

Ventus VCT plc

Half-yearly Financial Report (unaudited)

for the six month period ended 31 August 2018

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Chairman's Statement

I am pleased to present the unaudited financial report of Ventus VCT plc (the "Company") for the six month period ended 31 August 2018, which demonstrates continuing good performance.

David Pinckney will be retiring on the 31st October 2018. On behalf of the board, we are very grateful for all of his contributions to the Company and would like to wish him a happy retirement. Following his retirement, Jo Dixon will be replacing him as Chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Company is fully invested with a portfolio of companies operating wind and hydroelectric renewable energy assets. Details of the portfolio of investments held by the Company are set out in the Investment Manager's Report. Legislation changes for Venture Capital Trusts ("VCTs") prevent further investment by the Company in electricity generation projects.

Strategic Objectives

The Company's key strategic objectives were described in the Annual Report for the year ended 28 February 2018 and remain unchanged. The Company's key objectives are:

- To achieve a sustainable level of dividends from the management of a portfolio of renewable energy assets held within a tax efficient VCT;
- To protect the capital of shareholders and to enhance its value by the active management of the assets operated by investee companies, which are generally joint venture companies; and
- To manage the assets of the Company with a view to maximising their longevity and optionality.

Active portfolio management

Achairn Energy Limited

The Company holds an investment in Achairn Energy Limited, which operates a wind farm near Wick, Scotland. Achairn holds a 7.5MW grid connection, but has installed capacity of 6MW, leaving 1.5MW of grid capacity. The Investment Manager has negotiated a transaction with a neighbouring wind farm to use the excess grid capacity for a limited period. This is expected to result in additional cash flows to Achairn Energy Limited of approximately £4 million over the course of the life of the Achairn project. The neighbouring wind farm has recently received Renewables Obligation accreditation and therefore the additional projected revenues have been taken into account for the valuation of the Company's investment in Achairn Energy Limited.

The Investment Manager continues to look for additional opportunities to create value from investee company assets and expects to provide an update on this in the Annual Report.

Upper Falloch Power Limited

Upper Falloch has performed below expectations. Works were undertaken in June 2016 on the Upper Falloch hydro scheme and performance has improved. The fundamental issue concerns the design of the intake system. The 2016 works identified an issue with the intake chamber, in which water sits before it falls into the pipeline. A re-design of the intake chamber is now complete and work to implement the design was completed recently, and will not be a cost to Upper Falloch. It is expected that these works will result in the scheme being capable of operating at its full capacity, subject to water resource. Until it can be demonstrated that the remedial works have improved the capacity of the scheme, the investment will be held at cost. The company expects to receive compensation for the reduced revenue received as a result of the initial design.

“D” share fund portfolio

The “D” share fund holds investments in three assets: Darroch Power Limited, Upper Falloch Power Limited and Bernard Matthews Green Energy Halesworth Limited.

As explained in the Company’s Annual Report for the year ended 28 February 2018, the issues with Upper Falloch, together with lower than expected energy yield at Halesworth, reduced the revenue proceeds of the “D” share fund below expectations.

As a result of the combination of these two factors the Directors considered it prudent to revise the dividend target for the financial year ending 28 February 2019 to 2.50p from 5.00p. The Board will update investors as to performance of the assets in the Company’s Annual Report and remain confident in the long term value of these assets.

Net Asset Value, Results and Dividend - Ordinary Shares

At the period end, the NAV of the ordinary share fund of the Company stood at £17,878,000 or 109.6p per ordinary share (28 February 2018: £18,104,000 or 111.0p per ordinary share).

The value of investments held at 31 August 2018 in the ordinary share fund was £17,393,000 compared to £17,386,000 at 28 February 2018. The Investment Manager’s report provides further information about the valuation of all investee companies.

The income generated in the ordinary share fund during the six months ended 31 August 2018 totalled £522,000, of which £190,000 was loan stock interest and £332,000 was from dividends. This compares to total income of £291,000 for the six months ended 31 August 2017.

The revenue profit attributable to ordinary shareholders for the period was £369,000 or 2.26p per ordinary share (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £122,000 or 0.75p per ordinary share). The capital gain attributable to ordinary shareholders for the period was £57,000 or 0.35p per ordinary share (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £135,000 or 0.83p per ordinary share), resulting in a net gain attributable to ordinary shareholders for the period of £426,000 or 2.61p per ordinary share (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £257,000 or 1.58p per ordinary share).

On 8 August 2018, the Company paid a final dividend of 4.00p per ordinary share in respect of the year ended 28 February 2018. The Company has declared an interim dividend of 4.00p per ordinary share which will be paid on 16 January 2019 to all ordinary shareholders on the register as at the close of business on 14 December 2018.

Net Asset Value, Results and Dividend – “C” Shares

At the period end, the NAV of the “C” share fund of the Company stood at £14,783,000 or 131.0p per “C” share (28 February 2018: £14,993,000 or 132.9p per “C” share).

The value of investments held at 31 August 2018 in the “C” share fund was £14,600,000 compared to £14,514,000 at 28 February 2018.

The total income of the “C” share fund for the six months ended 31 August 2018 was £176,000, of which £158,000 was loan stock interest and £18,000 was from dividends. This compares with income generated by the “C” share fund of £494,000 in the six months ended 31 August 2017.

The revenue profit attributable to “C” shareholders for the period was £42,000 or 0.38p per “C” share (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £329,000 or 2.92p per “C” share). The capital gain attributable to “C” shareholders for the period was £256,000 or 2.27p per “C” share (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £355,000 or 3.14p per “C” share), resulting in a net gain attributable to “C” shareholders for the period of £298,000 or 2.65p per “C” share (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £684,000 or 6.06p per “C” share).

On 8 August 2018, the Company paid a final dividend of 4.50p per “C” share in respect of the year ended 28 February 2018. The Company has declared an interim dividend of 4.00p per “C” share

which will be paid on 16 January 2019 to all “C” shareholders on the register as at the close of business on 14 December 2018.

The Investment Manager is entitled to a performance-related incentive fee of £95,000 in respect of the Return attributable to the “C” share fund for the year ended 28 February 2018. The fee has been accrued in the Company’s accounts. More information about the Investment Management fee is set out in note 3 to the financial statements.

Net Asset Value, Results and Dividend – “D” Shares

At the period end, the NAV of the “D” share fund of the Company stood at £2,539,000 or 127.5p per “D” share (28 February 2018: £2,492,000 or 125.2p per “D” share).

The value of investments held at 31 August 2018 in the “D” share fund was £2,405,000 compared to £2,397,000 at 28 February 2018.

The total income of the “D” share fund for the six months ended 31 August 2018 was £79,000, £36,000 of which was loan stock interest and £43,000 was from dividends. This compares with income generated by the “D” share fund of £35,000 in the six months ended 31 August 2017.

The revenue profit attributable to “D” shareholders for the period was £58,000 or 2.88p per “D” share (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £13,000 or 0.64p per “D” share). The capital loss attributable to “D” shareholders for the period was £11,000 or 0.51p per “D” share (six month period ended 31 August 2017: capital loss of £35,000 or 1.77p per “D” share), resulting in a net gain attributable to “D” shareholders for the period of £47,000 or 2.37p per “D” share (six month period ended 31 August 2017: net loss of £22,000 or 1.13p per “D” share).

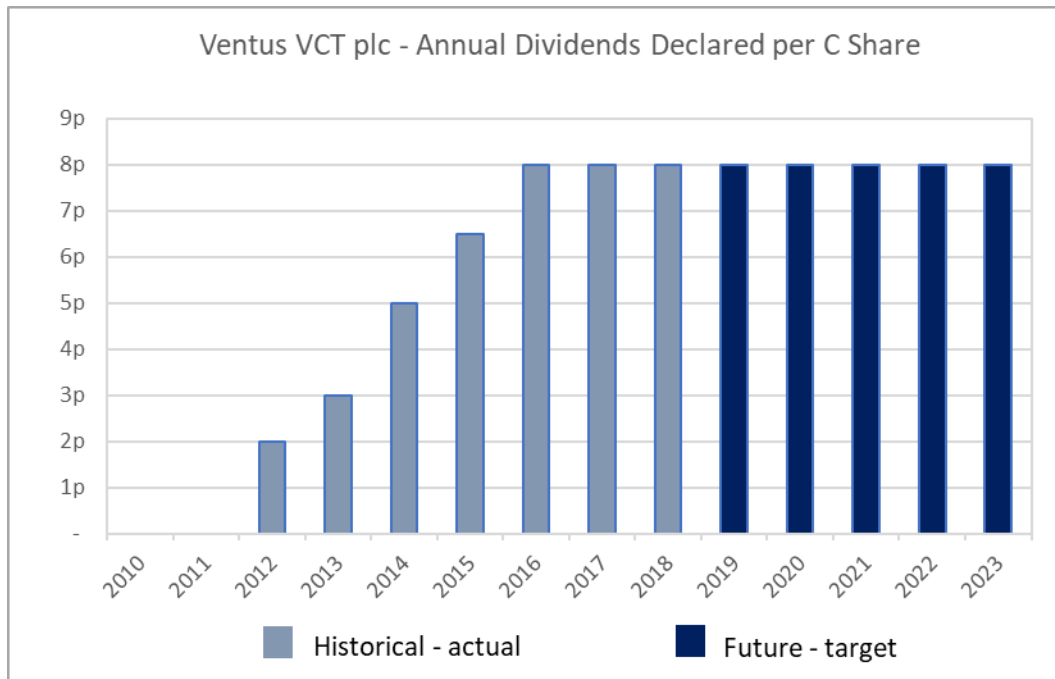
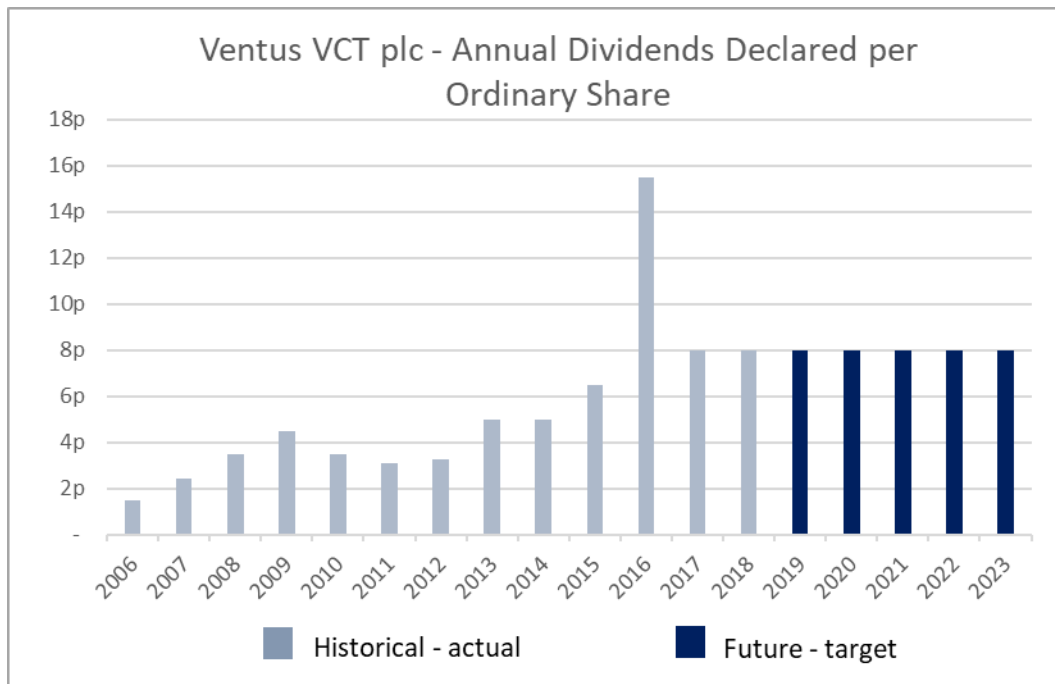
No final dividend was paid per “D” share in respect of the year ended 28 February 2018. The Company has not declared an interim dividend for the “D” shares.

Dividend policy

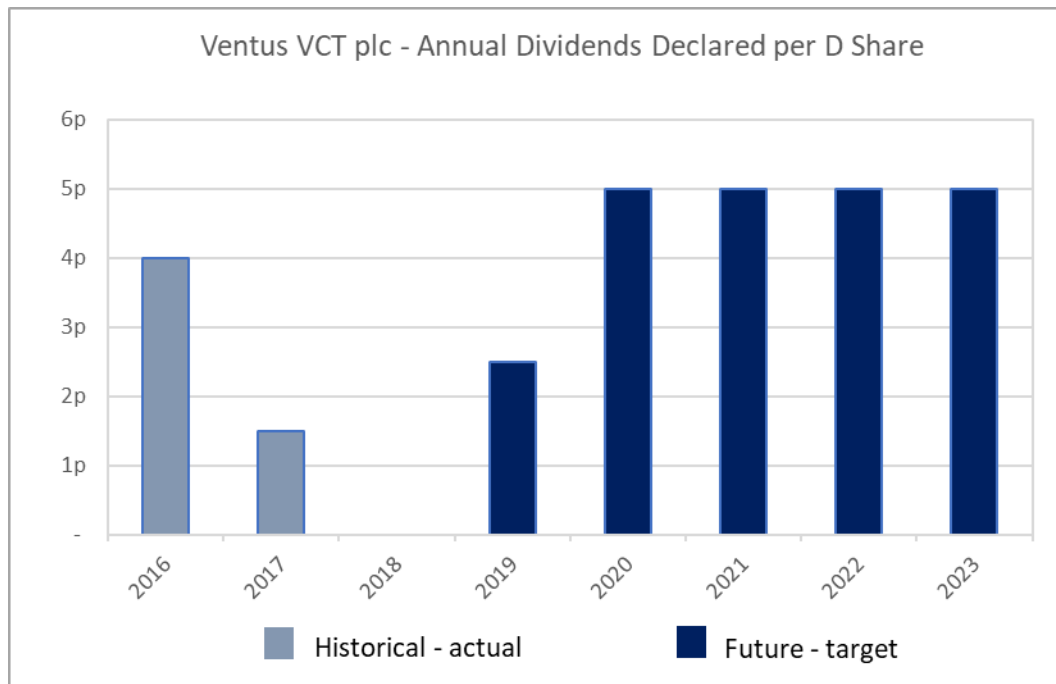
As disclosed in the Annual Report and financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2018, the Directors anticipate a realistic target range for the next five years of 8.00p per ordinary share per annum and 8.00p per “C” share per annum. Given the issues with the “D” share fund’s portfolio described above, the Directors revised the target for the year ending 28 February 2019 to 2.50p from 5.00p. The target for the following four years remains at 5.00p per “D” share per annum. It should be stressed that these are intentions only, and no forecasts are intended or should be inferred.

The charts below show historical annual dividends as well as target dividends for the next five years.

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Dividend targets are intentions only. Valuation models are based on assumptions that are subject to change. No forecasts are intended or inferred.

Key performance indicators

The performance of the Company is reviewed in the Investment Manager's Report, including the Company's compliance with HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") VCT regulations.

The Directors consider the following key performance indicators, which are typical for VCTs, to best measure the Company's performance and to provide shareholders with a summary of how the business's objectives are being pursued:

For the six month period ended 31 August 2018

	Ordinary Shares		"C" Shares		"D" Shares		Total
	£000	Pence per share ¹	£000	Pence per share ¹	£000	Pence per share ¹	£000
Revenue profit attributable to equity shareholders	369	2.26	42	0.38	58	2.88	469
Capital gain/(loss) attributable to equity shareholders	57	0.35	256	2.27	(11)	(0.51)	302
Net profit attributable to equity shareholders	426	2.61	298	2.65	47	2.37	771
Dividends paid during the year	(652)	(4.00)	(508)	(4.50)	-	-	(1,160)
Total movement in equity shareholders' funds	(226)	(1.39)	(210)	(1.85)	47	2.37	(389)
		%		%		%	%
Ongoing charges ratio ²		3.34%		3.13%		3.15%	3.24%

As at 31 August 2018

	Ordinary Shares		"C" Shares		"D" Shares		Total
	£000	Pence per share ³	£000	Pence per share ³	£000	Pence per share ³	£000
Net asset value	17,878	109.6	14,783	131.0	2,539	127.5	35,200
Total shareholder return ⁴	29,055	179.4	19,357	171.5	2,649	133.0	51,061

¹ The "per share" value is determined in respect of the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period, except in respect of the dividends paid in the period, which is determined on the basis of the number of shares eligible to receive dividends at the time the dividends were paid.

² The on-going charges ratio represents the total operating expenditure during the period (excluding the Investment Manager's performance fee) as a percentage of the NAV of the Company at the end of the period.

The total annual running costs cap is set out in Note 3 to the financial statements.

³ The "per share" value is determined in respect of the number of shares in issue at the period end, except in respect of the total shareholder return which includes dividends paid and is determined on the basis of the number of shares eligible to receive dividends at the time the dividends were paid.

⁴ The total shareholder return represents the NAV of the Company at the period end plus the cumulative dividends paid by the Company since incorporation.

Key Information

	Ordinary <u>Shares</u>	C <u>Shares</u>	D <u>Shares</u>
Net asset value as at 31 August 2018	£17.9m	£14.8m	£2.5m
Net asset value per share as at 31 August 2018	109.6p	131.0p	127.5p
Mid-market share price as at market close on 31 August 2018	106.0p	120.0p	120.0p
Target dividend per share for year ending 28 February 2019:			
Tax-free dividend *	8.0p	8.0p	2.5p
Equivalent pre-tax dividend to Higher Rate taxpayer **	11.9p	11.9p	3.7p
Equivalent pre-tax dividend to Additional Rate taxpayer **	12.9p	12.9p	4.0p
Target dividend yield for year ending 28 February 2019 based on mid-market share price as at market close on 31 August 2018:			
After tax	7.5%	6.7%	2.1%
Equivalent pre-tax dividend to Higher Rate taxpayer	11.2%	9.9%	3.1%
Equivalent pre-tax dividend to Additional Rate taxpayer	12.2%	10.8%	3.4%

* Dividend targets are intentions only. No forecasts are intended or should be inferred. For eligible VCT investors (i.e., UK Residents aged over 18 years), there is no liability to tax on dividends and no Capital Gains Tax on realised gains. An investment limit of £200,000 per person per tax year applies.

** Equivalent pre-tax yields are computed assuming a shareholder receives dividends from other sources in excess of the £2,000 per year tax-free dividend allowance (effective in tax year 2018/19). Higher rate taxpayers pay tax on dividends in excess of the £2,000 tax-free allowance at the rate of 32.5% and Additional Rate taxpayers (taxable income in excess of £150,000) pay tax on dividends in excess of the £2,000 tax-free allowance at the rate of 38.1%.

VCT Qualifying Status

The Company retains Philip Hare & Associates LLP to review its compliance with VCT regulations. The Directors are satisfied that the Company has continued to fulfil the conditions for maintaining VCT status.

David Williams

Chairman

29 October 2018

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Under the Financial Conduct Authority's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules, the Directors are required to identify those principal risks to which the Company is exposed and take appropriate steps to mitigate those risks. Other than the inherent risks associated with investment activities, which are discussed in the Investment Manager's Report, the risks described below are those which the Directors consider to be material. The Directors do not expect that the risks and uncertainties presented will change significantly over the current financial year.

- Failure to meet and maintain the investment requirements for compliance with HMRC VCT regulations may result in the Company losing its status as a VCT.

The Board mitigates this risk by regularly reviewing investment management activity and each new investment with appropriately qualified advisers and, typically, by obtaining pre-approval from HMRC for each qualifying investment.

- Inadequate control environment at service providers may lead to inaccurate reporting or misappropriation of assets.

This risk is mitigated by only appointing service providers of a high standing under agreements that set out their responsibilities and by obtaining assurances from them that all exceptions have been reported to the Board. In addition, the Board has appointed an independent external party, Roffe Swayne, to report directly to the Board in respect of the Company's internal controls undertaken by the Investment Manager on behalf of the Company.

- Non-compliance with the Listing Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority, Companies Act Legislation and other applicable regulations may result in termination of the Company's Stock Exchange listing or other sanctions.

This risk is mitigated by employing external advisers fully conversant with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements who report regularly to the Board on the Company's compliance.

- Reliance on the UK Government's continued support for the renewable energy sector and the risk of adverse changes in the application of government policies particularly in respect of the renewable energy sector and tax legislation.

The future level of Government-mandated support for renewables has important implications for the industry and could impact the value of investments the Company has made in companies which own and operate renewable projects. However, the Directors believe that existing renewable energy tariffs supporting the assets owned by investee companies are secure.

- The financial returns to the Company are dependent on the price of electricity its investee companies are able to sell through power purchase agreements. The value of the Company's investments is dependent on projected wholesale electricity prices.

This risk is mitigated because investee companies have negotiated fixed or floor price mechanisms into the power purchase agreements they have entered into for the sale of their generated output. However, in the longer term, beyond the period of these agreements, the Company is exposed to wholesale prices to a greater degree. The hydro-electricity assets can opt into a floor price each year under the Feed-in Tariff arrangements, which gives these assets a floor on the price of electricity sales. The Investment Manager's Report includes information about the average remaining tenor of the fixed price contracts and the sensitivity of the value of the Company's investments to changes in energy prices.

- The values of the Company's wind farm and hydro-electricity investments are dependent on expectations of the level of electricity export of each asset, which are driven by expectations of the long-term wind or rainfall conditions. It is possible that expectations of long-term climatic conditions may change over the life time of each investment. The Company's revenues and dividends to shareholders are dependent on actual wind and rainfall conditions.

The Investment Manager's Report includes information about the sensitivity of the values of the Company's investments to changes in electricity export assumptions. The Company's dividend targets are based on long-term average climatic conditions.

Going Concern

The Directors have concluded that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts. The Company's major cash flows are within the Company's control (namely dividends) or are reasonably predictable (namely the operating expenses). The Company is able to forecast cash inflows comprising proceeds from investments to a reasonable degree. Having reviewed a cash flow forecast for the next 18 months, the Board has a reasonable expectation that the Company is able to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of this report.

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

The Directors acknowledge responsibility for the interim results and approve this half-yearly report. The Directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge:

- a) the condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 ("IAS 34") Interim Financial Reporting and give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and the profit or loss of the Company as required by Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rule ("DTR") 4.2.4R;
- b) the interim management report, included within the Chairman's Statement and Investment Manager's Report, includes a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7R, being the significant events of the first half of the year and the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the year as set out on page 8; and
- c) the condensed financial statements include a fair review of related party transactions and changes thereto, as required by DTR 4.2.8R.

The Responsibility Statement has been approved by the Board.

David Williams
Chairman
29 October 2018

Investment Manager's Report

In line with the strategic objectives set by the Board, the Investment Manager has continued to focus the Company's activities on optimising its renewable energy investments in order to generate stable long-term income with the objective of providing predictable dividends to shareholders.

The three share funds of the Company are fully invested in companies that own operating wind and hydroelectric projects. All development investments have either been completed, sold or written off.

With effect from 6 April 2016, investments made in all energy generation activities (including the export of electricity and the production of gas or other fuel) are not regarded as a qualifying trade under current VCT regulations.

Further changes to VCT regulations were introduced in the Finance Act 2016 which restrict VCTs to making only qualifying investments and certain limited investments for liquidity purposes. All other non-qualifying investments are prohibited.

As such, the Company is limited in its ability to make further investments in accordance with the Investment Policy and, currently, has no plans to make further investments. The VCT restrictions described above do not affect any of the Company's existing investments.

The ordinary share fund of the Company has investments in companies operating ten UK wind farms with an aggregate installed capacity of 83.35 megawatts. Five of these investee companies are also owned in part by the "C" share fund and one such company is also owned in part by the "D" share fund.

The "C" share fund has investments in companies operating seven UK wind farms with an aggregate installed capacity of 75.15 megawatts. Five of these seven companies are also owned in part by the ordinary share fund and one is also owned in part by the "D" share fund.

The "D" share fund currently has three operational investments. Bernard Matthews Green Energy Halesworth Limited operates a 10.25 megawatt wind farm and is also owned in part by the ordinary and "C" share funds. All three share funds have a joint investment in two operational companies with hydroelectricity projects near Loch Lomond in Scotland (Darroch Power Limited and Upper Falloch Power Limited). These projects have an aggregate installed capacity of 2.80 megawatts.

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The following table shows key information about the operational renewable energy projects owned by the Company's investee companies:

	Capacity	Operational		Output as % of budget - 6 months ended 31 Aug 2018	Investment held by		
	MW	since	Location		Ord Share Fund	C Share Fund	D Share Fund
<u>Operational Wind</u>							
Fenpower Limited	10.00	May 2007	Cambridgeshire	76.4%	✓		
A7 Greendykeside Limited	4.00	Nov 2007	Lanarkshire, Scotland	106.3%	✓		
Achairn Energy Limited	6.00	May 2009	Caithness, Scotland	87.5%	✓		
A7 Lochhead Limited	6.00	Jun 2009	Lanarkshire, Scotland	95.1%	✓		
Greenfield Wind Farm Limited	12.30	Mar 2011	Lanarkshire, Scotland	98.1%	✓	✓	
Biggleswade Wind Farm Limited	20.00	Dec 2013	Bedfordshire	91.4%	✓	✓	
Eye Wind Power Limited	6.80	Apr 2014	Suffolk	97.5%	✓		
BMGE Pickenham Ltd/North Pickenham Energy Ltd	4.00	Apr 2014	Norfolk	96.8%	✓	✓	
BMGE Weston Ltd/Weston Airfield Investments Ltd	4.00	Apr 2014	Norfolk	89.5%	✓	✓	
AD Wind Farmers Ltd (Allt Dearg Windfarmers LLP)	10.20	Dec 2012	Argyll and Bute, Scotland	99.3%		✓	
White Mill Windfarm Limited	14.40	Aug 2012	Cambridgeshire	99.7%		✓	
BMGE Halesworth Limited	10.25	Aug 2015	Suffolk	86.1%	✓	✓	✓
<u>Operational Hydro</u>							
Darroch Power Limited (Derrydarroch)	1.90	Dec 2015	Near Loch Lomond, Scotland	98.7%	✓	✓	✓
Upper Falloch Power Limited	0.90	Dec 2015	Near Loch Lomond, Scotland	49.5%	✓	✓	✓

The performance of the assets owned by the investee companies was generally good during the period. Availability of the turbines has been good. Wind speeds and rainfall have been below average.

The hydro scheme operated by Upper Falloch Limited has performed below expectations predominantly because of a sizing issue with the water intake chamber. A solution was implemented in June 2016 to increase the water capture of the intake, after which time the performance has significantly improved. However, this highlighted a further, smaller issue in relation to the level of pressure in the pipeline. Further analysis of the underlying data was undertaken to determine whether generation levels could be improved. However, its value is not considered to be impaired. Consultant engineers have subsequently redesigned the intake and the work to improve the intake was carried out in Summer 2018 and is now complete. The company expects to receive compensation for the reduced revenue received as a result of the initial design and for the cost of the work to remedy the design fault. The investment continues to be held at cost until it can demonstrate that the redesigned intake is working as it should.

The Investment Manager is working actively to increase the value of the Company's portfolio through improvements in the operations of underlying assets and, when possible, the optimisation of the financial structure of investee companies.

Each of the investee companies with operational assets has been financed with senior debt. The percentage average loan-to-value and the average remaining tenor of the debt finance of the investee companies with operational assets is set out below for each share fund's portfolio:

	Ordinary Share	"C" Share	"D" Share
Percentage Loan-to-Value	43%	51%	59%
Average remaining tenor of loan (years)	9.3	10.9	12.8

Ordinary share portfolio

A summary of the ordinary share fund's investment valuations as at 31 August 2018 and gains and losses during the six month period ended 31 August 2018 is given below:

		Voting rights	Investment value			Investment cost			Unrealised gain/ (loss)	Investment value	Investment cost
			Shares	Loans	Total	Shares	Loans	Total		Total	Total
		as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	6 months to 31 August 2018	as at 28 February 2018	as at 28 February 2018
		%	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Operational wind											
Fenpower Limited	Q	33.33%	4,118	809	4,927	308	917	1,225	64	4,955	1,317
A7 Greendykeside Limited	Q	50.00%	2,053	645	2,698	916	586	1,502	45	2,670	1,519
Achairn Energy Limited	* Q	8.50%	808	232	1,040	203	211	414	64	986	424
A7 Lochhead Limited	* Q	30.00%	1,157	-	1,157	820	-	820	(7)	1,164	820
Greenfield Wind Farm Limited	* PQ	8.35%	951	573	1,524	334	498	832	16	1,531	855
Biggleswade Wind Farm Limited	* Q	3.50%	478	204	682	86	188	274	13	723	328
Eye Wind Power Limited	** Q	35.38%	2,248	-	2,248	1,597	-	1,597	(76)	2,324	1,597
Bernard Matthews Green Energy Weston Limited	* Q	50.00%	758	-	758	500	-	500	29	729	500
Bernard Matthews Green Energy Pickenham Limited	* Q	50.00%	717	-	717	500	-	500	59	658	500
Bernard Matthews Green Energy Halesworth Limited	** Q	4.45%	318	-	318	51	-	51	17	301	51
Operational small hydro											
Darroch Power Limited	* Q	14.09%	396	488	884	176	444	620	(25)	909	620
Upper Falloch Power Limited	* Q	9.30%	58	301	359	58	301	359	-	359	359
Operational companies in the wind sector											
Firefly Energy Limited	*	50.00%	-	81	81	200	274	474	4	77	474
Realised investments											
Redeven Energy Limited	*	50.00%	-	-	-	-	113	113	-	-	113
Total			14,060	3,333	17,393	5,749	3,532	9,281	203	17,386	9,477

Q Investment complies with VCT regulations on qualifying holdings.

PQ Part of the investment complies with VCT regulations on qualifying holdings.

* A company in which Ventus 2 VCT plc has also invested (or in which Ventus 2 VCT plc had invested prior to the investment being realised).

** A company in which Ventus 2 VCT plc and Temporis Capital Renewable Infrastructure EIS Fund have also invested. The Company, Ventus 2 VCT plc and Temporis Capital Renewable Infrastructure EIS Fund are managed by Temporis Capital Limited.

“C” share portfolio

A summary of the “C” share fund’s investment valuations as at 31 August 2018 and gains and losses during the six month period ended 31 August 2018 is given below:

			Voting rights	Investment value			Investment cost			Unrealised gain/ (loss)	Investment value	Investment cost
				Shares	Loans	Total	Shares	Loans	Total		Total	Total
			as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	6 months to 31 August 2018	as at 28 February 2018	as at 28 February 2018
			%	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<u>Operational wind</u>												
Greenfield Wind Farm Limited	*	PQ	12.50%	1,424	859	2,283	500	748	1,248	23	2,292	1,280
White Mill Windfarm Limited	*	PQ	25.00%	2,839	-	2,839	1,000	-	1,000	112	2,727	1,000
AD Wind Farmers Limited	*	Q	50.00%	1,137	-	1,137	1,000	-	1,000	40	1,097	1,000
Biggleswade Wind Farm Limited	*	Q	21.50%	2,937	1,251	4,188	527	1,157	1,684	78	4,440	2,014
Weston Airfield Investments Limited	*	Q	50.00%	1,798	-	1,798	1,000	-	1,000	81	1,717	1,000
North Pickenham Energy Limited	*	Q	50.00%	1,580	-	1,580	1,000	-	1,000	99	1,481	1,000
Bernard Matthews Green Energy Halesworth Limited	**	Q	5.64%	403	-	403	300	-	300	22	381	300
<u>Operational small hydro</u>												
Darroch Power Limited	*	Q	4.22%	119	146	265	53	133	186	(7)	272	186
Upper Falloch Power Limited	*	Q	2.79%	17	90	107	17	90	107	-	107	107
<u>Realised investments</u>												
Iceni Renewables Limited	*		50.00%	-	-	-	400	17	417	-	-	417
Total				12,254	2,346	14,600	5,797	2,145	7,942	448	14,514	8,304

Q Investment complies with VCT regulations on qualifying holdings.

PQ Part of the investment complies with VCT regulations on qualifying holdings.

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“D” share portfolio

A summary of the “D” share fund’s investment valuations as at 31 August 2018 and gains and losses during the six month period ended 31 August 2018 is given below:

				Investment value			Investment cost			Unrealised gain/(loss)	Investment value	Investment cost
				Shares	Loans	Total	Shares	Loans	Total	6 months to	Total	Total
				as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	as at 31 August 2018	31 August 2018	as at 28 February 2018	as at 28 February 2018
				%	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<u>Operational wind</u>												
Bernard Matthews Green Energy Halesworth Limited	**	Q	13.38%	956	-	956	712	-	712	52	904	712
<u>Operational small hydro</u>												
Darroch Power Limited	*	Q	25.50%	717	358	1,075	319	325	644	(44)	1,119	644
Upper Falloch Power Limited	*	Q	29.58%	185	189	374	185	189	374	-	374	374
Total				1,858	547	2,405	1,216	514	1,730	8	2,397	1,730

Q Investment complies with VCT regulations on qualifying holdings.

***** A company in which Ventus 2 VCT plc has also invested.

****** A company in which Ventus 2 VCT plc and Temporis Capital Renewable Infrastructure EIS Fund have also invested. The Company, Ventus 2 VCT plc and Temporis Capital Renewable Infrastructure EIS Fund are managed by Temporis Capital Limited.

Valuation of Investments

It is the accounting policy of the Company to hold its investments at fair value. The Company's investments in investee companies which operate renewable energy assets are valued using a discounted cash flow methodology. The Company has applied a discount rate to the unleveraged cash flows to determine the enterprise value of the investee company and then has subtracted the market value of any senior debt (including any prepayment fees and swap break costs) to calculate the value of the equity and/or mezzanine debt in the investee company. The discount rates used to value the unleveraged cash flows of investee companies range from 7.5% to 7.75% with discount rates applied to the cash flows of operational wind farms of 7.75%.

In the discounted cash flow analyses for the valuations as at 31 August 2018, the Company has chosen to increase the assumed level of inflation for the year ending 31 March 2019 to 3%, (reflecting the higher realised RPI during the current year) before reverting to 2.5% for the long-term assumption, which remains unchanged from the 28 February 2018 and 31 August 2017 valuation assumptions.

The key assumptions that have a significant impact on discounted cash flow valuations for these assets are the discount rate, inflation, the price at which the power and associated benefits can be sold, the amount of electricity the investee companies' generating assets are expected to produce, the length of the operating life of the assets and operating costs.

The fair value of the Company's investments in project companies which have not passed an initial satisfactory operational period are determined to be the price of investment subject to a periodic impairment review.

Assumptions about the length of the operating lives of the renewable energy assets have been made in determining the value of the investee companies. It has been assumed the operating life of a wind farm is 25 years from date of first operation, previously with an assumed reduction in availability in the final five years of operation. However, to keep in line with the market, for the valuations as at 31 August 2018 it has been assumed that the availability will remain the same over the whole life of the asset. Operating and maintenance costs are assumed to increase as the asset ages. An active market for the sale of renewable energy projects has developed and, as part of that, participants have generally adopted a 25 year operating life assumption in valuing these assets with consistent availability throughout the life of the asset.

The assumption used in the valuation models of the hydro investments is a rolling 25 years from date of valuation. Hydro assets are generally considered to be longer-life than wind energy assets. However, there is very little consistency in the market as to the assumed operating life for hydro assets and electricity price projections beyond 25 years are very uncertain. For that reason, the Directors do not believe a change in assumption is supportable for the hydroelectric assets at the current time. The operating life assumptions for both wind energy and hydroelectric assets will be regularly reviewed in order that they may be kept in line with industry convention.

Sensitivity of Net Asset Value to Changes in Key Assumptions

The charts below illustrate the sensitivity of the NAV of the Company's share funds to changes of certain key input assumptions applied to the unleveraged cash flows in the valuation models for the remaining assumed operating lifetime of the underlying assets.

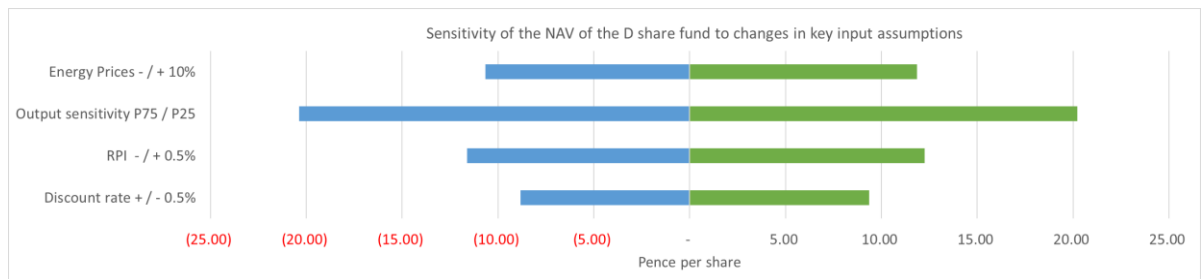
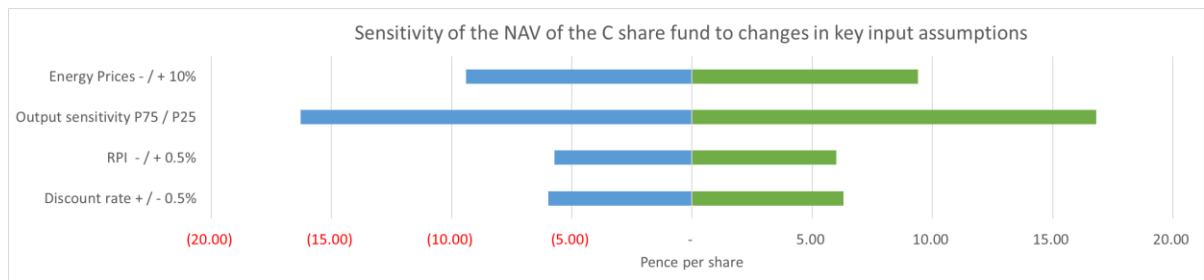
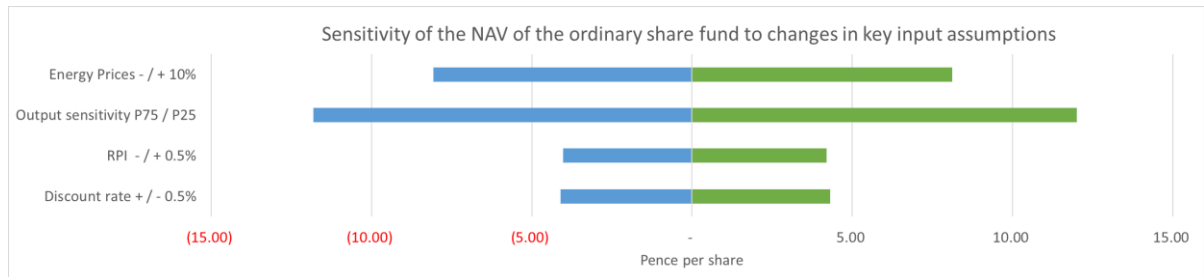
The price at which the output from the generating assets is sold is a factor of both wholesale electricity prices and Government subsidies. The selling price is often fixed in the medium term under power purchase agreements. For periods outside the terms of these agreements the assumed future prices are estimated using external third party forecasts which take the form of specialist consultancy reports. In respect of each share fund, the percentage of investee companies with a fixed electricity price and the average remaining tenor of the fixed price is as follows:

	Ordinary Share	"C" Share	"D" Shares
Percentage of investee companies with a fixed electricity price	92%	89%	67%
Average remaining tenor of the fixed electricity price (years)	2.6	2.9	0.8

Forecast electricity prices have risen appreciably in the near term, but have fallen in the medium to long term. Each share class has a different exposure level to electricity prices; for example eight of the nine assets in the C share class have fixed price sale arrangements through to between 2019 and 2024. Therefore, the values of such assets do not benefit from near term projected increases in electricity prices yet do suffer from projected decreases in mid to long term power prices. The sensitivity of the values of each share fund's assets to changes in projected electricity prices will be affected by the proportion of investee companies with fixed price contracts and the tenor of those contracts.

Specifically commissioned external consultant reports are used to estimate the expected generating output of the investee company's generating assets taking into account their type and location. The analysis set out below describes the sensitivity of each share fund's NAV to a higher (P75) or lower (P25) probability of exceedance of the forecast long term average output versus the base case (P50).

The discount factor and inflation rate applied to the cash flows are regularly reviewed by the Investment Committee of the Investment Manager to ensure they are set at the appropriate levels. The Investment Committee and the Board will also give consideration to the specific performance characteristics of the particular type of generating technology being used. The range of discount factors which form the base case in the sensitivity analysis is set out in the section above. The base case inflation rate (RPI) used in the sensitivity analysis is 3% for the year ending 31 March 2019 before reverting to 2.5% for the long-term assumption.



Investment Policy

The Company has focused on investing in companies developing renewable energy projects with installed capacities of up to 20 megawatts. Investments are generally in companies which own and operate projects initiated by specialist small-scale developers and smaller projects which are not attractive to large development companies and utilities.

Asset Allocation

The Investment Manager has allocated the Company's investments in equity securities and loan stock of companies owning renewable energy projects, primarily wind energy and hydroelectric.

When there is a conflict or potential conflict of interest between the investment strategy of the Company and that of another fund managed by Temporis Capital Limited, the matter is referred to the Investment Manager's Compliance Officer who ensures any conflicts are dealt with fairly. Any investment made in a company in which another fund managed by the Investment Manager has invested or intends to invest will be approved by the Directors who are independent of the Investment Manager, unless the investment is made at the same time and on the same terms or in accordance with a specific pre-existing agreement between the Company and the Investment Manager.

The Company's policy is to maintain cash reserves of at least 5% of net proceeds raised from share offers for the purpose of meeting operating expenses. Circumstances may arise which would require the Company to hold less than 5% of net proceeds in cash for a limited period of time.

In order to comply with VCT requirements, at least 70% by value of the Company's investments are required to be comprised of qualifying investments (80% for accounting periods beginning after 5 April 2019, so from 1 March 2020 for the Company).

The Company typically owns 25% to 50% of the equity share capital of each investee company and a portion of its investment in each investee company may be in the form of loan stock.

The Company's uninvested funds are placed on deposit.

Risk Diversification

The geographical focus of the Company's portfolio is the UK and the majority of investments made to date are in the wind sector. Funds are invested in a range of companies with small-scale projects so that project risk is not concentrated in only a few schemes. All projects contained within the portfolio are now operational. Investments were made via subscriptions for new share capital or via loan stock instruments in order to secure a negotiated level of return from the project. The majority of investments are made in special purpose companies set up specifically to develop each project.

Gearing

The Company has not borrowed funds for investment purposes. However, the Company is exposed to gearing through its investee companies which typically funded the construction costs of each project through senior debt which is non-recourse to the Company. The Investment Manager is involved in assisting investee companies in negotiating the terms of this finance to ensure competitive terms are achieved. The interest rate is typically fixed for the duration of the loan so that investee companies are not exposed to changes in market interest rates.

To the extent that borrowing is required by the Company for any purpose, the Directors will restrict the borrowings of the Company. The aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding in respect of money borrowed by the Company will not, without the previous sanction of an ordinary resolution of the Company, exceed a sum equal to 10% of the adjusted share capital and reserves of the Company in accordance with its Articles.

Maximum Exposures

In order to gauge the maximum exposure of the Company to various risks, the following can be used as a guide:

i) Investments in qualifying holdings

Under VCT regulations, at least 70% of the Company's funds should be invested in qualifying holdings (80% for accounting periods beginning after the 5 April 2019, so from 1 March 2020 for the Company). When there is an issue of new shares, the 70% requirement does not apply to the new funds raised for any accounting periods which end earlier than three years from the date of allotment of the new shares.

For the purposes of the 70% qualifying holdings requirement, disposals of qualifying investments for cash may be disregarded for a period of six months. Where a VCT breaches any requirement due to factors outside of its control, it may apply to HMRC for a determination that the breach will be disregarded for a period of 90 days while the breach is remedied.

ii) Concentration limits

Under VCT regulations, no more than 15% of the Company's total assets should be in a single investee company at the time the investment is made in that investee company.

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Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)

for the six month period ended 31 August 2018

Note	Ordinary Shares			"C" Shares			"D" Shares			Total			
	Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000	Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000	Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000	Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000	
Net unrealised gains on investments	6	-	203	203	-	448	448	-	8	8	-	659	659
Income from investments		522	-	522	176	-	176	79	-	79	777	-	777
Investment management fees	3	(52)	(155)	(207)	(66)	(198)	(264)	(7)	(22)	(29)	(125)	(375)	(500)
Other expenses		(92)	-	(92)	(62)	-	(62)	(11)	-	(11)	(165)	-	(165)
Profit/(loss) before taxation		378	48	426	48	250	298	61	(14)	47	487	284	771
Taxation	4	(9)	9	-	(6)	6	-	(3)	3	-	(18)	18	-
Profit/(loss) and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to shareholders		369	57	426	42	256	298	58	(11)	47	469	302	771
Earnings per share:													
Basic and diluted earnings per share (p)	5	2.26	0.35	2.61	0.38	2.27	2.65	2.88	(0.51)	2.37			

The Company has only one class of business and derives its income from investments made in the UK.

The total column of this statement represents the Company's Statement of Comprehensive Income, prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union. The revenue and capital columns shown above constitute supplementary information prepared under the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts" 2014 ("SORP") published by the Association of Investment Companies.

The accompanying notes on pages 27 to 35 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)

for the six month period ended 31 August 2017

	Note	Ordinary Shares			"C" Shares			"D" Shares			Total		
		Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000	Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000	Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000	Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000
Net unrealised gains/(loss) on investments	6	-	298	298	-	629	629	-	(14)	(14)	-	913	913
Income from investments		291	-	291	494	-	494	35	-	35	820	-	820
Investment management fees	3	(59)	(176)	(235)	(95)	(284)	(379)	(8)	(24)	(32)	(162)	(484)	(646)
Other expenses		(97)	-	(97)	(64)	4	(60)	(11)	-	(11)	(172)	4	(168)
Profit/(loss) before taxation		135	122	257	335	349	684	16	(38)	(22)	486	433	919
Taxation	4	(13)	13	-	(6)	6	-	(3)	3	-	(22)	22	-
Profit/(loss) and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to shareholders		122	135	257	329	355	684	13	(35)	(22)	464	455	919
Return per share:													
Basic and diluted return per share (p)	5	0.75	0.83	1.58	2.92	3.14	6.06	0.64	(1.77)	(1.13)			

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Condensed Statement of Financial Position (unaudited)

as at 31 August 2018

		As at 31 August 2018 (unaudited)				As at 28 February 2018 (audited)			
	Note	Ordinary Shares £000	"C" Shares £000	"D" Shares £000	Total £000	Ordinary Shares £000	"C" Shares £000	"D" Shares £000	Total £000
Non-current assets									
Investments	6	17,393	14,600	2,405	34,398	17,386	14,514	2,397	34,297
		17,393	14,600	2,405	34,398	17,386	14,514	2,397	34,297
Current assets									
Trade and other receivables		394	200	158	752	322	210	122	654
Cash and cash equivalents	7	208	144	48	400	532	319	13	864
		602	344	206	1,152	854	529	135	1,518
Total assets		17,995	14,944	2,611	35,550	18,240	15,043	2,532	35,815
Current liabilities									
Trade and other payables		(117)	(161)	(72)	(350)	(136)	(50)	(40)	(226)
Net current assets		485	183	134	802	718	479	95	1,292
Net assets		17,878	14,783	2,539	35,200	18,104	14,993	2,492	35,589
Equity attributable to equity holders									
Share capital		4,076	2,832	498	7,406	4,076	2,832	498	7,406
Capital redemption reserve		1,587	-	-	1,587	1,587	-	-	1,587
Share premium		-	-	1,433	1,433	-	-	1,433	1,433
Special reserve		6,474	7,345	-	13,819	6,757	7,667	-	14,424
Capital reserve – realised		(2,298)	(2,534)	(170)	(5,002)	(2,152)	(2,342)	478	(4,016)
Capital reserve – unrealised		8,039	7,139	675	15,853	7,836	6,691	38	14,565
Revenue reserve		-	1	103	104	-	145	45	190
Total equity		17,878	14,783	2,539	35,200	18,104	14,993	2,492	35,589
Basic and diluted net asset value per share (p)									
	8	109.6	131.0	127.5		111.0	132.9	125.2	

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 29 October 2018.

David Williams
Chairman

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Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity (unaudited)**for the six month period ended 31 August 2018**

	<i>Share capital</i>	<i>Capital redemption reserve</i>	<i>Share premium</i>	<i>Special reserve</i>	<i>Capital reserve realised</i>	<i>Capital reserve unrealised</i>	<i>Revenue reserve</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
Ordinary Shares								
At 1 March 2018	4,076	1,587	-	6,757	(2,152)	7,836	-	18,104
Transfer from special reserve to revenue reserve	-	-	-	(283)	-	-	283	-
Profit/(Loss) and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(146)	203	369	426
Dividends paid in the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(652)	(652)
At 31 August 2018	4,076	1,587	-	6,474	(2,298)	8,039	-	17,878
"C" Shares	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
At 1 March 2018	2,832	-	-	7,667	(2,342)	6,691	145	14,993
Transfer from special reserve to revenue reserve	-	-	-	(322)	-	-	322	-
Profit/(Loss) and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(192)	448	42	298
Dividends paid in the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(508)	(508)
At 31 August 2018	2,832	-	-	7,345	(2,534)	7,139	1	14,783
"D" Shares	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
At 1 March 2018	498	-	1,433	-	478	38	45	2,492
Transfer from Capital reserve realised to Capital reserve unrealised	-	-	-	-	(629)	629	-	-
Profit/(Loss) and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(19)	8	58	47
At 31 August 2018	498	-	1,433	-	(170)	675	103	2,539
Total	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
At 1 March 2018	7,406	1,587	1,433	14,424	(4,016)	14,565	190	35,589
Transfer from Capital reserve realised to Capital reserve unrealised	-	-	-	-	(629)	629	-	-
Transfer from special reserve to revenue reserve	-	-	-	(605)	-	-	605	-
Profit/(Loss) and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(357)	659	469	771
Dividends paid in the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,160)	(1,160)
At 31 August 2018	7,406	1,587	1,433	13,819	(5,002)	15,853	104	35,200

All amounts presented in the Statement of Changes in Equity are attributable to equity holders. The reserves available for distribution comprise the revenue reserve, special reserve and realised capital reserve. The special reserve may be used to fund buy-backs of shares, as and when it is considered by the Board to be in the interests of the shareholders, and to pay dividends.

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Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity (unaudited)

for the six month period ended 31 August 2017

	Share capital £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	Share premium £000	Special reserve £000	Capital reserve realised £000	Capital reserve unrealised £000	Revenue reserve £000	Total £000
Ordinary Shares								
At 1 March 2017	4,076	1,587	-	7,415	(1,840)	7,446	-	18,684
Transfer from special reserve to revenue reserve	-	-	-	(531)	-	-	531	-
Profit/(loss) and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(163)	298	122	257
Dividends paid in the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(652)	(652)
At 31 August 2017	4,076	1,587	-	6,884	(2,003)	7,744	1	18,289
"C" Shares								
At 1 March 2017	2,832	-	-	7,667	(1,953)	5,881	205	14,632
Profit/(loss) and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(274)	629	329	684
Dividends paid in the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(508)	(508)
At 31 August 2017	2,832	-	-	7,667	(2,227)	6,510	26	14,808
"D" Shares								
At 1 March 2017	498	-	1,433	-	519	150	18	2,618
Transfer from Capital reserve realised to Capital reserve unrealised	-	-	-	-	(628)	628	-	-
(Loss)/profit and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(21)	(14)	13	(22)
Dividends paid in the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2017	498	-	1,433	-	(130)	764	31	2,596
Total								
At 1 March 2017	7,406	1,587	1,433	15,082	(3,274)	13,477	223	35,934
Transfer from special reserve to revenue reserve	-	-	-	(531)	-	-	531	-
Transfer from Capital reserve realised to Capital reserve unrealised	-	-	-	-	(628)	628	-	-
Profit/(Loss) and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(458)	913	464	919
Dividends paid in the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,160)	(1,160)
At 31 August 2017	7,406	1,587	1,433	14,551	(4,360)	15,018	58	35,693

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Condensed Statement of Cash Flows (unaudited)

For the six month period ended 31 August 2018

				Six months ended 31 August 2018	Six months ended 31 August 2017
	Ordinary Shares	"C" Shares	"D" Shares	Total	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cash flows from operating activities					
Investment income received	489	186	43	718	1,071
Deposit/ other interest received	1	-	-	1	-
Investment management fees paid	(207)	(168)	-	(375)	(417)
Other cash payments	(151)	(47)	(8)	(206)	(183)
Cash generated from operations	132	(29)	35	138	471
Taxes paid	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities	132	(29)	35	138	471
Cash flows from investing activities					
Disposal proceeds from investments	196	362	-	558	734
Net cash inflow from investing activities	196	362	-	558	734
Cash flows from financing activities					
Dividends paid	(652)	(508)	-	(1,160)	(1,160)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(652)	(508)	-	(1,160)	(1,160)
Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents	(324)	(175)	35	(464)	45
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	532	319	13	864	881
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	208	144	48	400	926

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Explanatory Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements

For the six month period ended 31 August 2018

1. Accounting convention and policies

The half-yearly results which cover the six month period ended 31 August 2018 have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies set out in the statutory accounts of the Company for the year ended 28 February 2018. The half-yearly financial statements have been prepared under IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

The accounting policies are consistent with those of the previous financial year with the exception of IFRS 9 "Financial instruments" and IFRS 15 "Revenue from contracts with customers" which were adopted by the group from 1 March 2018. An assessment was performed and the introduction of IFRS 9 has not had a material impact on the reported results and the financial position of the Company, investments will continue to be measured at fair value through profit or loss and there has been no material impact from the new impairment model. IFRS 15 has not had a material impact on the reported results and the financial position of the Company as the Company does not hold revenue contracts. The Directors do not expect the accounting policies to change over the current financial year.

2. Publication of non-statutory accounts

The financial information for the year ended 28 February 2018 contained in this Half-yearly Financial Report does not constitute the Company's statutory accounts for that period but has been derived from the statutory accounts.

Statutory accounts in respect of the year ended 28 February 2018 have been audited and reported on by the auditor and delivered to the Registrar of Companies and included the Report of the Auditor which was unqualified, did not draw attention to any matter by way of emphasis and did not contain a statement under S498(2) or S498(3) of the Companies Act 2006.

3. Investment management fees

The Company pays the Investment Manager an annual management fee equal to 2.25% of the Company's net assets. The fee is not subject to VAT and is payable quarterly in advance. The annual management fee is allocated 75% to capital and 25% to revenue. Total annual running costs are in aggregate capped at 3.6% of NAV (excluding the Investment Manager's performance fee, any irrecoverable VAT and investment costs if applicable), with any excess being borne by the Investment Manager.

The Investment Manager will receive a performance-related incentive fee subject to the Company achieving certain defined targets. No incentive fee will be payable until the Company has provided a cumulative return to investors in the forms of growth in NAV plus payment of dividends ("the Return") of 60p per share. Thereafter, the incentive fee, which is payable in cash, is calculated as 20% of the amount by which the Return in any accounting period exceeds 7p per share. The incentive fee is exclusive of VAT.

The amount payable to the Investment Manager for the six month period ended 31 August 2018 in respect of the net assets attributable to the ordinary shareholders was £207,000 (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £235,000). The management fee payable to the Investment Manager for the six month period ended 31 August 2018 in respect of the net assets attributable to the "C" shareholders was £264,000, which included a performance-related incentive fee of £95,000 (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £379,000, which included a performance-related incentive fee of £197,000). The management fee payable to the Investment Manager for the six month period ended 31 August 2018 in respect of the net assets attributable to the "D" shareholders was £29,000 (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £32,000).

4. Taxation

The Company has accrued £nil tax charge in the ordinary share fund (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £nil tax charge); £nil tax charge in the "C" share fund (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £nil tax charge) and £nil tax charge in the "D" share fund (six month period ended 31 August 2017: £nil tax charge). The tax charges are accrued using an effective tax rate of 19% for the 2018/19 tax year and 19% for the 2017/18 tax year, however dividends and capital gains are not subject to tax resulting in a lower effective tax rate than the standard applicable rate in the UK.

No provision for deferred taxation has been made on potential capital gains due to the Company's current status as a VCT under section 274 of the ITA and the Directors' intention to maintain that status. The Company intends to continue to meet the conditions required to maintain its status as a VCT for the foreseeable future.

5. Basic and diluted earnings per share

For the six month period ended 31 August 2018		Ordinary Shares	"C" Shares	"D" Shares
Revenue return for the year	<i>p per share*</i>	2.26	0.38	2.88
<i>Based on:</i>				
Revenue return for the year	<i>£000</i>	369	42	58
Weighted average number of shares in issue	<i>number of shares</i>	16,307,547	11,283,207	1,990,767
Capital gain/(loss) for the year	<i>p per share*</i>	0.35	2.27	(0.51)
<i>Based on:</i>				
Capital gain/(loss) for the year	<i>£000</i>	57	256	(11)
Weighted average number of shares in issue	<i>number of shares</i>	16,307,547	11,283,207	1,990,767
Net profit for the year	<i>p per share*</i>	2.61	2.65	2.37
<i>Based on:</i>				
Net profit for the year	<i>£000</i>	426	298	47
Weighted average number of shares in issue	<i>number of shares</i>	16,307,547	11,283,207	1,990,767

For the six month period ended 31 August 2017		Ordinary Shares	"C" Shares	"D" Shares
Revenue return for the year	<i>p per share*</i>	0.75	2.92	0.64
<i>Based on:</i>				
Revenue return for the year	<i>£000</i>	122	329	13
Weighted average number of shares in issue	<i>number of shares</i>	16,307,547	11,283,207	1,990,767
Capital gain/(loss) for the year	<i>p per share*</i>	0.83	3.14	(1.77)
<i>Based on:</i>				
Capital gain/(loss) for the year	<i>£000</i>	135	355	(35)
Weighted average number of shares in issue	<i>number of shares</i>	16,307,547	11,283,207	1,990,767
Net profit/(loss) for the year	<i>p per share*</i>	1.58	6.06	(1.13)
<i>Based on:</i>				
Net profit/(loss) for the year	<i>£000</i>	257	684	(22)
Weighted average number of shares in issue	<i>number of shares</i>	16,307,547	11,283,207	1,990,767

* The value per share may differ on recalculation due to rounding differences.

There is no difference between the basic return per ordinary share and the diluted return per ordinary share, between the basic return per "C" share and the diluted return per "C" share or between the basic return per "D" share and the diluted return per "D" share because no dilutive financial instruments have been issued.

6. Investments

	Ordinary Shares			"C" Shares			"D" Shares			Total		
<i>Six months ended 31 August 2018</i>	<i>Shares</i>	<i>Loan stock</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Shares</i>	<i>Loan stock</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Shares</i>	<i>Loan stock</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Shares</i>	<i>Loan stock</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
Opening position												
Opening cost	5,749	3,728	9,477	5,797	2,507	8,304	1,216	514	1,730	12,762	6,749	19,511
Opening realised losses	639	(417)	222	(464)	(17)	(481)	-	-	-	175	(434)	(259)
Opening unrealised gains	7,330	357	7,687	6,443	248	6,691	634	33	667	14,407	638	15,045
Opening fair value	13,718	3,668	17,386	11,776	2,738	14,514	1,850	547	2,397	27,344	6,953	34,297
During the period												
Disposal proceeds	-	(196)	(196)	-	(362)	(362)	-	-	-	-	(558)	(558)
Unrealised gains	342	(139)	203	478	(30)	448	8	-	8	828	(169)	659
Closing fair value	14,060	3,333	17,393	12,254	2,346	14,600	1,858	547	2,405	28,172	6,226	34,398
Closing position												
Closing cost	5,749	3,532	9,281	5,797	2,145	7,942	1,216	514	1,730	12,762	6,191	18,953
Closing realised losses	639	(417)	222	(464)	(17)	(481)	-	-	-	175	(434)	(259)
Closing unrealised gains	7,672	218	7,890	6,921	218	7,139	642	33	675	15,235	469	15,704
Closing fair value	14,060	3,333	17,393	12,254	2,346	14,600	1,858	547	2,405	28,172	6,226	34,398

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Year ended 28 February 2018	Ordinary Shares			"C" Shares			"D" Shares			Total		
	Shares	Loan stock	Total	Shares	Loan stock	Total	Shares	Loan stock	Total	Shares	Loan stock	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening position												
Opening cost	6,556	4,329	10,885	5,797	3,048	8,845	1,216	514	1,730	13,569	7,891	21,460
Opening realised losses	(168)	(417)	(585)	(464)	(17)	(481)	-	-	-	(632)	(434)	(1,066)
Opening unrealised gains	6,924	373	7,297	5,587	294	5,881	746	33	779	13,257	700	13,957
Opening fair value	13,312	4,285	17,597	10,920	3,325	14,245	1,962	547	2,509	26,194	8,157	34,351
During the year												
Disposal proceeds	-	(601)	(601)	-	(541)	(541)	-	-	-	-	(1,142)	(1,142)
Unrealised gains	406	(16)	390	856	(46)	810	(112)	-	(112)	1,150	(62)	1,088
Closing fair value	13,718	3,668	17,386	11,776	2,738	14,514	1,850	547	2,397	27,344	6,953	34,297
Closing position												
Closing cost	5,749	3,728	9,477	5,797	2,507	8,304	1,216	514	1,730	12,762	6,749	19,511
Closing realised losses	639	(417)	222	(464)	(17)	(481)	-	-	-	175	(434)	(259)
Closing unrealised gains	7,330	357	7,687	6,443	248	6,691	634	33	667	14,407	638	15,045
Closing fair value	13,718	3,668	17,386	11,776	2,738	14,514	1,850	547	2,397	27,344	6,953	34,297

The £750,000 cost of BEL Holdco Limited and the £51,000 cost of BEL Acquisition Limited were derecognised during the year ended 28 February 2018 as these companies were dissolved.

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The shares held by the Company represent equity holdings in unquoted UK companies. The Investment Manager's Report provides details in respect of the Company's shareholding in each investment, loans issued and investments disposed of during the year.

In order to determine the valuations of the investee companies as at 31 August 2018 (and 28 February 2018), the Company has applied a discount rate to the unleveraged cash flows to calculate the enterprise value of each of the investee company and has then subtracted the market value of any senior debt (including any prepayment fees and swap break costs) to calculate the value of the equity and/or mezzanine debt in the investee company. The market value of senior debt in an investee company is its liquidation cost, i.e., the principal balance plus unpaid accrued interest, early repayment fees and swap break cost (if applicable). The market value of the mezzanine debt is determined by discounting the future principal and interest cash flows at discount rate of 9% with a cap on its value equal to 110% of face value.

The Company is required to report the category of fair value measurements used in determining the value of its investments, to be disclosed by the source of inputs, using a three-level hierarchy:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1);
- Those involving inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices) (Level 2); and
- Those with inputs for the instrument that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

As at 31 August 2018, each of the Company's investments held was valued using inputs which are considered to be Level 3 inputs and a reconciliation of the movements is in the table above.

As at 31 August 2018

		Quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments	Significant other observable inputs	Significant unobservable inputs
	Carrying amount £000	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000
Shares	28,172	-	-	28,172
Loan stock	6,226	-	-	6,226
Total	34,398	-	-	34,398

Key assumptions used in the valuation models:

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018
UK inflation rate	3% for the first 12 months, then 2.50%	2.50%
UK corporation tax rate	19% reducing to 17% from 1 April 2020	19% reducing to 17% from 1 April 2020
Euro/sterling exchange rate	1.13	1.13
Energy yield assumptions	P50 case	P50 case
Operating life wind energy assets	25 years from date of first operation	25 years from date of first operation
Operating life hydro projects	25 years from valuation date	25 years from valuation date
Discount rates	Range from 7.5% to 7.75%	Range from 7.5% to 7.75%

The Board has considered the key assumptions which may affect the results reported in the financial statements and the Company is further required to disclose the effect of changing one or more inputs with reasonable alternative assumptions where a significant change to the fair value measurement would result. The key assumptions that have a significant impact on the fair value in the discounted future cash flow valuations are the discount factors used (which range from 7.5% to 7.75%), the price at which power and associated benefits may be sold and the levels of electricity the investee' companies generating assets are likely to produce (which are taken from specialist consultant reports).

The Board has determined that a reasonable alternative assumption may be made in respect of the discount factors applied; the sensitivity of the value of the portfolio to the application of an increase or decrease in discount factors is set out below.

The investment portfolio has been reviewed for the effect of alternative valuation inputs, namely the sensitivity of the total value of all investments to a 0.5% increase or decrease in the discount factors applied to the valuation models of investments which have been valued using the discounted future cash flows from the underlying businesses.

The following table demonstrates the impact of the application of the upside and downside alternative discount factors to the net asset value of each share fund:

	Discount Factor +0.5%	Net Asset Value	Discount Factor -0.5%
	£000	£000	£000
Ordinary shares	17,209	17,878	18,581
"C" shares	14,110	14,783	15,494
"D" shares	2,363	2,539	2,726

Further sensitivity analysis is provided in the Investment Manager's Report.

7. Cash and cash equivalents

The ordinary share fund held a cash balance of £208,000 at 31 August 2018, (28 February 2018: £532,000) of which £70,000 (28 February 2018: £70,000) represents an amount held on a decommissioning bond account on behalf of Eye Wind Power Limited which is considered to be a restricted cash balance. The ordinary share fund recognised an amount payable of £70,000 within trade and other payables as at 31 August 2018 in respect of the amount due to Eye Wind Power Limited.

8. Basic and diluted net asset value per share

As at 31 August 2018		Ordinary Shares	"C" Shares	"D" Shares
Net asset value per share	<i>p per share</i>	109.6	131.0	127.5
<i>Based on:</i>				
Net asset value	<i>£000</i>	17,878	14,783	2,539
Number of shares	<i>number of shares</i>	16,307,547	11,283,207	1,990,767
As at 28 February 2018 (audited)		Ordinary Shares	"C" Shares	"D" Shares
Net asset value per share	<i>p per share</i>	111	132.9	125.2
<i>Based on:</i>				
Net asset value	<i>£000</i>	18,104	14,993	2,492
Number of shares	<i>number of shares</i>	16,307,547	11,283,207	1,990,767

* The value per share may differ on recalculation due to rounding differences

9. Dividends

A final dividend for the year ended 28 February 2018 of 4.00p per ordinary share was paid to ordinary shareholders on 8 August 2018.

An interim dividend of 4.00p per ordinary share has been declared for the six month period ended 31 August 2018 which will be paid on 16 January 2019 to all ordinary shareholders on the register as at close of business on 14 December 2018.

A final dividend for the year ended 28 February 2018 of 4.50p per "C" share was paid to "C" shareholders on 8 August 2018.

An interim dividend of 4.00p per "C" share has been declared for the six month period ended 31 August 2018 which will be paid on 16 January 2019 to all "C" shareholders on the register as at close of business on 14 December 2018.

No final dividend for the year ended 28 February 2018 was paid to "D" shareholder.

No interim dividend has been declared in respect of the "D" shares for the six month period ended 31 August 2018.

10. Contingencies, guarantees and financial commitments

The contingencies, guarantees and financial commitments of the Company were disclosed in the annual report and financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2018. All the contingencies, guarantees and financial commitments disclosed therein remain in force.

11. Related party transactions

The investee companies in which the Company has a shareholding of 20% or more, as identified in the Investment Manager's Report, are related parties. The aggregate balances at the date of the Statement of Financial Position and transactions with these companies during the year are summarised below:

	Ordinary Shares £000	"C" shares £000	"D" shares £000	Total £000
Balances as at 31 August 2018				
Investments - shares	13,252	12,254	1,858	27,364
Investments - loan stock	3,101	2,346	547	5,994
Accrued interest income	320	194	157	671
Transactions for the six months ended 31 August 2018				
Loan stock interest income	174	158	36	368
Dividend income	287	18	43	348
	Ordinary Shares £000	"C" shares £000	"D" shares £000	Total £000
Balances as at 31 August 2017				
Investments - shares	12,908	11,494	1,948	26,350
Investments - loan stock	3,687	3,021	547	7,255
Accrued interest income	319	119	150	588
Transactions in the six months ended 31 August 2017				
Loan stock interest income	206	190	35	431
Dividend income	67	304	-	371
	Ordinary Shares £000	"C" shares £000	"D" shares £000	Total £000
Balances as at 28 February 2018 (audited)				
Investments - shares	12,974	11,776	1,850	26,600
Investments - loan stock	3,425	2,738	546	6,710
Accrued interest income	293	203	121	617
Transactions in the year ended 28 February 2018 (audited)				
Loan stock interest income	402	363	71	836
Dividend income	524	756	-	1,280

12. Report distribution

In accordance with the Company's commitment to environmental sustainability and to minimise costs wherever appropriate, the financial statements will continue to be made available through regulated news service providers and will also be available in the Financial Reports section of the Company's website www.ventusvct.com. Any shareholder who wishes to receive notification of reports by email or post may request this by contacting the Registrar, Link Asset Services, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4TU.