

CAMBRIDGE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Report of the Council of Management and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity Number 213811

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

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 213811

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Professor L Greer, President
Professor J Carr, President Elect
Dr C Y Barlow, Vice-President
Professor P Hewett, Vice-President
Dr T K Carne, Treasurer
Dr J A Fraser, Biological Secretary
Professor J Lasenby, Physical Secretary
Professor M Dunajski, Mathematical Secretary
Dr R Asher
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The Council of Management present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Cambridge Philosophical Society (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Council members confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The Society was established on 15 November 1819 with the aim, in the words of that time 'of promoting scientific inquiry, and of facilitating the communication of facts connected with the advancement of Philosophy and Natural History'. In modern terminology the aims of the Society are to promote research in all branches of science and to encourage the communication of the results of scientific research. The Society became a Body Corporate by virtue of a Charter granted by his late Majesty King William the Fourth and dated 6 August 1832.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The affairs of the Society are conducted by its Council, consisting of up to nine Officers and up to twelve Ordinary Members who are all senior scientists working within the University of Cambridge. The Council members who served during the year were: -

Professor L Greer, President
Dr C Y Barlow, Vice-President
Professor P Hewett, Vice-President
Professor R R Horgan, Vice-President
Dr T K Carne, Treasurer
Dr J A Fraser, Biological Secretary
Professor M Dunajski, Mathematical Secretary
Professor J Lasenby, Physical Secretary
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Dr N Pugh

Council members are elected at the Society's annual general meeting.

The President, President-Elect, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretaries constitute the Officers of the Society. The Officers and at least four ordinary Members of the Council are elected at each annual general meeting and serve from the first day of January following their election. The President serves for no more than two years successively, the President-Elect for one year, the Vice-Presidents for no more than three years successively, the Treasurer for no more than twelve years successively and the Secretaries for no more than nine years successively. Ordinary Members of Council serve for no more than six years successively.

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Council meetings are held six times a year at which scientific activities are decided, formal business is concluded, and strategy matters are discussed.

POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

New members of Council following formal election after the Annual General Meeting are given a complete set of minutes for the previous Michaelmas Term, a list of the Council Officers and Ordinary Members, a copy of the Society's byelaws, the Society's most recent Financial Accounts and the Charity Commission Leaflet for Charity Trustees (CC3(a)). The Officers and Executive Secretary answer any questions they may have.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The Council sets out the general policy of the Society and has sole management of the income and funds of the Society. The day to day affairs of the Society are delegated to the Executive Secretary, Mrs Anna Turner and the Treasurer, Dr Keith Carne.

Employees' remuneration is bench-marked with the University of Cambridge to ensure that the remuneration set is fair and not out of line with that generally paid for similar roles.

INVESTMENT POWERS

These are governed by the Charter and Bye Laws which permits the funds to be invested in any security listed on the London Stock Exchange and all the main Stock Markets of the World.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council of Management has examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to manage these risks. The Council of Management have identified the loss of sales of journals and the collapse in the Stock Market resulting in a reduction in investment income as areas of risk.

Objectives and Activities

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Council of Management, as charity trustees, confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Cambridge Philosophical Society is a registered charity whose charitable purpose is defined within the Charities Act 2011 is the promotion of scientific enquiry and the publication of results of scientific research.

The Society provides public benefit primarily by the publication of its two journals, *Mathematical Proceedings* and *Biological Reviews*. In addition, the Society provides assistance to scientists by the award of Travel Grants and short-term Research Studentships and also arranges a series of lecture meetings which are open to the public. From 2010 the Society has been funding two to four, three-year Research Fellowships each year and from 2023 providing funding for two, three year Post Graduate Studentships each year.

STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

The Society aims to publish six issues of *Mathematical Proceedings* and six issues of *Biological Reviews* every year, to make every effort to achieve the highest academic standards, to increase the circulation, readership and subscription to the journals to maintain and increase revenue.

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Management of the Society's investment portfolio to ensure secure financial protection for the Society's activities and to generate funds for charitable distribution to support and advance science. In addition, the Society aims to maintain its assistance to scientists by awarding Travel Grants and short-term Research Studentships to research student members and in addition Research Fellowships and Post Graduate Studentships.

The Society also arranges nine lecture meetings, open to the public, including an Honorary Fellow's award and Lecture, and three named lectures. Two are in memory of Sir Geoffrey Taylor and Sir Joseph Larmor and in 2013 a new named Lecture was instituted called the A V Hill Lecture in the Lent Term. The Society also sponsors a one-day meeting open to all members of the University and members of the public.

The Society aims to maintain and recruit new Fellows by promotion of the Society to graduate students within the University of Cambridge; to make additional donations as agreed by Council in support of natural sciences; and to create Research Fellowships for terms of three years and Post Graduate Studentships for terms of three years.

GRANT MAKING POLICIES

For 2024 the Society allocated a budget of £40,000 for Travel Grants and a budget of £180,000 for short term Research Studentships. The grant budgets are increased annually in line with inflation. Four Travel Grants meetings were held after the grant deadlines of 1 February, 1 May, 1 July and 1 November 2024 and two Research Studentship grant meetings were held after the grant deadlines of 31 March and 30 September 2024. Three members of Council constitute the panel at each of these Travel Grant meetings. The recommendations of the panel are submitted to Council for final approval. The Society also intended awarding at least eight bursaries up to a total of £4,000 to the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences to assist young scientists to attend symposia at the Institute. These grant budget figures are subject to increase at the request and agreement of Council at its meetings and approval by the Treasurer. In addition, six members of Council form two panels to consider and award three-year Research Fellowships. These recommendations from the panel are also submitted to Council for final approval.

Achievements and performance

GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity 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.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

During the year the Society published six issues of *Mathematical Proceedings* and six issues of *Biological Reviews*. Two Editorial Boards (consisting of up to 30 members for *Biological Reviews* and 12-13 members for *Mathematical Proceedings*, all of whom are selected from senior academics), an Editor, and a Secretary are appointed by and report to Council. *Mathematical Proceedings* produced a surplus higher than the forecast and higher than the 2023 actuals. *Biological Reviews* produced a surplus higher than the forecast and higher than the 2023 actuals.

Wiley is the publisher of *Biological Reviews* and Cambridge University Press is the publisher of *Mathematical Proceedings*.

In addition, the Society has maintained its assistance to scientists by awarding Travel Grants and short-term Research Studentships. During the year, eighty-eight Travel Grants were awarded, and forty-one short-term Research Studentships were awarded. The Society intended to award eight

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bursaries up to a total value of £4,000 to the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences to assist young scientists to attend symposia at the Institute. Three Research Fellowships for three-year terms were also awarded to commence in the Michaelmas Term 2024, in addition to those currently ongoing. A review of all the awards took place in 2024 and increases to the level of awards for both Research Students and Travel Grants for 2024 were approved by the Council.

A new named award, Sedgwick Studentships, was created in 2023 to award two Studentships for three-year terms to Post graduate students at Anglia Ruskin University, commencing in October 2023. Two more Post graduate studentships were awarded in 2024.

During the year the Society arranged nine lecture meetings, including the three named lectures in memory of *Sir Geoffrey Taylor*, *Sir Joseph Larmor* and *A V Hill*. Lectures also continued to be videoed and hosted online in addition to the in-person lectures. Details of the named lecture bequests appear in note 9 to these financial statements. The Society's Honorary Fellows Lecture took place in the Michaelmas Term 2024. The Society's Annual Sponsored One Day open to all members of the University and members of the public, took place in the Lent Term 2024.

There have been no material changes to policy during the year.

Financial review

RESERVES POLICY

Council has stated the policy to establish a financial base from which its activities at the present level would be secure in the event of future financial problems, such as might arise from loss of subscriptions to its publications as a result of electronic publishing. The Council has agreed to aim to hold liquid assets and free reserves at the year-end, a sum held equal to the budgeted expenditure of the Society for the forthcoming year as set out in the approved Estimates of the Society, plus a sum equal to the estimated financial commitments of the Society beyond that year. For 2024 this equates to the sum of £1,043,139. For the purposes of calculating the value of liquid assets and free reserves, cash deposits, bonds and equities on the main UK markets that may be liquidated within a five-day trading period are included in the definition of liquid assets and free reserves." As of 31 December 2024, the value of the Society's holdings of liquid assets and free reserves amounted to £1,141,202. Restricted reserves at the year-end were £65,739.

FUNDING AND RESULTS

The results for the year are set out in the attached financial statements.

Sales of current volumes during the year to 31 December 2024 totalled £565,201 compared with £489,980 in the previous year. Total incoming resources amounted to £987,925 (2023: £874,974) which, after resources expended of £882,728 (2023: £629,232), including a pension provision charge of £Nil (2023: (£34,272)), resulted in net incoming resources of £105,197 (2023: £245,741) before investment gains and losses.

Council has established an Investment Committee which makes investment decisions in the light of advice from external bodies. The agreed investment policy is to maximise overall long-term return without undue risk by sustained investment in equities with significant exposure to all the main stock markets of the World. This involves purchases of securities and units in index-tracking and other funds which give exposure to equities listed in the US, UK, Europe and to a lesser extent Japan and the Far East.

The function of the Society's assets is to provide security for its continuing activities, to provide for the development of future charitable activities and to provide in perpetuity for the achievement of the Society's charitable aims – the advancement and promotion of science.

The value of the Society's investments has increased from £14,356,064 to £15,852,617 an increase of £1,496,553, due to a net investment of £664,341, coupled with unrealised gain of £832,212 on

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revaluation. At the end of the year the Society had net assets of £16,828,916 compared with £15,891,507 at the end of the previous year.

Plans for the future

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Council plans to continue with all its activities outlined above in the forthcoming years i.e. the maintenance of its awards for Travel Grants four times a year and in addition the award of grants for Research Studentships twice a year; the fund allocated for these awards is reviewed annually. For 2025 the maximum limit for these awards was increased to £500 for Travel Grants and £5,500 for Research Studentships. The current level of bursary awards to the Isaac Newton Institute remains the same.

Three Research Fellowship grants for three-year terms were approved by Council to commence in 2024 and two Research Fellowships grants for three-year terms were approved by Council to commence in 2025. Further Research Fellowships are planned for both 2026 and 2027. Following a detailed review in 2024 of the level of the stipends awarded for Research Fellowships, it was agreed to increase the stipends for Research Fellowships from October 2025 onwards. Two more Post Graduate Studentships have been approved to commence in 2025 and considered for 2026.

Nine public lectures are also confirmed for 2025 and nine are currently being planned for 2026 including a One-day meetings planned for March 2025, and two planned for 2026 and one in March 2027. The Council is also planning to continue the publication of its journal *Mathematical Proceedings* six times a year. *Biological Reviews* continues to be published as an online only publication having increased from four to six issues a year. No changes to the Publishers of the journals are currently anticipated. New editorial procedures and software to bring the editorial processes of both journals up to date have taken place and are ongoing. Digitisation of the back issues of both journals is now complete back to 1923 and further digitisation of the remaining back issues to 1819 is progressing. Again, modernisation and improvements in the promotion, production and editorial procedures of both journals will take place in 2025. It is anticipated that taking advantage of efficiencies in technology and making other changes will further decrease the costs associated with publishing.

The Council plans to continue all the activities outlined above for the longer term.

A comprehensive insurance policy is in place to cover the possibilities of any future litigious circumstances arising through the activities of the Society, including the publication of its Journals, and in particular claims arising from plagiarism.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Council members are responsible for preparing the Council members' 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 Council members 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 period. In preparing these financial statements, the Council members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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So far as the Council members are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and each Council member has taken steps that he or she ought to have taken as Council member in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

The Council members are responsible for keeping proper 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 applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. 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.

This report was approved by the Council members on 20 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Professor L Greer

Date: 24 October 2025

**CAMBRIDGE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS
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We have audited the financial statements of Cambridge Philosophical Society for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes 1 to 23. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by 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) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Council Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Council Members with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Council Members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Council of Management's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Council Members responsibilities statement, the Council Members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Council Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Council Members are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Council Members either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Charity through discussions with Council Members and other management;
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Charity and how it is complying with that framework;
- We obtained an understanding of the Charity's policies and procedures on compliance with laws and regulations, including documentation of any instances of non-compliance.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- Making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- Considering the internal controls in place to manage risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we;

- Tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- Assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policy were indicative of potential bias; and
- Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- Agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

Through the above procedures, we did not become aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of report

This report is made solely to the charity's Council of Management, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Council members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Council of Management as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date 27 October 2025

Chater Allan LLP are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating income and expenditure)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	41,150	-	41,150	38,379
Charitable activities	3	565,201	-	565,201	489,980
Investments	4	379,137	2,437	381,574	346,615
TOTAL		<u>985,488</u>	<u>2,437</u>	<u>987,925</u>	<u>874,974</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds - Investment management costs	6	61,451	-	61,451	51,704
Charitable activities	7	819,009	2,268	821,277	577,528
TOTAL	5	<u>880,460</u>	<u>2,268</u>	<u>882,728</u>	<u>629,232</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses on investments		105,028	169	105,197	245,741
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	832,121	91	832,212	759,687
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>937,150</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>937,410</u>	<u>1,005,428</u>
Transfers between funds	17	(324)	324	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>936,826</u>	<u>584</u>	<u>937,410</u>	<u>1,005,428</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		15,803,352	65,155	15,868,507	14,863,079
Prior year adjustment	22	23,000	-	23,000	23,000
Total funds brought forward (as restated)		<u>15,826,352</u>	<u>65,155</u>	<u>15,891,507</u>	<u>14,886,079</u>
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2024		<u>16,763,177</u>	<u>65,739</u>	<u>16,828,916</u>	<u>15,891,507</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

**CAMBRIDGE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £ (as restated)
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	13	8,594	9,500
Heritage assets	13	917,640	917,640
Investments	14	15,852,617	14,356,064
		<u>16,778,851</u>	<u>15,283,204</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	15	264,665	238,352
Cash at bank and in hand		35,048	578,800
		<u>299,713</u>	<u>817,153</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(249,648)	(208,849)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>50,065</u>	<u>608,304</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>16,828,916</u></u>	<u><u>15,891,507</u></u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:			
Restricted Funds	17	65,739	65,155
Unrestricted funds:	17		
General fund		16,759,514	15,823,022
Designated funds		3,663	3,330
		<u>16,763,177</u>	<u>15,826,352</u>
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u><u>16,828,916</u></u>	<u><u>15,891,507</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Council members on 20 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Dr T K Carne

Date 27 October 2025

CAMBRIDGE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	21	<u>(258,364)</u>	<u>(184,653)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest and dividends from investments	4	381,574	346,615
Purchase of furniture and equipment	13	(2,622)	(4,116)
Proceeds from sale of investments	14	1,884,381	1,421,805
Proceeds from Investment redemption		-	189,553
Purchase of investments	14	<u>(2,548,722)</u>	<u>(1,960,578)</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(285,389)</u>	<u>(6,721)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		<u>(543,752)</u>	<u>(191,375)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		578,800	770,175
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>35,048</u>	<u>578,800</u>
Summary of the cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
Cash at bank and in hand		35,048	578,800
		<u>35,048</u>	<u>578,800</u>

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1. Accounting policies

Governing document

The Society was established on 15 November 1819. The Society became a Body Corporate by virtue of a Charter granted by his late Majesty King William the Fourth and dated 6 August 1832.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, and 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) (effective 1 January 2019) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the pound sterling (£).

Going concern

The Council members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and the charity is well placed to manage its business risks. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Subscriptions received in advance are included within creditors falling within one year.

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 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 those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event which it is probable will result in the transfer of economic benefits and the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that are deemed significant in the context of the charity's accounts are set out below.

The present value of the Cambridge University Assistants' Contributory Pension Scheme (CUACPS), and the value of Heritage assets.

Fund accounting

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

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Council members for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

All gains and losses are taken to the SOFA as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and opening carrying value (purchase date if later).

Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Furniture & Equipment	-	20% straight line
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Heritage assets

Heritage assets represent books and other assets held by the Society for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The assets were valued by an independent expert in 2014 based on insurance value. No depreciation is charged on the heritage assets as their economic life and high residual value mean that any depreciation would not be material. Heritage assets are reviewed at the year end for evidence of impairment and adjusted accordingly within the Statement of Financial Activities. The charity maintains paper records of the individual books held as heritage assets.

Foreign Currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Pensions

The Society participates in the Cambridge University Assistants' Contributory Pension Scheme (CUACPS) which is a defined benefit scheme. The Society's contributions are affected by a surplus or deficiency in the CUACPS but the Society is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities in the Scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The Society therefore accounts for its contributions to the CUACPS as if it were a defined contribution scheme. To the extent that the Society is committed to funding any deficit through additional monthly contributions, a liability is recognised in the accounts.

Stocks

Stocks of back issues of the Society's journals have not been valued.

Gifts in Kind

The University of Cambridge provides accommodation to support the Society as a Gift in Kind.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Members' subscriptions & donations	11,301	-	11,301	8,929	-	8,929
Life members' subscriptions	3,449	-	3,449	3,050	-	3,050
Gift in kind - accommodation	26,400	-	26,400	26,400	-	26,400
	<u>41,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,150</u>	<u>38,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,379</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Sales of journals	359,631	-	359,631	314,232	-	314,232
Royalties from journals	205,570	-	205,570	175,748	-	175,748
	<u>565,201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>565,201</u>	<u>489,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>489,980</u>

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4. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Dividends and interest (gross)	379,133	2,437	381,570	344,414	2,200	346,614
Bank deposit interest	4	-	4	1	-	1
	<u>379,137</u>	<u>2,437</u>	<u>381,574</u>	<u>344,415</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>346,615</u>

5. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Staff Costs 2024 £	Other Costs 2024 £	Total Costs 2024 £	Staff Costs 2023 £	Other Costs 2023 £	Total Costs 2023 £
Investment management costs	-	61,451	61,451	-	51,704	51,704
Costs of sales of journals & grant funding	194,111	590,525	784,636	135,488	414,247	549,734
Governance	24,237	12,404	36,641	16,917	10,877	27,793
	<u>218,348</u>	<u>664,380</u>	<u>882,728</u>	<u>152,405</u>	<u>476,828</u>	<u>629,232</u>

6. EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS - INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Investment management costs	<u>61,451</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,451</u>	<u>51,704</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,704</u>

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7. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Grant funding £	Publications, Lectures & meetings £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants to individuals (see note 9)	394,654	-	394,654	251,245
Printing and publication costs	-	109,233	109,233	73,323
Donations	-	-	-	4,500
Expenses of meetings, including honoraria	13,625	4,120	17,745	32,595
Expenses of special one day meetings	-	10,103	10,103	3,746
Office costs	24,870	7,520	32,390	22,438
Wages and salaries	129,172	39,059	168,231	144,700
National insurance	9,536	2,884	12,420	11,690
Pension costs	10,335	3,125	13,460	9,564
Pension deficit provision release	-	-	-	(30,467)
Governance costs (see note 10)	28,134	8,507	36,641	27,793
Gift in kind - accommodation costs	20,271	6,129	26,400	26,400
	<u>630,597</u>	<u>190,680</u>	<u>821,277</u>	<u>577,528</u>

Basis of allocation

Costs have been allocated between charitable activities based on proportion of the direct costs of each activity.

8. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants to individuals (see note 9)	394,654	-	394,654	251,245	-	251,245
Printing and publication costs	109,233	-	109,233	73,323	-	73,323
Donations	-	-	-	4,500	-	4,500
Expenses of meetings, incl. honoraria	15,477	2,268	17,745	30,234	2,361	32,595
Expenses of special one day meetings	10,103	-	10,103	3,746	-	3,746
Office costs	32,390	-	32,390	22,438	-	22,438
Wages and salaries	168,231	-	168,231	144,700	-	144,700
National insurance	12,420	-	12,420	11,690	-	11,690
Pension costs	13,460	-	13,460	9,564	-	9,564
Pension deficit release	-	-	-	(30,467)	-	(30,467)
Governance costs (see note 10)	36,641	-	36,641	27,793	-	27,793
Gifts in kind - rent payable	26,400	-	26,400	26,400	-	26,400
	<u>819,009</u>	<u>2,268</u>	<u>821,277</u>	<u>575,167</u>	<u>2,361</u>	<u>577,528</u>

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9. GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Research Grants	135,457	62,840
Travel Grants	26,959	13,525
Isaac Newton Institute Bursaries	(6,000)	4,000
Henslow Fellowships	191,168	157,268
Sedgwick Studentships	47,070	13,612
Total	<u>394,654</u>	<u>251,245</u>

Research grants are awarded to fund the scientific research of post graduate students. Grants awarded range between £500 and £5,500. During the year, 41 short-term Research grants were awarded.

Travel grants enable postgraduate students to travel in order to meet their research goals. Grants are awarded up to the value of £500. During the year, 88 Travel grants were awarded.

Isaac Newton Institute Bursaries are awarded to young scientists to enable them to attend symposia at the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Studies. During the year, no bursaries were awarded.

Henslow Fellowships are awarded to various Cambridge Colleges to fund scientific research positions. Fellowships awarded range between £14,000 and £35,000.

Sedgwick Studentships are awarded to young Post Graduate students at the Anglia Ruskin University for three year terms. In 2024, the annual award for each Sedgwick Studentship was £24,023.

10. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Auditors' remuneration	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Auditors' non audit fees	1,360	1,360	1,075	1,075
Office costs	4,044	4,044	2,802	2,802
Wages	21,005	21,005	18,067	18,067
National Insurance	1,551	1,551	1,460	1,460
Pension cost	1,681	1,681	1,194	1,194
Pension deficit provision release		-	(3,804)	(3,804)
	<u>36,641</u>	<u>36,641</u>	<u>27,793</u>	<u>27,793</u>

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11. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	2024	2023
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	3,528	2,940
Auditors' remuneration	7,000	7,000
Auditors' other financial services	1,360	1,075
Pension costs	15,141	10,759
Pension deficit provision release	-	(34,272)

12. ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS AND REMUNERATION TO KEY PERSONNEL

Wages and salaries	189,237	162,768
Social security costs	13,970	13,150
Other pension costs	15,141	10,759
Pension deficit provision release	-	(34,272)
	<u>218,347</u>	<u>152,405</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

No.	No.
<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Heritage assets	Furniture and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation:			
As at 1 January 2024	917,640	36,034	953,674
Additions	-	2,622	2,622
As at 31 December 2024	<u>917,640</u>	<u>38,656</u>	<u>956,296</u>
Depreciation:			
As at 1 January 2024	-	26,535	26,535
Charge for the year	-	3,528	3,528
As at 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>30,063</u>	<u>30,063</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 December 2024	<u>917,640</u>	<u>8,594</u>	<u>926,234</u>
As at 31 December 2023	<u>917,640</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>927,140</u>

Heritage assets represent books and other assets held by the Society for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The assets were valued by an independent expert in 2014 based on insurance value. There have been no additions, disposals or impairment of heritage assets during the current and four preceding years.

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14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Movement in fixed asset listed investments	2024 £	2023 £
Fair Value at 1 January 2024	14,356,064	13,247,157
Additions	2,548,722	1,960,578
Disposals proceeds	(1,884,381)	(1,611,358)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	832,212	759,687
Fair value at 31 December 2024	<u>15,852,617</u>	<u>14,356,064</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2024	<u>11,232,420</u>	<u>10,190,805</u>
Listed investments	15,932,026	14,348,530
Cash	(79,409)	7,534
	<u>15,852,617</u>	<u>14,356,064</u>
Listed investments at fair value comprise:		
	2024 £	2023 £
UK	7,196,645	6,859,807
Overseas	8,735,381	7,488,723
	<u>15,932,026</u>	<u>14,348,530</u>

Material investments

Details of material investments at the balance sheet date of 31 December 2024, represents more than 5% of the total portfolio, are as follows:

2024 £	2023 £
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

15. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	196,847	153,893
Prepayments and accrued income	67,819	76,575
VAT	-	7,885
	<u>264,665</u>	<u>238,352</u>

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16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Taxation and social security	-	581
VAT	1,011	-
Other creditors	205,186	162,946
Accruals and deferred income	43,452	45,322
	<u>249,648</u>	<u>208,849</u>
Deferred income brought forward	18,507	17,546
Released in the year	(18,507)	(17,546)
Accrued in the year	18,989	18,507
Deferred income carried forward	<u>18,989</u>	<u>18,507</u>

Included in Accruals and deferred income above is income relating to the following year.

17. SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	At 1 January 2024 £ (as restated)	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains/ (Losses) £	At 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	15,823,022	985,488	(642,222)	(238,895)	832,121	16,759,514
Designated funds						
Henslow Fund	-	-	(238,238)	238,238	-	-
William Bate Hardy Prize Fund	3,330	-	-	333	-	3,663
Total unrestricted funds	<u>15,826,352</u>	<u>985,488</u>	<u>(880,460)</u>	<u>(324)</u>	<u>832,121</u>	<u>16,763,177</u>
Restricted funds						
William Hopkins Prize Fund	4,285	160	-	333	91	4,869
Sir Joseph Larmor's Fund	250	9	-	(9)	-	250
G I Taylor Trust Fund	60,620	2,268	(2,268)	-	-	60,620
	<u>65,155</u>	<u>2,437</u>	<u>(2,268)</u>	<u>324</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>65,739</u>
Total Funds	<u>15,891,507</u>	<u>987,925</u>	<u>(882,728)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>832,212</u>	<u>16,828,916</u>

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17. SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS (continued)

The Henslow Fund was established in 2010 when Council set aside the initial sum of £20,000 from General Funds to meet the cost of the Henslow Fellowships. An amount equal to the expenditure in the year is transferred from unrestricted General Funds. The fund is represented by net current assets.

The William Bate Hardy Prize Fund was founded in 1964 to fund a prize for the best original memoir, investigation or discovery by a member of the University of Cambridge in connection with Biological Science that may have been published during the three years immediately preceding. The prize is adjudged once in three years by three Fellows of the Society, nominated by the Council of the Society for each occasion. The fund is represented by net current assets.

The William Hopkins Prize Fund was founded in memory of William Hopkins (1793-1866) to fund a prize for the best original memoir, invention or discovery by a member of the University of Cambridge in connection with Mathematico - physical or Mathematico - experimental science that may have been published during the three years immediately preceding. The prize is adjudged once in three years by three Fellows of the Society nominated by the Council of the Society for each occasion. The fund is represented by investments with a market value of £1,843 and by net current assets of £3,026.

The Sir Joseph Larmor's Fund was set up with a bequest of £250, the terms of which were that the income thereof be used to promote the interest of undergraduate members of the University of Cambridge in the aims of the Society. The fund is represented by net current assets.

The G I Taylor Trust Fund was set up with monies subscribed in response to an appeal in 1976. The income of the fund is used to meet costs associated with a lecture to be held each year in Cambridge. The lecturer is appointed each year by the Council of the Society after consultation with the Heads of the Departments of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, Engineering and Physics in the University of Cambridge. The fund is represented by net current assets.

18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	926,234	-	926,234	927,140
Fixed asset investments	15,850,774	1,843	15,852,617	14,356,064
Current assets	235,817	63,896	299,713	817,153
Creditors due within one year	(249,648)	-	(249,648)	(208,849)
	<u>16,763,177</u>	<u>65,739</u>	<u>16,828,916</u>	<u>15,891,507</u>

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19. PENSION COSTS

The Society participates in the Cambridge University Assistants' Contributory Pension Scheme (CUACPS) which is a defined benefit scheme. The Society's contributions are affected by a surplus or deficiency in the CUACPS but the Society is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities in the Scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The Society therefore accounts for its contributions to the CUACPS as if it were a defined contribution scheme.

The most recent full actuarial valuation of the CUACPS was carried out as at 31 July 2024 by an independent actuary, Robert Sweet, who is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries. He is not an employee or officer of the Society. The CUACPS is not a closed scheme nor one in which the age profile of the active membership is rising significantly.

The method used in the actuarial valuation as at 31 July 2024 was the Projected Unit method. The main assumptions were:

Discount Rate (also referred to as "interest rate")		
.	past service	. RPI + 2.5%
.	future service	. RPI + 2.8%
Rate of salary increases:		
.		. 5.7%, then CPI + 1.5%
Rate of increases in pensions in payment:		
.		based on yield curve rates with appropriate caps and collars
Mortality:		
	Base table	106% of S4PMA for all males, 98% of S4PFA for female members and 118% of S4DFA for female dependants.
	Future projected improvements	CMI_2023
	Long term rates of improvement	1.25%p.a.
	Additional initial rate of improvement	0.25%p.a.
	Smoothing factor	7.0
Expenses:		
.	past service	1.0% of the liability excluding expenses
.	future service	0.9% of Pensionable Salaries
Age at Retirement:		
.	active members	64 for males and 64 for females
.	deferred members	62 for males and 62 for females

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19. PENSION COSTS (continued)

Assets: Value of the assets as shown in the accounts

The result of the valuation as at 31 July 2024 was:	£000's
Active Members' service on or before 31 July 2024	220,878
Deferred Pensioners	238,081
Current Pensioners	412,067
Expenses	8,710
Value of Past Service Liability (a)	879,736
Market Value of Scheme's Assets (b)	918,252
Surplus/(Deficit) (b) - (a)	38,516
Funding Level (b)/(a) x 100	104%

In respect of the future accrual of benefits, the expenses of administering the Scheme, death in service benefits and PPF levies, the Members and the Employers will pay contributions at the following rates of Members' Pensionable Salaries. The rates in brackets are the rates payable from 11 April 2025 until 31 June 2025 only; the main rates are then payable from 1 August 2025 onwards:

	Salary Sacrifice Members		Non Salary Sacrifice Members	
	Active Members	Employers	Active Members	Employers
	%	%	%	%
Pre-2013 Members paying additional contributions under Rule 45.6	Nil	21.6 (22.6)	8.5	13.1 (14.1)
Other Pre-2013 Members	Nil	18.4 (19.6)	5.0	13.4 (14.6)
Post-2013 Members	Nil	9.9 (10.6)	3.0	6.9 (7.6)

The next triennial valuation of the Scheme's funding position is due to be undertaken as at 31 July 2027, with interim funding updates at 31 July 2025 and 31 July 2026.

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20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' EXPENSES AND REMUNERATION

The council members all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2023: £nil). No expenses were paid to the council members during 2024 or 2023.

There have not been any related party transactions during the year.

21. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the year	937,410	1,005,428
Depreciation charges	3,528	2,940
Losses/(Gains) on investments	(832,212)	(759,687)
Movement on provision	-	(40,317)
Dividends and interest from investments	(381,574)	(346,615)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(26,314)	(45,526)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	40,799	(877)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(258,364)</u>	<u>(184,653)</u>

22. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

The prior year adjustment relates to Heritage assets previously excluded from the accounts. The financial impact of the introduction of the assets is to increase Heritage assets by £23,000 with a corresponding increase in General reserves.

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

23 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

In accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102) (October 2019) the charity is required to disclose the comparative Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA). Set out below is the SOFA for the year ended 31 December 2023.

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023 (as restated)
	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:			
Donations and legacies	38,379	-	38,379
Charitable activities	489,980	-	489,980
Investments	344,099	2,516	346,615
TOTAL	872,458	2,516	874,974
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	51,704	-	51,704
Charitable activities	575,167	2,361	577,528
TOTAL	626,872	2,361	629,232
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses on investments	245,586	155	245,740
Net gains/(losses) on investments	759,592	95	759,687
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	1,005,178	250	1,005,428
Transfers between funds	(323)	323	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	1,004,855	573	1,005,428
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2023	14,821,497	64,582	14,886,079
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2023	15,826,352	65,155	15,891,507