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**THE BRITISH SCHOLARSHIP TRUST (BOSNIA AND  
HERZEGOVINA, CROATIA, KOSOVO,  
MONTENEGRO, NORTH MACEDONIA, SERBIA)**

**(A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION)**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

**THE BRITISH SCHOLARSHIP TRUST (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, CROATIA,  
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Chair**

Mrs. Celia Hawkesworth

**Trustees**

Mrs. Celia Hawkesworth

Dr. Cathie Carmichael

Prof. Kenneth Morrison

Dr. Alun Thomas

Dr. Tanja Radu

Mr. Peter Morris

Dr. Radmila Mileusnic

Mr. Robin Brown

Dr. Cornelia Sorabji

Dr. Mark Thompson

Ms. Sanja Bosak

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**Charity Registration Number**

1198302

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# **THE BRITISH SCHOLARSHIP TRUST (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, CROATIA, KOSOVO, MONTENEGRO, NORTH MACEDONIA, SERBIA)**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

### **Trustees**

The following trustees served on the Board during the year and up to the date of approval of this report.

Mrs. Celia Hawkesworth

Dr. Cathie Carmichael

Prof. Kenneth Morrison

Dr. Alun Thomas

Dr. Tanja Radu

Mr. Peter Morris

Dr. Radmila Mileusnic

Mr. Robin Brown

Dr. Cornelia Sorabji

Dr. Mark Thompson (appointed 8 November 2023)

Ms. Sanja Bosak (appointed 24 February 2024)

### **Objectives and activities**

#### ***Public benefit***

To promote the education of graduate students primarily but not exclusively under the age of 30 years who are residents and are studying in the countries of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia. The CIO will do this by awarding scholarships to enable such persons to undertake short periods of research in the United Kingdom at any university, college of education, or other institution of further education (including professional and technical) approved for the purpose by the Trustees.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

### **Achievements, performance and financial review**

Investment income during the year was £43,273 (2023: £40,520).

During the year the trustees awarded grants of £25,902 (2023: £38,512).

The net incoming resources after grants and administration was £10,927 (2023: net outgoing resources of £5,345). There were realised and unrealised gains on investments of £91,671 (2023: unrealised losses of £20,407).

The balance on funds increased from £1,372,963 to £1,475,561 and are sufficient to cover expected operating expenditure for the foreseeable future.

# **THE BRITISH SCHOLARSHIP TRUST (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, CROATIA, KOSOVO, MONTENEGRO, NORTH MACEDONIA, SERBIA)**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

Twelve students were supported to come to the UK in the 2022/23 financial year. Six students came from Croatia, three from Serbia, two from North Macedonia and one from Kosovo. There were no students from Bosnia and Herzegovina or Montenegro. The students were all awarded grants for either two or three months of study. The Voja Kondic Memorial Prize was awarded to one of the North Macedonian students for his report on engineering research project on reducing harmful diesel emissions for public transport busses at Bath University.

The formal CIO process was completed with the Charity Commission register of mergers in July 2024. Sanja Bosak was appointed as a trustee and new Treasurer in February 2024, with an ongoing support from Robin Brown.

A number of policies governing the Charity were updated and approved by trustees and Chair at AGM on 23 May 2024. These are: Financial Reserves Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Serious Incident Reporting Policy, Trustee Expenses Policy and Risk Management (and matrix) Policy. Some small changes/clarifications were made to the website to make clearer the Charity's position on extending grants and place of studying v residency of students. Trustees considered various actions on how to increase the number of applications from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Montenegro.

### **Structure, governance and management**

#### ***Nature of governing document***

The British Scholarship Trust (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) ("Charity") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was registered by the Charity Commission on 21 March 2022 with charity registration number 1198302. On 10 May 2023 the Charity acquired the assets and assumed the liabilities of The British Scholarship Trust (Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia) ("Former Charity") (charity number 1031428).

#### **Risk Management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finances of the trust, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

As advised by our professional advisors, the trust's portfolio continues to be actively managed. The whole portfolio is held within the Barclays Charity Fund.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 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. 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.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 17 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Mrs. Celia Hawkesworth  
Chair and Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH  
SCHOLARSHIP TRUST (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, CROATIA, KOSOVO,  
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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of The British Scholarship Trust (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').


Having satisfied myself that the accounts of The British Scholarship Trust (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) are not required to be audited under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The British Scholarship Trust (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) 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 accounting requirements of the 2011 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
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Timothy William Slater  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

79a High Street  
Teddington  
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TW11 8HG

Date: 17 March 2025

**THE BRITISH SCHOLARSHIP TRUST (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, CROATIA,  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST  
2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	3	-	46
Investment income	4	43,273	40,520
Total income		43,273	40,566
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds		(3,922)	(3,810)
Charitable activities	5	(25,902)	(38,512)
Governance costs	6	(2,522)	(3,589)
Total expenditure		(32,346)	(45,911)
Net income/(expenditure) before net movements on investments		10,927	(5,345)
Gains/(losses) on investments		91,671	(20,407)
Net income/(expenditure)		102,598	(25,752)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		1,372,963	1,398,715
Total funds carried forward	11	1,475,561	1,372,963

The net income/(expenditure) before the net movements on investments was credited/(charged) to unrestricted funds. The gains on investments were credited to the endowment funds (see note 11).



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**(REGISTRATION NUMBER: CE028641)  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	9	1,363,804	1,277,088
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at stockbrokers		1,688	655
Cash at bank and in hand		111,209	97,320
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	(1,140)	(2,100)
<b>Net current assets</b>		111,757	95,875
<b>Net assets</b>		1,475,561	1,372,963
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
Endowment funds		1,074,581	982,910
Unrestricted funds		400,980	390,053
<b>Total funds</b>	11	1,475,561	1,372,963

The financial statements on pages 8 to 13 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 17 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
Mrs. Celia Hawkesworth  
Chair and Trustee

# **THE BRITISH SCHOLARSHIP TRUST (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, CROATIA, KOSOVO, MONTENEGRO, NORTH MACEDONIA, SERBIA)**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

### **1 Charity status**

The British Scholarship Trust (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) (the 'Charity') is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The principal address is given on page 1. The nature of the charity's operations is set out in the Report of the trustees on page 2.

### **2 Accounting policies**

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

#### **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

#### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

#### **Basis of preparation**

The British Scholarship Trust (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) 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 notes.

The functional currency of the charity is considered to be pound sterling (£) because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the charity operates. The financial statements are presented in pound sterling (£).

#### **Income and endowments**

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 the income receivable can be measured reliably.

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**Donations and legacies**

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

**Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

**Raising funds**

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

**Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

**Grant provisions**

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

**Support costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

**Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

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**Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**Investments**

Investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

**Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Endowment funds represent those assets, principally investments which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the permanent endowment fund can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has other financial assets and 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.

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**3 Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations from individuals	-	46
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**4 Investment income**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investment income	43,273	40,520
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**5 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Residential costs, maintenance, visa fees and study prizes	25,902	38,512
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**6 Governance costs**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy fees	1,140	2,160
Trustees expenses	166	345
Bank charges	122	167
Professional fees	682	509
Room hire	412	408
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	2,522	3,589
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**7 Trustees remuneration and related party transactions**

None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year (2023: £nil). Reimburse expenses of £166 were paid to trustees during the year (2023: £345).

There were no paid employees in the year or previous year.

**8 Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**9 Investments**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Listed investments	1,363,804	1,277,088

	<b>Listed investments £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Valuation</b>		
At 1 September 2023	1,277,088	1,277,088
Revaluation	91,530	91,530
Disposals	(4,814)	(4,814)
At 31 August 2024	1,363,804	1,363,804
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 August 2024	1,363,804	1,363,804
At 31 August 2023	1,277,088	1,277,088

**10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	1,140	2,100

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**11 Funds**

	<b>Balance at 1 September 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 August 2024 £</b>
Unrestricted funds	390,053	43,273	(32,346)	400,980
Permanent endowment funds	982,910	91,671	-	1,074,581
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,372,963</b>	<b>134,944</b>	<b>(32,346)</b>	<b>1,475,561</b>

	<b>Balance at 1 September 2022 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 August 2023 £</b>
Unrestricted funds	395,398	40,566	(45,911)	390,053
Permanent endowment funds	1,003,317	-	(20,407)	982,910
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,398,715</b>	<b>40,566</b>	<b>(66,318)</b>	<b>1,372,963</b>

**12 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
<b>At 31 August 2024</b>			
Fixed asset investments	289,223	1,074,581	1,363,804
Current assets	112,897	-	112,897
Current liabilities	(1,140)	-	(1,140)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>400,980</b>	<b>1,074,581</b>	<b>1,475,561</b>
<b>At 31 August 2023</b>			
Fixed asset investments	294,178	982,910	1,277,088
Current assets	97,975	-	97,975
Current liabilities	(2,100)	-	(2,100)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>390,053</b>	<b>982,910</b>	<b>1,372,963</b>

