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Company registration number 08789102 (England and Wales)

THE NEW PHYTOLOGIST FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Company number	08789102
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Reference and administrative details

The New Phytologist Foundation remains an incorporated charitable company (company number 08789102, charity registration number 1154867). Charitable objectives, organisational structure and procedures continue as described in the Report for 2023.

Recruitment, Appointment, Induction and Training of new Trustees

New Trustees are appointed as required by the existing Board of Trustees. Prior to appointment, new Trustees must have been editors of New Phytologist Foundation journals, or have direct experience of science publishing, academic research or charity finance/law. They will therefore, upon appointment, have a good working understanding of the operational structure of the Foundation. Any further induction and training is provided by the existing Board of Trustees as required.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees are responsible for reviewing and approving budgets and delegate responsibility for achieving budgets to the relevant managerial staff in the journal office. The Board makes strategic decisions about new charitable and business initiatives and ensures they are financially and legally sound.

General

The Trustees met twice in 2024, on 10 May and 26 November at the offices of Brewin Dolphin, Manchester, UK and the Surgeon's Quarter, Edinburgh, UK, respectively. The meetings were chaired by Professor Keith Lindsey.

During 2024 the Trustees authorised charitable expenditure of £1,819,746 (2023 - £1,750,120) including grants for the promotion of plant science research and scholarship, the sponsorship of scientific and educational meetings and towards support for widening access to its publications. In connection with the latter activity, the Foundation's journal *New Phytologist* was made available to over 5,000 institutions through the Wiley-Blackwell licensed sales programme and a further 4,514 libraries in low-income countries have access through philanthropic initiatives. A proportion of journal content was made accessible free of charge on publication and all journal content is free to access 12 months after publication. *Plants, People, Planet* is freely accessible to all readers without the need for a subscription.

Journals

New Phytologist's Impact Factor for 2023 was 8.3, CiteScore was 17.6, and Journal Citation Indicator was 2.13, maintaining the journal's position among leading scholarly publications in the Plant Sciences category of the Journal Citation Report®. *New Phytologist's* high reputation helped to attract a record number of papers to the journal. A total of 815 articles, covering over 10,000 pages were published.

2024 saw the sixth volume year of *Plants, People, Planet*, the Foundation's fully Open Access online journal

Income

Wiley reported total revenue to *New Phytologist* in 2024 of £2,393,982 (£2,313,807 in 2023). Total revenue to *Plants, People, Planet* was £229,933 (£147,463 in 2023). Income to the Foundation, based on the financial agreement with Wiley, amounts to £2,034,343 (2023: £1,929,006).

Net income generated by investments was £51,036 (2023 - £40,840) and interest receivable was £27,426, a total of £78,462, compared with £57,964 in 2023.

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Expenditure

The annual meeting of the *New Phytologist* Editors was held in Dublin, Ireland on 12 and 13 April 2024. The Editors of *Plants*, *People*, *Planet* met on 6 December 2024 in Manchester, UK.

The fifth Next Generation Scientists Symposium was held on 5–8 June 2024 at Duke University, Durham, NC USA. In total 120 in-person delegates attended the event, including 30 speakers, mentors and panel discussants.

The 46th New Phytologist Symposium: Stomata took place in Kaifeng, China on 21–24 October 2024. Over 300 delegates attended, including 27 speakers.

The 45th New Phytologist symposium: Ecological and evolutionary consequences of plant–fungal invasions took place at the University of Campinas, Brazil, on 26–29 June 2024. A total of 91 delegates participated, including 28 speakers.

The Foundation contributed £169,093 to meeting costs, including registration, accommodation costs, and travel grants participants.

Two New Phytologist Workshops (NPW) took place in 2024:

- 32nd NPW: 'Federating research in red algae in the omic era', 28–30 October 2024 in Reitrain, Germany.
- 'Innovations in plant biology from India', 16–20 October 2024 in Bengaluru, India.

Costs of the Central Office at Lancaster University in 2024 amounted to £919,495 compared with £928,145 in 2023. Costs in support of the *New Phytologist* Editor-in-Chief, Professor Alistair Hetherington, at Bristol University, came to £26,734.

The value of Tansley grants and prizes awarded in 2024 was £37,173 compared with £53,801 in the previous year. The major item of charitable expenditure, £459,739, was in grants to support botanical research in the laboratories of those currently serving as Editors and Co-Editors of *New Phytologist* and *Plants*, *People*, *Planet*. The corresponding figure for 2023 was £484,795.

Investments

The total value of the Foundation's investments at 31 December 2024 was £2,806,187 (Brewin Dolphin portfolio) compared with £2,541,430 in 2023. The Foundation does not wish to directly profit from, or provide capital to, activities that are materially inconsistent with the research it promotes in the areas of plant, microbial and environmental sciences. To that end the majority of the Foundation's assets are direct investments which readily allow implementation of ethical investment policies, ethical exclusions and the integration of ESG factors into investment management. For example, The Foundation does not invest in any company that derives more than 5% of its revenues from tobacco, gambling, non-military firearms or high-interest rate lending, nor does it allow investments in companies that derive more than 5% of revenue from tar sands or thermal coal due to the climate change crises.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. They confirmed the following objectives and obligations that were agreed in 2013, further updated in 2018 to include reference to the publication of the journal *Plants*, *People*, *Planet*:

To promote plant science by:

- Publishing learned journals, including *New Phytologist* and *Plants*, *People*, *Planet*.
- Funding education and training in the broad area of plant sciences.
- Supporting defined groups and making grants to organisations that fall within the general remit of the Foundation.

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- To appoint an Executive Editor, and Managing Editors to work with the Editorial Boards and Editorial Offices of its journals to establish an ethical and sustainable publishing strategy, to ensure adequate systems of financial control and risk management, and to provide appropriate human and financial resources.
- To appoint the Treasurer, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, and to maintain membership of the Board representing eminent plant scientists and others with appropriate charitable, publishing and academic experience, to reflect the origins and activity of the Foundation's journals.

The Trustees have reviewed the results of 2024 and are satisfied that these objectives have been fully met.

Risk Management

The Trustees actively review on a regular basis the major risks that the charity faces. The main source of financial risk to the New Phytologist Foundation relates to publishing income derived from the journals *New Phytologist* and *Plants, People, Planet*. The main risks identified are:

- The uncertain future of academic publishing, primarily the implications of the ongoing transition to Open Access publishing for hybrid journals, such as *New Phytologist*, and the associated impact on traditional subscription revenues. While *New Phytologist* benefits from 'transformational agreements' implemented and managed by the contracted publisher, Wiley, income is less predictable than in earlier periods as authors, institutions and funders navigate towards new publishing models.
- There is further uncertainty with respect to the level of Open Access income for fully Open Access journals, such as *Plants, People, Planet*, in comparison to journals published under the traditional subscription model, where subscription arrangements, and, consequently, income, may be estimated with greater certainty.
- The restrictions on funding for university libraries, which may cause subscription cancellations. Subscription attrition is also a risk due to increasing Open Access uptake.

The Trustees believe that maintaining reserves at appropriate levels, combined with an annual review of all the controls over key financial systems, will ensure that sufficient resources are available in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Reserves

The Trustees' reserves policy is to hold total reserves to meet 1–2 year's expenditure which, based on the 2024 accounts, is a minimum of £1,837,156. At the end of 2024, reserves (cash at bank plus investments) stood at approximately £4,359,085. All funds are unrestricted. The Trustees have given due consideration to current levels of reserves and are satisfied that current reserve levels are appropriate, particularly in light of the transition from subscription to Open Access income models referred to above.

Future developments

The Foundation has made significant investment in future strategic planning, for example, both journals have initiated 'Task & Finish' groups with the sole objective of identifying strategic projects to see these through to completion. Examples include the launch of *New Phytologist's* Transformative Plant Biotechnology section, and continued efforts to develop resources and support for researchers across the geographical spread of the journal's readership. At *Plants, People, Planet*, new article types have been developed and will be launched in 2025. Across the Foundation's events programme, symposia and workshops are due to take place in 2025–26, and the Trustees will continue consider the events programme beyond this throughout 2025. The international Open Access landscape, and uptake of Open Access at *New Phytologist*, is a key factor in future developments, and a key focus of the Trustees. Potential new initiatives and publishing ventures are also being pursued.

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Professor Alistair Hetherington stepped down as Editor-in-Chief of *New Phytologist* at the end of 2024. Professor Maarja Õpik was appointed in Autumn 2024, to ensure a sufficient handover period.

Wiley currently holds the contract to publish *New Phytologist* on behalf of the New Phytologist Foundation, however, this is due to expire at the end of 2025. Consequently, in 2024 a Request for Proposals (RfP) process was initiated with a view to securing and agreeing a new contract before the end of the year. A number of proposals were received and considered, and Wiley reappointed with contract negotiations expected to conclude in autumn 2025.

Key performance indicators

The Foundation considers a number of Key performance indicators (KPIs), including readership, citations, submission levels across both journals, subscription and open access income. Across the events programme, the Trustees consider delegate application and registration numbers, feedback and journal outcomes as crucial KPIs.

Going concern

The Trustees are satisfied that the New Phytologist Foundation remains a going concern. The rationale for this decision is based upon a thorough examination of reserves and income expected in 2025. Funds are available to cover all anticipated costs for at least 12 months following the signature of these financial statements. Cashflow forecasts and predicted revenue streams have been considered and as such the Trustees are confident that the Foundation is in a good position to meet liabilities as they fall due over the coming 12 months.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees, who are also the directors of The New Phytologist Foundation for the purpose 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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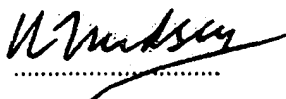
Statement of Disclosure of Information to Auditors

The Trustees of the charity who held office at the date of this annual report confirm that:

- So far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information, information needed by the charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Prof Keith Lindsey
Chairman
New Phytologist Foundation

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW PHYTOLOGIST FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The New Phytologist Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW PHYTOLOGIST FOUNDATION

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Review of trustees' minutes and review of nominal postings for legal and professional fees ensured we identified any regulatory compliance issues and laws that charity must follow in the year and to the date of signing the financial statements.
- The assessment of fraud was considered as low due to no cash handled and the good controls in place within the organisation.
- A review of journal entries and consideration of their appropriateness was carried out throughout the audit.
- During the audit we speak to management, test the systems and speak to various members of the finance function to understand the entity its processes and the nature of trade to assist in determining if the financial statements are true and fair.
- Challenging assumptions made by management in making their significant accounting estimates.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW PHYTOLOGIST FOUNDATION

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Lyndsay Nicholson FCA
Riverside Accountancy Lancaster Limited
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

12 May 2025

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Riverside Accountancy Lancaster Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
	Notes		
<u>Income from:</u>			
Charitable activities	3	2,112,319	1,971,905
Investments	4	78,462	57,964
Total income		2,190,781	2,029,869
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
<u>Raising funds</u>			
Investment management	5	17,410	19,575
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
Journal Expenditure	6	1,650,653	1,634,650
Symposia Expenditure	6	169,093	115,470
Total charitable expenditure		1,819,746	1,750,120
Total expenditure		1,837,156	1,769,695
Operational surplus		353,625	260,174
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	223,356	155,909
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		576,981	416,083
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		4,083,136	3,667,053
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		4,660,117	4,083,136

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.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	11		2,806,187		2,541,430
Current assets					
Debtors	13	1,196,505		973,046	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,552,898		732,380	
		2,749,403		1,705,426	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(895,473)		(163,720)	
Net current assets			1,853,930		1,541,706
Total assets less current liabilities			4,660,117		4,083,136
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			4,660,117		4,083,136
			4,660,117		4,083,136

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, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, 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 Trustees on 10 May 2025.



Prof Keith Lindsey
Chairman
New Phytologist Foundation

Company Registration No. 08789102

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	16		861,919		(96,459)
Investing activities					
Purchase of investments		(897,907)		(995,197)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		890,472		856,455	
Cash movement in investment portfolio		(33,966)		107,407	
Net cash used in investing activities			(41,401)		(31,335)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			820,518		(127,794)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			732,380		860,173
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>1,552,898</u>		<u>732,380</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The New Phytologist Foundation is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The New Phytologist Foundation Central Office, Furness Main, B floor, Office B089, Furness College, Lancaster University, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 4YG.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 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 of 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.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

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

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.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Charitable activities

	Journal Income 2024 £	Symposia Income 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Journal Income 2023 £	Symposia Income 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Wiley	2,034,343	65,936	2,100,279	1,929,006	31,345	1,960,351
JSTOR	12,040	-	12,040	11,554	-	11,554
	<u>2,046,383</u>	<u>65,936</u>	<u>2,112,319</u>	<u>1,940,560</u>	<u>31,345</u>	<u>1,971,905</u>

4 Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Dividends received	51,036	40,840
Interest receivable	27,426	17,124
	<u>78,462</u>	<u>57,964</u>

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5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment management fees	17,410	19,575
	<u>17,410</u>	<u>19,575</u>

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6 Charitable activities

	Journal Expenditure 2024 £	Symposia Expenditure 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Journal Expenditure 2023 £	Symposia Expenditure 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	815,592	-	815,592	753,846	-	753,846
Lancaster rent	14,580	-	14,580	12,147	-	12,147
Stationery and printing	605	-	605	660	-	660
Telephone and communications	2,041	-	2,041	2,539	-	2,539
Office space	-	-	-	471	-	471
Furniture, equipment and hardware	4,474	-	4,474	5,014	-	5,014
Miscellaneous expenses	6,753	-	6,753	3,899	-	3,899
Advertising	2,216	-	2,216	493	-	493
Promotion and marketing	29,566	-	29,566	66,722	-	66,722
Development	6,314	-	6,314	42,655	-	42,655
Training expenses	2,687	-	2,687	1,715	-	1,715
Staff travel	4,777	-	4,777	6,989	-	6,989
Website design and maintenance	29,890	-	29,890	14,873	-	14,873
Bristol salaries and office	26,734	-	26,734	-	-	-
Editors and advisors						
business meetings	108,798	-	108,798	110,474	-	110,474
Trustees meetings	16,336	-	16,336	16,119	-	16,119
Tansley reviews	10,520	-	10,520	9,362	-	9,362
Workshops	37,776	-	37,776	29,635	-	29,635
Tansley grants: prizes, awards and support	37,173	-	37,173	53,801	-	53,801
Contributions to trustees' and editors' institutions	459,739	-	459,739	484,795	-	484,795
Symposia expenditure	-	169,093	169,093	-	115,470	115,470
	<u>1,616,571</u>	<u>169,093</u>	<u>1,785,664</u>	<u>1,616,209</u>	<u>115,470</u>	<u>1,731,679</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	12,033	-	12,033	6,175	-	6,175
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	22,049	-	22,049	12,266	-	12,266
	<u><u>1,650,653</u></u>	<u><u>169,093</u></u>	<u><u>1,819,746</u></u>	<u><u>1,634,650</u></u>	<u><u>115,470</u></u>	<u><u>1,750,120</u></u>

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Subscriptions	1,516	-	1,516	238	Usage
Bank charges	6,744	-	6,744	4,498	Usage
Currency conversion gains/(losses)	3,773	-	3,773	1,439	Usage
Audit fees	-	3,500	3,500	3,500	Governance
Accountancy	-	3,289	3,289	3,423	Governance
Legal and professional	-	15,260	15,260	5,343	Governance
	<u>12,033</u>	<u>22,049</u>	<u>34,082</u>	<u>18,441</u>	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	<u>12,033</u>	<u>22,049</u>	<u>34,082</u>	<u>18,441</u>	

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,500 (2023- £3,500) for audit fees.

8 Trustees

In respect of their duties as trustees, the trustees received no emoluments in the period other than reimbursement of the costs incurred, amounting to £17,014 (2023 - £16,119).

There were no other related party transactions in the period (2023 - none).

9 Employees

The Foundation provides funds to employ, through the Universities of Lancaster and Bristol, a staff of 13 persons on average (2023 - 12) , who provide assistance to the editors in the performance of their duties. Salary costs reimbursed to the relevant universities totalled £830,326 (2023 - £753,846). One employee earned more than £60,000.

Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Lancaster salaries	815,592	753,846
Bristol salaries	14,734	-
	<u>830,326</u>	<u>753,846</u>