

Charity registration number 1197319

**THE GUARANTORS OF BRAIN
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number 1197319
(Formerly Charity Registration Number 264139)**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Charity's activities include:

1. Contributing to the cost for neuroscientists, whether clinical or preclinical, to travel to scientific conferences or meetings, to visit other laboratories and departments, in the UK or abroad. Awards are made to individuals at an early stage of their career, in support of work undertaken in the UK.
2. Scholarships for trainee neurologists for one year's salary support, enabling them to bridge between clinical and research training, either (i) immediately before a higher research degree; or (ii) after a higher research degree but before a permanent faculty appointment. Trainees on the cusp of their CCT will be considered, but the posts are not intended for established consultants.
3. Clinical research training fellowships for UK registered trainees in neurology (or closely related specialities such as paediatric neurology) for three years' salary and modest research expenses, in order for them to undertake a PhD in an academic centre of excellence in the UK.
4. Non-clinical post-doctoral research fellowships in neurological science in an academic centre of excellence in the UK, where they will work within a clinical or translational research program led by a Neurologist (up to three years, salary costs).
5. Financial support for meetings in the UK, especially those of interest to neuroscientists or trainees in neurology, neurosurgery or neuropsychiatry.
6. Support for internationally distinguished academic clinical scientists to visit the UK, for special lectures or short tours.
7. Support for UK neurologists to travel to low-income countries for teaching and research, and the Newsom-Davis Fellowship scheme to support study visits to the UK by researcher or clinicians working in low and middle-income countries.

Developments, Activities and Achievements of the Charity in the Period

Brain – Journal of Neurology:

The journal Brain is published by Oxford University Press (OUP). Brain Journal continues to be highly successful, both academically and financially. Profit for 2023 was £1,066,538 compared to £1,141,309 in 2022, down by £74,771. Profit share for the Guarantors of Brain is 85% for the Brain Journal. The five -year impact factor of Brain is 12.5 reflecting the high calibre and range of publications and citations under the Editorship of Masud Husain. The Brain Journal editorial team consist of; one editorial manager and four editorial assistants, two deputy editors and associate editors. The associate editors are drawn from clinical and preclinical scientists to reflect the range of expertise and knowledge covered by the journal. Editorial expenses arise mainly from the staff salary costs, expenses for editors and editorial assistants, together with the office lease, miscellaneous expenses and insurance of office space.

Brain Communications:

Brain Communications was launched in 2019 by OUP with Tara Spire-Jones as the founding Editor. Brain Communications is an open access journal, and has exceeded OUPs projections for performance in terms of submissions and income. Submissions are growing. Citations of Brain Comms papers are also increasing. We have two programmes to benefit early career researchers, a Reviewer Academy to train people in best practice in peer review and an Observer Programme to give people insights into working in scientific publishing. Overall, there has been very positive feedback from authors and readers about their experience with Brain Comms. The profit share income for Brain Communications in the calendar year 2023 was £323,946, an increase of £14,453 from the previous year 2022 of £309,493. Guarantors of Brain has a 50% profit share with OUP for Brain Communications.

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Guarantors of Brain Board of Management

The current Board of Management consists of 7 members. Members include the Editors of Brain and Brain Communications, the Secretary & Treasurer of the Guarantors, the Chair of the Guarantors of Brain and three elected Guarantors. The Editor of the Brain Journal, Brain Comms and Secretary & Treasurer on the Board of Management are paid an annual stipend. The two Deputy Editors are paid an annual stipend. The Board members and Editor and Associate editors are entitled to claim a travel expenses in addition to the stipends.

Charitable Activities (2023/24)

The broad portfolio of charitable activities during 2023/2024 included:

(a) Travel awards: In 2023/24, 354 travel grants were awarded (versus 196 in 2022/23) with an average value of £750 (total £265,480). Projections for 2024/25 is 500+ awards. The Carbon offset scheme is active and a donation to a UK tree planting scheme with Carbon Footprint Ltd was made for 2023/2024.

(b) Fellowship awards 2023 (11):

ABN fellowships 3-years funded by the Guarantors were awarded to: Dr Jonathan Cleaver (Oxford), Dr Pawel Obrocki (Cambridge) and Dr Trisha Mukherjee (Cambridge). *Entry clinical fellowship* 1-year: Dr Babak Soleimani (Oxford), Dr Susutra Manivannan (Cardiff), Dr Georgious Solomou (Cambridge). *Post-doctoral Clinical Fellowship*, 1-year: Dr Dearbhla Kelly (Oxford) Dr Grazia Rutigliano (Imperial) Dr Fredrick Vonberg (UCL). Dr Laurent Sheybani (UCL) *Non-clinical post-doctoral fellowships*, 3-years: Dr Henry Watkins (UCL).

(c) Conference & meeting Support: Teaching courses and UK institutional meetings supported in 2023/2024:

- BNA Conference 2023 Conference & carers grants Apr 2023
- ABN Gordon Holmes lecture May 2023
- MEG-UK conference Dublin, Oct 2023
- BNA Festival Symposium Dec 2023
- 6th UK Preclinical Stroke Conference, Edinburgh Sep 2023
- Encephalitis Conference Dec 2023
- UKDRI DNA Repair Theme ECR workshop May 2023
- Workshop on Analytical Connectionism Sep 2023 (UCL).

(d) Global Neurology Brain Initiative:

- Cambodia Project - UK Professional Development Support to the Child Neurology Service at Angkor Hospital for Children (AHC), Cambodia (Prof Michael Pike)
- Brain Global Neurology Fellowships (2018 award)– Stellenbosch University & University of San Paolo Brazil (ends May 2024).

(e) Newsom- Davis awards:

- Dr Sophia Sopromadze (Georgia, Sep 2023) visit to UCL.

(f) Other funding:

- In2Science continued to be supported with a donation of £50,000. We moved to an annual review process whereby In2Science will provide Guarantors with data on the potential value of their donation. This Charity supports students from disadvantaged backgrounds through their applications for STEM subjects at University. Our support funds a number of 'Guarantors of Brain scholars' who apply to neuroscience subjects and medicine.
- Public event – Public Understanding of Neuroscience (PUN) award delayed from 2020 (St George's). The PUN awards are currently paused.

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Financial review

The objective of this annual report and accounts is to provide information about the Charity's financial performance and financial position so as to be useful to a wide range of stakeholders in assessing the Trustees' stewardship and management of charitable funds, and to assist the user of the accounts to make economic decisions in relation to the charity. The Trustees' power to invest is governed by the Trustee Act 2000. The Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applies to the Charity's activities, and the Charity's policy on the use of income and assets, and the reporting of the Charity's financial activity. For reporting purposes, our assets and small staff mean that the Guarantors of Brain Charity is a Smaller Entity. The Charity's funds are almost all unrestricted. In recent years, the investment objectives were to generate income to fund the charitable activities, reinvesting income where it is not required, and to maintain the capital value of the funds. The active management policy accepts moderate risk and aims for long term growth and income options. In 2023/24 100% of investment income was re-invested. The investment policy includes the avoidance of direct investment of companies with a significant interest in tobacco and armaments. The investment policy is reviewed on behalf of the Trustees by the Board of Management, at intervals of no more than 15 months. Approximately 8% of the funds is held as cash and liquid assets, providing credit and liquidity requirements necessary to support the activities of the Charity. The latter requirements include the ability to meet short- and medium-term salary commitments and fellowships of the Charity, in the event of a sudden drop in income or sudden devaluation of investments. The Secretary and Treasurer is authorized to act on behalf of the Trustees in connection with the investment funds, and for day-to-day financial administration of the Charity. As of 31 March 2024 the charity had an investment portfolio of £7,444,972 under management by Coutts&Co. Approximately £62,700 are held in cash investments. As of 31 March 2024, the charity has unrestricted reserves of £7,134,763 (2023 restated: £7,078,513) and during the year, made a surplus of £56,250 (2023 restated: £1,312,583 (deficit)).

Plans for the future

The charity will continue to consider new ways to support research and teaching in neurology and neuroscience, both clinical and basic science. We will seek to enhance our income, through the support of the Brain and Brain Communications journals, and through investment of the Charity's reserves. The Board of Management and the Guarantors will consider new ways to meet the aims of the Charity, including but not restricted to revisions of the Fellowships and Scholarships schemes.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document and Governing Bodies

The Charity was founded in 1955 and transitioned into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) at midnight 31 March 2022. The maximum number of Guarantors under the new CIO structure is 50 (currently 42). Current Guarantors serve for a renewable five-year term and are required to attend at least two out of five Annual General Meetings and be primarily resident and professionally active in the UK. New Guarantors are invited following an election by the Guarantors (transferable vote system).

The Charity is managed by a Board of Management that consists of Trustees elected from the Guarantors; the Chairman, Editor of Brain, Editor of Brain Comms, Secretary/Treasurer and three other members. The Board of Management meet three times a year.

Reserve policy and risk management

The Charity has established reserves that would enable continuity of current and planned activities even in the event of a significant loss of income. Potential risks to income are reviewed by the Trustees on the Board of Management. No significant change in risk was identified in the current financial year.

Coutts&Co Bank is engaged to provide long term active asset management with medium risk exposure and long-term growth aims. Capital appreciation and re-investment of income has led to a substantial increase in the Charity's financial security, despite the challenging economic climate of recent years. These assets minimise the risk to the activities of the Charity in the event of a substantial loss of income. Income from the journal Brain has been the major source of funds to support individuals with short, intermediate and long-term awards and fellowships and provide new ways to support teaching and research across the disciplines of neurology, psychiatry and related preclinical neuroscience.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Dr E Tallantyre

Dated: 12 DEC 2024

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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 and 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 the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the 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.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds as restated 2023 £
	Notes		
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>			
Charitable activities	3	1,607,975	1,659,079
Investments	4	249,561	155,752
Other income	6	12,636	12,264
Total income		1,870,172	1,827,095
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds	5	54,273	55,149
Charitable activities	7	2,489,681	2,801,687
Total expenditure		2,543,954	2,856,836
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	730,032	(282,842)
Net movement in funds		56,250	(1,312,583)
Funds balances at 31 March 2023		7,078,513	8,409,576
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		7,134,763	7,096,993

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024		2023 as restated	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	15		7,382,273		7,148,095
Current assets					
Debtors	18	577,649		576,189	
Cash at bank and in hand		125,917		180,871	
		<u>703,566</u>		<u>757,060</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	<u>(951,076)</u>		<u>(826,642)</u>	
Net current liabilities			(247,510)		(69,582)
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>7,134,763</u>		<u>7,078,513</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds - general			7,134,763		7,078,513
			<u>7,134,763</u>		<u>7,078,513</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on



Dr E Tallantyre
Trustee

12 DEC 2024

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	25		(800,370)		(865,624)
Investing activities					
Purchase of investments		(14,561,797)		(3,357,089)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		15,057,653		3,476,304	
Investment income received		249,561		155,752	
Net cash generated from investing activities			745,417		274,967
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(54,954)		(590,657)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			180,871		771,528
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			125,917		180,871

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

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's SORP (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when received as part of a profit share binding agreement, it is probable that income will be received through sale of the OUP journals.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs comprise the cost of running the charity, including external audit and all costs complying with constitutional and statutory requirements, such as costs of Board and Committee meetings and the preparation of statutory financial statements.

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Fixed asset investments

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

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.10 Employee benefits

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

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

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

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1.12 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

1.13 Allocation of overhead and support costs

Overhead and support costs have been allocated first between charitable activity and governance. Overhead and support costs relating to Charitable Activities have been apportioned based on the number of individual grant awards made in recognition that the administrative costs of awarding, monitoring and assessing fellowships are broadly equivalent. The allocation of overhead and support costs is analysed in note 8.

1.14 Costs of generating funds

The costs of generating funds consist of investment management and certain legal fees.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

The only significant estimate included within the financial statements is:

Deferred and accrued income

Deferred and accrued journal income is calculated based on the Oxford University Press (OUP) budgeted profit for the year ended 31 December 2023. The quarterly payments are made based on the budgeted profit. The amount is recalculated based on the OUP actual final profit and loss accounts and paid in the next financial year.

With the exception of the estimate described above, the trustees consider that there are no other significant judgements or estimates in the preparation of these financial statements.

3 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from Oxford University Press	1,607,975	1,659,079

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Income from listed investments	232,657	109,256
Interest receivable	16,904	46,496
	<u>249,561</u>	<u>155,752</u>

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Investment management	54,273	55,149
	<u>54,273</u>	<u>55,149</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Elsevier	3,520	4,744
Brain conference	9,116	7,520
	<u>12,636</u>	<u>12,264</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7 Charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2024	Grants 2024	Total 2024	Restated Charitable expenditure 2023	Grants 2023	Restated Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Editorial board expenses (including stipends)	58,471	-	58,471	109,336	-	109,336
Brain Journal staff costs	306,369	-	306,369	217,042	-	217,042
Brain Comms staff costs	32,852	-	32,852	56,218	-	56,218
Website costs	51,208	-	51,208	33,982	-	33,982
Depreciation and loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	1,433	-	1,433
Administration and office expenses	45,949	-	45,949	43,031	-	43,031
IT Software and consumables	480	-	480	108	-	108
Insurance	1,619	-	1,619	1,423	-	1,423
Rent	20,777	-	20,777	12,480	-	12,480
	<u>517,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>517,725</u>	<u>475,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>475,053</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	-	1,915,441	1,915,441	-	2,279,657	2,279,657
Share of support costs (see note 9)	22,248	-	22,248	19,979	-	19,979
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	34,267	-	34,267	26,998	-	26,998
	<u>574,240</u>	<u>1,915,441</u>	<u>2,489,681</u>	<u>522,030</u>	<u>2,279,657</u>	<u>2,801,687</u>

Administration and office expenses comparative figures have been restated to split the expenditure in further detail under the categories Website costs, IT Software and consumables, Insurance and Rent.

8 Grants payable

	Grants 2024 £	Grants 2023 £
Charity grants:		
Brain scholarships	1,495,230	1,841,184
Travel grants	246,969	226,510
Conference & other sponsorship	142,970	161,052
Brain conference hosting	30,272	50,911
	<u>1,915,441</u>	<u>2,279,657</u>

Refer to Trustees Report for details of grants made to Institutions.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	Support costs	Governance costs	2023 as restated
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Annual dinner	22,248	-	22,248	19,979	-	19,979
Audit fees	-	23,630	23,630	-	18,500	18,500
Accountancy	-	10,044	10,044	-	8,073	8,073
Bank charges	-	593	593	-	425	425
	<u>22,248</u>	<u>34,267</u>	<u>56,515</u>	<u>19,979</u>	<u>26,998</u>	<u>46,977</u>
Analysed between:						
Charitable activities	<u>22,248</u>	<u>34,267</u>	<u>56,515</u>	<u>19,979</u>	<u>26,998</u>	<u>46,977</u>

10 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	23,630	36,980
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	-	313
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	1,120
Amortisation of intangible assets	-	389
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11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year (2023: £Nil). However, five trustees have been reimbursed a total of £66,551 for stipend, travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses (2023 - five reimbursed £56,477).

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Managing Editor	1	1
Scientific Editor	3	2
Assistant Scientific Editor	1	-
Commissioning Editor	1	1
Commissioning Editor	1	1
	<u></u>	<u></u>
Total	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

12 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	272,776	192,033
Social security costs	22,461	15,403
Pension and off payroll staff costs	11,132	9,606
	<u>306,369</u>	<u>217,042</u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
£60,000 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Revaluation of investments	668,198	64,112
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments	61,834	(346,954)
	<u>730,032</u>	<u>(282,842)</u>

14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	7,148,095
Additions	14,500,126
Valuation changes	730,032
At 31 March 2024	22,378,253
Impairment	
At 1 April 2023	-
Disposals	14,995,818
At 31 March 2024	14,995,818
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	7,382,435
At 31 March 2023	7,148,095
Transferred from unincorporated charity	

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Equities	5,572,413	5,506,703
Fixed interest securities	-	1,067,459
Alternative investments	-	380,636
Hedge funds	-	163,213
Money Market	-	30,083
Deposits	100,000	-
Government and agencies bonds	886,322	-
Investment grade bonds	609,624	-
High yield bonds	213,913	-
	7,382,272	7,148,095

All investments are carried at their fair value.

The total market value of these investments as at 31 March 2024 amounted to £7,382,272 (2023: £7,148,095).

The total cost of investment held outside the UK as at 31 March 2024 amounted to £4,562,076 (2023: £5,487,027). The market value of these investments as at 31 March 2024 amounted to £4,562,076 (2023: £5,367,029).

The total market value of the Hedge funds as at 31 March 2024 amounted to £nil (2023: £163,213) and the cost of the Hedge funds as at 31 March 2024 amounted to £nil (2023: £153,137). The amount of change in fair value hedging instrument has been recognised in the statement of financial activities for the period.

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15 Fixed asset investments

(Continued)

The charitable funds committee set 5% of market value as at 31 March 2024 as the threshold for reporting material investments. As at 31 March 2024 the following investments were considered material:

- UK and Northern Ireland Treasury Gilt amounts to 9.09% of the total portfolio

The significance of financial instruments to the ongoing financial sustainability of the Guarantors of Brain is considered in the risk analysis section of the annual report.

16	Financial instruments	2024	2023
		£	£
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	7,382,273	7,148,095
17	Analysis of cash and cash equivalents	2024	2023
		£	£
	Editorial Current Account	-	3,463
	Cash within investment portfolio	62,700	44,433
	Current accounts	63,217	132,975
		125,917	180,871
18	Debtors	2024	2023
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Prepayments and accrued income	577,649	576,189
19	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023 as restated
		£	£
	Other creditors	12,796	11,658
	Accruals	938,280	814,984
		951,076	826,642

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20 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £11,132 (2023: £9,606).

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023
	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:		
Investments	7,382,273	7,148,095
Current assets/(liabilities)	(247,510)	(69,582)
	<u>7,134,763</u>	<u>7,078,513</u>

22 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

23 Prior period adjustment

Certain costs have been identified as being incurred in the previous financial period. Although each individual item is considered immaterial on its own, the aggregate effect of these costs, when taken collectively, resulted in accruals being materially understated in the prior year's financial statements. As a result, a prior period adjustment has been made to correct the understatement of accruals and ensure that the financial statements present a true and fair view of the company's financial position. The impact is a deficit of £59,314 to the net movement in funds, affecting audit and accountancy £18,480, Brain Comms staff costs £13,950 and stipends £26,884.

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24 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities made up as follows:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 1 April 2023	Movement in funds			Balance at 1 April 2024
	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Revaluations, gains and losses	£	£		Incoming resources	Resources expended	Revaluations, gains and losses	
	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds transferred as at 1 April 2023	8,409,576	1,827,095	(2,816,002)	(282,842)		7,137,827		1,870,172	(2,230,704)	730,032	7,507,327

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25 Cash generated from operations	2024	2023
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	56,250	(1,312,583)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(249,561)	(155,752)
(Gain)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	1,119
(Gain)/loss on disposal of investments	(61,834)	346,954
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(668,198)	(64,112)
Depreciation and amortisation	-	702
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(1,461)	(7,483)
Increase in creditors	1,138	6,451
Increase in deferred income	123,296	319,080
Cash absorbed by operations	(800,370)	(865,624)
26 Analysis of changes in net funds		
The charity had no debt during the year.		

