

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1195126

**THE STEPHENSON HARWOOD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
(CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2025. 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

The organisation's objects are as follows:

- a) To promote equality and diversity within the legal profession by advancing the opportunities for the study of the law at undergraduate level at any university, college or institute of higher or further education. The charity trustees will employ suitable methods, as determined by them, to achieve this goal. These methods may include but are not limited to offering grants, scholarships or maintenance allowances to individuals facing challenges due to age, illness, hardship, disability, financial difficulties, or other disadvantages.
- b) To prevent or relieve poverty by promoting education to undergraduate level and by supporting existing charities and initiatives working to encourage social mobility and equality of opportunity within the legal profession, including but not limited to the provision of grants to such other charities and initiatives; and
- c) The Board may, at its absolute discretion, consider other charitable purposes as appropriate from time to time.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Since the charity has been established, it has provided grants to 19 scholars (three in 2021, six in 2022, five in 2023, and five in 2024). A further five grants were awarded in July 2025, although as the date of offer was after the year-end, these five grants have not been recognised in the financial statements. Each grant provides £15,000 per year to scholars in order to pay for fees and other living expenses for three years of university. The grant is specifically targeted towards students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, therefore the impact of the funding on the recipients is substantial. A significant number of the recipients would have faced financial constraints in pursuing higher education if they had not been awarded the grants. They might have been compelled to interrupt their studies and seek employment to cover the costs of tuition and university supplies. However, thanks to the grants, the beneficiaries have been able to fully focus on their academic pursuits and embrace the enriching experiences that university life offers. Moreover, the grants have facilitated the acquisition of practical skills and the establishment of professional connections for the beneficiaries. In a broader context, these grants contribute to enhancing accessibility to the legal profession, thereby promoting diversity within it.

Public benefit

The Trustees believe that the legal profession can be most effective when it reflects the diversity of the people it serves. They believe that justice is an equal human right and that those skilled to advise on the law and administer it should represent the multitude of different experiences and backgrounds found throughout England and Wales.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The Trustees believe that:

- encouraging diversity and equality in the legal profession encourages a fairer society.
- the public as a whole, benefits when its professions are comprised of talented individuals from all social backgrounds. In particular, as the legal profession comes to represent diversity of experience and background more accurately, they anticipate that more people who have felt marginalised by the law will feel able to access legal professionals.
- all talented young people should have the opportunity to study and obtain an undergraduate degree and that a disadvantaged start in life should be no barrier to future success. They anticipate that there will be wider social benefits of talented young people from disadvantaged backgrounds being encouraged to study to fulfil their potential.
- higher or further education will start to become the norm for students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, so that all young people will feel that they have an equal right to study law, regardless of their circumstances.
- widening access to the law will result in a legal profession that better represents everyone.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year, the charity recorded income of £nil (2024: £258,750) in respect of donations from Stephenson Harwood LLP. Expenditure totalled £3,037 (2024: £228,176), which was comprised of scholarship grants of £nil (2024: £225,000) and support costs of £3,037 (2024: £3,176).

This year's scholarships were paid in July 2025 and therefore will be shown in the financial statements for the year ending 30 April 2026.

Reserves policy

The charity has no operating running costs as the administration support, selection process and implementation are actioned by Stephenson Harwood LLP. Donations to the charity comprise funds gifted by the deed of gift and allocations of grants are always equal to the amount of money received. The LLP also commits to paying for additional running costs of the charity, such as insurance. Therefore, the charity does not need reserves.

FUTURE PLANS

The charity will continue on the same basis. There are no plans for material changes to the objectives or activities of the charity or the scale of its work.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation, governed by a constitution, and registered on 9 July 2021, with the charity having legal responsibility, rather than the trustees.

Vacancies arising on the retirement of Charity Trustees by rotation may be filled by a decision on the Voting Members present in person or by proxy at the annual general meeting.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1195126

Principal address

Stephenson Harwood LLP
1 Finsbury Circus
London
EC2M 7SH

Trustees

J Beat (appointed 18 September 2024, resigned 24 June 2025)
L M Childerley (resigned 6 October 2024)
D S Hagen
N Leach
Y Lu (appointed 23 September 2024)
D E J McDonald
R J Newman
M A Russell

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

N Leach - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE STEPHENSON HARWOOD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Stephenson Harwood Charitable Foundation

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Stephenson Harwood Charitable Foundation (the Trust) for the year ended 30 April 2025.

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.

Michaela Johns FCCA

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19 December 2025

THE STEPHENSON HARWOOD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258,750</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Scholarships		-	-	-	225,000
Other		<u>3,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,037</u>	<u>3,176</u>
Total		<u>3,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,037</u>	<u>228,176</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(3,037)	-	(3,037)	30,574
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>27,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,184</u>	<u>(3,390)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>24,147</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>24,147</u></u>	<u><u>27,184</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE STEPHENSON HARWOOD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

30 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	-	225,000	225,000	465,000
Cash at bank		<u>27,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,165</u>	<u>165,059</u>
		27,165	225,000	252,165	630,059
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(3,018)</u>	<u>(225,000)</u>	<u>(228,018)</u>	<u>(602,875)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>24,147</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,147</u>	<u>27,184</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>24,147</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,147</u>	<u>27,184</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>24,147</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,147</u>	<u>27,184</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	9			<u>24,147</u>	<u>27,184</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>24,147</u>	<u>27,184</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

N Leach - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE STEPHENSON HARWOOD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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.

Donations from Stephenson Harwood LLP in respect of scholarship payments are recognised at the point when the scholarship is awarded. Donations are receivable in three annual instalments per scholar.

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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Scholarship payments are recognised in full at the point when the scholarship is awarded, and are payable in three annual instalments.

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

2. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2025	2024
	£	
	£	
Scholarships	<u>-</u>	<u>225,000</u>

All scholarship grants are paid to individuals.

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2025 nor for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 April 2025 nor for the year ended 30 April 2024.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	<u>33,750</u>	<u>225,000</u>	<u>258,750</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Scholarships	-	225,000	225,000
Other	<u>3,176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,176</u>
Total	<u>3,176</u>	<u>225,000</u>	<u>228,176</u>
NET INCOME	30,574	-	30,574
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	(3,390)	-	(3,390)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>27,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,184</u>

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5. STAFF COSTS

The charity had no employees during the period.

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION FEES

The fee paid to the independent examiner for the examination of the accounts was £3,018 (2024: £2,875), inclusive of VAT.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>225,000</u>	<u>465,000</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>228,018</u>	<u>602,875</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.5.24	Net movement in funds	At 30.4.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,184	(3,037)	24,147
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>27,184</u>	<u>(3,037)</u>	<u>24,147</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	(3,037)	(3,037)
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,037)</u>	<u>(3,037)</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.5.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(3,390)	30,574	27,184
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(3,390)</u>	<u>30,574</u>	<u>27,184</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	33,750	(3,176)	30,574
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	225,000	(225,000)	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>258,750</u>	<u>(228,176)</u>	<u>30,574</u>

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

	At 1.5.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(3,390)	27,537	24,147
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(3,390)</u>	<u>27,537</u>	<u>24,147</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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	33,750	(6,213)	27,537
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	225,000	(225,000)	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>258,750</u>	<u>(231,213)</u>	<u>27,537</u>

Restricted funds represent donations from Stephenson Harwood LLP for the purpose of the award of scholarship grants.

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

N Leach (trustee) was a member of Stephenson Harwood LLP during the year. During the year, the charity recognised income of £nil (2024: £258,750) from Stephenson Harwood LLP. As at 30 April 2025, £225,000 (2024: £465,000) was included within debtors in respect of donations receivable from Stephenson Harwood LLP under a deed of gift. £nil (2024: £135,000) was included within creditors in respect of donations which are due to be repaid to Stephenson Harwood LLP.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	<u>-</u>	<u>258,750</u>
Total incoming resources	-	258,750
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Grants to individuals	-	225,000
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	20	281
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>3,017</u>	<u>2,895</u>
Total resources expended	<u>3,037</u>	<u>228,176</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u><u>(3,037)</u></u>	<u><u>30,574</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements