

THE P. D. JAMES MEMORIAL FUND
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY No. 212401

THE P. D. JAMES MEMORIAL FUND

Charity Information

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Charity Number	212401
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE P. D. JAMES MEMORIAL FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The name of the Fund was changed on 25th November 2015 to The P. D. James Memorial Fund from its original name, The Society of Authors Pension Fund.

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the 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) (second edition effective 1 January 2019).

Trustees

The appointment of Trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity. From 25th November 2015, by a change in the trust deed, The Society of Authors is now the sole Corporate Trustee and the previous Trustees retired from office.

Investment powers and Risk Management

The Trust Deed authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using the Capital Funds of the charity. These are shown in detail in the notes to the financial statements. The principal area of risk concerns the management of the investments, the income from which provides the main source of funds from which the awards are paid. The investments are therefore kept under constant review by the investment managers.

Public Benefit

In reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities, the Trustees refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Constitution, objects and policies

This charity was originally constituted under a Trust Deed dated 18th October 1900 and amended in 1980 and 2015. The Fund is in the nature of a benevolent fund to provide pensions to members of the Society of Authors over 60 years of age or totally incapacitated for work, who have been members for at least ten years, and whose circumstances warrant such a benefit. Benefits are paid at the discretion of the Trustees for life or until the recipient's circumstances change such that he or she no longer qualifies for the benefit. The policy of The P.D. James Memorial Fund continues to be to pay benefits in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed out of the income generated by the investments, subscriptions and donations.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees policy is to operate on the basis of being able to continue to generate sufficient incoming resources to use toward meeting their charitable objectives and to accord with their principal terms. The Trustees are of the opinion that the funds remain sufficient to enable them to continue this ongoing objective. The charity has sufficient but not excessive funds to service its objective of making future charitable distributions.

Financial Review

The results for the year ended 31st December 2024 are attached and show a net decrease in funds of £21,054 (2023: £9,755 decrease) before adding the realised gain on sale of investments of £745 (2023: £283 gain) and unrealised increase in market value of investments amounting to £28,538 (2023: £43,927 increase). Benefits were paid during the year to 23 beneficiaries (2023: 24) and amounted to £53,275 (2023: £51,700), and other expenditure totalled £21,138 (2023: £19,305). The investments appear in the Balance Sheet at their market value of £912,386 (2023: £904,103). The Accumulated Fund carried forward at the year-end stands at £940,964 (2023: £932,735) and the Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient income and capital to meet its obligations in the foreseeable future.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF
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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, 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 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 the principles of the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 the board of Trustees on 15 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Vanessa Fox O'Loughlin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Vanessa Fox O'Loughlin – Chair of the Management Committee, The Society of Authors

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The P. D. James Memorial Fund.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The P. D. James Memorial Fund for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent Examiner's statement

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

- a) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- b) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- c) 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 the requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Date: 20 June 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

		-----Unrestricted Funds-----	
	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Income			
Investment Income - Dividends	2	29,894	31,096
- Bank Interest		387	182
Donations and Legacies		4,169	-
Other income	3	18,909	29,972
Total		53,359	61,250
Expenditure			
Raising funds:			
Investment Management Fees		4,731	4,462
Charitable activities	4	69,682	66,543
Total		74,413	71,005
Net income/(expenditure) before Investment gains/(losses)		(21,054)	(9,755)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	29,283	44,210
Net income/(expenditure)		8,229	34,455
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		932,735	898,280
Total funds carried forward		£940,964	£932,735

The notes form part of these Financial Statements

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BALANCE SHEET

31st DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	£	2024	£	£	2023	£
FIXED ASSETS							
Quoted Investments	5			912,386			904,103
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors	8		317			-	
Cash held by Investment Managers			16,584			17,026	
Cash at bank			14,701			14,556	
			<u>31,602</u>			<u>31,582</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
Amounts due within one year	9		<u>(3,024)</u>			<u>(2,950)</u>	
Net Current Assets				28,578			28,632
TOTAL NET ASSETS				<u>£940,964</u>			<u>£932,735</u>
Represented by:							
ACCUMULATED FUND							
Total Unrestricted Funds				940,964			932,735
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				<u>£940,964</u>			<u>£932,735</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 15 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Vanessa Fox O'Loughlin – Chair of the Management Committee, The Society of Authors

The notes form part of these Financial Statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a) These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS102 second edition) and in compliance with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a public benefit entity under FRS102.

- b) The income from investments and bank interest received represent the actual income receivable in the year.
- c) Awards paid include all amounts payable in the year in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed.
- d) Other expenditure is included on the basis of amounts payable for the year.
- e) The quoted investments are included in the Financial Statements at market value to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice.
- f) The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The Trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Gross Income 2024	Gross Income 2023
NON GOVERNMENT BOND FUNDS	£	£
Volare Global Fixed Interest Offshore Fund Z Income	3,635	4,214
Volare Sterling Fixed Interest Offshore Fund Z Income	3,448	3,009
MULTI ASSET CHARITY INVESTMENT FUNDS		
Volare Income Offshore Fund Z	22,811	23,873
TOTAL	<u>£29,894</u>	<u>£31,096</u>

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3. OTHER INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Royalties	18,909	29,972
	<u>£18,909</u>	<u>£29,972</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
DIRECT		
Awards paid	53,275	51,700
Vouchers for pensioners	1,200	1,380
INDIRECT		
Administration costs	9,792	9,540
Other expenses	2,061	2,129
Professional Fees	1,494	-
GOVERNANCE		
Independent Examination Fee	1,860	1,794
	<u>£69,682</u>	<u>£66,543</u>

5. INVESTMENTS

	Cost	Market Value
	£	£
NON GOVERNMENT BOND FUNDS		
Volare Global Fixed Interest Offshore Fund Z Income	91,250	75,618
Volare Sterling Fixed Interest Offshore Fund Z Income	83,908	73,975
	<u>175,158</u>	<u>149,593</u>
MULTI ASSET CHARITY INVESTMENT FUNDS		
Volare Income Offshore Fund Z	709,673	762,793
TOTALS at – 31 st December 2024	<u>£884,831</u>	<u>£912,386</u>
31 st December 2023	<u>£904,452</u>	<u>£904,103</u>

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6. MOVEMENT IN COST OF INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost at 1 January 2024	904,452	922,039
Disposals		
Volare Income Offshore Fund Z	(19,621)	(17,587)
	(19,621)	(17,587)
Cost at 31 December 2024	<u>£884,831</u>	<u>£904,452</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN MARKET VALUES OF INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market Value at the beginning of the year	904,103	877,443
Disposal Proceeds	(21,000)	(17,550)
Investment Gains/(losses)	29,283	44,210
	8,283	26,660
Market Value at End of Year	<u>£912,386</u>	<u>£904,103</u>
Realised gains/(losses)	745	283
Unrealised gains/(losses)	28,538	43,927
	<u>£29,283</u>	<u>£44,210</u>

8. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other Debtors	317	-
	<u>£317</u>	<u>£-</u>

9. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment Managers' Fees	1,164	1,156
Professional Fees	1,860	1,794
	<u>£3,024</u>	<u>£2,950</u>

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10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Society of Authors, which is the corporate Trustee of the charity, carried out management services for the charity and charged a management fee for the year amounting to £9,792 (2023: £9,540). There were no other related party transactions in the year.