

Reading Real Estate Foundation
Charity Number 1092627
Company Number 04347140
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 July 2024

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**Reading Real Estate Foundation
Charity information**

For the Year ended 31 July 2024

Trustees

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Mr P Allen

Mr D Atkins

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Mr S Lancaster

Mr B Laxton (until June 2024)

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Directors and Trustees' Report

The trustees of Reading Real Estate Foundation ('the charity') present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Structure and legal status

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission and is also a private company limited by guarantee. It was registered on 4 January 2002 in England and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The exemptions for small companies have been taken in relation to the strategic and trustees' report. Each member of the charity's liability is limited to £1 in the event of winding up. The sole member is currently the University of Reading ('the University'). The names of the members of the Council of the University can be obtained from its financial statements. Details about the trust are disclosed on page 3.

The trustees, who are also directors for company law purposes, are listed on page 3. As set out in the articles of association, new trustees may be appointed by an ordinary resolution of members or by a decision of the trustees. They have no fixed term of appointment. They receive a copy of 'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know' and receive a copy of the charity's memorandum and articles of association. The University has the right to nominate a majority of the trustees. None of the trustees held any disclosable interest in the charity.

The combined annual report includes the Directors' Report as required by company law and the Trustees' Report.

Objectives and aims

The objective of the charity is the advancement of education in the art and science of real estate at the University.

The aims of the charity are:

- to strengthen the links between the Department of Real Estate and Planning at the University and the Real Estate industry through an active and engaged alumni community;
- to support the department and the industry in widening participation to Real Estate programmes;
- to help support and develop the quality of real estate education at the University; and
- to help maintain the position of the University as a centre of excellence for real estate education and research and to raise awareness of this worldwide.

The strategic approach to achieving these aims is led by the Board of Trustees made up of representatives from the real estate industry, Henley Business School and the University of Reading. Through close collaboration with the

Department of Real Estate & Planning and through the Board of Trustees' subcommittees, which are run by volunteers who are leaders in the industry, the charity develops and delivers activities that serve the purpose of enhancing education and research and strengthening links with the industry.

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Operation of the charity

The Board of Trustees meets three times per year to oversee the running of the charity. The Management Group meet more regularly to conduct the business of the charity. The Management Group comprises the Executive Director to November 2023, Jean-Pierre Choulet, who has general oversight of the charity and Kerry Johnston who leads the charity on a day-to-day basis, and who took on the role of Executive Director in November 2023.

A budget is set for each academic year setting out the income and expenditure targets for the charity, including specific targets for certain projects. The income budget is broken down by type of income (i.e., fundraising and events), whilst the expenditure budget includes specific targets for areas such as bursaries & awards, student activities, research and academic support and events. These targets are presented to the Board of Trustees at the start of the academic year with progress updates provided at each meeting.

The Management Group meets regularly to:

- monitor income, expenditure and targets for the year;
- ensure financial performance is in line with the agreed delivery plan;
- ensure that best practice guidelines are achieved as agreed by the Board of Trustees; and
- ensure that Charity Commission standards are complied with

The Management Group keeps overheads and expenses not directly related to a particular event or educational activity to a minimum.

Policy for awarding grants, scholarships and bursaries

The charity awards grants, scholarships, and bursaries to students of the Department of Real Estate and Planning at the University. The Disbursement Committee meets at least twice a year to review applications and to award funds. Applications are carefully reviewed according to agreed guidelines. Awards adhere to levels for each individual agreed with the Board of Trustees. In academic year 2023/24 the Committee was chaired by Kerry Johnston and key staff from the Department of Real Estate & Planning.

Political donations

The charity made no political donations in the current or previous year.

Sources of funding

The charity receives funding from corporate sponsors and patrons as well as individual donors including alumni. It also generates income from fundraising events.

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Directors and Trustees' Report (continued)

Review of activities and financial performance

The charity recorded a net loss of £140,383 for the year to 31 July 2024 (2023: gain of £172,727) against a forecast deficit of £70k, which was primarily attributable to a payment to HMRC of approximately £42k, and lower than forecast donation income.

Total income for the year was £629,501 (2023: £756,501) which included a donation of £104,886 from the University (£91,361 in respect of staff salaries and £13,525 in respect of rent).

Income from grants and donations decreased by £170k. This is due to a one-off donation from Barton Wilmore in the previous year (£35k), reduced support to the Pathway to Property project by approx. £60k, and a number of other donations ending year 2022/23 (approx. £60k).

There was low income (£385) received from activities for generating funds, such as events in the period (2023: nil). A review of engagement activities is currently underway by the Management Group, the review has been launched in response to the change in individual behaviours following the pandemic. An Engagement Manager has been appointed (June 2024) to focus on increasing engagement with the charity.

Total expenditure for the year was £769,884 (2023: £583,774). The increase was primarily attributed to a planned increase in charitable activities (research £18k, student funding £50k, Pathways to Property £53k) and a VAT payment to HMRC of approximately £42k.

The Management Group constantly review activity in the real estate industry in order to assess any potential risks and are able to adjust expenditure/commitments as appropriate.

To further the objectives of the charity as outlined on page 4, the charity continued to deliver on key initiatives such as the Mentoring Programme with support from alumni and professionals in the real estate and planning industry. The charity also continued to support activities such as Mock Assessment Days, alongside the annual Real Estate and Planning Careers Fair and evening lecture series. This has contributed to the continuing development of the curriculum and the ongoing ability of the University to produce highly employable Real Estate and Planning graduates. During the year, the charity continued to

support an initiative focused on resilience to support students in the area of mental health.

The charity continues to build on the successful Pathways to Property project in partnership with over 30 real estate firms, with the objective of widening access to the Real Estate industry and raising awareness of Real Estate as a profession and subject of study. In July 2024, 141 students (2023: 109 students) participated in the twelfth Pathways to Property Summer School. The face-to-face Summer School took place at the University of Reading, and included taster lectures, site visits, a meet the industry event, careers advice and university life sessions as well as a group project and final presentations to industry supporters. In addition to the Summer School, the Foundation delivered 5 regional Insight Days for students looking to understand this future career path.

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Financial position and reserves

The charity had net current assets of £1,277,281 at 31 July 2024 (2023: £1,417,664). The amount owed to the charity by the University at 31 July 2024 was £1,375,370 (2023: £1,450,646).

The trustees aim to retain a reserve for committed costs, such as the ongoing provision of bursaries and awards, and for protection against fluctuations in income. A period of twelve months has been adopted as an appropriate minimum level of reserves.

The total reserves of the charity at 31 July 2024 were £1,277,281 (2023: £1,417,664). This included restricted funds of £945,958 (2023: £1,058,518) in respect of Pathways to Property, the George Fiennes Bursary and other restricted donations. Unrestricted funds totalled £331,323 (2023: £359,146).

Public benefit

The trustees of the charity have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. All charities must have charitable purposes and apply them for the public benefit. The charity's core charitable purpose is to support and develop the quality of real estate education and research at the University. Key activities in the year to ensure the delivery of core objectives included:

- the provision of bursaries to students in financial need and grants to students suffering hardship;
- events to strengthen the link between industry and the Department of Real Estate and Planning;
- organising seminars and a series of evening lectures in which industry speakers gave students insight into the real estate industry and

- prevailing market issues;
- expanding the membership of the charity's mentoring scheme network through which members are encouraged to offer expert advice and guidance to students;
- raising awareness of real estate as a profession to a wider audience of school and college pupils in state schools.

Fundraising

The charity has a fundraising strategy aimed at delivering its fundraising targets through different streams of income, mainly corporate fundraising and individual fundraising. Funds raised during the year (excluding donations from the University) totalled £452,496 against a target of £592,400 and the previous year's total of £602,639.

Fundraising activities are carried out by professional fundraisers within the charity and by volunteers managed by the charity. No commercial participators are engaged. The charity does not undertake any mass fundraising activities aimed at the general public. Individuals approached for fundraising purposes are typically already engaged with the charity and are under no undue pressure to donate. During the year over 451 volunteers (2023: 439) assisted the charity in its fundraising and mentoring efforts by providing generally several hours of service each.

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The individual heading the charity's fundraising function in 2023/24, under the management of the charity's Executive Director, was a member of the Institute of Fundraising and holds a Certificate in Fundraising awarded by the Institute of Fundraising.

The internal fundraising function of the charity is under the management of the charity's Executive Director.

No complaints were received by the charity in respect of fundraising during the year.

Risk management

The trustees give due consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The loss of funding from major corporate patrons is the main risk which would reduce the charity's income. To alleviate this risk, the charity continually uses the alumni sub-boards and committees to drive activities forward and to recruit supporters and sponsors. The charity continues to improve its engagement

activity in order to continue drawing in funding, and sponsorships.

Plans for future periods

The charity plans to continue with the current student initiatives and bursary funding. Alongside this, the management team is currently reviewing potential areas of future support and funding in the areas of teaching & learning, research initiatives and international opportunities for students.

The Pathways to Property Project Board is currently reviewing the impact of project activity following the expansion of the reach of the project through Regional Insight Days and an enhanced online programme. A focus for the project is to increase the number of students going on to study or work in property after attending the Summer School and Insight Days, and to develop a community of students who have been through the programme in order that they may support each other as they enter the industry.

More broadly, the charity is developing opportunities to engage with smaller organisations and start-ups, both financially and through volunteering, in order to ensure it can adapt its activities and stay relevant to a changing industry.

Going Concern

The charity has significant unrestricted reserves accumulated from historical surpluses and it has net current assets. The trustees do not believe that any material uncertainties exist as to the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Reading Real Estate Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law 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 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 trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- 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 trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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 of disclosure of information to auditor

The trustees who held office at the date of approval of this report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and each trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a trustee to make him/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and Forvis Mazars will therefore continue in office.

Approved for issue by the Board of Trustees.



Professor Peter Miskell
Director and Trustee (Chair)
5 December 2024

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Reading Real Estate Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Reading Real Estate Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 July 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account), the Balance Sheet, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 state of the charity's affairs as at 31 July 2024 and of 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 requirements of 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 charity 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 charity'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 other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report and Financial Statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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 trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of charity 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.

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In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 the financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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.

Based on our understanding of the charity and its industry, we considered that non-compliance with the following laws and regulations might have a material

effect on the financial statements: employment regulation, health and safety regulation, pensions regulations and anti-money laundering regulation.

To help us identify instances of non-compliance with these laws and regulations, and in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect to non-compliance, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Inquiring of management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance, as to whether the charity is in compliance with laws and regulations, and discussing their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Inspecting correspondence, if any, with relevant licensing or regulatory authorities;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations to the engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the charity which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the preparation of the financial statements, such as tax legislation, pension legislation, the Charities' SORP, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

In addition, we evaluated the trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of management override of controls, and determined that the principal risks related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in

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significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to, revenue recognition (which we pinpointed to the cut-off assertion).

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the trustees and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery,

intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

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

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the charity'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 charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Richard Bott (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Forvis Mazars LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
90 Victoria Street, Bristol BS1 6DP

Date 5 December 2024

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Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)

For the Year ended 31 July 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 (Note 17) £
Income					
Grants and donations	3	306,775	250,607	557,382	727,740
Charitable activities	4	385	-	385	-
Interest receivable	5	71,734	-	71,734	28,761
Total income		378,894	250,607	629,501	756,501
Expenditure					
Raising funds	6	833	-	833	108
Charitable activities	7	330,435	339,666	670,101	547,603
Other expenditure	8	75,449	23,501	98,950	36,063
Total expenditure		406,717	363,167	769,884	583,774
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		(27,823)	(112,560)	(140,383)	172,727
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		359,146	1,058,518	1,417,664	1,244,937
Total funds carried forward		331,323	945,958	1,277,281	1,417,664

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All items of income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.

Reading Real Estate Foundation**Company Number 04347140****Balance sheet as at 31 July 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	10	1,417,093	1,453,835
Cash at bank and in hand		700	14,020
		<hr/> 1,417,793	<hr/> 1,467,855
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(140,512)	(50,191)
		<hr/> 1,277,281	<hr/> 1,417,664
Net current assets being total assets less current liabilities, being net assets			
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds	12	945,958	1,058,518
Unrestricted funds	13	331,323	359,146
		<hr/> 1,277,281	<hr/> 1,417,664
Total charity funds			

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – small entities.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 14 to 27 were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Professor Peter Miskell
Director and Trustee (Chair)

5 December 2024

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Notes to the financial statements

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) effective from 1 January 2019, *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (FRS 102) and the *Companies Act 2006*.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102, is incorporated in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. There are currently thirteen Trustees. The sole member of the company is the University. Each member's liability in the event of winding up is limited to £1. The charity is a registered charity. The registered office is given on page 3.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value. The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which the trustees believe to be appropriate.

A summary of the primary accounting policies is set out below:

a. Income

Income is recognised when the charity is entitled to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grant income is recognised when the charity is entitled to the funds and any performance-related conditions have been met. Income received in advance of performance-related conditions is deferred on the balance sheet and released in line with such conditions being met.

Donation income is a type of non-exchange transaction without performance-related conditions. Donations are recognised as income when the charity is entitled to the funds. Where donations have donor-imposed restrictions, they are recognised as income when the charity is entitled to the funds and the income is retained within a restricted reserve until such time as it is utilised in line with the restrictions. The charity takes an exemption from providing the names of grant recipients, and the amounts of such grants, during the lifetime of the settlor who donated the funds from which the grants are paid, or during the lifetime of any spouse or civil partner of the settlor.

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, 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 donated facilities 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. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), time given by volunteers is not recognised as income.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Income received in advance for specific events is deferred until the time of the event.

Interest receivable is credited to the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis.

b. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Where possible, expenditure is allocated to the fundraising or charitable activity to which it relates. Staff costs are included within expenditure on charitable activities since most of their time is spent on these activities. Other support costs which assist the work of the charity but do not directly relate to identifiable charitable activities are classified as other expenditure.

Short-term employment benefits such as salaries and compensated absences are recognised as an expense in the period in which the employees render service to the charity. Any unused benefits are accrued and measured as the additional amount the charity expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement.

Contributions to defined contribution pension schemes are recognised as an expense in the period during which services are rendered by employees. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as accruals in the balance sheet.

Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the benefit obligation at the reporting date.

c. Tax

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 of 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 of 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.

The charity is partially exempt in respect of Value Added Tax, so that it can only recover a minor element of VAT charged on its inputs. Irrecoverable VAT on inputs is included in the costs of such inputs.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

d. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available to spend on activities that further the objectives of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by either the donor or by the terms of an appeal for funds. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

e. Financial instruments

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account. Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

f. Liabilities

A liability is recognised where the charity has a present obligation to act or perform in a particular way. The obligation may be either a legal obligation or a constructive obligation. Where there is uncertainty over the amount or timing of a liability, it is classified as a provision. All other liabilities are classified as creditors.

2. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing financial statements, judgements have to be made in determining the most appropriate methods of applying the charity's accounting policies to the economic transactions which arise during the year. It is also necessary to make assumptions about the future in determining the values of assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees believe there are no areas where critical accounting judgements are required and there are no areas of estimation uncertainty.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3. Income from grants and donations

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Corporate gifts	500	-	500
Pathways to Property	-	222,641	222,641
George Fiennes bursaries	-	-	-
P Byrne Fund	-	300	300
David Robins Town & Country Planning Research	-	-	-
Barton Willmore Bursary	-	-	-
Derwent Bursary	-	5,000	5,000
Helical Bursary	-	-	-
Keith Elliot Bursary	-	5,000	5,000
Michael Keidan Bursary	-	-	-
The John Miles Memorial Scholarship Fund	-	17,666	17,666
Donations from the University	104,886	-	104,886
Other donations	200,389	-	200,389
Awards and grant contributions	1,000	-	1,000
	306,775	250,607	557,382
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Corporate gifts	13,500	-	13,500
Pathways to Property	-	286,426	286,426
George Fiennes bursaries	-	37,422	37,422
P Byrne Fund	-	323	323
David Robins Town & Country Planning Research	-	6,250	6,250
Barton Willmore Bursary	-	35,000	35,000
Derwent Bursary	-	10,000	10,000
Helical Bursary	-	5,000	5,000
Keith Elliot Bursary	-	5,000	5,000
Michael Keidan Bursary	-	5,000	5,000
The John Miles Memorial Scholarship Fund	-	21,909	21,909
Donations from the University	125,101	-	125,101
Other donations	175,298	-	175,298
Awards and grant contributions	1,511	-	1,511
	315,410	412,330	727,740

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3. Income from grants and donations (continued)

More information on these is provided in note 12. Income from grants and donations includes restricted income in relation to the Pathways to Property initiative and other donations. The charity has not received any government grants (2023: nil).

The charity benefits greatly from the involvement and support of its volunteers. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the financial statements.

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestrict ed funds 2024 £	Unrestrict ed funds 2023 £
Breakfast forums	385	-
	<u>385</u>	<u>-</u>

5. Interest receivable

	Unrestrict ed funds 2024 £	Unrestrict ed funds 2023 £
Interest received from the University	71,734	28,761

The charity operates a pooled banking arrangement with the University and receives interest on the funds held on its behalf by the University. The interest rate is based on the return achieved by the University on short-term deposits.

6. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestrict ed funds 2023 £
Breakfast forums	833	108
	<u>833</u>	<u>108</u>

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7. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grant awards and bursaries to individuals	148,360	-	148,360
Student and graduate events	4,672	-	4,672
Research funding	19,761	-	19,761
Pathways to Property	-	132,211	132,211
George Fiennes bursaries	-	5,000	5,000
P Byrne Fund	-	2,006	2,006
David Robins Town & Country Planning	-	1,475	1,475
Research	-	5,000	5,000
Keith Elliot Bursary	-	5,000	5,000
Michael Keidan Bursary	-	7,392	7,392
The John Miles Memorial Scholarship	-	10,000	10,000
Derwent Bursary	157,642	171,582	329,224
Staff costs			
	330,435	339,666	670,101

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grant awards and bursaries to individuals	114,886	-	114,886
Student and graduate events	7,805	-	7,805
Research funding	1,494	-	1,494
Pathways to Property	-	94,783	94,783
George Fiennes bursaries	-	10,502	10,502
P Byrne Fund	-	1,008	1,008
David Robins Town & Country Planning	-	993	993
Research	-	(4)	(4)
Keith Elliot Bursary	-	4,166	4,166
The John Miles Memorial Scholarship	-		
Pathways to Property staff costs	-	151,185	151,185
David Robins Town & Country Planning			
Research	-	364	364
Fund			

Staff costs	157,939	-	157,939
Other	2,482	-	2,482
	<u>284,606</u>	<u>262,997</u>	<u>547,603</u>

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7. Expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Grant awards and bursaries to students in financial need are a key part of the activities of the charity and aim to widen access to learning and research in real estate and planning at the University.

The support and governance costs of the Charity are borne by the University, and it is not practical to allocate these costs across the activities of the Charity.

8. Other expenditure

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Finance charge from the University	35,284	27,550
Auditor's remuneration - auditing of financial statements	3,951	3,828
Rental charge	13,525	13,525
Other	46,190	(8,840)
	<u>98,950</u>	<u>36,063</u>

9. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

	2024 £	2023 £
<i>Staff costs</i>		
Salaries and wages	277,383	254,121
Social security costs	23,873	22,759
Pension costs	27,970	32,608
	<u>329,226</u>	<u>309,488</u>

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023: nil employees).

The average staff headcount was 19 (2023: 21).

The average staff FTE was 8 (2023: 9).

The trustees were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2023: £nil). There was one reimbursement of travel expenses (£101.70) during the year (2023: £nil). No trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: £nil). The trustees are considered to be the key management personnel of the charity.

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10. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	37,219	3,189
Other debtors	4,504	-
Amounts due from the University	1,375,370	1,450,646
Taxation and social security	-	-
	<u>1,417,093</u>	<u>1,453,835</u>

All debtors are due within one year. The amounts due from the University are repayable on demand and attract interest at the rate the University obtains for short term deposits.

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued expenditure	76,980	8,441
Deferred income	63,308	41,750
Taxation and social security	224	-
	<u>140,512</u>	<u>50,191</u>

The movements in deferred income during the period were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 August	41,750	10,000
Utilised	(22,750)	(10,000)
Income received in advance	44,307	41,750
At 31 July	<u>63,307</u>	<u>41,750</u>

Both the prior year and current year balances relate to donations received.

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12. Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 1 August 2023	Incomin g resourc es £	Resourc es expende d £	Balance at 31 July 2024 £
Pathways to Property	882,725	222,640	(320,198)	785,167
George Fiennes Bursary	28,243	-	(5,000)	23,243
REP Innovation Fund	28,110	-	(246)	27,864
David Robins Town & Country	38,429	-	(8,326)	30,103
P Byrne Fund	3,266	300	(2,006)	1,560
The John Miles Memorial	17,745	17,667	(7,391)	28,021
Scholarship	35,000	-	-	35,000
Barton Willmore Bursary	10,000	5,000	(10,000)	5,000
Derwent Bursary	5,000	-	-	5,000
Helical Bursary	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	5,000
Keith Elliot Bursary	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Michael Keidan Bursary				
	1,058,518	250,607	(363,167)	945,958

	Balance at 1 August 2022	Incomin g resourc es £	Resourc es expende d £	Balance at 31 July 2023 £
Pathways to Property	864,073	286,426	(267,774)	882,725
George Fiennes Bursary	1,321	37,422	(10,500)	28,243
REP Innovation Fund	28,110	-	-	28,110
David Robins Town & Country	33,535	6,250	(1,356)	38,429
P Byrne Fund	3,952	322	(1,008)	3,266
The John Miles Memorial	-	21,910	(4,165)	17,745
Scholarship	-	35,000	-	35,000
Barton Willmore Bursary	-	10,000	-	10,000
Derwent Bursary	-	5,000	-	5,000
Helical Bursary	-	5,000	-	5,000
Keith Elliot Bursary	-	5,000	-	5,000
Michael Keidan Bursary				
	930,991	412,330	(284,803)	1,058,518

Pathways to Property is an initiative which aims to encourage Year 12

students in UK state schools and colleges to find out more about a career in the property sector. The initiative is supported by many leading organisations in the Real Estate industry including British Land, Savills, SEGRO and other charitable trusts.

The George Fiennes Bursary is used to recognise academic excellence and provide financial support for Real Estate & Planning students.

The REP Innovation Fund has been set up to foster innovation in teaching & learning and

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research in Real Estate at Henley Business School, University of Reading.

The Barton Willmore Bursary is used to provide support to students joining a Royal Town Planning Institute accredited Master's Programme at the Department of Real Estate & Planning.

The David Robins Town and Country Planning Research Fund has been set up in the memory of alumnus David Robins, to support the development of outstanding research in Town and Country Planning at the School of Real Estate & Planning, Henley Business School, University of Reading.

13. Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 August 2023	Incoming resource s	Resource s expende d	Balance at 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£
General fund	359,146	378,895	(406,718)	331,323
	359,146	378,895	(406,718)	331,323

	Balance at 1 August 2022	Incoming resource s	Resource s expende d	Balance at 31 July 2023
	£	£	£	£
General fund	313,946	344,171	(298,971)	359,146
	313,946	344,171	(298,971)	359,146

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

General funds	Restrict ed funds	Total
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	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
Current assets	459,453	958,339	1,417,792
Creditors due within one year	(128,130)	(12,381)	(140,511)
	<u>331,323</u>	<u>945,958</u>	<u>1,277,281</u>

	General funds 2023 £	Restrict ed funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Current assets	401,232	1,066,623	1,467,855
Creditors due within one year	(42,086)	(8,105)	(50,191)
	<u>359,146</u>	<u>1,058,518</u>	<u>1,417,664</u>

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15. Ultimate parent undertaking

These financial statements have been presented in respect of an individual company, Reading Real Estate Foundation, a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of the University of Reading. The smallest and largest group to consolidate these results is the University of Reading.

The consolidated financial statements of the University of Reading can be obtained from the University of Reading, incorporated in England and Wales, G11 Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 6AH, which is the registered office address, or on the University's website.

Since the company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 102 and is included in the consolidated financial statements of the University, the company has taken certain disclosure exemptions available under FRS 102 including:

- Exemption from presenting a statement of cash flows
- Exemption from disclosing key management personnel compensation
- Exemption from disclosing transactions entered into with the University and its wholly owned subsidiaries
- Exemptions from financial instrument disclosures

16. Related party transactions

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption available under

paragraph 33.1a of the provisions of FRS 102 Related Party Disclosures, on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of a group headed by the University of Reading, whose financial statements are publicly available.

All transactions involving related party organisations are conducted in accordance with the University's Financial Regulations and usual procurement procedures. Transactions outside of the University's Financial Regulations should be disclosed as a related party transaction. There were no transactions that met these criteria in the year.

The Trust did not have any employees in the year and there were no remunerations paid to the members of the Trust Committee.

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17. Statement of financial activities for the previous year

	Unrestrict ed funds 2023 £	Restrict ed funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income			
Grants and donations	315,410	412,330	727,740
Charitable activities	-	-	-
Interest receivable	28,761	-	28,761
Total income	344,171	412,330	756,501
Expenditure			
Raising funds	108	-	108
Charitable activities	284,606	262,997	547,603
Other expenditure	14,257	21,806	36,063
Total expenditure	298,971	284,803	583,774
 Movement in funds for the year	 45,200	 127,527	 172,727
 Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	313,946	930,991	1,244,93

Total funds carried forward

359,146	1,058,51	1,417,66
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