

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 January 2021	To	31 December 2021

## Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

John Brookes-Denmans Foundation

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1171609

Charity's principal address

Denmans Garden, Denmans Lane

Fontwell, Nr. Arundel West Sussex

Postcode BN18 0SU

West Sussex

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gwendolyn van Paasschen	Chair	From 14/02/2017	Original Sponsor
2	Peter Gillespie	Trustee	From 14/02/2017	Original Sponsor
3	Michael Palmer	Trustee	From 24/10/2018	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year



## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accounting	Robert Sadler	30B Southgate, Chichester PO19 1DP

## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by majority of trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trustees of the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation (JBDF) continued planning for the future of the JBDF and Denmans Garden. The Trustees decided to hire a garden historian to help create a conservation plan for the garden in 2022.

## Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are to advance the education of the public (and particularly landscape design and horticultural students) in the subject of landscape design and the design ethos of renowned landscape designer John Brookes MBE in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including through the delivery of lecturers, design courses, granting of awards and provision of hands-on horticultural design experience.



**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Work on the restoration of Denmans Garden, which is associated with the Charity, continued though the garden remained closed until February 2021 because of Covid. Nevertheless, the garden attracted over 8000 visitors after opening in March of 2021, an increase from 2400 in 2020.

Some programming resumed, including art classes. An Autumn Walk in the garden was held in conjunction with GardenMasterclass.org and more events, including a pruning workshop are planned with Garden Masterclass for 2022.

Sue England, a finalist in ITV's 2019 Landscape Artist of the Year competition, started as Denmans' first artist in residence at Denmans. Her residency will be for a year.

Denmans will also participate in Chichester's 2022 Culture Spark.

The annual John Brookes Lecture resumed after having been cancelled by the pandemic. It was a panel discussion with three award winning landscape designers and was attended by over 50 people. The discussion focused on John Brookes' legacy and was one of two book launches for 'How to Design a Garden' by John Brookes. The second book launch was held in London.

Denmans opened for the National Garden Scheme in February, April, and May 2021 with proceeds going to NGS. The garden first opened to the NGS in 1967.

The John Brookes-Denmans Foundation sponsored the Photo Journalist of the Year award given by the Garden Media Guild which was awarded to Mimi Connolly.

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

**You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:**

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The volunteer program at Denmans continued and expanded in 2021 in compliance with Covid restrictions. The intent remains to build a volunteer base to help renovate and sustain the garden and promote and tell its history.

The Aldingbourne Foundation (which supports people with learning disabilities and/or autism to lead independent lives) continues to plant and care for the planters at the entrance of the garden and we are planning to work with them to develop signage.

Discussions with the Snowdrop Trust to hold a event post-covid continue.

Other partnerships and working relationships with charities with complementary missions continue to be explored.



## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We post regular blogs about the garden on our website, denmans.org and continue to send out a monthly newsletter to local and international recipients. Our social media presence continues to grow.

We continue to restore the garden which was badly neglected.

We have successfully continued to propagate plants for sale, continuing in the footsteps of the garden's founder, Joyce Robinson.

The chairman of the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation gave several talks for various groups, including the Gardens Trust, in England and one in the US about Denmans, John Brookes, and his legacy.

Denmans was also asked to participate in the South and South East in Bloom competition (part of Britain in Bloom) and won Gold. Denmans also was one of 6 finalists in the RHS Partner Garden 'Partner Garden of the Year' competition.

The chairman of the JBDF edited a collection of Mr. Brookes essays and lectures which were published in October 2021 by Pimpernel Press. All royalties of the book, *How to Design a Garden* by John Brookes, are earmarked for the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation. Additionally, the book was translated into Russian.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)



You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

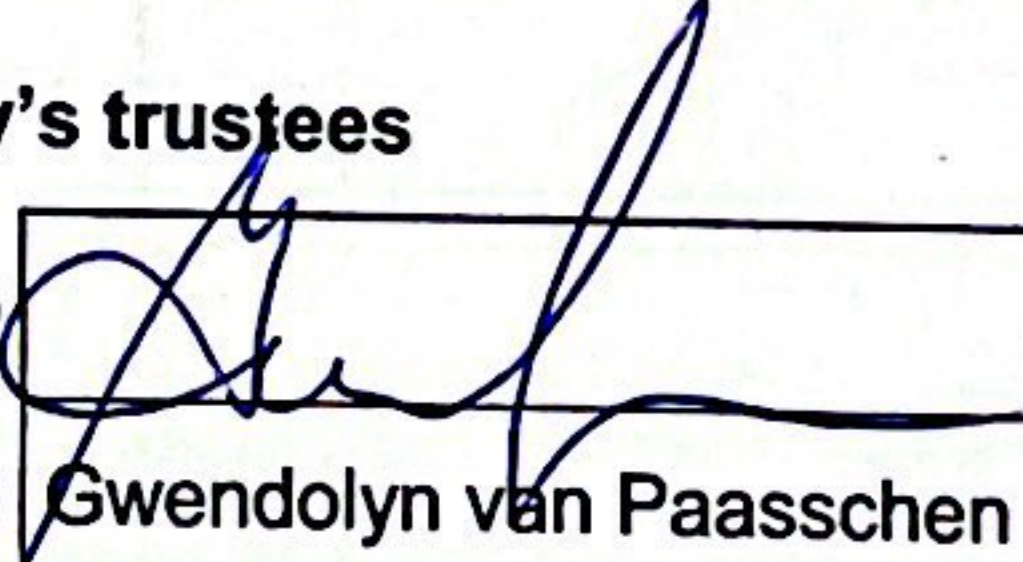

We qualified for gift aid in summer 2020 and added a tick box on our booking system that offers visitors a chance to make a donation to the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation. We will continue to explore means of raising funds to support the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation.


**Section F** Other optional information

**Section G** Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gwendolyn van Paasschen	PETER GILBERIE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TRUSTEE

 - M.A. PALMER, TRUSTEE

Date 26 October 2022



**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE010291 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1171609**

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021  
for  
John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
30B Southgate  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1DP

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The objective of the charity is to advance the education of the public (particularly landscape design and horticultural students) in the subject of landscape design and the design ethos of renowned landscape designer John Brookes MBE in such ways as the Trustees think fit, including through the delivery of lectures, design courses, granting of awards and provision of hands-on horticultural design experience.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its constitution, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation, formed in accordance with the Charities Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

CE010291 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1171609

**Registered office**

Denmans  
Denmans Lane  
Fontwell  
Arundel  
West Sussex  
BN18 0SU

**Trustees**

Ms G W J Van Paasschen  
P Gillespie  
M A Palmer

**Company Secretary**

**Independent Examiner**

Robert Alistair Sadler  
ICAEW  
Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
30B Southgate  
Chichester  
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**LEGACIES AND DONATIONS**

A legacy from the late John Brookes MBE which was valued at £225,000 and consisted of an interest in a property was previously recognised as income in the accounts of year ended 31st December 2019. It has subsequently transpired that this was an error and that the late John Brookes MBE had no such interest in the property to leave as a legacy in his Will, and therefore the legacy of £225,000 has been reversed this year and the interest in the property removed as an asset from "Investment Property" in the balance sheet. The effect of this adjustment results in "Donations and legacies" for the year as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 4 as a negative value of £(210,461).



John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms G W J Van Paasschen - Trustee



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
John Brookes Denmans Foundation

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of John Brookes Denmans Foundation ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

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.

Robert Alistair Sadler  
ICAEW  
Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
30B Southgate  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
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28 October 2022



John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

		31.12.21 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	(210,461)	1,051
Other trading activities	3	25	3,191
Investment income	4	609	2,402
<b>Total</b>		<u>(209,827)</u>	<u>6,644</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General running of foundation		1,603	10,266
Other		295	316
<b>Total</b>		<u>1,898</u>	<u>10,582</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>17,942</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(193,783)	(3,938)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		320,779	324,717
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>126,996</u></u>	<u><u>320,779</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Balance Sheet  
31 December 2021

	Notes	31.12.21 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	8	5,331	5,626
Investment property	10	-	225,000
		<hr/> 5,331	<hr/> 230,626
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		122,829	91,317
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,164)	(1,164)
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		121,665	90,153
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		126,996	320,779
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		126,996	320,779
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<b>FUNDS</b>	12		
Unrestricted funds		126,996	320,779
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		126,996	320,779
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The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 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.



John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Balance Sheet - continued

31 December 2021

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

G W J Van Paasschen - Trustee

M A Palmer - Trustee



## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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 2019)', 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, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost 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 resources.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 5% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

### **Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.



Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

A legacy from the late John Brookes MBE which was valued at £225,000 and consisted of an interest in a property was previously recognised as income in the accounts of year ended 31st December 2019. It has subsequently transpired that this was an error and that the late John Brookes MBE had no such interest in the property to leave as a legacy in his Will, and therefore the legacy of £225,000 has been reversed this year and the interest in the property removed as an asset from "Investment Property" in the balance sheet. The effect of this adjustment results in "Donations and legacies" for the year as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 4 as a negative value of £(210,461).

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	1,980
Items sold	-	1,211
Hiring out of equipment	25	-
	<u>25</u>	<u>3,191</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Royalties	609	1,017
Other fixed asset invest - FII	-	59
Deposit account interest	-	1,326
	<u>609</u>	<u>2,402</u>

**5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>295</u>	<u>316</u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.



**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	1,051
Other trading activities	3,191
Investment income	2,402
<b>Total</b>	<u>6,644</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
General running of foundation	10,266
Other	316
<b>Total</b>	<u>10,582</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(3,938)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	324,717
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>320,779</u></u>

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	6,160	120	6,280
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2021	601	53	654
Charge for year	278	17	295
At 31 December 2021	879	70	949
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2021	<u>5,281</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>5,331</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>5,559</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>5,626</u>



Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

**9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

**10. INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

	£
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2021	225,000
Disposals	(225,000)
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At 31 December 2021	-
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2021	-
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At 31 December 2020	225,000
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**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Trade creditors	(1)	(1)
Other creditors	205	205
Accrued expenses	960	960
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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	320,779	(193,783)	126,996
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	320,779	(193,783)	126,996
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Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	(209,827)	(1,898)	17,942	(193,783)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	(209,827)	(1,898)	17,942	(193,783)
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	324,717	(3,938)	320,779
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>324,717</u>	<u>(3,938)</u>	<u>320,779</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	6,644	(10,582)	(3,938)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>6,644</u>	<u>(10,582)</u>	<u>(3,938)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	324,717	(197,721)	126,996
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>324,717</u>	<u>(197,721)</u>	<u>126,996</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	(203,183)	(12,480)	17,942	(197,721)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>(203,183)</u>	<u>(12,480)</u>	<u>17,942</u>	<u>(197,721)</u>



**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.



John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	866	1,051
Legacies	(211,327)	-
	<hr/> (210,461)	<hr/> 1,051
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	-	1,980
Items sold	-	1,211
Hiring out of equipment	25	-
	<hr/> 25	<hr/> 3,191
<b>Investment income</b>		
Royalties	609	1,017
Other fixed asset invest - FII	-	59
Deposit account interest	-	1,326
	<hr/> 609	<hr/> 2,402
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	(209,827)	6,644
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Website and sundry computer	43	19
<b>Other</b>		
Fixtures and fittings	278	293
Computer equipment	17	23
	<hr/> 295	<hr/> 316
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Insurance	-	53
<b>Other</b>		
Collating John Brookes archive	-	9,474
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,560	720
	<hr/> 1,898	<hr/> 10,582
<b>Total resources expended</b>		
	<hr/> 1,898	<hr/> 10,582
<b>Net expenditure before gains and losses</b>	(211,725)	(3,938)
<b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
Carried forward	(213,285)	(4,658)

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John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
<b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
Brought forward	(213,285)	(4,658)
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	17,942	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(193,783)</u>	<u>(3,938)</u>

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