions included only when different from above.)

New Opportunities & Horizons Ltd (NOAH)	£29,000	Towards an employment and mentoring service through placement and support at local employers.
Manna Society	£5,000	As above.
Single Homeless Project	£22,000	As above.
St Christopher's Fellowship	£27,830	As above.

SUSTAINABLE REGENERATION

Funding in this category is for projects which support the development of sustainable communities especially projects that encourage greater links to the natural environment and growing food in deprived communities and with disadvantaged people.

APPROVED GRANTS - £45,000

Vauxhall City Farm - £45,000 (over three years)

Towards salaries for workers in the farmyard who care for the animals and support the range of education activities that take place there.

PAYMENTS MADE - £101,918

(Descriptions included only when different from above.)

Cycling Projects	£10,000	Towards the co-ordinator's salary, to expand and develop the provision of cycling opportunities for people with disabilities and health issues.
Eden Project	£60,000	Towards the development of a horticultural social business at Occombe Farm, to provide employment opportunities for ex-offenders from prisons serving Devon and Cornwall.
Food Chain (North East) C.I.C.	£11,918	Towards the community growing officer's salary to increase opportunities to grow, eat and cook locally produced food in the north east.
Middlesbrough Environment City	£5,000	Towards equipment costs for new growing sites in Middlesbrough which will be used by local groups with fresh produce sold to cafes and local businesses as part of a social enterprise.
Vauxhall City Farm	£15,000	As above.

ARTS & SUSTAINABILITY

The Trust continues to support the rapidly developing field of arts and sustainability, in particular initiatives that encourage artists, writers and arts organisations to engage with current environmental issues through their work. The guiding aim is to encourage people to think about climate change in as many different ways as possible, to break down the idea of climate change, which has become heavily politicised, into a variety of narratives (migration, resource shortage, climate science, social justice, East/West relations) and to encourage responses that have imaginative force on the one side and academic rigour on the other. The Trust continues to fund the Ashden Directory of Environment and Performance, www.ashdendirectory.org.uk including a blog, participation in conferences on culture and climate change, and the production of short films with artists engaged in this area.

APPROVED GRANTS - £45,000

Ashden Directory of Environment and Performance - £20,000

Towards core costs of maintaining and developing the website and academic resource.

Cape Farewell - £10,000

Towards the Scottish Islands Project, bringing artists, scientists, cultural organisations and communities across the Scottish Islands together in creative engagement.

Somerset House Trust - £5,000

Towards the initial research phase of the Jonathon Dove Climate Refugee Community Opera. This opera will highlight the need for international collaboration on climate change and be performed in three different international locations.

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Tipping Point - £10,000

Towards the 'Positive Messaging' event in Newcastle in 2012 and to support the on-going relationship with Newcastle.

PAYMENTS MADE - £61,033

(Descriptions included only when different from above.)

Clutag Press	£1,651	Towards the publication costs of the next five issues of Archipelago.
Ashden Directory of Environment and Performance	£3,092	Towards Metaphors for Sustainability.
Ashden Directory of Environment and Performance	£4,291	Towards core costs.
Ashden Directory of Environment and Performance	£12,999	As above.
Cape Farewell	£10,000	As above.
Open University	£3,500	Towards a publication based on "Mediating Change" Podcasts.
Open University	£8,000	To part-fund a Ph.D studentship, working on the response to cultural response to climate change.
Open University	£2,500	Towards employment costs to manage a programme of recorded discussions between academics and artists on the subject of climate change and the arts, which will be made available online. Trustees would like to see the Ashden Trust mentioned on Open University.
Somerset House Trust	£5,000	As above.
Tipping Point	£10,000	As above.

Ashden - sustainable solutions, better lives

Since Ashden was founded in 2001 it has rewarded over 150 projects in the UK and the developing world. To date £2.7 million has been awarded in prize money and £8.5 million has been leveraged for winning projects. Collectively, Ashden winners are now:

- Benefitting over 33 million people, and
- Reducing CO₂ emissions by more than four million tonnes a year .

Ashden's experience over the past eleven years has shown that just giving organisations a prize is not enough. It is now working with winners to help them develop and grow. It also collates and disseminates knowledge on successful approaches and is actively engaged in advocacy, using winners as exemplars to influence policy and to add informed comment to debates on energy. Ashden's website is a major resource for anyone interested in sustainable energy <http://www.ashden.org/>.

In 2011 the Ashden winners were:

National Trust, Wales has used a combination of efficiency measures, sustainable heating technologies and culture change to prove that historic buildings can be retrofitted. Energy use in its Wales region has been cut by 41%.

Energy4All manage has established eight community-owned co-operatives demonstrating how communities can be inspired to take ownership of sustainable energy. It now has 7,690 members, who collectively own the equivalent of over 20 MW of capacity and in 2011 the wind farms generated over 45 GWh of electricity, saving 19,500 tonnes of CO₂ emissions.

Parity Projects offers home-owners and social housing providers tailor-made advice on how best to reduce their energy use and fuel bills. They have provided advice to people in a quarter of a million properties and trained over 500 people in retrofit.

Student Switch Off gets students to take simple steps to save energy, including wrapping up warm, switching off lights and using lids on saucepans. It uses social media, peer-to-peer engagement and student-focused incentives and has helped participating universities cut their electricity consumption by over 7%. 43 universities and 18,000 students are involved so far.

University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust has engaged staff to introduce new technologies and practices to cut its energy use. They have reduced electricity and gas use by 35% over the past five years, saving £390,000 on fuel bills. The hospital's sustainable approach is potentially replicable across the NHS.

City of Ghent (Belgium) has broken down the barriers to cycling and moved it into the mainstream with a range of initiatives designed to get people out of their cars and onto their bikes. This has included creating a car-free city centre and extensive development of the cycling network and subsidised student bike hire facility and a range of innovative marketing initiatives. Nearly a fifth of all journeys to work and school are now made on bike.

Liftshare (UK) is helping fill empty car seats on the roads while offering a friendlier, greener and cheaper way to travel. It helps employers set up car sharing schemes and provides a free online national car sharing network. So far this has meant, 100,000 journeys are taken off the road every day saving 110,000 tonnes of CO₂ /year.

Shri Kshethra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP) (South India) provides affordable loans to families helping them buy renewable energy systems that improve their quality of life. SKRDP have provided nearly 20,000 energy loans so far and have set up self-help groups to help people make informed choices on what energy products to buy.

Barefoot Power (Africa) is rolling out a wide range of solar power products across Africa, brightening up the lives of those with limited or no access to grid power. Products range from single desk lamps to complete kits for use by community homes, clinics and schools. 350,000 lanterns and lighting kits have been sold to the rural poor.

GIZ/INTEGRATION (Afghanistan) has brought electricity to the remote Badakhshan and Takhar provinces in North East Afghanistan by constructing new off-grid hydro schemes. Six micro-hydro plants with total capacity of 1.3MW, have been installed so far, providing 24-hour electricity to 63,000 people, 110 public organisations and 645 small enterprises.

IBEKA (Indonesia) uses off-grid hydro schemes to bring the benefits of electricity to remote communities, improving quality of life and creating new livelihood opportunities. Schemes are owned and managed by communities. 61 hydro schemes have been installed so far, benefiting 54,000 people and saving 7,400 tonnes of CO₂ /year.

IDE/Hydrologic (Cambodia) has developed energy-saving ceramic water filters which mean rural families have safe drinking water without using wood to boil it, protecting health as well as Cambodia's forests. Over 226,000 affordable filters have been sold so far via NGO programmes, shops and rural sales agents.

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APPROVED GRANTS - £306,540

Ashden Sustainable solutions, better lives - £306,540

- £300,000 - Towards the 2012 Awards.
- £6,540 - To renew Ashden's partnership for a further 12 months.

PAYMENTS MADE - £617,290

(Descriptions included only when different from above.)

£240,000	Towards the 2011 Awards.
£65,000	Capital grant for the 2011 Awards.
£5,750	To the Ashden Awards to renew the Green Future's partnership.
£300,000	As above.
£6,540	As above.

GENERAL

APPROVED GRANTS - £21,663

AKU Society - £500

Towards medical research.

Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong - £2,663

Towards the construction of an independent roof over the existing underground tank thereby securing the on-going operation of the rainwater harvesting system following the earthquake in September.

East Tytherley Church, Romsey - £3,000 (over three years)

Towards annual running costs.

Medical Emergency Relief International (MERLIN) - £10,000

Towards MERLIN's emergency response to the drought in Somalia.

Southern Spinal Injuries Trust - £5,000

Towards the Horatio Chapple Appeal.

Vision for a Nation Foundation - £500

Donation.

PAYMENTS MADE - £56,847

(Descriptions included only when different from above.)

AKU Society	£500	As above.
Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong	£2,663	As above.
East Tytherley Church, Romsey	£1,000	As above.
Medical Emergency Relief International (MERLIN)	£10,000	As above.
Rambert School of Ballet & Contemporary Dance	£10,000	Towards the Bursary Fund.
Save the Children UK	£5,000	Towards the emergency response projects that they are recommending (namely Libya and Cote D'Ivoire).
Save the Rhino International	£2,000	Towards the Michael Hearn Internship.
Southern Spinal Injuries Trust	£5,000	As above.
The Sainsbury Archive	£2,600	Towards core costs and project costs.
University of Bristol	£17,584	Towards the scientific study of the lightning process at Bristol University.
Vision for a Nation Foundation	£500	As above.

LOW CARBON FUND (from capital)

The Trust recognises the need for significant actions to be taken on climate change within the next five years. Given this sense of urgency, the Trustees have made additional funding available from capital for projects and social business activities that address areas in which major savings in carbon emissions are likely to be made.

- 1. Preventing Deforestation** – The Trust recognises that forests play a vital role in sequestering and storing carbon and also in providing "eco-system services". The Trust has made grants to projects which address the issues from a number of perspectives; from the land rights of indigenous people to the value of carbon in forests as part of the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) programme to highlighting and spotlighting illegal forest clearances.
- 2. Energy Efficiency** – Investment in domestic energy efficiency programmes is one of the most effective and lowest cost ways to reduce carbon emissions in the UK. The technologies have been proven and are easy to install but there are still barriers which stop them from being taken up. The Trust is focusing on:
 - Work to develop a range of financial products to fund a national energy efficiency programme
 - Work to understand how to market energy efficiency so that it becomes an improvement householders choose to invest in
 - Work to understand how to encourage and enable households and communities to adopt low-carbon lifestyles
 - Networking existing grantees and stakeholders to inform policy change
- 3. Cultural Shift** – The transition towards a low-carbon economy and low-carbon lifestyles has many cultural components. The work in this funding stream encourages projects in the arts and the media that imaginatively engage with this shift.
- 4. Green Finance** – Towards the development of financial products and services to support the transition to a low-carbon economy.
- 5. Social Investment in Low Carbon Technologies** – This funding stream is available as investment finance for businesses in the UK and internationally, which are responding to the global task of reducing carbon emissions and improving social welfare.

APPROVED GRANTS - £321,166

➤ **Avoiding Deforestation - £120,000**

BioFuels Watch - £30,000 (over two years)

Towards research and lobbying activities to develop constructive messages to support the removal of national and international policy that incentivises large-scale bioenergy.



Greenpeace - £90,000 (over three years)

Towards the work on markets-based solutions to global deforestation.

➤ **Climate Change Collaboration - Energy Efficiency - £120,166**

Centre for Sustainable Energy - £10,000

Towards the feasibility of the Green Deal Local Incubator pilot in the South West of England.

Ecofin Research Foundation - £48,500

£16,000 - Towards work to test methods that Local Authorities can use to achieve high rates of eco-refurbishment adoption including the feasibility of different approaches and an estimate of the cost effectiveness of different approaches. Options might include council tax rebates, changes to planning rules and an opt-out system.

£32,500 - Towards the development of a Green Deal financing warehouse and an eco-refurbishment bond market.

National Energy Foundation - £31,666

£15,000 - Towards the phase two research into the High Street Retail Product and the Community-led Retrofit Product.

£16,666 - For the preparation and marketing of an Investment Memorandum for the community-led finance model.

Severn Wye Energy Agency - £30,000 (over two years)

Towards the development of a Revolving Retrofit Guarantee Loan Fund financial mechanism to provide affordable loans to private sector households to improve their energy efficiency.

➤ **Cultural Shift - £56,000**

Culture and Climate Change - £1,000

Towards the distribution and marketing of "Culture and Climate Change: Recordings".

Julie's Bicycle - £45,000 (over three years)

Towards core costs of working with the arts and creative industries to cut carbon emissions and make environmental sustainability a core component of their work.

Young Vic Youth Theatre - £10,000

Towards the series of plays which will create theatre that uses no electricity off the grid, uses nothing new and instead only recycled and re-used items.

➤ **Green Finance - £25,000**

E&CO - £25,000

To support pay-as-you-go solar energy initiatives in Tanzania.

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PAYMENTS MADE - £294,516

(Descriptions included only when different from above.)

BioFuels Watch	£15,000	As above.
Centre for Sustainable Energy	£10,000	As above.
Culture and Climate Change	£500	Towards the distribution and marketing of "Culture and Climate Change: Recordings".
E&CO	£25,000	As above.
Ecofin Research Foundation	£48,500	As above.
Fair Pensions	£20,000	Towards Fair Pensions' work with pension fund trustees and asset managers.
Green Budgets Europe	£8,850	In order to allow Professor Paul Ekins who is Professor of Energy and Environment Policy in the Department of Geography at King's College London to become involved as a Steering Committee member with Green Budget Europe.
Greenpeace	£30,000	As above.
Julie's Bicycle	£15,000	Towards core costs, dependent on their ability to demonstrate carbon savings made to date.
National Energy Foundation	£31,666	As above.
Rainforest Alliance	£30,000	To fund a Rainforest Alliance project that would work over the next three years to develop and test a toolkit and set of training modules for communities, villages and indigenous people on forest-based carbon sequestration.
Renewable Energy Technology Assistance Programme (RETAP)	£15,000	Towards the training component of a project to install energy efficient cook stoves and woodlots at schools and other institutions in Kenya.
Severn Wye Energy Agency	£15,000	As above.
Wetlands International	£20,000	To establish a dialogue and technical exchange relating to best peatland management planning based in South East Asia and the establishment of a peatland restoration demonstration project in Malaysia.
Young Vic Youth Theatre	£10,000	As above.

Current Loans

£80,000	A loan to Tropical Wholefoods to develop its Fairtrade business importing tropical dried fruit and nuts from Africa and Asia.
£45,000	A loan to Green Thing to build the organisation's capacity to encourage more people around the world to "Do the Green Thing".
£100,000	A loan to Our Planet for the development of the Our Planet visitor centre on St Lucia.

Cancelled Grants

Grants to the value of £20,000 were cancelled during the financial year due to changed requirements.

Approved by the Trustees on 3 December 2012 and signed on their behalf by:

TRUSTEE

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2012

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Expendable Endowment £	Total Funds 2012 £	Total Funds 2011 £
Incoming resources					
Donations and gifts		-	500,000	500,000	1,153,846
Investment income	2	916,496	-	916,496	840,187
Bank deposit interest		6,433	-	6,433	2,777
Interest on short term deposits		-	-	-	1,181
Total incoming resources		922,929	500,000	1,422,929	1,997,991
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds:					
Investment management costs		-	83,292	83,292	91,287
Charitable activity					
Grant-making:					
Grant expenditure	3	596,039	335,651	931,690	1,172,649
Irrecoverable loans		-	15,000	15,000	-
Grant related support costs	4	120,596	-	120,596	144,834
Cost of Grant-making		716,635	350,651	1,067,286	1,317,483
Governance costs	4	9,260	-	9,260	10,957
Total resources expended		725,895	433,943	1,159,838	1,419,727
Net resources before other recognised gains and losses		197,034	66,057	263,091	578,264
Other recognised gains and losses					
(Losses) and gains on investment assets					
Realised		-	(315,790)	(315,790)	(97,600)
Unrealised	7,10	-	(388,425)	(388,425)	1,795,576
Foreign exchange		(62)	(3,976)	(4,038)	(2,329)
Net movement in funds		196,972	(642,134)	(445,162)	2,273,911
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		(355,730)	29,357,971	29,002,241	26,728,330
Total funds carried forward		(158,758)	28,715,837	28,557,079	29,002,241

The notes on pages 18 to 22 form part of these accounts

There are no gains and losses in either the current or preceding year other than those recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2012

	Notes	2012	2011
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	6	-	1,174
Investments	7	26,187,845	27,201,313
		<u>26,187,845</u>	<u>27,202,487</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors - amounts falling due within one year	8	170,844	80,526
Cash at bank and in hand		2,607,686	2,528,039
		<u>2,778,530</u>	<u>2,608,565</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>484,296</u>	<u>878,811</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		2,294,234	1,729,754
Debtors - amounts falling due after more than one year	8	75,000	70,000
NET ASSETS		<u>28,557,079</u>	<u>29,002,241</u>
CAPITAL FUNDS			
Expendable endowment	10	28,715,837	29,357,971
INCOME FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	10	(158,758)	(355,730)
		<u>28,557,079</u>	<u>29,002,241</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 3 December 2012 and were signed on their behalf by :

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TRUSTEE

The notes on pages 18 to 22 form part of these accounts

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2012

RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOMING RESOURCES TO NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	£	£
Net incoming resources	263,091	578,264
Depreciation charge	1,174	1,175
Increase in debtors	(95,318)	(35,643)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(394,515)	186,618
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	<u>(225,568)</u>	<u>730,414</u>

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	£	£
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(225,568)	730,414
Capital expenditure and financial investment:		
Purchase of investments	(3,842,578)	(4,625,650)
Sale of investments	4,151,831	6,017,885
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(4,038)	(2,329)
	<u>305,215</u>	<u>1,389,906</u>
Increase in cash	<u>79,647</u>	<u>2,120,320</u>

Analysis of increase in cash during the year

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Change in year</u>
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	2,607,686	2,528,039	79,647

The notes on pages 18 to 22 form part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011, and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 issued under the Charities Act 2011.

The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

a) Income

- (i) Income is shown gross which includes the associated tax credit unless the tax so deducted is considered irrecoverable.
- (ii) Dividends are included by reference to their due dates.
- (iii) Interest is recorded only when it has been received.

b) Grants payable

Grants for which there is a legal obligation, or a valid expectation of receipt by the beneficiary at the year end, and for which conditions attaching to their payment have been fulfilled, are accounted for within the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants approved subject to conditions that have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure (see note 3).

c) Investments

Net realised and unrealised gains and losses are reflected in the Statement of Financial Investments are shown at mid market value.

Partial disposals are accounted for using average book value.

d) Support costs

Most of these costs support the grant-making activity of the Trust and are so allocated. They comprise in the main a share of the staff and office costs of the joint office of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts, which are allocated in proportion to time spent on Trust matters and grants paid.

e) Charitable activities

The Trustees consider that grant-making is the Trust's sole charitable activity.

f) Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include fees for statutory audit, legal fees where relevant, together with an allocation of support costs.

e) Depreciation

Fixed assets are depreciated at rates which reflect their useful life to the Trust.

The following rates have been used:

Leasehold improvements - 10% per annum straight line.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

Income received on investments may be analysed as follows:

	2012		2011	
	£	%	£	%
Government fixed interest	32,117	3	48,493	6
Other fixed interest	174,156	19	261,789	31
UK equities	658,619	72	510,106	61
Overseas equities	51,604	6	19,799	2
	916,496	100	840,187	100

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3. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2012	2011
	£	£
Reconciliation of grants payable:		
Commitments at 6 April 2011	845,725	626,825
Grants not accrued at 6 April 2011	130,191	182,150
Grants approved in the year	932,199	1,120,690
Grants cancelled or refunded	(20,000)	-
Grants not accrued at 5 April 2012	(110,700)	(130,191)
Grants payable for the year	931,690	1,172,649
Grants paid during the year	(1,323,499)	(953,749)
Commitments at 5 April 2012	<u>453,916</u>	<u>845,725</u>

Commitments at 5 April 2012 are payable as follows:

	2012	2011
	£	£
Within one year (note 9)	<u>453,916</u>	<u>845,725</u>

Commitments

In addition to the amounts committed and accrued noted above, the Trustees have also authorised certain grants which are subject to the recipient fulfilling certain conditions. The total amount authorised but not accrued as expenditure at 5 April 2012 was £110,700 (2011: £130,191).

The amount payable in the year consisted of the following:

	£		£
<u>Sustainable Development UK</u>		<u>Low Carbon Fund (from capital)</u>	
World Wildlife Fund (WWF) UK	40,000	- Energy Efficiency	
Soil Association	24,031	Ecofin Research Foundation	48,500
Grants up to £15,000 were also made	(5,000)	National Energy Foundation	31,666
<u>Sustainable Development International</u>		Severn Wye Energy Agency	30,000
ACE Africa	10,000	Centre for Sustainable Energy	10,000
Environmental Foundation for Africa	5,000	- Cultural Shift	
Green Belt Movement	4,000	Julie's Bicycle	30,000
<u>People at Risk</u>		Young Vic Youth Theatre	10,000
Single Homeless Project	44,000	Culture and Climate Change	1,000
St Christopher's Fellowship	27,830	- Preventing Deforestation	
Off the Fence	10,000	Greenpeace	60,000
Manna Society	5,000	BioFuels Watch	30,000
<u>Sustainable Regeneration</u>		Rainforest Alliance	30,000
Vauxhall City Farm	30,000	Renewable Energy Technology Assistance Programme (RETAP)	25,000
Middlesbrough Environment City	11,000	- Green Finance	
Cycling Projects	10,000	E&CO	25,000
Street Shine	(10,000)	Green Budgets Europe	4,485
<u>Arts & Sustainability</u>		<u>General</u>	
Ashden Directory of Environment and Performance	20,000	Medical Emergency Relief International (MERLIN)	10,000
Grants up to £15,000 were also made	30,000	Rambert School of Ballet & Contemporary Dance	10,000
<u>Ashden - sustainable solutions, better lives</u>		Grants up to £9,000 were also made	13,638
from income	306,540		

Total grants payable per Statement of Financial Activities **931,690**

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4. ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Grant- Making	Governance	2012 Total Allocated	Grant- Making	2011 Governance
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	79,200	3,200	82,400	88,992	3,008
Share of joint office costs	26,000		26,000	26,300	-
Direct costs including travel	4,983	-	4,983	6,493	-
Legal and professional fees	5,376	-	5,376	9,871	-
Consultancy	3,863	-	3,863	12,003	-
Depreciation	1,174	-	1,174	1,175	-
Auditors' remuneration	-	6,060	6,060	-	7,949
	120,596	9,260	129,856	144,834	10,957

Included above is £5,376 paid for legal services to Portrait Solicitors, a firm in which Miss J S Portrait is a partner. No Trustee received remuneration or was reimbursed expenses during the year.

5. ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS

	2012	2011
	£	£
Wages and salaries	66,750	74,467
Social security costs	7,867	8,638
Other pension costs	7,783	8,895
	82,400	92,000

As mentioned in Note 1(d), the Trust is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts which share a joint administration at the Registered Office. 2.1% of the total support and administration costs of these Trusts have been allocated to the Ashden Charitable Trust, including a proportionate share of the costs of employing the total number of staff serving in the office in 2011/12. Staff costs equivalent to 1.2 full time employees were charged to the Ashden Charitable Trust in 2011/12 (2010/11 - 1.4).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Leasehold Improvements	2012	2011
	£	£
Cost		
At 6 April 2011	11,749	11,749
At 5 April 2012	11,749	11,749
Depreciation		
At 6 April 2011	10,575	9,400
Charge for the year	1,174	1,175
At 5 April 2012	11,749	10,575
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 5 April 2012	-	1,174
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 5 April 2011	1,174	2,349

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7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2012	2011
	£	£
Market value 6 April 2011	27,201,313	26,895,572
Less: Disposals at book value	(4,467,621)	(6,115,485)
Add: Acquisitions at cost	3,842,578	4,625,650
Net (losses)/gains on revaluation	(388,425)	1,795,576
Market value 5 April 2012	26,187,845	27,201,313
Historical cost 5 April 2012	23,720,851	23,267,870

The investments held as at 5 April 2012 were as follows:

	2012		2011	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
	£	£	£	£
Direct investment in listed UK and overseas securities				
Government fixed interest	1,038,939	1,290,129	1,321,678	1,444,098
Other fixed interest	4,445,716	4,604,272	3,769,606	3,840,039
UK equities	14,683,305	16,440,343	14,540,846	17,595,620
Overseas equities	3,502,891	3,803,101	3,600,740	4,286,556
Unquoted social investments	50,000	50,000	35,000	35,000
	23,720,851	26,187,845	23,267,870	27,201,313

UK equities include investment in J Sainsbury plc, which at 5 April 2012 had a market value of £3,300,938.

Unquoted social investment

Empower Community Management £50,000

8. DEBTORS

	2012	2011
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	13,023	3,493
Loans	225,000	144,883
Other debtors	7,821	2,150
	245,844	150,526

Loans

	£
Tropical Wholefoods	80,000
Green Thing	45,000
Our Planet	100,000

9. CREDITORS

	2012	2011
	£	£
Grants payable within one year	453,916	845,725
Professional charges	8,742	5,700
Investment management fee	21,638	21,797
Other creditors	-	5,589
	484,296	878,811

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10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Expendable Endowment	Totals 2012
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 5 April 2012 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Investments	-	26,187,845	26,187,845
Current assets	153,083	2,625,447	2,778,530
Current liabilities	(311,841)	(172,455)	(484,296)
Debtors - amounts falling due after more than one year	-	75,000	75,000
Total net assets	(158,758)	28,715,837	28,557,079

	Unrestricted Funds	Expendable Endowment	Totals 2012
	£	£	£
Unrealised gains			
On investment assets (see note below)	-	2,466,994	2,466,994
Total unrealised gains at 5 April 2012	-	2,466,994	2,466,994

Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains on investment assets

Unrealised gains at 6 April 2011	-	3,933,443	3,933,443
Add in respect of disposals in year	-	(1,078,024)	(1,078,024)
	-	2,855,419	2,855,419
Add: net losses arising on revaluation in year	-	(388,425)	(388,425)
Unrealised gains at 5 April 2012, as above	-	2,466,994	2,466,994

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ACCOUNTS

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law.

Under charity 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 charity and of its net outgoing resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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 Charity (accounts and Reports) regulations 2008 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.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Trustees of The Ashden Trust

We have audited the financial statements of The Ashden Trust for the year ended 5 April 2012 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes numbered 1 to 10.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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 charity'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 Report of the Trustees to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. 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:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 5 April 2012 and of its outgoing resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.