

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No.    )\*

**Liberty Global plc**

(Name of Issuer)

**Class A Ordinary Shares, nominal value \$0.01 per share**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**G5480U104**

(CUSIP Number)

**May 8, 2018**

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- ☐ Rule 13d-1(b)
- ☒ Rule 13d-1(c)
- ☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. G5480U104

1. Names of Reporting Persons  
Cascade Investment, L.L.C.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
State of Washington

5. Sole Voting Power  
8,736,009 <sup>(1)</sup>

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

6. Shared Voting Power  
-0-

7. Sole Dispositive Power  
8,736,009 <sup>(1)</sup>

8. Shared Dispositive Power  
-0-

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
8,736,009 <sup>(1)</sup>

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)  
4.0% <sup>(2)</sup>

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
OO

<sup>(1)</sup> All Class A Ordinary Shares ("Class A Shares") of Liberty Global plc (the "Issuer") held by Cascade Investment, L.L.C. ("Cascade") may be deemed to be beneficially owned by William H. Gates III as the sole member of Cascade.

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on 216,973,376 Class A Shares of the Issuer outstanding as of April 30, 2018, as reported in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed on May 8, 2018.

2

CUSIP No. G5480U104

1. Names of Reporting Persons  
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) o

(b) x

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
State of Washington

5. Sole Voting Power  
-0-

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

6. Shared Voting Power  
2,119,515 <sup>(1)</sup>

7. Sole Dispositive Power  
-0-

8. Shared Dispositive Power  
2,119,515 <sup>(1)</sup>

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
2,119,515 <sup>(1)</sup>

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)  
1.0% <sup>(2)</sup>

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
OO

(1) For purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, all Class A Ordinary Shares (“Class A Shares”) of Liberty Global plc (the “Issuer”) beneficially owned by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust (the “Trust”) may be deemed to be beneficially owned by William H. Gates III and Melinda French Gates as Co-Trustees of the Trust.

(2) Based on 216,973,376 Class A Shares of the Issuer outstanding as of April 30, 2018, as reported in the Issuer’s Form 10-Q filed on May 8, 2018.

3

CUSIP No. G5480U104

1. Names of Reporting Persons  
William H. Gates III

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
United States of America

5. Sole Voting Power  
8,736,009 <sup>(1)</sup>

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

6. Shared Voting Power  
2,119,515 <sup>(2)</sup>

7. Sole Dispositive Power  
8,736,009 <sup>(1)</sup>

8. Shared Dispositive Power  
2,119,515 <sup>(2)</sup>

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
10,855,524 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) ☐

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)  
5.0% <sup>(3)</sup>

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
IN

(1) All Class A Ordinary Shares (“Class A Shares”) of Liberty Global plc (the “Issuer”) held by Cascade Investment, L.L.C. (“Cascade”) may be deemed to be beneficially owned by William H. Gates III as the sole member of Cascade.

(2) Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust (the “Trust”) beneficially owns 2,119,515 Class A Shares of the Issuer. For purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, all of the Issuer’s Class A Shares beneficially owned by the Trust may be deemed to be beneficially owned by William H. Gates III and Melinda French Gates as Co-Trustees of the Trust.

(3) Based on 216,973,376 Class A Shares of the Issuer outstanding as of April 30, 2018, as reported in the Issuer’s Form 10-Q filed on May 8, 2018.

4

1.	Names of Reporting Persons Melinda French Gates	
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)	
	(a)	<input type="radio"/>
	(b)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
3.	SEC Use Only	
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organization United States of America	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	5.	Sole Voting Power -0-
	6.	Shared Voting Power 2,119,515 <sup>(1)</sup>
	7.	Sole Dispositive Power -0-
	8.	Shared Dispositive Power 2,119,515 <sup>(1)</sup>
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,119,515 <sup>(1)</sup>	
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) <input type="radio"/>	
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 1.0% <sup>(2)</sup>	
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN	

<sup>(1)</sup> Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust (the “Trust”) beneficially owns 2,119,515 Class A Ordinary Shares (“Class A Shares”) of Liberty Global plc (the “Issuer”). For purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, all of the Issuer’s Class A Shares beneficially owned by the Trust may be deemed to be beneficially owned by William H. Gates III and Melinda French Gates as Co-Trustees of the Trust.

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on 216,973,376 Class A Shares of the Issuer outstanding as of April 30, 2018, as reported in the Issuer’s Form 10-Q filed on May 8, 2018.

Item 1.

(a)	Name of Issuer Liberty Global plc (the “Issuer”)
(b)	Address of Issuer’s Principal Executive Offices Griffin House 161 Hammersmith Road London W6 8BS United Kingdom

Item 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing  
Cascade Investment, L.L.C. (“Cascade”), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust (the “Trust”), Melinda French Gates and William H. Gates III (together, “Reporting Persons”) <sup>(1)</sup>
- 
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence  
Cascade – 2365 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033  
The Trust – 2365 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033  
Mr. Gates – One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052  
Mrs. Gates – 500 Fifth Avenue North, Seattle, Washington 98109
- 
- (c) Citizenship  
Cascade is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Washington.  
The Trust is a charitable trust organized under the laws of the State of Washington.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gates are citizens of the United States of America.
- 
- (d) Title of Class of Securities  
Class A Ordinary Shares, nominal value \$0.01 per share.
- 
- (e) CUSIP No.  
G5480U104
- 

**Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

Not Applicable.

**Item 4. Ownership**

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:  
See the responses to Item 9 on the attached cover pages.
- 
- (b) Percent of class:  
See the responses to Item 11 on the attached cover pages.
- 
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
- 
- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote  
See the responses to Item 5 on the attached cover pages.
- 
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote  
See the responses to Item 6 on the attached cover pages.
- 
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of  
See the responses to Item 7 on the attached cover pages.
- 
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of  
See the responses to Item 8 on the attached cover pages.
- 

<sup>(1)</sup> Neither the present filing nor anything contained herein shall be construed as an admission that the Reporting Persons constitute a “group” for any purpose and each expressly disclaims membership in a group.

**Item 5. Ownership of 5 Percent or Less of a Class**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following o.

**Item 6. Ownership of More than 5 Percent on Behalf of Another Person**

Not Applicable.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person**

Not Applicable.

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group**  
Not Applicable.

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group**  
Not Applicable.

**Item 10. Certification**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 18, 2018

CASCADE INVESTMENT, L.L.C.

By: \*  
Name: Alan Heuberger <sup>(1)</sup>  
Title: Attorney-in-fact for  
Michael Larson, Business Manager

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION TRUST

By: \*  
Name: Alan Heuberger <sup>(2)</sup>  
Title: Attorney-in-fact for each of the Co-Trustees, William H. Gates III and Melinda French Gates

WILLIAM H. GATES III

By: \*  
Name: Alan Heuberger <sup>(2)(3)</sup>  
Title: Attorney-in-fact

MELINDA FRENCH GATES

By: \*  
Name: Alan Heuberger <sup>(2)</sup>  
Title: Attorney-in-fact

\* By: /s/ Alan Heuberger  
Alan Heuberger

<sup>(1)</sup> Duly authorized under Special Limited Power of Attorney appointing Alan Heuberger attorney-in-fact, dated October 11, 2013, by and on behalf of Michael Larson, filed as Exhibit 99.1 to Amendment No. 9 to Cascade’s Schedule 13D with respect to Western Asset/Claymore Inflation-Linked Opportunities & Income Fund on December 11, 2013, SEC File No. 005-81261, and incorporated by reference herein.

<sup>(2)</sup> Duly authorized under Special Limited Power of Attorney appointing Alan Heuberger attorney-in-fact, dated August 12, 2008, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III and Melinda French Gates as Co-Trustees, filed as Exhibit 99.5 to Cascade’s Schedule 13D with respect to Grupo Televisa, S.A.B. on May 7, 2009, SEC File No. 005-60431 and incorporated by reference herein.

<sup>(3)</sup> Duly authorized under Special Limited Power of Attorney appointing Alan Heuberger attorney-in-fact, dated August 12, 2008, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit 99.2 to Amendment No. 1 to Cascade’s Schedule 13D with respect to Otter Tail Corporation on April 15, 2009, SEC File No. 005-06638 and incorporated by reference herein.

**JOINT FILING AGREEMENT**

We, the signatories of the statement to which this Joint Filing Agreement is attached, hereby agree that such statement is filed, and any amendments thereto filed by any or all of us, will be filed, on behalf of each of us.

Date: May 18, 2018

CASCADE INVESTMENT, L.L.C.

By: \*

Name: Alan Heuberger <sup>(1)</sup>  
Title: Attorney-in-fact for  
Michael Larson, Business Manager

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION TRUST

By: \*

Name: Alan Heuberger <sup>(2)</sup>  
Title: Attorney-in-fact for each of the Co-Trustees, William H.  
Gates III and Melinda French Gates

WILLIAM H. GATES III

By: \*

Name: Alan Heuberger <sup>(2)(3)</sup>  
Title: Attorney-in-fact

MELINDA FRENCH GATES

By: \*

Name: Alan Heuberger <sup>(2)</sup>  
Title: Attorney-in-fact

\* By: /s/ Alan Heuberger  
Alan Heuberger

---

<sup>(1)</sup> Duly authorized under Special Limited Power of Attorney appointing Alan Heuberger attorney-in-fact, dated October 11, 2013, by and on behalf of Michael Larson, filed as Exhibit 99.1 to Amendment No. 9 to Cascade's Schedule 13D with respect to Western Asset/Claymore Inflation-Linked Opportunities & Income Fund on December 11, 2013, SEC File No. 005-81261, and incorporated by reference herein.

<sup>(2)</sup> Duly authorized under Special Limited Power of Attorney appointing Alan Heuberger attorney-in-fact, dated August 12, 2008, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III and Melinda French Gates as Co-Trustees, filed as Exhibit 99.5 to Cascade's Schedule 13D with respect to Grupo Televisa, S.A.B. on May 7, 2009, SEC File No. 005-60431 and incorporated by reference herein.

<sup>(3)</sup> Duly authorized under Special Limited Power of Attorney appointing Alan Heuberger attorney-in-fact, dated August 12, 2008, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit 99.2 to Amendment No. 1 to Cascade's Schedule 13D with respect to Otter Tail Corporation on April 15, 2009, SEC File No. 005-06638 and incorporated by reference herein.