

The Wrekin College Foundation

Annual report
for the year ended 31 July 2020

Registered number: 1103684

Trustees and Advisers

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Trustees' report

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 July 2020:

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Body

This Trust was created by deed dated 18 June 2003. The parties to this deed (the Original Trustees) were the Chairman of the Governors, an additional Governor and the Headmaster of Wrekin College, as ex-officio Trustees.

A maximum of nine Trustees were permitted by the original Trust Deed, but a resolution was passed on 8th October 2018 increasing the maximum number to 15. This has been filed and accepted by the Charity Commission.

The Trust achieved charitable status under reference number 1103684 and commenced activities on 11 May 2004. These statements are prepared to cover the year ended 31 July 2020.

New Trustees are selected to enhance the spread of skills and experience represented on the board. The process of induction includes meetings with the Chairman, Headmaster and Bursar of Wrekin College, together with an information pack containing details of Wrekin College and duties required from Trustees, and the opportunity to attend external trustee briefing sessions.

Organisational Management

The Trustees meet at least twice a year to determine the general policy of the charity and review its overall management and control, for which they are legally responsible. The day-to-day running of the charity is delegated to the Wrekin College Development Office, and the school Bursar, who is also a Trustee.

Risk Management

The Trustees are responsible for the management of the risks faced by the Foundation, and will review annually the major risks and measures for mitigation.

They are satisfied that the mitigation of currently identified major risks has been or will be addressed.

Objects and Principal Activities

Principal Objects

The Trustees have wide powers and can apply the capital and income both for the provision of educational resources and facilities at Wrekin College and for scholarships and bursaries, as well as the provision of any other financial support to Wrekin College as the Trustees decide.

Principal Activity

The Trust's principal activity is to establish a network of relationships with potential donors drawn from past pupils, staff and parents from Wrekin College, and any other potential sources, in order to raise funds to be applied in fulfilling the Principal Object.

Review of the Year

In September 2019 we welcomed the leavers of 2016 back to Wrekin for a reunion brunch to hear how they were getting on three years after leaving. This new event was established to encourage Old Wrekinians to keep in touch with the School as they embark on their careers, which is a time we have lost contact with Old Wrekinians of previous years.

In October we held the last round of Over 60 lunches before the Covid-19 pandemic forced us to cancel those arranged for March 2020. These regional lunches continue to be regularly attended by Old Wrekinians who enjoy being kept up to date with developments at the School. Many attendees are donors and we are working to raise the profile of donations made through legacy gifts. We hope these regional lunches will resume in autumn 2021.

Trustees' report (continued)

In June 2020 we received a bequest from an Old Wrekinian who had passed away in Brisbane, Australia. He and his brothers were members of the Manchester Branch and their annual dinner, usually held in February, has been postponed this year to Friday 1st October 2021.

The London Dinner which was postponed last year has been rescheduled for November 2021. The dinner will be held at the House of Lords thanks to the sponsorship of Old Wrekinian Lord Malcolm Bruce.

The Hoylake Dinner, held at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, took place in November 2019 and was very well attended. This is a popular event due to the prestige of the venue and the many Old Wrekinians who reside in the area, with many running successful family businesses. We will work to increase the visibility of the Foundation at this event and hope to bring some of these Old Wrekinians to school to further their support of its work.

In February 2020 we invited the Class of 1970 back to Wrekin to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of leaving the school. Many of those who attended had not been back since that time and it was great to reconnect with them. It was our aim to follow their visit with a phone call from pupils in a telephone campaign held in summer 2020 however the pandemic prevented this from being organised.

We had invited pre-1970 leavers for lunch at Wrekin on Saturday 2nd May 2020 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. We decided to postpone the event one year however it has now been cancelled and will be replaced by another event in September 2021 when we hope to appeal for support to the Foundation.

The OWA Summer party was also postponed to June 2021 and now to June 2022. However we were able to publish one Old Wrekinians Record magazine last year, in December 2020. The edition was longer than usual, with sadly more obituaries than usual, many of which were for retired members of staff. The magazine was well received and included an appeal to the Foundation for which donations can now be made online through the wrekinconnect.co.uk website.

The Development Office continues to foster a closer working relationship and improved cohesion between the school, OWA and Foundation and we look forward to driving more support now normality is resuming.

Financial Review of the Year

Income for the year was £159,614 (£131,933 in 2019) and expenditure was £ 146,428 (£170,950 in 2019). Overall unrealised investment losses were £98,829 due to the effects on global markets of the Coronavirus pandemic.

This resulted in net outgoing resources of £84,571 expended in the year ended 31 July 2020 (£35,497 in 2019). Overhead and expenses costs are met by the Foundation, whilst Wrekin College funds the staffing and premises costs.

An amount of £3,415 was granted to Wrekin College towards the cost of musical instruments (£3,408 in 2019). In total £141,777 was also awarded to fund prizes and bursaries to assist pupils who would not otherwise have been able to attend the school (£159,300 in 2019).

Investment Policy

The Trust Deed governs the Trustees' investment powers. This permits full and unrestricted powers of investing at the absolute discretion of the Trustees.

The Trustees have responsibility for monitoring day-to-day management of the implementation of investment policy and investment performance. Following a tendering process, the Trustees have delegated the day-to-day management of the Trust's investments to Smith & Williamson from January 2019. The Trustees will regularly review performance and the bursar received quarterly reports as well as a year end valuation. Regular business updates are issued by Smith & Williamson.

Trustees' report (continued)

The Trustees' policy is to balance capital growth with the production of sufficient income to meet the annual expenditure requirements of the Foundation whilst ensuring as far as possible the protection of the underlying value of the Foundation's Fund.

Cash balances are held in a range of deposit accounts with yields at the upper end of available market rates for charities.

Reserves Policy

The Foundation aims to have sufficient liquid reserves in order to meet one year's regular bursary award commitments. The unrestricted funds are mainly held on deposit as they may be required within the next 5 years.

Future Plans

The potential donor database will be developed and expanded. Major donors will continue to be identified and their particular areas of interest in the School ascertained.

All Old Wrekinian dinners around the country will be attended, and some special smaller functions held. Fundraising success relies on a positive input from others, such as the staff, past staff, governors, past governors, past pupils and parents of pupils of the school.

A major telephone fund raising campaign was not held this year. In future years it is proposed that smaller scale, more regular in-house telephone fund raising should be carried out.

Trustees' Responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are also responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Trustees' report (continued)

Public benefit

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning the future activities. In particular the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The Trustees consider the current fundraising activities resulting in donations to Wrekin College deliver public benefit. Details of the objects which form the basis of these activities, and a review of the activities undertaken in the year are given elsewhere in this report.

Approved by the board of Trustees on 5th May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Huxley', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Huxley
Trustee and Chairman

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Wrekin College Foundation
For the year ended 31 July 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Wrekin College Foundation (the Foundation) for the year ended 31 July 2020.

Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the Foundation you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Foundation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 Foundation as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the 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.

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Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 July 2020

Wrekin College Foundation

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 July 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment fund	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations		14,900	60,074		74,974	48,694
Gift aid		7,694			7,694	3,600
Covenants		13,361	120		13,481	13,168
Bequests		10,320			10,320	500
Investment income		7,250	44,450		51,700	60,998
Tax refunds					0	3,262
Bank interest		922	523		1,445	1,711
Total income		54,447	105,167	-	159,614	131,933
Expenditure						
Management & administration		2,480	1,500		3,980	7,558
Events			671		671	684
Grants, bursaries & prizes		17,076	124,701		141,777	162,708
Total expenditure		19,556	126,872	-	146,428	170,950
Realised gains/(losses) on investments		1,072			1,072	(56,994)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	3	(13,859)	(46,161)	(38,809)	(98,829)	60,514
Net income/(expenditure)		22,104	(67,866)	(38,809)	(84,571)	(35,497)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		22,104	(67,866)	(38,809)	(84,571)	(35,497)
Funds brought forward		384,087	842,722	617,654	1,844,463	1,879,960
Funds carried forward		406,191	774,856	578,845	1,759,892	1,844,463

No operations were discontinued in the period under review.

There are no recognised gains or losses in the period other than the result for the year.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this profit and loss account.

Balance sheet
31 July 2020

		2020	2019
	Notes	£	£
Investments	3	1,441,967	1,540,796
Current Assets			
Debtors	4	21,626	-
Cash at bank		297,719	308,859
		319,345	308,859
Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year	5	(1,420)	(5,192)
Net current assets		317,925	303,667
Total assets less current liabilities		1,759,892	1,844,463
Net assets		1,759,892	1,844,463
Accumulated funds			
Expendable Endowment		578,845	617,654
Restricted Funds		774,856	842,722
Unrestricted Funds		406,191	384,087
	7	1,759,892	1,844,463

The financial statements on pages 7 to 13 were approved by the Trustees on 5th May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Andrew Huxley
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form a part of these accounts.

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 July 2020

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP (FRS102)"), Financial Reporting Standard 102, and the Charities Act 2011.

Advantage has been taken of the exemption for charities with income less than £500,000 from preparing a cash flow statement under SORP (FRS 102).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

Charitable donations and covenant income

Charitable donations and receipts under deed of covenant are recognised when received.

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 settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation on its income and capital gains provided that its activities are deemed to be of a charitable nature. Taxation deducted at source from investment income is recovered from the Inland Revenue. Taxation deducted but not recovered at the year end is included in debtors.

Investments

Investments will be shown in the balance sheet at market value. Management of the investments was transferred to Smith & Williamson during the year.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose.

Restricted funds are for the respective specific stated purposes – Provision of bursaries and prizes, support and construction of a Business School.

2 Trustees' remuneration

No remuneration has been paid to the Trustees in their capacity as Trustees. The Trustees are considered to be the key management personnel.

No expenses were paid to Trustees.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Year ended 31 July 2020

3 Investments

	2020 £	2019 £
Market value at 1 August 2019	1,540,796	1,537,276
Additions at cost	325,674	1,310,972
Disposals at proceeds	(361,685)	(1,324,113)
Net realised losses upon transfer		(46,565)
Net unrealised investment increase/(decrease)	(98,829)	50,085
Increase in cash held by investment manager	36,011	13,141
Market value at 31 July 2020	<u>1,441,967</u>	<u>1,540,796</u>
 Cost at 31 July 2020	 <u>1,414,739</u>	 <u>1,486,983</u>
 Investments comprise:	 £	 £
Fixed Interest and Index-linked Bonds	211,190	236,210
Private Equity/Property Funds	222,062	264,127
UK Equities	349,519	486,801
Global Equities	573,878	540,517
Other holdings of less than 10% and cash	85,318	13,141
	<u>1,441,967</u>	<u>1,540,796</u>

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 July 2020

4 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Debtors & Prepayments	21,626	-
	<u>21,626</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Creditors / Accruals	1,420	5,192
	<u>1,420</u>	<u>5,192</u>

6 Movement on restricted funds during the year

	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Realised gains/(losses) on investments	Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current year						
Wrekin ASA Scholarship Bursary & Prize Fund	39,691	20,542	(24,450)			35,783
Foundation Bursary & Prize Fund	799,407	64,551	(78,724)		(46,161)	739,073
Business School Fund	3,624	20,074	(23,698)			0
	<u>842,722</u>	<u>105,167</u>	<u>(126,872)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(46,161)</u>	<u>774,856</u>
Comparative year						
Wrekin ASA Scholarship Bursary & Prize Fund	40,088	27,903	(28,300)			39,691
Foundation Bursary & Prize Fund	815,825	54,130	(71,184)	(24,499)	25,135	799,407
Business School Fund	8,538	15,086	(20,000)			3,624
	<u>864,451</u>	<u>97,119</u>	<u>(119,484)</u>	<u>(24,499)</u>	<u>25,135</u>	<u>842,722</u>

The Wrekin ASA Scholarship Bursary & Prize Fund uses its investments and income to grant scholarships, prizes and means tested bursaries to those in need

The Foundation Bursary & Prize Fund uses its investments and income to grant scholarships, prizes and means tested bursaries to those in financial need

The Business School Fund relates to fundraising to complete the Wrekin Business School. This was completed in 2019

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Year ended 31 July 2020

7 Analysis of Net Assets

	Endowment	Restricted Income	Unrestricted	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Investments	570,245	668,078	203,645	1,441,967
Debtors and Prepayments	-	-	21,626	21,626
Cash at Bank	8,600	106,778	182,340	297,718
Creditors due within 1 year	-	-	(1,420)	(1,420)
	578,845	774,856	406,191	1,759,891
Creditors due after 1 year	-	-	-	-
	578,845	774,856	406,191	1,759,891

	Endowment	Restricted Income	Unrestricted	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Investments	609,328	713,866	217,602	1,540,796
Debtors and Prepayments	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank	8,326	128,856	171,677	308,859
Creditors due within 1 year	-	-	(5,192)	(5,192)
	617,654	842,722	384,087	1,844,463
Creditors due after 1 year	-	-	-	-
	617,654	842,722	384,087	1,844,463

8 Related Party Transactions

The Foundation is connected to Wrekin Old Hall Trust Limited ('Wrekin College') and during the year made donations totalling £141,777 (2018: £162,508) to Wrekin College. Wrekin College donated £40,000 to the Foundation in the year (2019 nil).

There were no other related party transactions during the year.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Year ended 31 July 2020

9 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment fund	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations	6,040	42,654		48,694	42,829
Events					2,898
Gift aid	3,600			3,600	27,505
Covenants	13,048	120		13,168	13,358
Bequests	500			500	16,585
Investment income	7,345	53,653		60,998	57,282
Tax refunds	3,262			3,262	8,109
Bank interest	1,019	692		1,711	1,169
Total income	34,814	97,119	-	131,933	169,735
Expenditure					
Management & administration	6,058	1,500		7,558	27,961
Events		684		684	3,392
Grants, bursaries & prizes	45,408	117,300		162,708	192,580
Total expenditure	51,466	119,484	-	170,950	223,933
Realised gains/(losses) on investments	1,208	(24,499)	(23,274)	(46,565)	20,661
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	7,546	25,135	17,404	50,085	
Net income/(expenditure)	(7,898)	(21,729)	(5,870)	(35,497)	(33,537)
Transfers between funds	-	40,088	(40,088)	-	-
Net movement in funds	(7,898)	18,359	(45,958)	(35,497)	(33,537)
Funds brought forward	391,985	824,363	663,612	1,879,960	1,913,497
Funds carried forward	384,087	842,722	617,654	1,844,463	1,879,960