

The Rothschild Archive Limited

A charitable company limited by guarantee

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

The Rothschild Archive Limited

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The Rothschild Archive Limited

Charity details

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES:	Baron Eric de Rothschild (Chairman) Julien de Beaumarchais John Grimond Kate Rothschild Baroness Ariane de Rothschild Professor Emma Rothschild Lionel de Rothschild David Todd Paul-Andre Rosental Nicholas Wrigley Anthony de Rothschild
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Report of the Directors

The Directors, who are also the trustees of The Rothschild Archive Limited ("the charity"), present their Directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 18-20 and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The information on page 3 forms part of this report.

Governing Documents

The charity is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 27 January 1999.

Objects and Strategy

The charity's objects are to advance education for the public benefit by the acquisition, preservation and maintenance of the books, letters, manuscripts, other papers, chattels or artefacts which are or were previously in the ownership of the Rothschild family or the Rothschild family businesses for study by such scholars and other purposes as the charity considers appropriate. In particular, the charity will seek to encourage and develop increased access to these materials by the academic community and to make them more widely available by publication, exhibition and electronic distribution.

The Directors regularly review the charity's objects and activities to ensure they continue to reflect these aims. As part of these reviews, the Directors have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The charity has granted a licence in respect of the archive to N M Rothschild & Sons Limited. Under the licence, N M Rothschild & Sons Limited maintains and administers the archive at its sole expense in furtherance of the charity's objectives and under the overall direction of the Directors of the charity. In return, N M Rothschild & Sons Limited enjoys certain rights to exploit the archive for the purposes of its business.

Structure, governance and management

The Directors (who are also the trustees for the purposes of charity law) of the charity who held office during the year, and to the date of this report, were as follows:

Baron Eric de Rothschild (Chairman)
Julien de Beaumarchais
John Grimond
Kate Rothschild
Baroness Ariane de Rothschild
Professor Emma Rothschild
Lionel de Rothschild
David Todd
Paul-Andre Rosental
Nicholas Wrigley
Anthony de Rothschild

The number of Directors shall not be fewer than three and shall not exceed eleven. At all times a majority of the Directors shall be members of the Rothschild family. New Directors may be appointed by current Directors to fill a casual vacancy or as additional trustees. Such appointments shall be confirmed by the members by ordinary resolution. The board may appoint one of their number to be Chairman. The quorum for Directors' meetings is one third of the board of Directors and attendance may be by conference phone call. The Directors have established an investment sub-committee and an academic sub-committee. The Directors may delegate any of their powers to a committee consisting of one or more Directors. The board of Directors meets regularly as required.

The Directors have been supported throughout the year by the Secretary to the charity, and by the staff of the Archive.

The Directors consider that the board of Directors, comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing, controlling and managing the charity on a day-to-day basis. All Directors give of their time freely and no Director received remuneration in the year. Details of directors' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in notes 5 and 13 to the accounts.

New members of the board are provided with the published guidance for trustees issued by the Charity Commission and directed to the resources available on the organisation's website. Previous publications and accounts of the Archive are also made available. New members additionally meet with the Secretary, in advance of their first board meeting, so that they can familiarise themselves with the work of the Archive.

Achievements and performance

During the year the archivists welcomed a pleasing number of researchers in the reading room in London. As ever the range of subjects that visitors researched was diverse, including the history of sovereign loans, local history, Anglo-Jewish history, history of migration, the histories of several Jewish families, pre-WWI German economy, art history and provenance research.

The archivists have been fortunate to have been able to draw on the skills and enthusiasm of a group of volunteers, most of whom are retired former staff of the Rothschild business. This year they have supported a research project based on the early cash books of N M Rothschild & Sons, which were the basis of a PhD study by Bernadette Mischka of the University of Regensburg. The study explored the application of automated transcription of the entries in the cash books, enabling the data to be more readily accessible for researchers. The Archive's volunteers produced accurate transcriptions to help 'train' the computer software. The project was awarded a prize by the German foundation for digital humanities. cashbooks.app.uni-regensburg.de

Volunteers continued to work on some early twentieth-century receipts of the business, providing useful detail to the curatorial team at Waddesdon Manor for their exhibition "Flights of Fancy". The Archive lent some items from its collection to this exhibition.

On behalf of the Business Archives Council the Archive hosted a training day about business archives for students on the post-graduate archive training course at Aberystwyth University. The Archive also hosted an undergraduate student of history from Goldsmiths, University of London. The placement was part of the course, which is designed to further an understanding of historical sources.

The archivists attended a number of conferences, such as those of the European Association for Banking and Financial History, the Archives and Records Association, the Section on Business Archives of the International Council on Archives, to maintain their professional knowledge and to share their experiences with other practitioners.

Future plans

The Rothschild Archive Trust was established in 1999 by the late Sir Evelyn de Rothschild. In 2024 the Trustees and archivists plan to celebrate this 25th anniversary with a small series of events. The anniversary year is a good opportunity to prepare for the next 25 years. A revised Rothschild family tree is in production; a review of the highlights of the first 25 years of the Trust is in preparation, and continued efforts are being made to improve the Archive's digital holdings.

Fundraising

The Trustees take seriously their responsibilities under the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 in respect of fundraising activities. The Archive is supported by a number of businesses and foundations controlled by members of the Rothschild family. It does not carry out any fundraising activity in order to raise funds from the general public. The Archive does not work directly with commercial sponsors or engage professional fundraisers. The Trustees are not aware of any complaints made in respect of fundraising during the year.

Further information on the Archive's collections and activities can be found on the website: <https://www.rothschildarchive.org/>

Review of financial position and reserves policy

During the year, the Archive received income of £1,597,878 (2023: £2,377,887) of which £1,520,304 (2023: £1,504,576) related to donated services and £6,608 (2023: £827,890) related to additions to the Archive. The income was applied to furthering the objects of the charity.

The net assets of the charity increased by £586,789 (2023: £637,325) during the year to £26,956,834 (2023: £26,370,045), related to additions to the Archive.

The total charity funds at 31 March 2024 are £26,956,834 (2023: £26,370,045) of which £35,068 (2023: £19,674) relates to the unrestricted fund, £6,203,070 (2023: £5,638,283) relates to the restricted funds and £20,718,696 (2023: £20,712,088) relates to the endowment fund.

The unrestricted funds at 31 March 2024 of £35,068 will be retained to finance the charity's policy of charitable support. The restricted funds at 31 March 2024 will be retained to build a reserve against future need in relation to the long-term welfare of the collections in the Archive.

The Directors consider that no target is necessary for free reserves. Running costs are secured from N M Rothschild & Sons and the free reserve funds are adequate to support the small number of transactions each year.

Investment policy

The Directors intend that the real value of the charity's funds be maintained and enhanced over the long term by investment in a suitable portfolio. The Directors have appointed Rothschild Wealth Management (UK) Limited as discretionary investment managers.

The principal objective of the investment strategy is capital preservation with a focus on safety, consistent with a tolerance for low risk of capital loss and low volatility of return. The portfolio's performance was evaluated against these objectives. The portfolio effectively met these objectives with notable capital appreciation and consistent income generation.

Grant policy

A limited number of Rothschild Archive Bursaries are available for researchers in full-time education who are pursuing research projects that will involve substantial use of The Rothschild Archive. The bursaries are designed to provide practical assistance with travel, accommodation or incidental costs associated with such work, rather than covering the full cost of research. The maximum sum usually granted to a successful applicant is £3,000. The Bursary and Education Committee reviews each application.

Guarantors

At 31 March 2024, there were eleven members of the charity, being the eleven trustees listed on page 4. The liability of each of the members of the charity in the event of a winding-up is limited by guarantee to £1.

Internal controls and the mitigation of major risks

The Directors have identified and reviewed the major risks of the charity which are the safeguarding of assets held and market risks relating to the holding of investments. Internal controls to mitigate these risks, including an annual review, have been established. The risk register is under constant review by the Directors of the Archive. The Directors confirm that the controls implemented are appropriate to the size of the charity and the nature of its operation.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors (who are also the trustees for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for preparing the report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditor

The Directors who were in office at the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed, as far as they are aware, that there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. Each of the Directors has confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and Saffery LLP will therefore continue in office.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

By Order of the Board



30 January 2025

Independent auditors' report to the members of The Rothschild Archive Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Rothschild Archive Limited for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, Summary income and expenditure, Balance sheet, Statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the charitable company's state of affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Directors which includes the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Directors which includes the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Directors.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and to take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Report of the Directors and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 8, the trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, are detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the trustees, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the charitable company by discussions with trustees and updating our understanding of the sector in which the charitable company operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the charitable company include The Companies Act 2006, and guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the charitable company's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the charitable company's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Helen Wilkie (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Saffery LLP

Statutory Auditors

71 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4BE

Date: 31 January 2025

Saffery LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024	Total 2023 (Note 14)
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations	2(a)	30,000	1,520,304	6,608	1,556,912	2,336,012
Investments	2(b)	-	44,736	-	44,736	36,841
		30,000	1,565,040	6,608	1,601,648	2,372,853
Expenditure:						
Raising funds	3	-	39,357	-	39,357	38,096
Charitable activities	4	14,606	1,520,304	-	1,534,910	1,539,087
		14,606	1,559,661	-	1,574,267	1,577,183
		15,394	5,379	6,608	27,381	795,670
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	-	563,178	-	563,178	(163,379)
FX (losses)/gains	9	-	(3,770)	-	(3,770)	5,034
Net income/(expenditure) and Net movement in funds		15,394	564,787	6,608	586,789	637,325
Total funds brought forward		19,674	5,638,283	20,712,088	26,370,045	25,732,720
Total funds carried forward	10	35,068	6,203,070	20,718,696	26,956,834	26,370,045

All income arises from continuing activities of the Charity. The Charity had no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the statement of financial activities.

Summary income and expenditure

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Total income	1,595,040	1,544,963
Total expenditure	(1,574,267)	(1,577,183)
Realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments	563,178	(163,379)
FX (losses)/gains	(3,770)	5,034
Surplus / (loss) for the year	580,181	(190,565)

Total income comprises £1,565,040 for restricted funds and £30,000 for unrestricted funds. Expenditure comprises £1,559,661 for restricted funds and £14,606 for unrestricted funds. The revaluation of investments excludes the permanent endowment funds.

A detailed analysis of income and expenditure by source is provided in the Statement of financial activities.

The summary Income and Expenditure Account is derived from the Statement of financial activities which together with the notes to the financial statements on pages 18 to 29 provide full information on the movement during the year on all funds of the charity.

The notes on pages 18 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements

Balance sheet

At 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Heritage assets	6	21,384,115	21,377,507
Investments	7	5,212,663	4,643,680
		26,596,778	26,021,187
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		392,414	436,066
		392,414	436,066
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	32,358	72,208
Net current assets		360,056	363,858
Total assets less current liabilities		26,956,834	26,385,045
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	8	-	15,000
Total net assets		26,956,834	26,370,045
Funds			
Endowments		9,981,077	9,974,469
Revaluation reserve		10,737,619	10,737,619
	11	20,718,696	20,712,088
Restricted	11	6,203,070	5,638,283
Unrestricted	11	35,068	19,674
Total charity funds		26,956,834	26,370,045

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The accounts on pages 14 to 29 were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:



Lionel de Rothschild, Trustee
30 January 2025

The notes on pages 18 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income for the year		586,789	637,325
Adjustments for:			
Donated assets	2a	(6,608)	(827,890)
Investment income	2b	(44,736)	(36,841)
Investment management fees	3	39,357	38,096
Net (gains)/losses on investments	7	(563,178)	163,379
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	8	(54,850)	(79,192)
Net cash flows from operating activities		(43,226)	(105,123)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends and interest from investments	2b	44,736	36,841
Investment management fees	3	(39,357)	(38,096)
Purchase of investments	7	(320,261)	(1,129,412)
Proceeds from sale of investments	7	342,703	1,196,425
Net movement in managed cash balance	7	(28,247)	(29,617)
Net cash flows from investing activities		(426)	36,141
Change in cash and cash equivalents in reporting period		(43,652)	(68,982)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		436,066	505,048
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	9	392,414	436,066

The notes on pages 18 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements

Notes to the financial statements

(forming part of the financial statements)

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed asset investments, and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. The financial statements have been prepared and rounded to the nearest £ sterling and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (Charities SORP (FRS 102) second edition), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The principal accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied in the presentation of the financial statements except where noted.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102). The charity is a company limited by guarantee. Details of the registered office are provided on page 3.

At the time of preparing these accounts the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The figures in the financial statements are prepared in Sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

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Donated services and gifts in kind

Donated professional services and gifts in kind are recognised as income when the charity has entitlement, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably.

On receipt, donated professional services and gifts in kind are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Expenditure

Expenditure (including VAT) is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. The charity is not able to reclaim VAT incurred on its expenditure.

Charitable expenditure comprises direct expenses incurred on the defined charitable purposes of the charity. Grants are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which the award is made.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets are recognised in the balance sheet at a valuation determined by the Directors. Professional valuations of the archive occur on a periodic basis and the Directors review the carrying value in the intervening periods. No depreciation has been provided as the assets are carried at valuation.

The Archive's Heritage assets includes Gold bars. These Gold bars are considered as a distinct class of asset which are held at historic cost. All other heritage assets are based on the latest valuation determined by the Directors.

Any gifts of archive assets are treated as heritage assets and included at valuation.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the market value. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

Fund accounting

The unrestricted funds comprise those monies which may be used towards meeting the charitable objects of the charity at the discretion of the Directors.

The restricted funds comprise those monies subject to donor-imposed conditions.

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The endowment fund comprises those inalienable heritage assets and funds that have been donated to the charity subject to the restriction that they must be held as capital and used towards meeting the charitable objects of the charity.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when the entity has an obligation to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Significant judgements

The Directors consider that the most significant judgement area in the application of the accounting policies is the valuation of heritage assets which is set out in note 6.

Notes to the financial statements

(forming part of the financial statements)

2. Income and endowments

a. Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Monetary donations	30,000	-	-	30,000
Donated gifts and services	-	1,520,304	6,608	1,526,912
	30,000	1,520,304	6,608	1,556,912
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Monetary donations	-	3,546	-	3,546
Donated gifts and service	-	1,504,576	827,890	2,332,466
	-	1,508,122	827,890	2,336,012

The donated gifts and services were applied to the activities of the charity as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Running costs of the charity at valuation	1,520,304	1,504,576
Tangible fixed asset additions at valuation	6,608	827,890
	1,526,912	2,332,466

b. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Listed investments:		
UK fixed interest income	12,531	3,747
UK dividend income	10,429	16,896
Overseas equities	18,666	15,461
Unlisted investments:		
UK Gilt interest	3,110	731
	44,736	36,835
Bank interest	-	6
	44,736	36,841

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3. Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Investment management fees	-	39,357	-	39,357

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Investment management fees	-	38,096	-	38,096

4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank charges / Interest	(1,324)	-	-	(1,324)
Bursaries awarded to individuals	-	-	-	-
Biography costs	-	-	-	-
Audit and accountancy	15,930	-	-	15,930
Donated services	-	1,520,304	-	1,520,304
	14,606	1,520,304	-	1,534,910

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	(631)	-	-	(631)
Bursaries awarded to individuals	4,011	-	-	4,011
Legal and professional	-	10,984	-	10,984
Audit and accountancy	20,148	-	-	20,148
Donated services	-	1,504,575	-	1,504,575
	23,528	1,515,559	-	1,539,087

Donated services include an estimate of the value of services, offices, archive storage and staff time received.

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Amounts payable to the auditor were as follows:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Audit fee (excluding VAT)	14,465	-	-	14,465	14,340
Audit fee - underprovision	-	-	-	-	2,450
	14,465	-	-	14,465	16,790

5. Staff costs and directors' remuneration

No staff are employed by the charity and day-to-day operations are carried out by employees of N M Rothschild & Sons Limited. The costs of those employees, who are not considered to be key management personnel, are included as donated income and in the donated services expense in the statement of financial activities.

No emoluments or expenses were paid to the Directors during the year in respect of their services to the charity (2023: Nil).

Other than the related party transactions disclosed in this note and note 13, there were no related party transactions in the year.

6. Heritage assets

	2024	2023
Cost/valuation	£	£
At 1 April	21,377,507	20,549,617
Additions during the year	6,608	827,890
At 31 March	21,384,115	21,377,507

The charity holds an archive collection comprising books, letters, volumes, manuscripts, other papers, chattels and artefacts which are or were previously in the ownership of the Rothschild family or Rothschild family businesses (the "Archive"). The Archive collections occupy approximately 2,650 linear metres of shelving. A professional valuation of the Archive was performed by L & J Gull Fine Arts in December 2017 which was based on replacement value and ascribed an uplift in value of £2,559,268. All subsequent additions are included at cost or, in the case of items donated, at valuation. The Directors are of the opinion that the carrying value of the Archive as at 31 March 2024 is a valid approximation of fair value

Gold bars with a book value of £275,472 are also included in heritage assets. These gold bars are representative of those produced at the Royal Mint Refinery, a business operated by N M Rothschild & Sons Limited from 1852 to 1968. At 31 March 2024, the market value of the gold in these bars was £2,248,635 (2023: £2,024,204).

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Heritage assets are acquired through purchase or donation or other legal means with due diligence conducted to ensure the provenance and authenticity of the assets. Regular maintenance and conservation efforts are undertaken to ensure the longevity of the assets. The assets are managed by qualified personnel and a comprehensive inventory of all heritage assets is maintained. Access to heritage assets is controlled to prevent damage and ensure security.

The charity seeks to encourage and develop increased access to the Archives by the academic community and to make them more widely available by publication, exhibition and electronic distribution. The charity rarely disposes of any of these assets. A detailed register of the assets held by the Archive is kept by the Charity.

The Archive is open to bona fide researchers by appointment only Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). Archive material dated post 1945 is generally not available to researchers.

Five-year financial summary of transactions relating to heritage assets:

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations at valuation	6,608	827,890	1,658,038	45,097	30,335
Total additions	6,608	827,890	1,658,038	45,097	30,335

There have been no disposals of heritage assets in any of the last five accounting periods and no impairment has been considered necessary.

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7. Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 April	4,643,680	4,844,455
Additions at cost	320,261	1,129,412
Sale proceeds from disposals	(342,703)	(1,196,425)
Realised and unrealised gains/(losses)	563,178	(163,379)
Net cash movements	28,247	29,617
At 31 March	5,212,663	4,643,680

Investments comprise:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Listed investments:		
UK fixed interest securities	481,371	522,322
UK equities and equity funds	722,112	635,666
Overseas equities and equity funds	2,723,601	2,392,980
Hedge funds	671,493	509,250
Money market	198,443	147,182
Other	415,643	436,280
	5,212,663	4,643,680
Historical cost	3,563,501	3,519,256

8. Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and other creditors	32,358	87,208
	32,358	87,208

9. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 April 2023	Cash flows	Foreign exchange movements	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	436,066	(39,882)	(3,770)	392,414
Total	436,066	(39,882)	(3,770)	392,414

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10. Funds

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenses	Revaluation of investments	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	19,674	30,000	(14,606)	-	35,068
Restricted funds:					
Scientists project	23,088	-	-	-	23,088
Archive	5,615,195	1,561,270	(1,559,661)	563,178	6,179,982
Endowment fund (permanent endowment)	20,712,088	6,608	-	-	20,718,696
	26,370,045	1,597,878	(1,574,267)	563,178	26,956,834

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenses	Revaluation of investments	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	43,202	-	(23,528)	-	19,674
Restricted funds:					
Scientists project	23,088	-	-	-	23,088
Archive	5,782,232	1,549,997	(1,553,655)	(163,379)	5,615,195
Endowment fund (permanent endowment)	19,884,198	827,890	-	-	20,712,088
	25,732,720	2,377,887	(1,577,183)	(163,379)	26,370,045

There is an agreement in place whereby all income from various parts of the Rothschild business and family is treated as restricted and is to be utilised in maintaining the Archive in the event of the Rothschild business withdrawing support.

The endowment fund comprises those inalienable heritage assets and funds that have been donated to the charity subject to the restriction that they must be held as capital and used towards meeting the charitable objects of the charity.

The final tranche of funding for the Rothschild Scientists project will be applied when recruitment and supervision of an archivist to catalogue material at the Natural History Museum is possible.

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11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Heritage assets	-	665,419	20,718,696	21,384,115
Investments	-	5,212,663	-	5,212,663
Current assets	52,426	339,988	-	392,414
Liabilities	(17,358)	(15,000)	-	(32,358)
At 31 March 2024	35,068	6,203,070	20,718,696	26,956,834
	£	£	£	£
<i>Heritage assets</i>	-	665,419	20,712,088	21,377,507
<i>Investments</i>	-	4,643,680	-	4,643,680
<i>Current assets</i>	36,882	399,184	-	436,066
<i>Liabilities</i>	(17,208)	(70,000)	-	(87,208)
At 31 March 2023	19,674	5,638,283	20,712,088	26,370,045

12. Liability of members

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

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13. Transactions with related parties

Related parties are defined in the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities and include trustees, families of trustees and entities with which trustees have a significant interest in or significant influence over.

Amounts recognised in the Balance Sheet are as follows:

		2024	2023
		£	£
Rothschild & Co Bank International Limited	Cash and cash equivalents	392,414	436,066
NM Rothschild & Sons Limited	Other creditors	-	(30,000)
		392,414	406,066

Rothschild & Co Wealth Management (UK) Limited manages the Archive's investments of which further information can be found in notes 2b and 7.

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities were as follows:

		2024	2023
		£	£
Rothschild & Co Wealth Management (UK) Limited	Investment management fees paid	(39,357)	(38,096)
NM Rothschild & Sons Limited	Monetary donation	30,000	-
NM Rothschild & Sons Limited	Donated services	1,520,304	1,504,576
		1,510,947	1,466,480

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14. Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations	-	1,508,122	827,890	2,336,012
Investments	-	36,841	-	36,841
	-	1,544,963	827,890	2,372,853
Expenditure:				
Raising funds	-	38,096	-	38,096
Charitable activities	23,528	1,515,559	-	1,539,087
	23,528	1,553,655	-	1,577,183
Net (losses)/gains on investments	-	(163,379)	-	(163,379)
FX (losses)/gains	-	5,034	-	5,034
Net income/(expenditure)	(23,528)	(167,037)	827,890	637,325
Total funds brought forward	43,202	5,805,320	19,884,198	25,732,720
Total funds carried forward	19,674	5,638,283	20,712,088	26,370,045

