

**CHINA OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**UNAUDITED TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1107204**

**COMPANY NUMBER: 05232003**

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The trustees (who are the directors of the Charity for Companies Act purposes) present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024.

#### Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers

Registered address	Highdown House 11 Highdown Road Leamington Spa Warwickshire CV31 1XT
Principal address	Administrative Office Meadowside Welcombe Park Warwick Road Stratford upon Avon Warwickshire CV37 0NR
Bankers	Coutts & Co 440 Strand London WC2R 0QS
Registered Charity No.	1107204
Company No.	05232003
Independent Examiner	HB&O Ltd Highdown House 11 Highdown Road Leamington Spa CV31 1XT
Name of the charity	The name of the charity is China Oxford Scholarship Fund.
Trustees	The names of the trustees, all of whom served during the year, are set out below:  Mr Nicholas Charles Jonathan Dennys Professor Zhanfeng Cui Miss Anne Lindsay Mrs Xiaodi Bell Lord Edward Henry Garnier Ms Dyan Sterling

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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#### Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers (continued)

Trustees (continued)                      The company secretary is Mr Iain Jackson Goddard.

The power of appointment of trustees is vested in the members. Details of trustees and advisers and registered office are shown above.

#### Structure, governance and management

Governing instrument                      The charity is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 15 September 2004. The company is established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Annual reports and accounts are submitted to the Charity Commissioners and Companies House following formal approval by the trustees.

Organisation and structure                      The overall day to day management of the charity is carried out by the trustees who are also responsible for significant decisions of a long term operational nature.

Trustee induction and training                      Potential trustees are identified by the existing board of trustees and approached if a majority believes that their appointment would be of benefit to the charity. New trustees are able to consult the existing trustees and are encouraged to attend all meetings and events and may do so prior to formal appointment. New trustees are made aware of their responsibilities under the constitution and charity law prior to their formal appointment.

Governance and internal control                      The board of the trustees (who are the directors) meets regularly.

The trustees have implemented a formal risk management process to assess business risk and implement risk management strategies. This involves identifying the types of risk the charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and the likelihood of occurrence, and identifying means of mitigating the risks. As part of this process the trustees have reviewed the adequacy of the charity's current internal controls. The trustees are pleased to report that the charity's internal controls, in particular, conform with guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

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**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

Risk review	<p>The trustees have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been implemented to mitigate those risks. It is not thought that there are significant external risks to funding due to the nature of the charity's activities.</p> <p>Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of internal control procedures for the authorisation of transactions and projects. These procedures are reviewed periodically to ensure they still meet the needs of the charity.</p>
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**Objectives and activities**

Main objectives	<p>The object of the charity is the advancement of the education of persons ordinarily resident in Greater China who are or will be attending courses at the University of Oxford. The charity continued its development work during the year, laying the foundations for the provision of future scholarships.</p>
Volunteers	<p>The charity benefits from significant voluntarily donated time.</p>
Review of activities and future developments	<p>This was the twentieth year of operation for the charity, and in that time it continued to accumulate sufficient reserves to form a firm foundation for future planned activity. Activity levels are consistent with prior years and the trustees believe that 2025 will continue to see the charity work towards achieving its objectives.</p>
Third party indemnity insurance	<p>Qualifying third party indemnity provision is in place for the benefit of all trustees of the charitable company.</p>

**Achievements and performance**

Main achievements and performance summary	<p>The intention of the charity is the provision of scholarships to persons ordinarily resident in Greater China, who are or will be attending courses at the University of Oxford. This process is expected to continue to develop in the forthcoming year with the granting of further scholarships and assistance and is dependent upon a rolling programme of fundraising activities.</p>
Public Benefit	<p>We have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives which, while restricted to those ordinarily resident in Greater China, are designed with the ultimate aim of improving the education and contribution of those individuals to the benefit of all.</p>

**Financial review**

Taxation	<p>The charity is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.</p>
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### Financial review (continued)

**Results** Details of the financial position of the charity are set out in the following accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (2005).

The net outgoing resources for the year amounted to £18,184 and the net assets amounted to £1,305,048 at the year end.

**Reserves** The designation between restricted funds and unrestricted funds is explained in the accounting policies on page 10.

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain unrestricted funds at a level where the charity can meet its day to day expenditure without any difficulty. As the charity is in its early stages, working capital requirements are difficult to forecast as future activity levels are not known. However, the current reserve levels are considered to be adequate for immediate use and to act as a platform for expansion.

**Investment policy** The charity's investments are held in accordance with the trustees' powers. The trustees have given the managers discretion to manage the investments and consider the returns made to be satisfactory bearing in mind the economic factors of the past year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

On behalf of the board of Trustees



**Mr Nicholas Charles Jonathan Dennys**  
**Trustee**

**Date 9 April 2025**

## **CHINA OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

### **STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also directors of China Oxford Scholarship Fund) for the purposes of company law 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).

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 the year. 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 judgements 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

## CHINA OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of China Oxford Scholarship Fund

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 September 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company'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 that in any material respect:

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.



**Mark Ashfield FCA**  
**for and on behalf of HB&O Ltd**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Highdown House**  
**11 Highdown Road**  
**Leamington Spa**  
**Warwickshire**  
**CV31 1XT**

**Date: 9 April 2025**



**CHINA OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
**Statement of financial activities for the year ended**  
**30 September 2024**

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
	Note				
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>					
Voluntary income		4,625	-	4,625	-
Gift Aid					
Donations	3	500	10,000	10,500	500
Activities for generating funds					
Investment income	4	582	13,926	14,508	22,407
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>5,707</u>	<u>23,926</u>	<u>29,633</u>	<u>22,907</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising costs	5	7,684	-	7,684	7,687
Investment management costs		-	9,689	9,689	13,701
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6	-	16,500	16,500	28,800
<b>Support costs</b>	7	13,944	-	13,944	13,989
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>21,628</u>	<u>26,189</u>	<u>47,817</u>	<u>64,177</u>
<b>Net outgoing resources for the year</b>		(15,921)	(2,263)	(18,184)	(41,270)
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		24,000	(24,000)	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal of investments		-	157,412	157,412	607
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments		-	(38,322)	(38,322)	23,258
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>8,079</u>	<u>92,827</u>	<u>100,906</u>	<u>(17,405)</u>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>16,063</u>	<u>1,188,079</u>	<u>1,204,142</u>	<u>1,221,547</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>24,142</u>	<u>1,280,906</u>	<u>1,305,048</u>	<u>1,204,142</u>

**CHINA OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
**Balance sheet as at 30 September 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	8	1,262,117	1,145,634
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	9	5,575	717
Cash at bank and in hand		119,006	144,975
		124,581	145,692
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(81,650)	(87,184)
<b>Net current assets</b>		42,931	58,508
<b>Net assets</b>		1,305,048	1,204,142
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>Income funds:</b>			
<b>Restricted funds:</b>	11	1,280,906	1,188,079
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Other charitable funds	12	24,142	16,063
<b>Total funds</b>		1,305,048	1,204,142

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies. The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 9 April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
**Nicholas Charles Jonathan Denny**  
**Trustee**

## CHINA OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

#### 1. Principal accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

##### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments paragraphs 11.41(b), 11.41(c), 11.41(e), 11.41(f), 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A.

##### **Status**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and formed on 15 September 2004. It is registered with the Charity Commissioners under No. 1107204 and with Companies House under number 05232003. Each of the members agrees to contribute a minimum sum of £1 in the event of winding up.

## **CHINA OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

### **Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024**

#### **Fund accounting**

##### **Restricted funds:**

Restricted funds include those funds on which the donor has specified a restriction as to the usage of the funds, or which have been pledged for a specific purpose.

##### **Unrestricted funds:**

Unrestricted funds include those funds available for the charity to use for any purpose seen fit by the trustees, where donors have not imposed restrictions on those funds or pledged them for a specific purpose.

#### **Income**

Interest is accounted for on a receivable basis. Donations and all Income Tax recoverable are recognised on a receivable basis.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is charged to the revenue account on an accruals basis including VAT and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs in that category. Liabilities are recognised as they arise on an accruals basis.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions. Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the provision of scholarships. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### **Investments**

Investments are shown on the balance sheet at market value. The historical cost of investment assets is also given by way of a note. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising on revaluation or disposal of investment assets are shown separately in the SOFA. Gains and losses on investment assets are only realised if the investment is sold.

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## Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

### 2. Trustees' and employee's emoluments

None of the trustees received any emoluments during the period and no expenses were reimbursed to the trustees. There were no high paid members of staff earning more than £60,000 per annum.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Employee's emoluments		
Wages	15,099	15,099
Average number of staff (excluding trustees)	1	1

### 3. Donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	10,500	500

### 4. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest on tax refund	-	3
Interest	4,273	525
Income from listed investments	10,235	21,879
	14,508	22,407

### 5. Fundraising costs

	Basis of Allocation	2024	2023
		£	£
Salary and pension costs	Half of total	7,684	7,687
	Actual	-	-
		7,684	7,687

### 6. Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Scholarships	16,500	28,800

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#### 7. Support costs

	Basis of Allocation	2024 £	2023 £
Scholars' Dinner / Drinks		587	1,729
Bank charges	Actual	539	423
Legal and professional costs	Actual	34	13
Salary and pension costs	Half of total	7,683	7,687
Stationery, postage, internet and telephone	Actual	1,067	774
Insurance	Actual	2,315	1,742
Audit and accountancy	Actual	1,719	1,621
		<u>13,944</u>	<u>13,989</u>

#### 8. Fixed Asset Investments

	Listed investments £
Market value at 1 October 2023	1,145,634
Additions at cost	1,381,758
Disposals during the year	(1,226,953)
Revaluations	(38,322)
Market value at 30 September 2024	<u>1,262,117</u>
Cost at 30 September 2024	<u>1,207,029</u>
UK listed investments are represented by:-	
	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>
Fixed interest securities	-
Equity shares	1,262,117
Hedge funds	-
	<u>1,262,117</u>
	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>
	285,639
	634,940
	225,055
	<u>1,145,634</u>

#### 9. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	950	717
Gift Aid	4,625	-
	<u>5,575</u>	<u>717</u>

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

### 10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors and accruals	81,484	87,184
PAYE and NIC	166	-
	<u>81,650</u>	<u>87,184</u>

### 11. Restricted funds (for the provision of scholarships)

	At 1 October 2023 £	Expenditure/gains /losses and transfers £	At 30 September 2024 £
Globalway Development fund	610,887	51,901	662,788
Brian Keelan Award	340,304	21,583	361,887
Hoare Family Award	108,235	5,327	113,562
Mr and Dr Winkler Award	113,074	8,327	121,401
Oxford University Press	15,579	689	16,268
Pay it forward	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>1,188,079</u>	<u>92,827</u>	<u>1,280,906</u>

### 12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
<b>Fund balances at 30 September 2024 are represented by:</b>			
Fixed assets	1,262,117	-	1,262,117
Current assets	98,289	26,292	124,581
Current liabilities	(79,500)	(2,150)	(81,650)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>1,280,906</u>	<u>24,142</u>	<u>1,305,048</u>

### 13. Taxation

Due to its charitable status the charity has no liability to taxation.