

MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1196488

Details

Other names CZECH MEMORIAL SCROLLS CENTRE (WORKING NAME)

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-11-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF THE JEWISH RELIGION AND FOR SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THE PRACTICE OF JUDAISM AS THE TRUSTEES MAY DETERMINE.

Activities: The Memorial Scrolls Trust has allocated Czech scrolls to synagogues and organisations around the world. The scrolls are never sold or donated, but allocated on loan.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- United States
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£201,660	£106,330	-	-
2023-12-31	£123,249	£64,808	-	-
2022-12-31	£831,743	£62,967	£742,528	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Allan Weiner		2023-07-24
Andrew Keene		2024-07-31
DAVID GOLDBERG		2021-11-02
Emma Parlons		2024-02-12
JEFFREY DAVID OHRENSTEIN		2024-03-14
Lois Roman		2021-11-02
Peter Barber		2021-11-02
Rachel Scott		2023-09-24
Sebastian Conran		2024-10-31

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Accounts

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Trustees J D Ohrenstein, Chair (reappointed 14 March 2024)
P Barber, Trustee
S Conran, Trustee (appointed 31 October 2024)
D Goldberg, Trustee
A Keene, Trustee (appointed 31 July 2024)
E Parlons, Trustee (appointed 12 February 2024)
L Roman, Trustee
R Scott, Trustee
A Weiner, Trustee

Charity registered number 1196488

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Bankers National Westminster Bank PLC
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MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the CIO for the period ended 31 December 2024.

The Memorial Scrolls Trust CIO is a charity, constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registration number 1196488.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees and training

The trustees as at 31 December 2024 were as follows, and are appointed for the following terms:

J Ohrenstein (Chairman) - 4 years;
D Goldberg - 4 years;
L Roman - 4 years;
P Barber - 4 years
Rachel Scott – 4 years;
Allan Weiner - 4 years;
Emma Parlon – 4 years

Every trustee must be appointed for a term of 4 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting.

Training is made available to Trustees regularly and it is recommend they take online training modules from multiple providers, for example Farrer & Co and Directory of Social Change (DSC).

c. Organisational structure and decision making

The Trustees meet at intervals during the year (usually about 4 or 5 times) to assess the overall position of the work of the CIO and its achievements and any problems. On a more regular basis (at least 6 meetings annually), there are meetings of the Trustees with a committee whose members are invited by the Trustees to advise them. In both cases decisions are reached by consensus, although in the event of no such consensus being reached the Trustees would by majority vote between them alone finally determine any issue. The meetings are normally chaired by the Chairman but in his absence by another Trustee. The day to day operations of the CIO are presently carried on under the immediate supervision of the Chairman and Treasurer, who report on problems either to the Trustees or to the Committee as appropriate. The work is carried out by volunteers who may be but are not necessarily Trustees or members of the Committee.

d. Risk management

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and believe there are appropriate systems and procedures to effectively manage these risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

d. Policies and objectives

1. To encourage remembrance of European Jewish life before the Holocaust.
2. To challenge those who interact with the scrolls to confront prejudice;
3. To encourage communities to use their Czech Torah in meaningful ways, working to build bridges across communities.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

e. Activities for achieving objectives

The Trust was formed to hold some 1564 scrolls acquired from the Czech government in 1964 that had been brought to Prague during the Nazi occupation of Bohemia and Moravia. After their arrival in London it was decided to restore the scrolls for ritual use where possible and to allocate them to Jewish Communities and other organisations, for use in services, as well as memorials and exhibitions (when they were no longer ritually usable). The scrolls are always on loan. Should a community cease to exist its scrolls must be returned to the Trust.

Funding for the Trust's activities has mainly been derived from donations requested from communities when providing a scroll on loan. All available scrolls were allocated some time ago, however some income is received from the re allocation of returned scrolls. Since January 2015 new scroll holders also make a small annual donation. The Trust also receives some donations from communities and individuals each year and it is now benefitting from its new e.book shop.

The Trust established the Czech Memorial Scrolls Museum at Kent House, Westminster. No charge is made for admission. A donation is requested when a guided tour is arranged.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities.

We work to remember the Jews and Jewish life of Czechia so tragically destroyed in the Shoah by promoting the use of the Czech Torah Scrolls that miraculously survived the Nazis and were saved from further deterioration under the Communists. Allocated to 1,300 communities and organisations around the world, with 1,000 in North America, a lot of time and effort is spent encouraging and supporting holder communities with their celebration of Jewish worship and life with their Czech Scrolls.

We have achieved a network of volunteers across the USA, who reach out to scroll holder communities in their area. Many of those involved with communities who received our scrolls 30 - 55 years ago have died, and in some cases younger generations need to be reminded they are custodians of a Czech Torah, on loan from the Trust.

Communities are encouraged to use their scrolls for B'nai Mitzvah and other religious services. We are delighted that several communities have generously raised funds to restore their scrolls that were no longer kosher.

560 links have now been made to scroll-holders webpages about their Czech scrolls. This helps ensure the scrolls remain identified. This is an ongoing project with a goal of over 1000 links.

Some communities that had to close in the past did not contact us and their Czech scrolls were not returned to the MST. Despite the passage of time we continue to search for these missing scrolls and are having some success.

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We still receive enquiries for our Czech scrolls and during the year have made 14 new loan allocations during the year to the following communities:

Congregation Yozima / Jewish Day School Yozima, Israel
United Hebrew Congregation, Singapore
Temple Or Rishon, Orangeville CA USA
Congregation Adath Israel, Middletown CT, USA
Kol Chai, Hatch End, Mddsx, UK
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston TX, USA
Jewish Community of Liberec, Liberec, Czech Republic
US Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point NY, USA
Kol Ami, Tucson AZ, USA
Beit Shmuel, Jerusalem, Israel
Hamakom, Porto, Portugal
Tikvat Jacob, Manhattan Beach CA, USA
Mate Asher Regional Reform Movement, Israel
Young Israel of Great Neck NY, USA

As a result of receiving Torah scrolls that are not part of our Czech collection and not necessarily of Czech origin from the West Central London Jewish Synagogue and others, we allocate them to communities where a Torah scroll is required, however it is not appropriate to allocate one from our Czech collection.

60th anniversary planning and implementation

2024 marked the 60th year since the scrolls were rescued by Ralph Yablon and brought to London where the Westminster Synagogue created the Memorial Scrolls Trust as an independent charity to look after them. The first celebrations took place in Pennsylvania and Palm Beach, which our Chairman and trustee Lois Roman attended.

There were many events held around the world by our scroll-holders, Our chairman made several trips throughout the year, including to New York, Los Angeles, Fullerton CA, Phoenix AZ, Sarasota FL in the USA, Haaksberen Netherlands, Buenos Aires Argentina and Tel Aviv Israel. Trustee Lois Roman and US Director Susan Boyer also attended many of them.

In addition to celebrations at the Westminster Synagogue and elsewhere in the UK we were delighted that Pastor Pascal Boidin arrange a special event at his Notre Dame de France Church in London.

1564 Scrolls: A legacy of Jewish Life in Bohemia and Moravia. Author Miles Laddie.

Our book which tells the story of how the scrolls were saved, brought to London and distributed to communities around the world, as well as telling the history of Jews in the Czech lands, has proved to be well received and very successful, with many communities buying it to give as a present to their B'nai Mitzvah students.

Ostrava Group and the Ostrava Stolpersteine

David Lawson was part of a group at Kingston Synagogue, who set up a study group about the Jews of Ostrava and their descendants. The group has published three research books, as well as distributing an e-Newsletter. This has now been absorbed by the MST and continues to be written and distributed with the help of Donal Savage.

Our Zoom talks, mainly presented to North America by Lois Roman have now reached over 300 communities and organisations, including some who are not scroll-holders.

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We are receiving visitors to our Czech Memorial Scrolls Museum on a regular basis. In addition to Hebrew classes and children from the Westminster and other Synagogues, our visitors include members of our scroll-holding communities, University Students and Church groups. In addition to a tour, visitors also receive a comprehensive talk about the scrolls and their history.

We are delighted the majority of visitors buy a copy of our book 1564 Scrolls.

Our email newsletter is reaching over 7,500 people and our Facebook page has over 2,000 followers. We continue implementing digitisation, adding Scroll town images to our website.

b. Investment policy and performance

Investment powers are governed by the Trust Deed, which permits funds to be invested at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust. The market value of investments increased by £23,487 (decreased in 2023 by £5,766) during the year, leaving a value of £863,690 at 31 December 2024 (2023: £750,203). The Trustees agree the market performance in the year was in line with their expectations.

Financial review

During the year, donations received were £159,409 (2023: £93,772), income and interest £42,251 (2023: £29,477) and expenditure totalled £106,330 (2023: £64,808) of which the majority was spent on scroll restoration.

Our Chairman made a personal donation of £18,171 to the MST which matched travel and other expenses he incurred in the previous year.

Total reserve funds as at the year end were £914,020 (2023: £795,203), comprising of general funds of £893,947 (2023: £775,925) from the previous year of which £20,023 (2023: £19,278) were restricted.

a. Going concern

At the Balance Sheet date the charity had net assets of £914,020 (2023: £795,203), and cash of £63,830 (2023: £46,626). Even if the charity did not receive any donations, there are sufficient free reserves to cover 2 years expenditure. After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the CIO has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Museum and office.

MST 1980 prepaid rent to occupy the premises till January 2024. This right was not transferred to MST CIO. The current premises are no longer fit for the purpose they were originally rented out for and we are now waiting for the Landlord to offer a more suitable space. In the meantime a lease has been agreed with MST CIO with break clauses that enables us to leave if a more suitable location is found.

c Reserves policy

The Trustees' policy is to build up the reserves to enable (together with other income received in the course of our activities) to provide an endowment sufficient to cover the running cost of our day to day operations and the establishment and maintenance of a museum and learning centre dealing with the history of the scrolls in our ownership.

The CIO has a reserves target equivalent to 3-6 months expenditure. Total funds held at 31 December 2024 were £914,020 of which £20,023 is restricted funds. The level of free reserves held is £893,947 at the year end, which exceeds the reserves target.

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d. Plans for the future

- To continue searching for missing Czech Torah Scrolls.
- To make sure scroll holders complete trackers confirming their Trust Czech Scrolls are identified, cared for and used in a meaningful way.
- To continue loaning Trust Czech Torah Scrolls to suitable Scroll Holder Communities, as and when these become available.
- To encourage scroll holders to add a Czech Torah page to their website in order to achieve our goal of linking over 1,000 scroll holders around the world.
- To develop our Scroll Care programme, both for the 150 Scrolls in our care at Kent House and for our Scroll Holder Communities.
- To develop the digitisation of our Museum objects to promote wider access.
- To continue our research into, and promotion of, our Scroll Binder Collection which includes a wealth of genealogical information.
- To revise and publish a new history of how the Trust Czech Scrolls were saved from destruction, the story of the Trust and with additional information on the history of the Jews of Bohemia and Moravia.
- To continue to offer Zoom talks and webinars, and to create a virtual tour of our museum.
- To continue developing our e shop adding books of Czech Jewish interest
- To develop more contacts with our Scroll Holder communities, using networks of volunteers, to encourage the use and display of the MST Czech Scrolls, to have each community display a Trust Scroll web page, to have scroll gatherings across communities, and to ensure the ongoing meaningful life of the Trust scrolls
- To continue to care and manage Torah Scrolls not from Bohemia and Moravia, using our knowledge and skills in managing the loan and maintenance of Scrolls.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 13 October 2025
and signed on their behalf by:

J D Ohrenstein
(Chair of Trustees)



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Memorial Scrolls Trust ('the charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.

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. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 14 October 2025



Andrew Thomas ACA

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	795	158,614	159,409	93,772
Investments	3	-	42,251	42,251	29,477
Total income		<u>795</u>	<u>200,865</u>	<u>201,660</u>	<u>123,249</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	-	106,330	106,330	64,808
Total expenditure		<u>-</u>	<u>106,330</u>	<u>106,330</u>	<u>64,808</u>
Net income before net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>795</u>	<u>94,535</u>	<u>95,330</u>	<u>58,441</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	23,487	23,487	(5,766)
Net income		<u><u>795</u></u>	<u><u>118,022</u></u>	<u><u>118,817</u></u>	<u><u>52,675</u></u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		19,278	775,925	795,203	742,528
Net movement in funds		795	118,022	118,817	52,675
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>20,073</u></u>	<u><u>893,947</u></u>	<u><u>914,020</u></u>	<u><u>795,203</u></u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

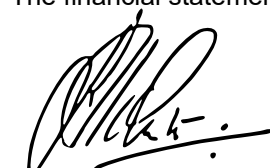
The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	7	863,690	750,203
		<u>863,690</u>	<u>750,203</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	-	1,171
Cash at bank and in hand		63,830	46,626
		<u>63,830</u>	<u>47,797</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(13,500)	(2,797)
		<u>50,330</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Total net assets		<u>914,020</u>	<u>795,203</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	10	20,073	19,278
Unrestricted funds	10	893,947	775,925
		<u>914,020</u>	<u>795,203</u>
Total funds		<u>914,020</u>	<u>795,203</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 13 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



J D Ohrenstein
(Chair of Trustees)

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Memorial Scrolls Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the charity, and consider that adequate resources are available to fund the activities of the charity for the foreseeable future. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Income

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

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Scrolls Donations	795	158,614	159,409	93,772
	<u>795</u>	<u>158,614</u>	<u>159,409</u>	
Total 2023	<u>10,351</u>	<u>83,421</u>	<u>93,772</u>	

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment income	42,251	42,251	29,477
	<u>42,251</u>	<u>42,251</u>	
Total 2023	<u>29,477</u>	<u>29,477</u>	

4. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities	57,560	48,770	106,330	64,808
	<u>57,560</u>	<u>48,770</u>	<u>106,330</u>	
Total 2023	<u>50,562</u>	<u>14,246</u>	<u>64,808</u>	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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4. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Scrolls repairs and upkeep	16,000	16,000	17,561
Projects - System Development	29,000	29,000	3,508
Projects - Events and Communications	12,560	12,560	29,493
	<u>57,560</u>	<u>57,560</u>	<u>50,562</u>
Total 2023	<u>50,562</u>	<u>50,562</u>	

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Insurance	1,955	1,955	1,862
Rent	11,893	11,893	-
Travel & subsistence	18,171	18,171	7,779
Accountancy	2,520	2,520	2,340
Telephone	1,686	1,686	1,162
Bank charges	1,849	1,849	220
Subscriptions and other charges	10,696	10,696	883
	<u>48,770</u>	<u>48,770</u>	<u>14,246</u>
Total 2023	<u>14,246</u>	<u>14,246</u>	

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5. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the charity's annual accounts	1,500	1,500
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner in respect of: Preparation of the Charity's financial statements	1,000	1,000
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2024, expenses totalling £18,171 were reimbursed to J Ohrenstein for travel and subsistence.

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7. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024	750,203
Additions	90,000
Revaluations	23,487
At 31 December 2024	<u>863,690</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	863,690
At 31 December 2023	<u>750,203</u>

8. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	-	1,171
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,171</u>

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	297
Accruals and deferred income	13,500	2,500
	<u>13,500</u>	<u>2,797</u>

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10. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	775,925	200,865	(106,330)	23,487	893,947
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Restricted funds					
Digitisation fund	11,500	-	-	-	11,500
Ostrava fund	7,778	795	-	-	8,573
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	19,278	795	-	-	20,073
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Total of funds	<u>795,203</u>	<u>201,660</u>	<u>(106,330)</u>	<u>23,487</u>	<u>914,020</u>

The digitisation fund relates to monies to be specifically expended on future digitisation projects.

The Ostrava fund relates to income to be expended on Ostrava books and the Stolpersteine project.

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10. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	731,028	112,898	(62,235)	(5,766)	775,925
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Restricted funds					
Digitisation fund	11,500	-	-	-	11,500
Ostrava fund	-	10,351	(2,573)	-	7,778
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	11,500	10,351	(2,573)	-	19,278
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Total of funds	<u>742,528</u>	<u>123,249</u>	<u>(64,808)</u>	<u>(5,766)</u>	<u>795,203</u>

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	-	863,690	863,690
Current assets	20,073	43,757	63,830
Creditors due within one year	-	(13,500)	(13,500)
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Total	<u>20,073</u>	<u>893,947</u>	<u>914,020</u>

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11. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	-	750,203	750,203
Current assets	19,278	28,519	47,797
Creditors due within one year	-	(2,797)	(2,797)
Total	<u>19,278</u>	<u>775,925</u>	<u>795,203</u>

12. Related party transactions

During the year ended 31 December 2024, £18,171 of trustees expenses were incurred in respect of one trustee (2023: £7,779).

Donations of £18,171 were received from one trustee during the year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: £7,779).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Trustees J D Ohrenstein, Chair (reappointed 14 March 2024)
P Barber, Trustee
D Goldberg, Trustee
L Roman, Trustee
E Parlons, Trustee (appointed 12 February 2024)
R Scott, Trustee (appointed 24 September 2023)
A Weiner, Trustee (appointed 24 July 2023)
A Keene (appointed 31 July 2024)

Charity registered number 1196488

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

This entity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Memorial Scrolls Trust CIO, registration number 1196488.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees and training

The trustees are as follows, and are appointed for the following terms:

J Ohrenstein - 4 years
D Goldberg - 4 years
L Roman - 4 years
P Barber - 4 years

The following new Trustees have been appointed:

R Scott (Academic Hebraicist and Museum curator) - 4 years;
A Weiner (Management Consultant and son of Holocaust survivors) - 4 years;
E Parlon (granddaughter of R Yablon, the philanthopist responsible for rescuing the Czech scrolls) - 4 years.

Every trustee must be appointed for a term of 4 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting.

Training is made available to Trustees regularly and it is recommend they take online training modules from multiple providers, for example Farrer & Co and Directory of Social Chance (DSC).

c. Organisational structure and decision making

The Trustees meet at intervals during the year (usually about 4 or 5 times) to assess the overall position of the work of the CIO and its achievements and any problems. On a more regular basis (at least 6 meetings annually), there are meetings of the Trustees with a committee whose members are invited by the Trustees to advise them. In both cases decisions are reached by consensus, although in the event of no such consensus being reached the Trustees would by majority vote between them alone finally determine any issue. The meetings are normally chaired by the Chairman but in his absence by another Trustee. The day to day operations of the CIO are presently carried on under the immediate supervision of the Chairman and Treasurer, who report on problems either to the Trustees or to the Committee as appropriate. The work is carried out by volunteers who may be but are not necessarily Trustees or members of the Committee.

d. Risk management

The current Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Trust, and are now satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

- Museum and office. The charity MST 1980 had a right to occupy the premises until January 24. This right was not transferred to MST CIO. The museum is not air-conditioned, however scrolls are monitored for damp, and are opened and checked to assure anti-mould airing. The space is no longer suitable for our purposes and we may need to look for alternative premises.

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- The Chairman / CEO often works 50+ hours per week and does not take any remuneration. Allan Weiner, a new Trustee with a business management background is preparing a 5 year plan for the MST.

- Finances - Funding premises and staff in the future. Not having paid staff and changing conditions of new loans to receive annual donations as well as initial ones, we now have over 130 annually totalling nearly £40,000. We have never fundraised but this might be considered if a new museum needs to be built.

e. Policies and objectives

1. To encourage remembrance of European Jewish life before the Holocaust.
2. To challenge those who interact with the scrolls to confront prejudice;
3. To encourage communities to use their Czech Torah in meaningful ways, working to build bridges across communities.

f. Activities for achieving objectives

The Trust was formed to hold some 1564 scrolls acquired from the Czech government in 1964 that had been brought to Prague during the Nazi occupation of Bohemia and Moravia. After their arrival in London it was decided to restore the scrolls for ritual use where possible and to allocate them to Jewish Communities and other organisations, for use in services, as well as memorials and exhibitions (when they were no longer ritually usable). The scrolls are always on loan. Should a community cease to exist its scrolls must be returned to the Trust.

Funding for the Trust's activities has mainly been derived from donations requested from communities when providing a scroll on loan. All available scrolls were allocated some time ago, however some income is received from the re allocation of returned scrolls. Since January 2015 new scroll holders also make a small annual donation. The Trust also receives some donations from communities and individuals each year and it is now benefitting from its new e.book shop.

The Trust established the Czech Memorial Scrolls Museum at Kent House, Westminster. No charge is made for admission. A donation is requested when a guided tour is arranged.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

We work to remember the Jews and Jewish life of Czechia so much of which was tragically destroyed in the Shoah by promoting the use of the Czech Torah Scrolls that miraculously survived the Nazis and were saved from further deterioration under the Communists. Allocated to 1,300 communities and organisations around the world, with 1,000 in North America, a lot of time and effort is spent encouraging and supporting holder communities with their celebration of Jewish worship and life with their Czech Scrolls.

We have achieved a network of volunteers across the USA, who reach out to scroll holder communities in their area. Many of those involved with communities who received our scrolls 30 - 55 years ago have died, and in some cases younger generations need to be reminded they are custodians of a Czech Torah, on loan from the Trust.

Communities are encouraged to use their scrolls for B'nai Mitzvah and other religious services. We are delighted that several communities have generously raised funds to restore their scrolls that were no longer kosher.

550 links have now been made to scroll-holders webpages about their Czech scrolls. This helps ensure the scrolls remain identified. This is an ongoing project with a goal of over 1000 links.

Some communities that had to close in the past did not contact us and their Czech scrolls were not returned to the MST. Despite the passage of time we continue to search for these missing scrolls and are having some

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success.

We still receive enquiries for our Czech scrolls and during the year have made 12 new loan allocations during the year to the following communities:

Congregation B'nai Harin, Poconos PA, USA
Congregation Bona Shalom, Boulder CO, USA
Oak Park Temple, Oak Park IL, USA
Temple Beth Israel, Port St Lucie FL, USA
Temple Anshe Shalom, Hamilton ONT, Canada
Torat Chaim, Santiago de Chile, Chile
Leo Baeck College, London UK
Kol Ami, Cherry Hill NY, USA
Temple Beth-El, Munster IN, USA
Etz Hayim, Hollis Hills NY, USA
Beth Israel, San Diego CA, USA
Temple Tiferet Shalom, Peabody MA, USA

We have also allocated a Torah scrolls that is not of Czech origin or part of our collection, coming to us from the West Central London Jewish Synagogue when it closed. The scrolls are being cared for and maintained and are available for allocation on loan to communities where it is not appropriate for them to have a Czech Scroll.

60th anniversary planning and implementation

The MST support Scroll Holder communities events involving their Czech scrolls. 2024 marks the 60th years since the scrolls were rescued by Ralph Yablon and brought to the Westminster Synagogue in London, who created the Memorial Scrolls Trust as an independent charity to look after them. The first celebrations took place in Pennsylvania and Palm Beach, which our Chairman and trustee Lois Roman attended. Further events are planned for 2024 including one at the Westminster Synagogue in February.

Publication of 1564 Scrolls: A legacy of Jewish Life in Bohemia and Moravia.

With Philippa Barnard's earlier book *Out of the Midst of the Fire* no longer in stock, we had the opportunity to use recent academic research, as well as modern colour printing techniques, to create a book suitable for gifts to B'nei Mitzvah. Miles Laddie took on the task to research and write a new book that includes a history of Jews in the Czech lands as well as how the scrolls were saved. Our thanks to Rabbi Dr Kamila Kopřivová for her editorial guidance and to Donal Savage who wrote about the current activities and future plans of the MST, as well as arranging graphics and layout.

Ostrava Group and the Ostrava Stolpersteine

David Lawson was part of a group at Kingston Synagogue, who set up a study group about the Jews of Ostrava and their descendants. The group has published three research books, as well as distributing an e-Newsletter. This has now been absorbed by the MST and continues to be written and distributed with the help of Donal Savage.

Our Zoom talks, mainly presented to North America by Lois Roman have now reached over 250 communities and organisations, including some who are not scroll-holders.

We are receiving visitors to our Czech Memorial Scrolls Museum on a regular basis. In addition to Hebrew classes and children from the Westminster and other Synagogues, our visitors include members of our scroll-holding communities, University Students and Church groups. In addition to a tour, visitors also receive a comprehensive talk about the scrolls and their history.

Our email newsletter is reaching over 7,500 people and our Facebook page has over 2,000 followers. We continue implementing digitisation, adding Scroll town images to our website.

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b. Investment policy and performance

Investment powers are governed by the Trust Deed, which permits funds to be invested at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust. The market value of investments decreased by £5,766 (2022: £26,248) during the year, leaving a value of £750,203 at 31 December 2023 (2022: £615,969). The Trustees agree the market performance in the year was in line with their expectations.

Financial review

During the year, donations received were £93,772 (2022: £804,346), investment income of £29,477 (2022: £27,397) and expenditure totalled £64,808 (2022: £62,967) of which the majority was spent on scroll restoration. Expenses refunded to the Chairman were matched by his donations.

Total reserve funds as at the year end were £795,203 (2022: £742,528) comprising general funds of £775,925 (2022: £742,528) and restricted funds of £19,278 (2022: £11,500).

a. Going concern

At the Balance Sheet date the charity had net assets of £795,203 (2022: £742,528), and cash of £46,626 (2022: £128,309). Even if the charity did not receive any donations, there are sufficient free reserves to cover 2 years expenditure. After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the CIO has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees' policy is to build up the reserves to enable (together with other income received in the course of our activities) to provide an endowment sufficient to cover the running cost of our day to day operations and the establishment and maintenance of a museum and learning centre dealing with the history of the scrolls in our ownership. The CIO has a reserves target equivalent to 3-6 months expenditure. Total funds held at 31 December 2023 were £795,203, of which £19,278 is restricted funds. The level of free reserves held is £775,925 at the year end, which exceeds their reserves target.

c. Plans for the future

- To continue searching for missing Czech Torah Scrolls.
- To make sure scroll holders complete trackers confirming their Trust Czech Scrolls are identified, cared for and used in a meaningful way.
- To continue loaning Trust Czech Torah Scrolls to suitable Scroll Holder Communities, as and when these become available.
- To encourage scroll holders to add a Czech Torah page to their website in order to achieve our goal of linking over 1,000 scroll holders around the world.
- To develop our Scroll Care programme, both for the 150 Scrolls in our care at Kent House and for our Scroll Holder Communities.
- To develop the digitisation of our Museum objects to promote wider access.
- To continue our research into, and promotion of, our Scroll Binder Collection which includes a wealth of genealogical information.
- To encourage communities to buy our book 1564 Scrolls - A legacy of Jewish life in Bohemia and Moravia and to give them as presents to their B'Nei Mitzvah.
- To continue to offer Zoom talks and webinars, and to create a virtual tour of our museum.
- To continue developing our e shop adding books of Czech Jewish interest
- To develop more contacts with our Scroll Holder communities, using networks of volunteers, to encourage the use and display of the MST Czech Scrolls, to have each community display a Trust Scroll web page, to have scroll gatherings across communities, and to ensure the ongoing meaningful life of the Trust scrolls
- To continue to care and manage Torah Scrolls not from Bohemia

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 15 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



J D Ohrenstein
Chair

MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Memorial Scrolls Trust ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.

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. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:



Dated: 16 October 2024

Andrew Thomas

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	10,351	83,421	93,772	804,346
Investments	3	-	29,477	29,477	27,397
Total income		10,351	112,898	123,249	831,743
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		2,573	62,235	64,808	62,967
Total expenditure		2,573	62,235	64,808	62,967
Net income before net losses on investments					
		7,778	50,663	58,441	768,776
Net losses on investments		-	(5,766)	(5,766)	(26,248)
Net income		7,778	44,897	52,675	742,528
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		11,500	731,028	742,528	-
Net movement in funds		7,778	44,897	52,675	742,528
Total funds carried forward		19,278	775,925	795,203	742,528

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	7	750,203	615,969
		<u>750,203</u>	<u>615,969</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,171	750
Cash at bank and in hand		46,626	128,309
		<u>47,797</u>	<u>129,059</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,797)	(2,500)
Net current assets		<u>45,000</u>	<u>126,559</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>795,203</u>	<u>742,528</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>795,203</u>	<u>742,528</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>795,203</u></u>	<u><u>742,528</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	10	19,278	11,500
Unrestricted funds	10	775,925	731,028
Total funds		<u><u>795,203</u></u>	<u><u>742,528</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 15 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



J D Ohrenstein
(Chair of Trustees)

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Memorial Scrolls Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the charity, and consider that adequate resources are available to fund the activities of the charity for the foreseeable future. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Scrolls Donations	10,351	83,421	93,772	95,480
Transfer of assets from 1980 Memorial Scrolls Trust	-	-	-	708,866
	<u>10,351</u>	<u>83,421</u>	<u>93,772</u>	<u>804,346</u>
Total 2022	<u>11,500</u>	<u>792,846</u>	<u>804,346</u>	

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Investment income	<u>29,477</u>	<u>29,477</u>	<u>27,397</u>
Total 2022	<u>27,397</u>	<u>27,397</u>	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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4. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Expenditure on charitable expenditure	50,562	14,246	64,808	62,967
	<u>50,562</u>	<u>14,246</u>	<u>64,808</u>	<u>62,967</u>
Total 2022	<u>46,526</u>	<u>16,441</u>	<u>62,967</u>	

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Scrolls repairs and upkeep	17,561	17,561
Projects - System Development	3,508	3,508
Projects - Other	29,493	29,493
	<u>50,562</u>	<u>50,562</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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4. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Insurance	1,862	1,862	1,685
Rent prepayment	-	-	7,184
Travel & subsistence	7,779	7,779	3,075
Accountancy	2,340	2,340	2,500
Telephone	1,162	1,162	1,178
Bank charges	220	220	129
Subscriptions	883	883	690
	<u>14,246</u>	<u>14,246</u>	<u>16,441</u>
Total 2022	<u>16,441</u>	<u>16,441</u>	

5. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	1,500	1,500
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner in respect of: Preparation of the Charity's financial statements	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2023, expenses totalling £7,779 were reimbursed to J Ohrenstein for travel and subsistence.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2023	615,969
Additions	140,000
Revaluations	(5,766)
At 31 December 2023	<u>750,203</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2023	750,203
At 31 December 2022	<u>615,969</u>

8. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	<u>1,171</u>	<u>750</u>

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	297	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,500	2,500
	<u>2,797</u>	<u>2,500</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

10. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	731,028	112,898	(62,235)	(5,766)	775,925
	<u>731,028</u>	<u>112,898</u>	<u>(62,235)</u>	<u>(5,766)</u>	<u>775,925</u>
Restricted funds					
Restricted funds	11,500	-	-	-	11,500
Ostrava fund	-	10,351	(2,573)	-	7,778
	<u>11,500</u>	<u>10,351</u>	<u>(2,573)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,278</u>
	<u>11,500</u>	<u>10,351</u>	<u>(2,573)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,278</u>
Total of funds	<u>742,528</u>	<u>123,249</u>	<u>(64,808)</u>	<u>(5,766)</u>	<u>795,203</u>

The restricted fund relates to monies to be specifically expended on future digitisation projects.

The Ostrava fund relates to income to be expended on Ostrava books and the Stolpersteine project.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

10. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	820,243	(62,967)	(26,248)	731,028
	<u>820,243</u>	<u>(62,967)</u>	<u>(26,248)</u>	<u>731,028</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	11,500	-	-	11,500
	<u>11,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,500</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>831,743</u></u>	<u><u>(62,967)</u></u>	<u><u>(26,248)</u></u>	<u><u>742,528</u></u>

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	-	750,203	750,203
Current assets	19,278	28,519	47,797
Creditors due within one year	-	(2,797)	(2,797)
Total	<u><u>19,278</u></u>	<u><u>775,925</u></u>	<u><u>795,203</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

11. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fixed asset investments	-	615,969	615,969
Current assets	11,500	117,559	129,059
Creditors due within one year	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Total	<u>11,500</u>	<u>731,028</u>	<u>742,528</u>

12. Related party transactions

During the year ended 31 December 2023, £7,779 of trustees expenses were incurred in respect of one trustee (2022: £Nil).

Donations of £7,779 were received from one trustee during the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: £Nil).

MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1196488

Accounts

MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Trustees J D Ohrenstein, Chair (appointed 9 November 2021)
P Barber, Trustee (appointed 9 November 2021)
D Goldberg, Trustee (appointed 9 November 2021)
L Roman, Trustee (appointed 9 November 2021)

**Charity registered
number** 1196488

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MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the CIO for the period ended 31 December 2022.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

This entity is a new charity, constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Memorial Scrolls Trust CIO, registration number 1196488, has been registered with the Charity Commission with the purpose of taking over the assets, liabilities and activities of the existing charity, Memorial Charity Trust, and this transfer took effect as at 1 January 2022. The old charity will retain some cash but otherwise will cease operating. The underlying activities of the old charity will continue within the new CIO which has similar objects and the same name.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees and training

The trustees are as follows, and are appointed for the following terms:

J Ohrenstein - 4 years
D Goldberg - 4 years
L Roman - 4 years
P Barber - 4 years

Every trustee must be appointed for a term of 4 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting.

Training is made available to Trustees regularly and it is recommend they take online training modules from multiple providers, for example Farrer & Co and Directory of Social Chance (DSC).

c. Organisational structure and decision making

The Trustees meet at intervals during the year (usually about 4 or 5 times) to assess the overall position of the work of the CIO and its achievements and any problems. On a more regular basis (at least 6 meetings annually), there are meetings of the Trustees with a committee whose members are invited by the Trustees to advise them. In both cases decisions are reached by consensus, although in the event of no such consensus being reached the Trustees would by majority vote between them alone finally determine any issue. The meetings are normally chaired by the Chairman but in his absence by another Trustee. The day to day operations of the CIO are presently carried on under the immediate supervision of the Chairman and Treasurer, who report on problems either to the Trustees or to the Committee as appropriate. The work is carried out by volunteers who may be but are not necessarily Trustees or members of the Committee.

d. Risk management

The current Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Trust, and are now satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

- Museum and office. MST 1980 prepaid to occupy the premises till January 24. This right was not transferred to MST CIO. The current premises are not fit for the purpose. They are waiting for the WS to make an offer which if unsuitable may mean they shall eventually have to move, which they would prefer not to do. The museum is not air-conditioned, however scrolls are monitored for damp, and are rolled to assure anti-mould airing.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

- The Chairman / CEO often works 50+ hours per week; he does not take remuneration and pays his own expenses including flights and hotels. The CIO shall be appointing a new Trustee this year with a business management background who has already been volunteering for some time. His first project will be to prepare a 5 year plan for the MST. They have expanded outreach to multiple Jewish contacts to ensure ongoing cross community support;

- Finances - Funding premises and staff in the future. Not having paid staff and changing conditions of new loans to receive annual donations as well as initial ones, we now have over 100 annually totalling some \$35,000. We have never fundraised but this might be considered if a new museum needs to be built.

e. Policies and objectives

1. To encourage remembrance of European Jewish life before the Holocaust.
2. To challenge those who interact with the scrolls to confront prejudice;
3. To encourage communities to use their Czech Torah in meaningful ways, working to build bridges across communities.

f. Activities for achieving objectives

The Trust was formed to hold some 1564 scrolls acquired from the Czech government in 1964 that had been brought to Prague during the Nazi occupation of Bohemia and Moravia. After their arrival in London it was decided to restore the scrolls for ritual use where possible and to allocate them to Jewish Communities and other organisations, for use in services, as well as memorials and exhibitions (when they were no longer ritually usable). The scrolls are always on loan. Should a community cease to exist its scrolls must be returned to the Trust.

Funding for the Trust's activities has mainly been derived from donations requested from communities when providing a scroll on loan. All available scrolls were allocated some time ago, however some income is received from the re allocation of returned scrolls. Since January 2015 new scroll holders also make a small annual donation. The Trust also receives some donations from communities and individuals each year and it is now benefitting from its new e.book shop.

The Trust established the Czech Memorial Scrolls Museum at Kent House, Westminster. No charge is made for admission. A donation is requested when a guided tour is arranged.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

In accordance with legal advice and guidance from the Charity Commission, we are a new incorporated entity (CIO) into which the majority of our assets have been transferred. We have a new charity number and constitution, however we retain same name, same objects and same trustees.

We work to remember the Jews and Jewish life of Czechia so tragically destroyed in the Shoah by promoting the use of the Czech Torah Scrolls that miraculously survived the Nazis and were saved from further deterioration under the Communists. Allocated to 1,300 communities and organisations around the world, with 1,000 in North America, a lot of time and effort is spent encouraging and supporting holder communities with their celebration of Jewish worship and life with their Czech Scrolls.

We have achieved a network of volunteers across the USA, who reach out to scroll holder communities in their area. Many of those involved with communities who received our scrolls 30 - 55 years ago have died, and in some cases younger generations need to be reminded they are custodians of a Czech Torah, on loan from the Trust.

Communities are encouraged to use their scrolls for B'nai Mitzvah and other religious services. We are delighted that several communities have generously raised funds to restore their scrolls that were no longer kosher.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

500 links have now been made to scroll-holders webpages about their Czech scrolls. This helps ensure the scrolls remain identified. This is an ongoing project with a goal of over 1000 links.

Some communities that had to close in the past did not contact us and their Czech scrolls were not returned to the MST. Despite the passage of time we continue to search for these missing scrolls.

We still receive enquiries for our Czech scrolls and during the year have made 11 new allocations during the year. We have been very fortunate to have had the help of Rabbi Patz in New Jersey and Sofer on Site in Miami who accepted returned scrolls and kept them safe until they were allocated to new homes.

We have received 3 Torah scrolls from the West Central Liberal Synagogue, that are not of Czech origin or part of our collection. The scrolls are being cared for and maintained and are available for allocation on loan to communities where it is not appropriate for them to have a Czech Scroll. During 2022 we allocated 1 of those scrolls.

Our Zoom talks, mainly presented to North America have now reached over 150 communities and organisations, including some who are not scroll-holders.

We are receiving visitors to our Czech Memorial Scrolls Museum on a regular basis. In addition to Hebrew classes and children from the Westminster and other Synagogues, our visitors include members of our scroll-holding communities, University Students and Church groups. In addition to a tour, visitors also receive a comprehensive talk about the scrolls and their history.

Our email newsletter is reaching over 5,000 people and our Facebook page has over 2,000 followers. We continue implementing digitisation, adding Scroll town images to our website.

The report from Berlin on our Torah scroll MST#1540, carbon dated to the 13th century has shown at least 2 layers of ink, which is unique for a scroll from this period, or even considerably later. Some pieces of the parchment have now been sent to Kiel University, Germany for a second carbon dating and DNA tests, with the hope it will be possible to confirm the writing date with more certainty.

b. Investment policy and performance

Investment powers are governed by the Trust Deed, which permits funds to be invested at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust. The market value of investments decreased by £26,248 during the year, leaving a value of £615,969 at 31 December 2022. The Trustees agree the market performance in the year was in line with their expectations.

Financial review

During the year, donations received were £95,480, income and interest £27,397 and expenditure totalled £62,967 of which the majority was spent on scroll restoration. Expenses refunded to the Chairman were matched by his donations.

Total reserve funds as at the year end were £742,528, of which £11,500 were restricted.

a. Going concern

At the Balance Sheet date the charity had net assets of £742,528, and cash of £128,309. Even if the charity did not receive any donations, there are sufficient free reserves to cover 2 years expenditure. After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the CIO has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees' policy is to build up the reserves to enable (together with other income received in the course of our activities) to provide an endowment sufficient to cover the running cost of our day to day operations and the establishment and maintenance of a museum and learning centre dealing with the history of the scrolls in our ownership. The CIO has a reserves target equivalent to 3-6 months expenditure. Total funds held at 31 December 2022 were £742,528, of which £11,500 is restricted funds. The level of free reserves held is £115,059 at the year end, which exceeds their reserves target.

c. Plans for the future

- To continue searching for missing Czech Torah Scrolls.
- To make sure scroll holders complete trackers confirming their Trust Czech Scrolls are identified, cared for and used in a meaningful way.
- To continue loaning Trust Czech Torah Scrolls to suitable Scroll Holder Communities, as and when these become available.
- To encourage scroll holders to add a Czech Torah page to their website in order to achieve our goal of linking over 1,000 scroll holders around the world.
- To develop our Scroll Care programme, both for the 150 Scrolls in our care at Kent House and for our Scroll Holder Communities.
- To develop the digitisation of our Museum objects to promote wider access.
- To continue our research into, and promotion of, our Scroll Binder Collection which includes a wealth of genealogical information.
- To revise and publish a new history of how the Trust Czech Scrolls were saved from destruction, the story of the Trust and with additional information on the history of the Jews of Bohemia and Moravia.
- To continue to offer Zoom talks and webinars, and to create a virtual tour of our museum.
- To continue developing our e shop adding books of Czech Jewish interest
- To develop more contacts with our Scroll Holder communities, using networks of volunteers, to encourage the use and display of the MST Czech Scrolls, to have each community display a Trust Scroll web page, to have scroll gatherings across communities, and to ensure the ongoing meaningful life of the Trust scrolls
- To continue to care and manage Torah Scrolls not from Bohemia and Moravia, using our knowledge and skills in managing the loan and maintenance of Scrolls.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

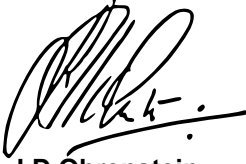
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on
23 August 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



J D Ohrenstein
Chair

MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Memorial Scrolls Trust ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.

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. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Signed:

Dated:

Jennifer Pope

ACA

124 Finchley Road
London
NW3 5JS

MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	11,500	792,846	804,346
Investments	3	-	27,397	27,397
Total income		11,500	820,243	831,743
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	-	62,967	62,967
Total expenditure		-	62,967	62,967
Net income before net losses on investments		11,500	757,276	768,776
Net losses on investments		-	(26,248)	(26,248)
Net movement in funds		11,500	731,028	742,528
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
Net movement in funds		11,500	731,028	742,528
Total funds carried forward		11,500	731,028	742,528

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

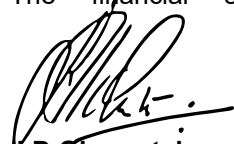
The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	2022 £
Fixed assets		
Investments	7	615,969
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		615,969
Current assets		
Debtors	8	750
Cash at bank and in hand		128,309
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		129,059
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,500)
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Net current assets		126,559
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Total assets less current liabilities		742,528
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Net assets excluding pension asset		742,528
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Total net assets		742,528
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Charity funds		
Restricted funds	10	11,500
Unrestricted funds	10	731,028
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Total funds		742,528
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 23 August 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



J D Ohrenstein
Chair

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities	
Net cash used in operating activities	39,957
Cash flows from investing activities	
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	27,397
Purchase of investments	(30,000)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,603)
Cash flows from financing activities	
Net cash provided by financing activities	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the period	37,354
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	90,955
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	<u>128,309</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Memorial Scrolls Trust CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the charity, and consider that adequate resources are available to fund the activities of the charity for the foreseeable future. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

1.4 Expenditure

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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Expenditure (continued)

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Scrolls Donations	-	95,480	95,480
Transfer of assets from 1980 Memorial Scrolls Trust	11,500	697,366	708,866
	<u>11,500</u>	<u>792,846</u>	<u>804,346</u>

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Investment income	<u>27,397</u>	<u>27,397</u>

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4. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Expenditure on charitable expenditure	46,526	16,441	62,967

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Scrolls repairs and upkeep	25,132	25,132
Projects - System Development	20,000	20,000
Projects - Other	1,394	1,394
	<u>46,526</u>	<u>46,526</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Insurance	1,685	1,685
Rent prepayment	7,184	7,184
Travel & subsistence	3,075	3,075
Accountancy	2,500	2,500
Telephone	1,178	1,178
Bank charges	129	129
Subscriptions	690	690
	<u>16,441</u>	<u>16,441</u>

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5. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2022 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	1,500
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner in respect of: Preparation of the Charity's financial statements	<u>1,000</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the period, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits.

During the period ended 31 December 2022, expenses totalling £2,588 were reimbursed to J Ohrenstein for travel and subsistence.

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7. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
Additions	30,000
Revaluations	(26,248)
Transfer from 1980 MST	612,217
At 31 December 2022	<u>615,969</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2022	<u>615,969</u>

8. Debtors

	2022 £
Due within one year	
Trade debtors	750
	<u>750</u>

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,500</u>

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10. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current period

	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	820,243	(62,967)	(26,248)	731,028
	<u>820,243</u>	<u>(62,967)</u>	<u>(26,248)</u>	<u>731,028</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds - all funds	11,500	-	-	11,500
	<u>11,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,500</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>831,743</u></u>	<u><u>(62,967)</u></u>	<u><u>(26,248)</u></u>	<u><u>742,528</u></u>

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fixed asset investments	-	615,969	615,969
Current assets	11,500	117,559	129,059
Creditors due within one year	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Total	<u><u>11,500</u></u>	<u><u>731,028</u></u>	<u><u>742,528</u></u>

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12. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	742,528
Adjustments for:	
Gains on investments	26,248
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	(27,397)
Decrease in debtors	4,944
Increase in creditors	2,500
Transfer of assets from unincorporated charity	(708,866)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>39,957</u>

13. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £
Cash in hand	128,309
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>128,309</u>

14. Analysis of changes in net debt

	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	128,309	128,309
	<u>128,309</u>	<u>128,309</u>

15. Related party transactions

On 1 January 2022, Memorial Scrolls Trust CIO took over the assets, liabilities and activities of the 1980 Memorial Scrolls Trust. This has been recognised as a donation in the accounts, and is separately disclosed in note 2 of the financial statements.