

**The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Limited**

**Registered charity number 1119952**  
**Registered company number 05781154**

**Unaudited financial statements**

**for the year ended**

**30th April 2024**

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## **The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Limited**

### **Reference and administrative information**

Directors/Trustees	Prof R Dawkins C W Enders
Company secretary	Webb Teasdale accountancy Ltd
Company number	05781154
Charity number	1119952
Registered office	Boston House Grove Business Park Wantage Oxfordshire OX12 9FF
Accountants	Webb Teasdale accountancy Ltd Boston House Grove Business Park Wantage Oxfordshire OX12 9FF
Independent examiners	Steve Boyd 14 Orchard Close Chalgrove OX44 7RA
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Oxford

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# **The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Limited**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 30 April 2024 (continued)**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2024. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Ltd ('**RDFRS UK**') is a charitable company limited by shares, incorporated in England and Wales.

The trustees (who are also the directors for company purposes) who served during the year and since the year end are:

- Prof Richard Dawkins
- Claire Enders

Trustees are selected, as required, to fill particular skill requirements on the board of trustees.

### **Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

The RDFRS UK objects, set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, are:

1. The mental and moral improvement of the human race by means of the advancement of rationalism and humanism;
2. The advancement of education and in particular the study of rationalism, humanism and science and the dissemination of knowledge of their principles; and
3. Such exclusively charitable purposes as the trustees may in their absolute discretion determine.

### **Public benefit**

The trustees confirm that in undertaking their activities they have had regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

### **Achievements and performance**

This year has seen RDFRS UK continuing to be active on a number of fronts in carrying out activities in furtherance of its charitable aims. We provided speakers at conferences and funded other events which were aimed at advancing rationalism. The foundation also contributed towards the costs of producing events and online access to, and media of, public conversations between Richard Dawkins and various religious and secular personalities to help ensure maximum access to the ideas discussed, or debated there.

Dr Dawkins undertook a major lecture tour of 22 cities in America, Belgium, the Netherlands, Ireland, Dubai, and Britain, as well as remotely by Zoom etc. A highlight was the presentation of the Richard Dawkins Award to Brian Cox, the brilliant science communicator. The year has seen the consolidation of Dr Dawkins's podcast and associated substack and Youtube channel, all under the title "The Poetry of Reality".

We made a donation of \$25,000 (c. £19,000) to the US branch of the Richard Dawkins Foundation, to promote our work in America on education (specifically our Teacher Institute for Evolutionary Science, teaching Middle School teachers in all 50 states how to teach evolution) and the Translations Project (translating biology books into the languages of the Islamic world for free download).

Numerous international media interviews were also conducted providing current thought and positions of the foundation and its membership with organizations such as the BBC as well as both TV and Radio media in Europe, and the United States.

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## **Trustees' report for the year ended 30 April 2024 (continued)**

### **Achievements and performance (continued)**

The German language version (<http://de.richarddawkins.net>) and our Spanish site (<http://es.richarddawkins.net/>), continue to flourish. The RDFRS also maintains a vigorous social media presence with an "Official" RDFRS Facebook page at RDFRS UK, the latter being managed by Paula Kirby of consultants Cause and Effect. Now an integral part of CFI, and able to utilize its larger resources, the RDFRS now focuses primarily on becoming a hub for direct contact with Richard's daily efforts. Queries specific to the UK and EU are now the primary function of the office, increasing our base as well as our abilities to reach wider audiences under wider format possibilities in both the UK and the EU.

### **Related parties**

RDFRS US is a separate legal entity, with its own board of Trustees (Richard Dawkins is the only trustee who sits on the boards of both organisations), its own team of staff and volunteers, its own policies and activities, and its own website, reflecting the different social and legal context in the United States. The two foundations share the same mission. It has merged with the Center for Inquiry (CFI) within which it remains under the CFI umbrella.

Richard Dawkins Limited is a separate legal entity, with its own board of directors (Richard Dawkins is the only director who sits on the boards of both organisations), its own team of staff and volunteers, its own policies and activities, and its own website, the provision of academic and literary services.

### **Financial Review**

The charity seeks to maintain free reserves sufficient to cover operating costs for six months. At present the level of reserves is sufficient although reserves have decreased during the year and at 30 April 2024 the charity had reserves of £77,913 (2023: £76,165). The trustees wish to continue to establish the charity and Richard Dawkins Limited, the main creditor, will continue to support the charity and as such the accounts are prepared on a going concern basis.

This report is 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 20/12/24 and signed on its behalf by



**Prof Richard Dawkins**  
**Trustee**

**The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Limited**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
(including income and expenditure account)  
for the year ended 30 April 2024**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
<i>Income from donations and legacies:</i>					
Donations (including gift aid)	2	40,850	-	40,850	2,067
Interest Received		304		304	0
<b>Total income</b>		<b>41,154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,154</b>	<b>2,067</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Donations	3	20,911	-	20,911	44,218
Support costs	4	16,399	-	16,399	16,595
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>37,310</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,310</b>	<b>60,813</b>
<b>Net movement of funds in year</b>		<b>3,844</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,844</b>	<b>(58,746)</b>
Funds brought forward At 1st May 2023		74,069	96	74,165	74,165
<b>Funds carried forward At 30th April 2024</b>		<b>77,913</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>78,009</b>	<b>74,165</b>

There were no movements on restricted funds in the year ended 30 April 2024.

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Limited

Balance sheet  
as at 30 April 2024

		2024 £	2023 £
	Notes		
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	5	1	1
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	6	144,000	144,000
Cash at bank and in hand		141,099	137,255
		<u>285,099</u>	<u>281,255</u>
<b>Creditors : Due within one year</b>	7	(207,090)	(207,090)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<u>78,009</u>	<u>74,165</u>
<b>Net liabilities</b>		<u>78,010</u>	<u>74,166</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Share capital	8	1	1
Unrestricted funds		77,913	74,069
Restricted funds		96	96
<b>Members' funds</b>		<u>78,010</u>	<u>74,166</u>

The trustees' statements required by Sections 475(2) and (3) are shown on the following page which forms part of this Balance Sheet.

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Limited**

**Balance sheet (continued)**

**Trustees' statements required by Sections 475(2) and (3)  
for the year ended 30 April 2024**

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the period stated above the charity was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the charity pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 30 April 2024 and
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
  - (1) ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006.
  - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 20/12/24 and signed on its behalf by



**Prof Richard Dawkins**  
**Trustee**

**The notes on pages 6 to 9 form an integral part of these financial statements.**



# **The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Limited**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023 (continued)**

### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules 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) issued on 1 October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which the donors have earmarked for a particular purpose.

#### **Income**

All income is included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income, the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and receipt of the income is considered probable.

Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

#### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised when 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. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

#### **Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors are recorded at transaction price.

#### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost or valuation less any residual value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Computer equipment	25% straight line
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#### **Operating leases**

Rentals applicable to operating leases are charged to the SOFA over the period in which the cost is incurred.

**The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Limited**

**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 30 April 2023 (continued)**

**2. Donations received**

	<b>Unrestricted £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Individuals (including gift aid)	850	-	850	2,069
Legacy - Wills	40,000	-	40,000	-
	<u>40,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,850</u>	<u>2,067</u>
	<u><u>40,850</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>40,850</u></u>	<u><u>2,067</u></u>

**3. Donations paid**

	<b>Unrestricted £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Charity	1,000	-	1,000	-
RDFRS US	19,911	-	19,911	44,218
	<u>20,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,911</u>	<u>44,218</u>
	<u><u>20,911</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>20,911</u></u>	<u><u>44,218</u></u>

**4a. Support costs**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Sundries	19	215
Governance costs (see note 4b)	16,380	16,380
	<u>16,399</u>	<u>16,394</u>
	<u><u>16,399</u></u>	<u><u>16,394</u></u>

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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)  
for the year ended 30 April 2024**

**4b. Governance Costs**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy	1,500	1,500
Other professional fees (including legal)	14,880	14,880
	<u>16380</u>	<u>16,380</u>

**5. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Computer Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1st May 2023 and at 30 April 2024	1,429	1,429
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 May 2023	1,428	1,428
Charge for the year	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 30 April 2024	1,428	1,428
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Net book values</b>		
At 30 April 2023	1	1
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 30 April 2024	1	1
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**6. Debtors**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Owed by RDFRS US	144,000	144,000
	<u>144,000</u>	<u>144,000</u>

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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)  
for the year ended 30 April 2024**

<b>7. Creditors : amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Owed to Richard Dawkins Limited	184,060	184,060
Owed to trustees	21,530	21,530
Accruals	1,500	1,500
	<u>207,090</u>	<u>207,090</u>

<b>8. Share capital</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
<b>Authorised</b>		
2 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
1 Ordinary share of £1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Equity Shares</b>		
1 Ordinary share of £1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

**9. Controlling interest**

The charitable company is controlled by the trustees, Prof R Dawkins and Ms C W Enders.

**10. Trustees' expenses and remuneration**

The trustees received no remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: nil).

**11. Related party transactions**

At the year end, the balance due to Richard Dawkins Limited was £184,060 (2023: £184,060). Prof R Dawkins is a director of both RDFRS UK and Richard Dawkins Limited.

At the year end, the balance due from RDFRS US was £144,000 (2023: £144,000). Prof R Dawkins is a trustee of RDFRS US and RDFRS UK.

RDFRS US is a legally separate organization. It has merged with the Centre for Inquiry (CFI) within which it remains under the CFI umbrella and is extremely active promoting the same aims as RDFRS US but in America. Donations totalling £19,911 (2023: £44,218) were paid to CFI during the year.

**The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Limited**

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)  
for the year ended 30 April 2024**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the unaudited financial statements  
of The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Limited**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 April 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 9.

**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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Steve Boyd  
14 Orchard Close  
Chalgrove  
OX44 7RA

6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science Limited**

**Detailed income and expenditure account  
for the year ended 30 April 2024**

	<b>Year ended 30/04/24</b>		<b>Year ended 30/04/23</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations received</b>				
Individuals		850		2,067
Legacy		40,000		-
Interest		304		-
		<u>41,154</u>		<u>2,067</u>
 <b>Administrative expenses</b>				
Donations paid	20,911		44,218	
Accountancy	1,500		1,500	
Other professional fees (including legal)	14,880		14,880	
Sundries	19		215	
	<u></u>	(37,310)	<u></u>	(60,813)
 <b>Profit / (Deficit) for the year</b>		<u><u>3,844</u></u>		<u><u>(58,746)</u></u>