

Company Number 04766258

Charity Number 1100096

THE HERMITAGE FOUNDATION UK

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 OCTOBER 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

DIRECTORS	Prof. Brian Allen The Marquess of Cholmondeley, KCVO Caroline De Guitaut, LVO Adrian Sassoon Christopher Jones Jonathan Yarker
COMPANY SECRETARY	Janice Sacher
REGISTERED OFFICE	5A Bloomsbury Square London WC1A 2TA
EXAMINER	Accountability Europe Ltd Omnibus Workspace 39-41 North Road London N7 9DP
BANKERS	Barclays Bank plc Leicester LE87 2BB CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ Virgin Money Charity Deposit UK.virginmoney.com On-line savings account CCLA Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET
REGISTERED NUMBER	04766258 (Incorporated in England and Wales)
CHARITY NUMBER	1100096

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (incorporating Director's report)

The Directors, who are also the Trustees for the purpose of charity law, (and throughout this report are collectively referred to as directors) present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024.

The directors and members of the foundation agreed at the regular Trustees meetings that no new activities should take place whilst the invasion of Ukraine continued.

Some progress was made in the UK on the English translation of catalogues.

The accounts comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

Constitution

The Hermitage Foundation UK is a private company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Its charity number is 1100096 and its company number is 4766258.

The company was incorporated on 15 May 2003 and commenced its charitable activities on that date.

Objects of the charitable company

The purpose of The Hermitage Foundation UK ('The Foundation') is to support the State Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg and promote Russian culture through fundraising and any other practical activities which are considered advantageous to the Museum.

The Trustees deemed inaction was the appropriate course for the year ending 31st October 2024.

Organisation and operational control

The day to day operation of the charity is under the control of the Chief Executive, Janice Sacher.

Accounts are maintained, with four Banks, Barclays Bank, CAF Bank, CCLA and a charity savings account with Virgin Money.

The Directors meet regularly to oversee the Charity's operations.

Financial Review

The total income generated and net surplus for the year are shown on page 9 of the accounts. The accumulated funds as shown in note 9 to the accounts are held to enable the charity to continue to carry out its objects and are considered adequate for that purpose.

TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

Risk Management

The Board of Directors is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Foundation and for taking reasonable steps for the detection of fraud and other irregularities and for ensuring the Foundation's efficient operation. The Foundation applies a risk management cycle to identify, analyse, control and monitor the strategic and operational risks it faces. A risk management policy sets out how this is done.

The key areas of risk are:

Governance and Management
Financial
Compliance with Law and Regulation

Operational
Environmental and External

The Directors are satisfied that the systems in place are sufficient to mitigate these risks.

Fundraising

Funds are raised by appeals to charitable foundations and corporations. No professional fundraisers are involved.

Volunteers

The Directors recognise the significance of volunteers to the Charitable activities.

Investments

A low risk portfolio of investments is managed by Evelyn Partners (Formerly Smith Williamson). Income from investments was £59,921 (2023 - £53,469).

TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

Trustees & Directors

The Directors who served during the year were:

Prof. Brian Allen
The Marquess of Cholmondeley
Mrs Caroline de Guitaut
Mr Adrian Sassoon
Christopher Jones
Jonathan Yarker

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The recruitment of Trustees is in accordance with the Articles of Association. Trustees have the power to appoint any person but the skills mix and diversity of the Board are also considered.

The Public Benefit of our Work

The Hermitage Foundation UK makes a clear and valuable contribution to the following public benefit purposes as defined in the Charities Act 2011:

- Advancing the arts, heritage or science
- Advancement of education

TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires that the directors prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that year. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

The directors confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. They have taken all the steps they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Small Company

The charitable company is incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

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

This Report was approved by the Board on **14th May 2025**



Mrs Janice M Sacher
Company Secretary

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of The Hermitage Foundation UK

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charitable Company for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



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Aamer Shehzad FCA
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Date: 27th May 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Income from:							
Sponsorship & donations		267	-	267	-	-	-
Membership fees		150	-	150	150	-	150
Investments:							
Interest receivable		1,879	4,741	6,620	1,094	1,342	2,436
Investments income		12,728	47,193	59,921	8,020	45,449	53,469
Charitable activities		-	-	-	(942)	-	(942)
Total income		15,024	51,934	66,958	8,322	46,791	55,113
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	2	19,220	-	19,220	20,254	-	20,254
Support costs	2	51,823	3,614	55,437	93,721	7,236	100,957
Total expenditure		71,043	3,614	74,657	113,975	7,236	121,211
Net income/(expenditure) before investments and other gains		(56,019)	48,320	(7,699)	(105,653)	39,555	(66,098)
Net gains on investments	6	-	328,885	328,885	-	3,241	3,241
Other gains / (losses)		-	(16,551)	(16,551)	-	(19,170)	(19,170)
Net movement in funds		(56,019)	360,654	304,635	(105,653)	23,626	(82,027)
Total funds brought forward		421,509	3,221,165	3,642,674	527,162	3,197,539	3,724,701
Total funds carried forward		365,490	3,581,819	3,947,309	421,509	3,221,165	3,642,674

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Investments	5		3,071,606		2,742,721
			<u>3,071,606</u>		<u>2,742,721</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	-		640	
Cash at bank and in hand		879,990		901,608	
		<u>879,990</u>		<u>902,248</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(4,287)		(2,295)	
		<u>(4,287)</u>		<u>(2,295)</u>	
Net Current Assets			875,703		899,953
Net Assets			<u>3,947,309</u>		<u>3,642,674</u>
Represented by the funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	9		3,581,819		3,221,165
Unrestricted funds:	9				
General fund		138,508		85,297	
Designated funds		226,982		336,212	
		<u>365,490</u>		<u>421,509</u>	
			<u>3,947,309</u>		<u>3,642,674</u>

For the year ended 31 October 2024 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the trustees on **14th May 2025**
and signed on their behalf by:



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Mr C. Jones
Director

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting Policies

Statutory information

The Hermitage Foundation UK is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office address is 5A Bloomsbury Square, London WC1A 2TA.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore has also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 FRS 102 Charities SORP) and Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

Public benefit entity

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Expenditure is allocated to particular activities where the cost relates directly to those activities. All costs relating to the managing and administering of the charity are treated as resources expended for charitable application.

Fund accounting

Funds held by the charitable company are either:

Unrestricted funds — these are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the directors.

Designated funds — these are funds set aside by the directors out of general funds for specific purposes or projects.

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

Cash at bank and in hand

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. Cash balances exclude any funds held on behalf of service users.

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2 Analysis of expenditure

	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Staff costs (note 3)	-	27,373	27,373	54,709
Other activities costs	18,962	-	18,962	20,000
Travel & entertaining	258	-	258	254
Office costs	-	23,750	23,750	21,287
Consultancy costs	-	-	-	13,000
Accountancy costs	-	4,314	4,314	4,725
	19,220	55,437	74,657	113,975

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

Staff costs were as follows:	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross salaries	29,167	50,517
Social security costs	(1,794)	3,148
Employer's pension contribution	-	1,044
	27,373	54,709

No employees received employee benefits over £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits including pension contributions and employer NI contribution of the key management personnel were £27,373 (2023: £54,709).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2023: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: £nil).

Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Average staff	1	1

4 Related party transactions

During the year, the charity received £nil donations from the trustees. There are no related party transactions to disclose for the year.

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5 Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value brought forward	2,742,721	2,739,480
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	328,885	3,241
Market value carried forward	<u>3,071,606</u>	<u>2,742,721</u>
Analysis of investments:		
UK investments	1,903,113	1,251,240
Overseas investments	634,778	1,005,091
Alternative investments	479,342	394,378
Cash held	54,373	92,012
	<u>3,071,606</u>	<u>2,742,721</u>

6 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sundry debtors & prepayments	-	640
	<u>-</u>	<u>640</u>

7 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sundry creditors & accruals	2,295	2,295
Taxation & social security	1,992	-
	<u>4,287</u>	<u>2,295</u>

8 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

Current year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
Investments	-	3,071,606	3,071,606
Cash at bank	369,777	510,213	879,990
Debtors	-	-	-
Creditors	(4,287)	-	(4,287)
Total net assets	<u>365,490</u>	<u>3,581,819</u>	<u>3,947,309</u>

Prior year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Investments	-	2,742,721	2,742,721
Cash at bank	423,164	478,444	901,608
Debtors	640	-	640
Creditors	(2,295)	-	(2,295)
Total net assets	<u>421,509</u>	<u>3,221,165</u>	<u>3,642,674</u>

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9 Movements in funds (current year)

	At the start of the year £	Income/ Gains £	Expenditure / Losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds:					
Hermitage International Endowment funds	3,002,303	330,161	(16,591)	(2,668)	3,313,205
Hermitage Museum's funds	218,862	50,658	(3,574)	2,668	268,614
Total restricted funds	3,221,165	380,819	(20,165)	-	3,581,819
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	336,212	75	(18,962)	(90,343)	226,982
General funds	85,297	14,949	(52,081)	90,343	138,508
Total unrestricted funds	421,509	15,024	(71,043)	-	365,490
Total funds	3,642,674	395,843	(91,208)	-	3,947,309

Movements in funds (prior year)

	At the start of the year £	Income/ Gains £	Expenditure / Losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds:					
Hermitage International Endowment funds	3,018,328	-	(16,026)	-	3,002,303
Hermitage Museum's funds	179,211	46,791	(7,140)	-	218,862
Total restricted funds	3,197,539	46,791	(23,166)	-	3,221,165
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	258,982	75	(20,000)	97,155	336,212
General funds	268,180	8,247	(93,975)	(97,155)	85,297
Total unrestricted funds	527,162	8,322	(113,975)	-	421,509
Total funds	3,724,701	55,113	(137,141)	-	3,642,674

The Hermitage International Endowment Fund ("HIEF") was established in July 2015. Its object is to provide support to The State Hermitage Museum of St Petersburg.