

Charity registration number: 1069179

The W O Bentley Memorial Foundation

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mr Alan Bodfish
	Mr Nigel Smith (Resigned 26 February 2025)
	Dr Spencer Silverbach
	Dr Thomas Dine
	Mr Michael Barton
	Mr Ron Warmington
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Trustees are satisfied that they meet the requirements of the Charities Acts.

Objectives and activities

Policies and objectives

The principal object of the charity is to provide the advancement of public knowledge and appreciation of the Bentley motor car and its history by the establishment and maintenance of a Museum, Library and Archives for the preservation, exhibition and study of the collections.

The Foundation is continuously looking to enhance its Museum, Library and Archives by acquiring any material relating to W O Bentley and the Bentley motor car.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The main activities throughout the year were providing the members and guests of the foundation with historic information on individual vehicles, W O Bentley's life , racing etc. The activities include Talks Day and producing publications, including 1888. The funding to provide these services is obtained largely through donations, along with a small amount of fee income.

Fundraising activities/income generation

During the year, the Foundation undertook several fundraising activities, including publication and sale of books and life associateship of the foundation.

Investment policy and performance

The trustees are of the opinion that the money available for investment should be on an interest bearing bank account. The trustees appreciate that this is a low risk strategy and that it does not give capital growth.

Financial review

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For that reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Policy on reserves

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to provide for charitable expenditure in order for the charity to continue to meet its objectives, for a period of at least 12 months, if all, or most of its income ceases.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The principal object of the charity is to provide the advancement of public knowledge and appreciation of W O Bentley's life and works and the Bentley motor car and its history by the establishment and maintenance of a Museum, Library and Archives for the preservation, exhibition and study of the collections.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Organisational structure and decision making

The organisation is governed by the board of Trustees, who meet at least on a quarterly basis.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

Future developments

The foundation continues to offer a life associateship. This has helped to increase the amounts that are generated along with reducing administration time.

Potential developments for the future are to publish new books, continue with the digitisation of archives, continue with the application for museum status and to continue the communications programme.

Lease of part of the W O Bentley Memorial Building

The foundation leases part of the W O Bentley Memorial Building on an initial 30-year term which expires on 28 July 2040. The lease provisions contain a clause giving the foundation the right to have an additional 30- year term provided it gives the landlord not less than 6 months' notice in writing of such a wish.

Employee involvement

Employees have been consulted on issues of concern to them by means of regular consultative committee and staff meetings and have been kept informed on specific matters directly by management. The charity carries out exit interviews for all staff leaving the organisation and has adopted a procedure of upward feedback for senior management and the Trustees.

The charity has implemented a number of detailed policies in relation to all aspects of personnel matters including:

- equal opportunities policy
- volunteers' policy
- health and safety policy

Employment of disabled persons

In accordance with the charity's Equal opportunities policy, the charity has long established fair employment practices in the recruitment, selection, retention and training of disabled staff.

Full details of these policies are available from the charity's offices.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 03/09/25 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mr Michael Barton
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The W O Bentley Memorial Foundation

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The W O Bentley Memorial Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of The W O Bentley Memorial Foundation 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 The W O Bentley Memorial Foundation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The W O Bentley Memorial Foundation as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Jonathan Russell
F.C.A.

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Date:.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		36,433	36,433
Charitable activities		20,082	20,082
Other trading activities		3,911	3,911
Investment income	5	<u>65</u>	<u>65</u>
Total income		<u>60,491</u>	<u>60,491</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(6,589)	(6,589)
Other expenditure	7	<u>(52,116)</u>	<u>(52,116)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(58,705)</u>	<u>(58,705)</u>
Net income		<u>1,786</u>	<u>1,786</u>
Net movement in funds		1,786	1,786
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>150,041</u>	<u>150,041</u>
Total funds carried forward	15	<u>151,827</u>	<u>151,827</u>
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		44,123	44,123
Charitable activities		9,513	9,513
Other trading activities		3,189	3,189
Investment income	5	<u>62</u>	<u>62</u>
Total income		<u>56,887</u>	<u>56,887</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(14,343)	(14,343)
Other expenditure	7	<u>(50,742)</u>	<u>(50,742)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(65,085)</u>	<u>(65,085)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(8,198)</u>	<u>(8,198)</u>
Net movement in funds		(8,198)	(8,198)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>158,239</u>	<u>158,239</u>
Total funds carried forward	15	<u>150,041</u>	<u>150,041</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 15.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	70,845	71,231
Current assets			
Stocks	12	4,662	4,973
Debtors	13	1,958	5,760
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>110,591</u>	<u>105,778</u>
		117,211	116,511
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(36,229)</u>	<u>(37,701)</u>
Net current assets		<u>80,982</u>	<u>78,810</u>
Net assets		<u>151,827</u>	<u>150,041</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>151,827</u>	<u>150,041</u>
Total funds	15	<u>151,827</u>	<u>150,041</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 03/01/25 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr Michael Barton
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The W O Bentley Memorial Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Investment income

Interest is recognised when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

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Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Office equipment	20% reducing balance
Library	Nil
Fixtures & Fittings	20% reducing balance

Trade debtors

are amounts due for merchandise sold or services performed.

are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of is established when there is objective evidence that the will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Liabilities are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies; Donations	36,433	36,433
Total for 2024	36,433	36,433
Total for 2023	44,123	44,123

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Charity incoming resources	20,082	20,082
Total for 2024	20,082	20,082
Total for 2023	9,513	9,513

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Trading income; Book & publication sales	3,911	3,911
Total for 2024	3,911	3,911
Total for 2023	3,189	3,189

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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	65	65
Total for 2024	65	65
Total for 2023	62	62

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Allocated support costs £	Total costs £
Books and publication costs	6,589	6,589
Total for 2024	6,589	6,589
Total for 2023	14,343	14,343

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs			
Wages and salaries	33,439	33,439	33,438
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	640	640	785
Rates	2,134	2,134	2,176
Printing and stationery	2,298	2,298	927
Insurance	3,956	3,956	3,187
Motor and travel	686	686	755
Archive costs	1,499	1,499	1,468
Museum and opening day costs	2,034	2,034	4,530
Sundry expenses	198	198	85
Computer expenses	2,233	2,233	711
Banners, flags and badges	656	656	992
Independent examiners fee	695	695	620
Lunches	1,648	1,648	1,068
	52,116	52,116	50,742

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8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>640</u>	<u>785</u>

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	31,120	31,120
Social security costs	1,784	1,783
Pension costs	<u>535</u>	<u>535</u>
	<u>33,439</u>	<u>33,438</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was 2 (2023- 1)

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment £	Library £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	36,838	68,202	5,688	110,728
Additions	-	254	-	254
At 31 December 2024	<u>36,838</u>	<u>68,456</u>	<u>5,688</u>	<u>110,982</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	33,809	-	5,688	39,497
Charge for the year	640	-	-	640
At 31 December 2024	<u>34,449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,688</u>	<u>40,137</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,389</u>	<u>68,456</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,845</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,029</u>	<u>68,202</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,231</u>

12 Stock

	2024 £	2023 £
Finished goods	<u>4,662</u>	<u>4,973</u>

13 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	336	918
Prepayments	1,367	2,658
Other debtors	255	2,184
	<u>1,958</u>	<u>5,760</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	22,396	8,450
Other creditors	13,058	25,831
Accruals	775	3,420
	<u>36,229</u>	<u>37,701</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General fund	150,041	60,491	(58,705)	151,827
	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General fund	158,239	56,887	(65,085)	150,041

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	70,845	70,845
Current assets	117,211	117,211
Current liabilities	(36,229)	(36,229)
Total net assets	151,827	151,827
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	71,231	71,231
Current assets	116,511	116,511
Current liabilities	(37,701)	(37,701)
Total net assets	150,041	150,041

17 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

