

DRESDEN TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1025905

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-09-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION, IN PARTICULAR BY THE RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY IN DRESDEN AND THEREBY THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF AERIAL BOMBARDMENT; THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN GERMAN ART, ARCHITECTURE, HISTORY, MUSIC, LITERATURE AND SCIENCE WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE OT DRESDEN/SAXONY; AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF GERMAN CITIZENS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE OF DRESDEN/SAXONY, IN THE ART, ARCHITECTURE, HISTORY , MUSIC, LITERATURE AND SCIENCE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Activities: The Dresden Trust builds bridges of friendship and cooperation between the people of Britain and Dresden following the destruction of the historic centre by British bombing in 1945. Having pursued reconciliation in the 30 years since its foundation, the Trust cooperates with Dresden in school exchanges, youth learning projects, culture, conferences and enhancement of public spaces.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Germany
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£53,620	£12,483	-	-
2024-04-05	£0	£7,960	-	-
2023-04-05	£50	£9,144	-	-
2022-04-05	£2,550	£2,787	-	-
2021-04-05	£10,204	£3,839	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Mary Findlay		2019-04-04
Daniel Schieferdecker		2018-10-12
Marcus Ferrar		2013-05-17
Paul Stocker		2017-06-30
Ruediger Goerner		2018-07-13
Sinclair Mckay		2020-07-10

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 06	Month 04	Year 2024		Day 05	Month 04	Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Dresden Trust

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1025905

Charity's principal address 7 Capel Close, Oxford

Postcode OX2 7LA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Marcus Ferrar	Chairman		
2	Daniel Schieferdecker	Treasurer		
3	Paul Stocker			
4	Sinclair Mckay			
5	Angela Findlay			
6	Monica Petzal		From 6 April 2024 to 14 February 2025	
7	Nicholas Turnbull		From March 2025	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution dated 16 August 1993

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

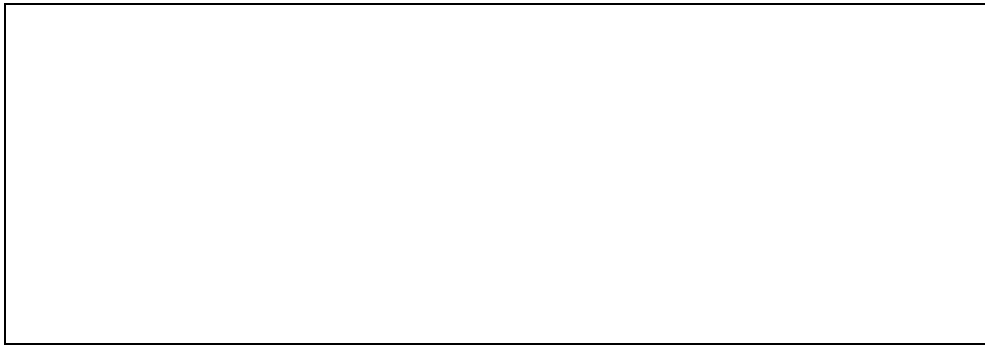
Trustees are selected and interviewed by the board of trustees and appointed during the quarterly board meetings.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Not applicable.



Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Dresden Trust was founded in 1993 in response to a call from Dresden for help rebuild the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady), one of Europe's most magnificent churches. It had collapsed as a result of the British and American bombing of February 1945, in which up to 25,000 people died.

After Germany was reunited, citizens of Dresden resolved to rebuild the church, and the late Alan Russell created The Dresden Trust in the UK to respond to their appeal. Over £1 million (€1.5 million) was donated by thousands of people, including Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Trust had a new golden Orb and Cross crafted in England for the top of the cupola. One craftsman (Alan Smith) was the son of a pilot who took part in the bombing. 100,000 people attended the raising of the Orb and Cross to the top of the Frauenkirche in 2004, and a year later the church was re-consecrated.

The Trust today seeks to fulfil its mission of reconciliation through educational and cultural initiatives, memorials and visits. Under the Trust's Dresden Scholars' Scheme, boys and girls from Dresden/Saxony receive scholarships to attend independent schools in Britain: about 300 have done so since 2000. And British pupils can spend several weeks at a Dresden school, staying with local families.

In 2025, The Dresden Trust launched The Learning Path. With this idea, we intend to make the history of Dresden in the 20th Century accessible for school pupils in a brand-new way, and empower students to take the lead and teach each other.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The main activities of the Dresden Trust over the reporting period (06 April 2024 to 05 April 2025) were the following:

Dresden Scholar Scheme: The Dresden Trust is committed to educational exchange between Germany and the UK. As part of our scholar scheme, we have supported 8 British pupils to spend two weeks each at a partner school in Dresden Germany.

Dresden Learning Path: The Dresden Trust has developed a free interactive learning programme for international and local schools in the city of Dresden, Germany together with our partner organization Fördergesellschaft Frauenkirche. This new initiative was inaugurated by HRH the Duke of Kent in Dresden on February 13th, 2025.

Visit to Dresden for British ambassador and Duke of Kent: Over the course of 2024 up until February 13, 2025, the Dresden Trust has worked with the royal household and the British embassy in Berlin to prepare commemoration events around the 80th anniversary of the Dresden bombing. We achieved extensive media coverage that was beneficial to the both the embassy and the royal household, worked with local partner organizations on the schedule of events for the day, and took part in an additional on site preparation day in December 2024.

Strategy day: During our annual strategy day in November 2024 we defined strategic objectives for 2025 and beyond. The board of trustees decided to increase fundraising activities, widen the board of trustees with a commitment to diversity, extending our efforts in the field of educational exchange between the UK and Germany towards institutions of higher education, keep building our social media presence to reach more people in both countries, and scale our efforts in our existing scholarship scheme and learning path projects.

The activities of the Dresden Trust foster the friendship and intercultural exchange between the United Kingdom and Germany. We particularly support British pupils and university students to gain valuable international study experience, improve their foreign language skills, and build their social skills. Additionally, the Dresden Trust offers volunteering experiences for young British professionals within the trust and build a passion for charitable work.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Not applicable.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main achievements of the Dresden Trust over the reporting period (06 April 2024 to 05 April 2025) were the following:

Digitization: The Dresden Trust enhanced our online presence with continuous improvements to our websites (Dresden Trust and Learning Path) over the course of the reporting period. In an effort to reach more British pupils and university students, we also built out our social media presence on LinkedIn.

Educational exchange: The Dresden Scholar Scheme keeps increasing in popularity year over year and we enabled 7 secondary school students and a young musician to participate in intercultural exchange programmes in the UK and Germany.

Learning Path: After the successful inauguration in February 2025 the learning path project successfully found new partner schools in Germany. The Dresden Trust also secured partnerships with local German charities such as the Bürgerstiftung Dresden which support the project with voluntary workers that are essential for fulfilling our goal to provide a free interactive learning experience focused on the importance of friendship and intercultural exchange between the UK and Germany.

Commemoration: Over the course of the reporting period, the Dresden Trust participated in multiple intercultural exchange focused events in Coventry, Dresden, London, and Oxford. The most important milestone was our organisation of a very successful visit of our royal patron The Duke of Kent and of the British ambassador to Dresden on the 80th commemoration of the Dresden Bombing on February 13th, 2025. Both the Royal Household and the British Embassy in Berlin marked this event as a success due to the very positive media coverage that was received in both the UK and Germany.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank on 5 April 2025 was GBP 56,119 in unrestricted funds. This amount would allow the trust to operate for approximately 4 year if spending on charitable activities remains at the same level as during this reporting period. This runway is important as in the previous and generally in a normal year we receive below GBP 3,000 in income. In 2024 and 2025 we received a single large donation of GBP 85,000 from an estate of a supporter, paid out in 3 instalments, the first of which attributable to this year's reporting. We do not expect such large donations to happen regularly and will use it to guarantee the execution of our charitable activities for approximately 4 years.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Not applicable.

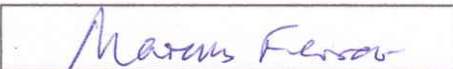

Section F Other optional information

Not applicable.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Marcus Ferrar	Daniel Schieferdecker
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 11 March 2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Dresden Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

05 April 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1025905

Set out on pages

1 - 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **05 / 04 / 2025**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

11/03/2026

Name:

Andre Andrijanovs

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in New York State

Address:

251 Malden Road

New Malden

KT3 6AG

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Dresden Trust	No (if any) 1025905
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 06/04/2024	To	Period end date 05/04/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Receipts from Donations	53,620	-	-	53,620	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	53,620	-	-	53,620	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	53,620	-	-	53,620	-
A3 Payments					
Costs of charitable activities	12,483	-	-	12,483	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,483	-	-	12,483	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,483	-	-	12,483	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	41,137	-	-	41,137	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,982	-	-	14,982	-
Cash funds this year end	56,119	-	-	56,119	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	56,119	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	56,119	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK


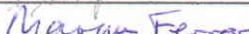
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Daniel Schieferdecker	11-Mar-26
	Marcus Ferrar	11-Mar-26