

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2021
for
Elizabeth Montagu Correspondence Online

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for the Year Ended 31 May 2021**

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 May 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 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 Charitable Purposes

The objects of the charity are to advance education for the public benefit by publishing an online edition of the letters of Elizabeth Montagu, her correspondents and other members of her circle ("the Montagu Correspondence") in particular but not exclusively as a means to:

- a) advance scholarship and literary and historical research by making the online correspondence archive available for use as an educational tool by academic institutions and interested members of the public;
- b) encourage scholars and researchers to transcribe, edit, study and publish materials arising from the online correspondence archive, and to provide them with scholarships, expense reimbursement and other forms of financial assistance for this purpose.

The trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidelines on public benefit.

Structure, Governance & Management

The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 18th September 2017. It is administered by its Trustees, and the day-to-day administration is carried out by Joanna Barker. The Trustees receive no remuneration from the charity.

Trustees

Professor Caroline Franklin (Chair)
Professor Mike Franklin
Professor Nicole Pohl
Dr Elizabeth Eger (reappointed 26.11.20)
Joanna Barker (reappointed 26.11.20)

The founding Trustees listed above were appointed on 18th September 2017 and serve an initial term of between two and four years (as set out in the founding document), and may thereafter be re-elected for terms of three years.

The Trustees have familiarised themselves with their responsibilities and obligations as set out on the website of the Charity Commission. New trustees, when appointed, will benefit from an induction process.

Review of Activities

The charity received the final batches of digital images from the Huntington Library during the year and undertook preparatory work for uploading these to the website in high-resolution format. The online database of biographies and locations mentioned in the letters continued to be expanded and fully-annotated editions of the letters to Hester Thrale Piozzi and James Beattie were added to the site. Two online seminars were organised in October 2020 and May 2021 to introduce the site and its functionality, and were well-attended by a range of interested people.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
3. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
4. State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
5. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Donations

Grants and donations were received during the year from the Paul Mellon Foundation and the Ardeola Charitable Trust, of which Joanna Barker is a trustee.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The policy adopted by the Trustees is to hold a level of cash that, taken together with firm future pledges from its existing funders, will be sufficient to fulfil its known obligations to Swansea University and Oxford Brookes University for the next twelve months.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report and accounts for the year ended 31st May 2021.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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The Trustees serve an initial term of between two and four years (as set out in the founding document), and may thereafter be re-elected for terms of three years.

The Trustees have familiarised themselves with their responsibilities and obligations as set out on the website of the Charity Commission. New trustees, when appointed, will benefit from an induction process.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1174697

Principal address

Creek House
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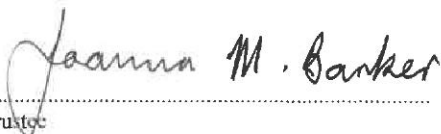
Trustees

Professor C Franklin Chair
Professor M Franklin
Professor N Pohl
Dr E Eger
J Barker

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23rd Nov. 2021 and signed on its behalf by:


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Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Elizabeth Montagu Correspondence Online**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Elizabeth Montagu Correspondence Online

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Elizabeth Montagu Correspondence Online (the Trust) for the year ended 31 May 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



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Date: 1 December 2021

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 May 2021

	Notes	31.5.21 Unrestricted fund £	31.5.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		41,000	35,060
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities		43,466	78,659
Other resources expensed		75	80
Total		<u>43,541</u>	<u>78,739</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(2,541)</u>	<u>(43,679)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		11,304	54,983
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>8,763</u></u>	<u><u>11,304</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet

31 May 2021

	Notes	31.5.21 Unrestricted fund £	31.5.20 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		9,243	12,044
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(480)	(740)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>8,763</u>	<u>11,304</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		8,763	11,304
NET ASSETS		<u>8,763</u>	<u>11,304</u>
FUNDS	5		
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		8,763	11,304
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>8,763</u>	<u>11,304</u>

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

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Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 May 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

	31.5.21	31.5.20
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	1,498	735
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3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	35,060
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Charitable Activities	78,659
Other resources expensed	80
Total	<u>78,739</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(43,679)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	54,983

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	11,304

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.5.21 £	31.5.20 £
Other creditors	480	740

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.6.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.5.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,304	(2,541)	8,763
TOTAL FUNDS	11,304	(2,541)	8,763

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	41,000	(43,541)	(2,541)
TOTAL FUNDS	41,000	(43,541)	(2,541)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.6.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.5.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,983	(43,679)	11,304
TOTAL FUNDS	54,983	(43,679)	11,304

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	35,060	(78,739)	(43,679)
TOTAL FUNDS	35,060	(78,739)	(43,679)

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1.6.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.5.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,983	(46,220)	8,763
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,983</u>	<u>(46,220)</u>	<u>8,763</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 £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	76,060	(122,280)	(46,220)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>76,060</u>	<u>(122,280)</u>	<u>(46,220)</u>

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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

	31.5.21 £	31.5.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Grants & Donations	41,000	35,060
Total incoming resources	41,000	35,060
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' expenses	1,498	735
Sundries	65	115
Purchase of rights to digital images	-	1,081
Funding of research assistants	41,423	32,285
Payments under licence	-	43,703
Governance expenses	480	740
	43,466	78,659
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	75	80
Total resources expended	43,541	78,739
Net expenditure	(2,541)	(43,679)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements