

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025
FOR
JAMES MADISON CHARITABLE TRUST**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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JAMES MADISON CHARITABLE TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The purposes of the Charity are set out in its governing document. The objects of the charity are to support and promote studies of federal government whether within or among states, including studies of procedures that may lead towards the establishment of such government, and to support or promote education and dissemination of knowledge of these subjects.

Significant activities

The trustees meet or communicate electronically to decide on all matters involving the government of the Trust including instructions to the Trust's investment managers and the approval of grants for new projects, except where the Trustees from time to time delegate such decisions to two or more Trustees in committee, as set out in the Trust Deed.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Continuing projects supported

During the year we have continued support for the following projects.

Dr Paolo Dardanelli of University of Kent has continued his work on "Why Centralisation and Decentralisation in Federations?", an international collaborative project that seeks to measure long-term de/centralisation dynamics in federal systems and account for the patterns observed.

Paul Copeland of Queen Mary's University London and Rachel Minto of Cardiff University completed their project on Civil Society and European Networks in a post-devolution UK: Governance for Equality and Social Justice after Brexit. Their report is here: (<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/mei/research-projects/the-uk-joint-committee-on-women-project/>)

The University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES)'s project "Future proofing the study of Europe in the UK after Brexit." established an Ideas on Europe blog site: <https://eufutures.ideason europe.eu> and published a working paper on "Understanding EU legal integration/ disintegration: in search of new perspectives": <https://openaccess.city.ac.uk/id/eprint/29601/>

They also held two masterclasses online via Zoom.

Professor Neophytos Loizides of the University of Warwick completed his project on "New Federations: IDPs and Durable Solutions to Displacement in Federal Systems."

Dr Paul Anderson of Liverpool John Moores University; project on "Levelling Up English Devolution" conducted interviews with 52 officials from mayoral authorities, civil servants, government ministers and stakeholders.

In the project "Assessing the UK's new intergovernmental relations architecture post-Brexit: the case of EU policy" Dr. Carolyn Rowe of Aston University, Dr. Rachel Minto of Cardiff University and Dr. Elin Royles of Aberystwyth University interviewed practitioners from Scottish, Welsh and UK governments. They presented a paper to the 2nd Conference of the "Intergovernmental Coordination from Local to European Governance (IGCOORD)" network: <https://igcoord.eu/activities/conferences/>

Melis Kirtilli of Exeter University's project on "Taking Back Control: Decentralised Federalism and the Legacy of Anarchist Thought in Federal Studies" collected papers for a special issue of Publius: The Journal of Federalism.

New projects

We publicised our grant-making through several international academic networks and received ten new applications. We awarded grants for the following.

A book on "The UK Regulatory Framework post-Brexit: 'Law Unbound' edited by Prof Paul Craig of Oxford University & Dr Viliya Velyvyte of Reading University.

A project on "From Barracks to Brussels: How NATO membership enhances public support for EU Integration" by Professor Eyal Rubinson of Ariel University, Israel.

A project by Josephine Harmon, Assistant Professor at Northeastern University on "Prospects and Challenges for EU Federalism".

A project by Dr Jonathan Arlow of Liverpool University and Dr S. Harikrishnan of Dublin City University on "Structuring Representation in a United Ireland: Federal models".

Investments

Trustees continue happy with our investment managers, Quilter Cheviot with our money invested in their Global Income and Growth Fund for Charities. Trustees have been content with the performance of this fund and consider that our resources are well managed.

Governance

JAMES MADISON CHARITABLE TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We re-elected the same trustees and officers as the previous year. We began preparations for the recruitment of new trustees to assure the future governance of the trust.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The charity has been able to fund the initiation of so many new projects and achieve the aims of the charity.

Grants made have facilitated scholarly publications and enabled the organisation of conferences and workshops exploring the aspects of federalism set out in the charity's objectives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Quilter Cheviot have managed the investments since 2021. The funds are invested in their Global Income and Growth Fund for Charities which is diversified both geographically and by sector.

The year to 5 April 2025 ended with volatile markets largely caused by US tariff uncertainties. Our investments showed a small capital loss of 2.5 % , more than offset by income of 2.7%.

The trustees are happy with the investment managers .

The charity maintains at least £70,000 of cash with CAF bank , representing around three years of normal expenditure.

Reserves policy

All reserves are available for distribution for qualifying grants as approved by the trustees at regular meetings.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Organisational structure

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated charity, established by Trust Deed. The governing document of the charity is the Trust Deed establishing the charity.

The governing document is dated 20 April 2000.

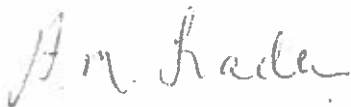
There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

The trustees are all individuals.

Induction and training of new trustees

The Trust has a strong board of Trustees but is continuing to seek new Trustees to reinforce its administrative and academic skills. New Trustees are sought through recommendation and external contacts and also by a notice on the Trust's website.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



A M Sladen - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF JAMES MADISON CHARITABLE TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of James Madison Charitable Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of James Madison Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust 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 applicable 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.

W. Croucher

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Date: 13 October 2025

JAMES MADISON CHARITABLE TRUST

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

		2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Investment income	2	29,661	26,738
Other income		559	593
Total		30,220	27,331
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities			
Charitable activities		7,275	21,045
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(20,762)	76,774
NET INCOME		2,183	83,060
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		972,491	889,431
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		974,674	972,491

The notes form part of these financial statements

JAMES MADISON CHARITABLE TRUST**BALANCE SHEET****5 APRIL 2025**

		2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	Notes		
Investments	5	881,594	902,357
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		94,340	71,334
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,260)	(1,200)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>93,080</u>	<u>70,134</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>974,674</u>	<u>972,491</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>974,674</u>	<u>972,491</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	7	974,674	972,491
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>974,674</u>	<u>972,491</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



A M Sladen - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other fixed asset invest - FII	28,219	25,553
Deposit account interest	1,442	1,185
	<u>29,661</u>	<u>26,738</u>

JAMES MADISON CHARITABLE TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025****3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2025 nor for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Trustees' expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>110</u>	<u>1,004</u>

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Investment income	26,738
Other income	593
Total	<u>27,331</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Charitable activities	<u>21,045</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>76,774</u>
NET INCOME	83,060
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	889,431
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>972,491</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 6 April 2024	902,357
Disposals	(20,763)
At 5 April 2025	881,594
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 5 April 2025	881,594
At 5 April 2024	902,357

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 5 April 2025 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2025	(24,452)
Cost	906,046
	881,594

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	1,260	1,200

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5/4/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	972,491	2,183	974,674
TOTAL FUNDS	972,491	2,183	974,674

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	30,220	(7,275)	(20,762)	2,183
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>30,220</u>	<u>(7,275)</u>	<u>(20,762)</u>	<u>2,183</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5/4/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	889,431	83,060	972,491
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>889,431</u>	<u>83,060</u>	<u>972,491</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	27,331	(21,045)	76,774	83,060
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>27,331</u>	<u>(21,045)</u>	<u>76,774</u>	<u>83,060</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 6/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5/4/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	889,431	85,243	974,674
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>889,431</u>	<u>85,243</u>	<u>974,674</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	57,551	(28,320)	56,012	85,243
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>57,551</u>	<u>(28,320)</u>	<u>56,012</u>	<u>85,243</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 5 April 2025.

JAMES MADISON CHARITABLE TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Investment income		
Other fixed asset invest - FII	28,219	25,553
Deposit account interest	1,442	1,185
	<u>29,661</u>	<u>26,738</u>
Other income		
Royalties from intellectual property rights	559	593
	<u>559</u>	<u>593</u>
Total incoming resources	30,220	27,331
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' expenses	110	1,004
Website development	260	250
Conferences	-	7,453
Grants to institutions	5,500	11,173
	<u>5,870</u>	<u>19,880</u>
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	85	85
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,320	1,080
	<u>1,320</u>	<u>1,080</u>
Total resources expended	7,275	21,045
Net income before gains and losses	22,945	6,286
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Unrealised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	(20,762)	76,774
	<u>(20,762)</u>	<u>76,774</u>
Net income	2,183	83,060

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements