

Company Number: 5734244
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UK FRIENDS OF THE SCIENCE MUSEUM LIMITED
(a charitable company limited by shares)

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS
for the year ended December 2024

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Trustees' report (including Directors' Report)

The trustees of UK Friends of the Science Museum Limited ('the charity') present their report and accounts for the period ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are:

- the promotion of the public's enjoyment and understanding of science and technology and the development of those subjects.
- the care, preservation and enhancement of the collections held by the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum ('the Science Museum Group').
- the display of those collections to the public; and
- the provision of opportunities for persons to inspect those collections in connection with study or research.

To achieve these objectives, the trustees identify appropriate activities carried out by the Science Museum Group ('SMG') (whose mission is to help make sense of the science that shapes our lives) and provide funding to support these activities in the form of restricted or unrestricted donations.

The trustees have reviewed the objectives and activities and confirm that they remain for the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The charity and the trustees continue to support the work of SMG.

In 2024 there was no disbursement made to the Museum (2023: £38,672) in support of the Science Museum Group's activities.

The trustees have actively sought advocates and introductions for the various live fundraising campaigns and have advised on strategies and opportunities.

Financial review

At the end of the financial period, the charity had net assets of £62,609 (2023: £23,208), represented by share capital and unrestricted reserves.

Reserves

It is the policy of the charity to maintain a level of unrestricted funds of at least £20,000, which are free reserves. These provide funds to be contributed towards anticipated costs for the coming year, working capital requirements and project opportunities. The unrestricted reserves balance at the end of the financial year of £62,608 (2023: £23,207) is considered sufficient to meet these funding requirements.

Risk management

The trustees regularly examine the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces. These largely relate to liquidity and compliance, and are addressed through regular monitoring of cash balances, timetabled delivery of statutory filings and medium-term planning.

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Structure, governance and management

Constitution

UK Friends of the Science Museum was incorporated on 8 March 2006 as a private limited company governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association ('articles'). These articles state that the charity's property and funds must be used only for promoting its charitable objectives and that no dividends may be paid to its shareholders. The company was registered with the Charities Commission on 29 March 2006.

Organisational structure

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees. The charity's articles require that there be between three and six trustees, who may be appointed by the charity in a general meeting either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing trustees.

Trustees

The directors and trustees who served during the year and up to the date of approval of the financial statements were as follows:

Dr. Ann Yvonne Coxon	(Resigned 29 July 2025)
Mr. Stephen Peter Michael Skrein	(Chairman)
Ms. Diane Stewart	
Mr. Mark Nathan Levine	(Appointed 29 July 2025)

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Reference and administrative details of the charity, its directors and advisors

Status

The organisation is a charitable company limited by shares incorporated on 8 March 2006 and registered as a charity on 29 March 2006.

Registered company number	5734244
Charity number	1113485

Directors

Mr. Stephen Peter Michael Skrein (Chairman)

Ms. Diane Stewart

Mr. Mark Nathan Levine

Accountants

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Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of UK Friends of the Science Museum Limited 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).

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 for that period.

In preparing these accounts, 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

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.

Small company special provisions

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and 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 (FRS 102)*.

This report was approved by the board on 29 July 2025 and signed on its behalf.



Mr. Stephen Peter Michael Skrein
Trustee

29 July 2025

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of UK Friends of the Science Museum Limited

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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 material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under 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
- 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.



Helen Tinsley (FCCA)

27 August 2025
St David's Court,
Union Street,
Wolverhampton,
WV1 3JE

**Statement of financial activities
including income and expenditure account
for the year to 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024		2023	
		Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies		-	41,769	-	418
Other income		-	38	-	24
Total		-	41,807	-	442
Expenditure on					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	4	-	(2,406)	-	(40,870)
Total		-	(2,406)	-	(40,870)
Net income / (expenditure)		-	39,401	-	(40,428)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		-	39,401	-	(40,428)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		-	23,208	-	63,636
Total funds carried forward		-	62,609	-	23,208

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these accounts.

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	5	4,471	4,471
Bank		60,543	20,932
		<u>65,015</u>	<u>25,404</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,406)	(2,196)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>62,609</u>	<u>23,208</u>
Net assets / (liabilities)		<u>62,609</u>	<u>23,208</u>
Represented by:			
Share capital	7	1	1
Restricted reserves			-
General reserves	9	62,608	23,207
		<u>62,609</u>	<u>23,208</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the board on 29 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr. Stephen Peter Michael Skrein
Trustee

29 July 2025

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these accounts.

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1. Charity information

UK Friends of the Science Museum Limited ('the charity') is a company limited by shares, incorporated in the United Kingdom, registered at the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London, SW7 2DD. The charity is registered with the Charities Commission.

2. Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, including the *Financial Reporting Standard 102 – The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (effective January 2022)* ('FRS 102'), and with company law, including the Companies Act 2006 and amendments and Regulations issued thereunder. The charity is a public benefit entity under the FRS 102.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with charity legislation, including the Charities Act 2011, and follow *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* as updated in October 2019 (the 'Charities SORP'). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the Charities SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 2 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Going concern

After reviewing the charity's forecasts and projections, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

3. Principal accounting policies

Reserves accounting

Where a donor or sponsor has specified a particular purpose for a donation or grant that income is shown as restricted income.

Unrestricted funds are spent or applied at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes. Where trustees choose to set aside part of the unrestricted funds to be used for a particular purpose, they set up a designated fund that remains part of the charity's unrestricted funds.

The Trustees have set a target level for general reserves of £20,000. This is to ensure that adequate funds remain in place to support the running of the charity.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets.

Income from donations is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income received as part of the Science Museum Group's (SMG's) patrons' programme is shown as unrestricted, in line with SMG's own policy on such income.

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Expenditure

Expenditure in pursuit of the charity's activities in the form of donations to the Science Museum Group is recognised when the donations are approved by the trustees.

Expenditure on raising funds includes any costs associated with fundraising or receiving donations to the charity.

Financial Instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

4. Expenditure

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank charges	-	2
Independent examination	1,570	1,430
Compliance services provided by independent examiner	435	400
Irrecoverable Value Added Tax (VAT)	401	366

Fees are stated exclusive of VAT, which the charity is unable to recover.

Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrestricted donations to Science Museum Group	-	38,672
Support costs	2,406	2,198
	<u>2,406</u>	<u>40,870</u>

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Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

No expense payments were made to trustees in the year to 31 December 2024 (2023: nil).

5. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Accrued income	4,471	4,471
	<u>4,471</u>	<u>4,471</u>

6. Creditors

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	2,406	2,196
	<u>2,406</u>	<u>2,196</u>

7. Share capital

	2024 £	2023 £
Allotted Ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1

The share has attached to it rights to one vote. Under the charity's articles of association, no dividends shall be paid to shareholders and no part of the property and funds of the charity shall be paid or transferred to the shareholders of the company.

8. Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Measured at amortised cost	65,015	25,404
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	2,406	2,196

Financial assets measured at amortised cost consist of accrued income and cash at bank.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost consist of accruals.

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9. Reserves

General reserves

General reserves are available for use in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and are usually allocated for expenditure in the year after they arise.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Opening balance	23,207	63,635
Net movement in unrestricted funds	39,401	(40,428)
Closing balance	62,608	23,207

10. Controlling Party

The ultimate parent and controlling party is Friends of Science Museums Inc., a corporation organised under the District of Columbia Non-profit Corporation Act whose registered office is at CT Corporation System, 1015 15th Street, N.W., Suite 1000, Washington D.C. 20005 and registration number is 252029. It is recognised by the US Internal Revenue Services with an employer identification number of 20-3654427. The purpose of this entity is to support scientific programmes and activities.

In order to exercise control over its subsidiary, the parent receives regular financial information and advises on actions required to comply with US law.

11. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.