

# THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 280616

## Details

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**Other names** FBRT

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1980-08-21

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE LIFE AND WORKS OF SIR FRANCIS BACON AND IN PARTICULAR SIR FRANCIS BACON WORKS 'ADVANCEMENT AND PROFICIENCE OF LEARNING' AND HIS 'GREAT INSTAURATION'. THE PROMOTION OF RESEARCH (AND THE PUBLICATION OF THE RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH) INTO THE WORKS OF SIR FRANCIS BACON AND THE CONTINUATION OF SUCH RESEARCH IN SO FAR AS IT MAY LEAD INTO THE WORKS OF OTHER EDINENT AUTHORS AND FOR THAT PURPOSE THE FUNDING AND ENDOWMENT OF A CENTRE OF CENTRES FOR SUCH RESEARCH.

**Activities:** The objectives of the charity were carried out through the organisation of seminars, educational tours and conferences and publications. Newsletters are provided for friends of the Trust twice a year. A comprehensive website is also available.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£20,190	£31,390	-	-
2024-04-05	£50,612	£52,727	-	-
2023-04-05	£21,848	£28,430	-	-
2022-04-05	£18,913	£28,139	-	-
2021-04-05	£41,002	£24,700	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
ROBERT WILSON	Chair	1997-11-21
DONNA DUNCOMBE		1994-10-29
Helen Johnson		2015-02-10
JULIA MURIEL CLEAVE		2012-03-27
ROBERT WAYGOOD		1992-10-30

**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 280616**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024  
FOR  
THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**

**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**  
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**ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

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**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities- Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities which prepare accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (SORP(FRSSE)2014).

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

280616

**Principal address**

Old Rick Barn  
Mill Lane  
Shenington  
Banbury  
Oxfordshire  
OX15 6NB

**Trustees**

Robert Nelson Wilson  
Robert Geoffrey Waygood  
Donna Louise Duncombe  
Julia Cleave  
Helen Johnson

**Independent Examiner**

Michael Newton  
45 Clement Road,  
Marple Bridge  
Stockport, Cheshire SK6 5AG

**Bankers**

NatWest Bank plc  
31 Rother Street  
Stratford Upon Avon  
Warwickshire  
CV37 6ZS

**Advisers**

Director: Peter Dawkins  
Administrator: Sarah Dawkins

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The Francis Bacon Research Trust, sometimes abbreviated to FBRT, is governed by its Trust Deed dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 1980 and constitutes an unincorporated charity. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The method of appointment of new trustees is by unanimous agreement by the original trustees of a proposed new trustee.

**Organisational structure**

The trustees take the Trust's legal and financial decisions. Peter Dawkins, as Director, and Sarah Dawkins, as Administrator, are authorised to implement their decisions.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONT)**

**Members**

The average number of members during the year was 130.

**Related parties**

Trustees are all members of the Trust who pay their membership fees and in addition some make personal donations. Mr and Mrs Dawkins and their business, Zoence Academy, are considered to be connected persons to The Francis Bacon Research Trust. Note 18 to the financial statements details transactions between the connected persons and the Trust.

**Risk management**

The Trustees have drawn up a Risk Matrix which is regularly reviewed with regard to funding. The Trustees also regularly review the FBRT's programme of events in relation to the aims and objectives of the Trust, the content, and the environmental, physical and mental wellbeing of all contributors and participants.

The Trustees are aware of, and address through a bursary scheme, the need to ensure that those with reduced means are not disadvantaged in participating in and benefiting from the activities of the Trust.

The policy of the Trust is such that at no time are the financial commitments of the Trust higher than the cash reserves. The Trustees are kept informed as to the progress of the Trust's programme during the year, so, if it is deemed necessary, action can be taken to lessen any financial risk to the Trust. The Trustees periodically review the operational aspects of the Charity.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The Francis Bacon Research Trust is an education charity whose charitable objectives are:

(i) the advancement of public education in the life and works of Sir Francis Bacon and in particular Sir Francis Bacon's works "Advancement and Proficiency of Learning" and "Great Instauration";

and

(ii) the promotion of research, and the publication of the results of such research, into the works of Sir Francis Bacon and the continuation of such research insofar as it may lead into the works of other eminent authors and for the purpose of the funding and endowment of a centre or centres for such research.

These objectives were carried out through the organisation of seminars, conferences, educational tours and the production of publications and video recordings together with the continued development and expansion of the website.

**Public benefit**

The Trustees consider that the activities summarised below provide benefit to the public with regard to the education and awareness of the philosophy and works of Sir Francis Bacon and his contemporaries. They also comply with the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit as detailed in Section 4 of the Charity Act 2006.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Review of Activities**

The FBRT was founded to explore the work and life of Francis Bacon and of those connected with him in some way, including those who inspired him and those who have been inspired by him—and make them known as far as is possible. This, in fact, is a mammoth task but one that is genuinely worthwhile and relevant to the times we live in now and the times to come, as his main body of work the Great Instauration is specifically designed to come into its own gradually as the centuries unfold.

To this end, and ever since its beginning, the FBRT has been running an educational program alongside its on-going research. This program so far has consisted of lectures, seminars, discussion groups, weekend and week-long events, pilgrimages, newsletters, information papers, research papers, reports, and various publications such as books and YouTube videos on a dedicated YouTube channel.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Review of Activities (Cont)**

**Report on activities for 2023/24**

2023 was the Quatercentenary of Francis Bacon's *De Dignitate et Augmentis Scientiarum* and the First Folio of *William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories and Tragedies*, two great works that were both published in folio format and at the same time, and which have had a considerable and on-going effect on the whole world – the one in terms of Science, and the other in terms of the Arts.

These two great works were deliberately published together. In this way, the "As above so below, as below so above" Hermetic science of the Rosicrucians and their predecessors was carried out.

**2023 FBRT Quatercentenary Solar Festival Zoom Talks**

Peter Dawkins gave four talks this year on this subject:

- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**The Twin Rosicrucian Publications, Keys to the Rosicrucian Mysteries**

This talk focused on the twinship of *Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies* and Bacon's *De Dignitate et Augmentis Scientiarum*, their connection with the 1623 great conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter, and how they comprise the keys to the Rosicrucian Mysteries as well as to life itself.

- **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**The Golden Key to the Rosicrucian Mysteries & Labour of Love**

This talk focused on the key symbolism, cryptography, mystery and underlying wisdom in Bacon's Latin version of *The Advancement of Learning*, published under the title of *De Dignitate et Augmentis Scientiarum*, to show how it twins with the Shakespeare First Folio, and how twinship is key to everything.

- **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**The Silver Key to the Rosicrucian Mysteries & Labour of Love**

This talk focused on the key symbolism, cryptography, mystery and underlying wisdom in the Shakespeare First Folio, titled *Mr William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies*, to show how it twins with the *De Dignitate et Augmentis Scientiarum*.

- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Opening the Door to the Rosicrucian Hermetic Mystery**

This talk explored further the relationship of *Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies* and Bacon's *De Dignitate et Augmentis Scientiarum*, including their Hermetic 'heaven and earth' connection with the sky and the land – a connection which indicates that they comprise a true Mystery, wherein the actors, inspired from above, performed their roles on the stage of the world. This is a Mystery drama that is still continuing and needs now to be better and more widely known.

These talks were recorded and edited and uploaded on to the FBRT YouTube channel.

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## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Review of Activities (Cont)**

#### **The Baconian-Rosicrucian Mysteries of Europe**

The aims and objects of the FBRT is to research, understand and know the life and work of Francis Bacon and those connected with him and his work, before, during and after. To know such work, which is Rosicrucian, and such a being, who is Elias the Artist and Fra. C.R.C., Father of the Rosicrucian fraternity, entails building a philosophical Pyramid of Active Science upon a foundation of History and by means of Poetry, as a work of service, a labour of love.

The FBRT held the following successful event in Florence to further these aims.

**'The Beauty & Mystery of Florence'** (12-19 April 2023) –led by Peter Dawkins and Julia Cleave, with input from Freya, our guide to the various museums, churches and palaces we visited.

The underlying mystery focus was that Florence was the birthplace of the Renaissance, which then flowed northwards through Europe and was brought to fruition in England, where it seeded a new work, a Great Instauration, the message of which then flowed back southwards, then northwards again.

We explored its poetic beauty, art and architecture, and delved into its symbolism, wisdom and mystery that gave rise to the stream of initiatic consciousness with which Shakespeare is imbued, and which underlies the work of Francis Bacon, the Comte de St Germain, the Freemasons and the Rosicrucians.

Florence is famous for the great artists, sculptors, philosophers, alchemists and cabalists who blossomed here under the patronage of the Medici family, creating not only Florence's outstanding art and architecture but also profound philosophies, all of which pioneered and inspired a transformational epoch of human development.

Lectures were given each day by Peter or Julia looking at the philosophy underlying such art and the role played by the Medici family, patrons not just of the artists but also of the philosophers. Including Cosimo de' Medici the Elder, who enabled Marsilio Ficino to set up the second Platonic Academy, to Gian Gastone, the last Medici to be grand duke of Tuscany, who was an alchemist and the one who had placed under his protection, when born, the Comte de St Germain, the illegitimate son of Grand Princess Violante Beatrice (wife of Gian's brother, the Grand Prince Ferdinando de' Medici of Tuscany) and Prince Franz-Leopold Rákóczi of Transylvania. The underlying wisdom, alchemical structure and Freemasonic secrets within the Shakespeare play, *All's Well that Ends Well*, that is partly set in Florence, were explored and the Florentine places mentioned in the play were visited.

A small group attended a day seminar in St Albans, the hometown of Sir Francis Bacon on 28 October. The title of the seminar was **'St Alban, Christian Rosicross, and Elias the Artist: The Guiding Light into the Future'**. The topic covered the subject of the 'lights in heaven' that provide guidance for the Rosicrucian work on earth – then, now and into the future. The topic engendered much discussion and exploration into Bacon's work and vision for his life. We included a visit to St Michael's church to honour the shrine of Sir Francis Bacon. A fitting end to a year of celebration of his major work.

#### **Publications**

Books and booklets concerning the authorship controversy, Wisdom of Shakespeare and research on Bacon's life and work continue to be sold although at much reduced levels compared with prior years. The Shakespeare Enigma, authored by Peter Dawkins, Director of the FBRT, is a recommended course book for the Brunel University MA in Shakespeare Authorship Studies. The Wisdom of Shakespeare series continues to be used as a reference by authors, directors and academics.

'Second Seeing Shakespeare' by Peter Dawkins was published as an e-book: The book puts forward prima facie evidence suggesting that William Shakespeare of Stratford-upon-Avon wrote the Shakespeare works, is not what it seems. Instead, it is a double-truth showing a very different authorship, and the involvement of a philanthropic secret society dedicated to the enlightenment and good of all humanity.

YouTube videos are also being created from the zoom talks, detailing the works of Sir Francis Bacon and the Rosicrucians.

Videos of Francis Bacon Society events with Peter Dawkins are also posted on the website.

#### **Website**

The website continues to provide public accessibility to educational resources both in Bacon's life, works and philosophy, and as a practical example - by means of the Treasure Trail - in his method of learning. The website engenders much correspondence to FBRT from other researchers resulting in some collaborations.

The Friends area of the website has extra study papers and research which are available to friends of FBRT.

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## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Review of Activities (Cont)**

#### **Newsletters**

Essays recently published on the FBRT website include:

*The Bacon Brothers in France; Beauty, Truth and Gemini; Canonbury Place and Tower; Hidden Truth brought forth by Time; Knights of the Helmet and Comedy of Errors; Seven Squares Headpiece; Rosicrucian Matters and Mathematics; Rosslyn Chapel and the Sinclairs; Stratford Shakespeare Monument; Thus leaning on my Elbow.*

There have also been many updates on existing essays which are available to the public.

The newsletters focused on several topics that are included in the writing of Francis Bacon: ~ The 2023 Quatercentenary of Twin RC Publications that are Keys to the Rosicrucian Mysteries ~ Performing the Dionysian Mystery of Europe ~ Poetry – Janus and New Atlantis ~ Marriage of Mind and Universe ~ Mystery – Dionysian, Atlantean, Christian ~ Two Breaths and The Word ~ The twin years, 1623 and 1624 and their Quatercentenary.

#### **Research Enquiries**

These are dealt with on an ongoing basis providing links, expertise, knowledge and correspondence with individuals and institutions worldwide researching Bacon, his contemporaries, his work and its relevance today. This helps to advance research and understanding internationally. No charge is made for this resource.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, at a level which equates to approximately one year's unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs. The Trust also holds reserves which give the possibility of publishing writings from Peter Dawkins and other members, as decided by the Trustees.

The reserves are held in interest-bearing bank accounts.

The results of the year can be seen on page seven. The Statement of Financial Activities shows a deficit for the year of £2,115 (2023: Deficit £6,582) which has been deducted from reserves. The trustees are satisfied that the reserves are being used within the aims and objects of the Trust and for public benefit.

## **TRUSTEES**

There were no changes in the Trustees in the year.

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOVERNANCE**

The Trustees are responsible for their Annual Report and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted Accounting Practice. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select the most suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP, disclosing and explaining any material departures in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

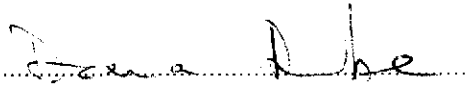
The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are such as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Charity at any time and enable them as Trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity law. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the Charity's assets and ensuring their proper application in accordance with Charity Law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOVERNANCE (CONT)**

This Annual report was approved by the Trustees on .....

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD :**



Donna Louise Duncombe – Trustee

Date 17/1/2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 5 April 2024 set out on pages 8 to 15.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

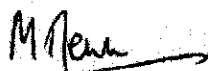
**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

**Independent examiner's report**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Michael Newton  
45 Clement Road  
Marple Bridge  
Stockport, Cheshire SK6 5AG

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

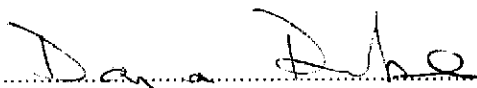
	Notes	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Voluntary income	2	16,265	14,916
Activities for generating funds	3	3,242	3,536
Investment income	4	1,398	1,176
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>	<b>5</b>		
Events		29,282	1,977
Publishing		425	243
<b>Other incoming resources</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		50,612	24,848
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>6</b>		
Events		42,010	13,699
Publishing		10,682	14,696
<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>9</b>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		52,727	28,430
<b>NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		(2,115)	3,699
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds brought forward</b>		97,655	104,237
<b>Transfer from Restricted Funds during year</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>95,540</u>	<u>97,655</u>

The notes on pages 9-15 form part of these financial statements

**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET AT 5 APRIL 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	12	2,581	2,595
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks	13	1	1
Debtors	14	1,396	2,953
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>91,662</u>	<u>101,769</u>
		93,059	114,723
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(100)	(19,663)
		<u>92,959</u>	<u>95,060</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>92,959</u>	<u>95,060</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>92,959</u>	<u>95,060</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>95,540</u>	<u>97,655</u>
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>			
		<u>95,540</u>	<u>97,655</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... 17 / 1 / 2025 ..... and were signed on its behalf by :

.....  .....

Donna Louise Duncombe-Trustee

## THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2005).

##### Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations, gifts and legacies that provide core funding or are of a general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income from publicity and organised events. Income is deferred when:

- Event fees are received in advance of the event to which they relate.

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred.

- Charitable activities include expenditure associated with publishing activities and organising events and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.
- Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 15% on reducing balance

Individual fixed assets costing £300 or more are capitalised at cost.

##### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

##### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### Fund structure

Restricted income funds are set up to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose, or where the Trustees determine that general reserves should be allocated for a specific purpose.

All other funds are unrestricted income funds.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

<b>2.</b>	<b>VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>		2024	2023
			£	£
	Grants and donations		15,007	12,766
	Gift Aid		<u>1,258</u>	<u>2,150</u>
			<u>16,265</u>	<u>14,916</u>
<b>3.</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</b>		2024	2023
			£	£
	Membership fees		<u>3,242</u>	<u>3,536</u>
<b>4.</b>	<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		2024	2023
			£	£
	Interest received		<u>1,398</u>	<u>1,176</u>
	All of the Trust's investment income arises from UK bank deposit and investment bond interest.			
<b>5.</b>	<b>INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		2024	2023
		Activity	£	£
	Services etc	Events	29,282	1,977
	Sale of books, DVDs etc	Publishing	<u>425</u>	<u>243</u>
			<u>29,707</u>	<u>2,220</u>
<b>6.</b>	<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS</b>			
		Direct costs (See note 7) £	Support costs (See note 8) £	Totals £
	Events	36,041	4,860	40,901
	Publishing	<u>7,022</u>	<u>4,861</u>	<u>11,883</u>
		<u>43,063</u>	<u>9,721</u>	<u>52,784</u>
<b>7.</b>	<b>DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		2024	2023
			£	£
	Events		36,041	10,171
	Publishing costs		<u>7,022</u>	<u>11,165</u>
			<u>43,063</u>	<u>21,366</u>

Direct publishing costs represents the cost of research and development of website material.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management and administration £
Events	4,860
Publishing	<u>4,861</u>
	<u>9,721</u>

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Basis of allocation</b>
Management and administration	Time and resource allocation

Support costs included in the above are as follows:

**Management and administration**

	Events £	Publishing £	2024 Total activities £	2023 Total activities £
Wages	2,941	2,940	5,881	3,162
Insurance	162	162	324	434
Telephone	357	356	713	612
Printing, postage and stationery	76	77	153	58
Accountancy/legal expenses	69	69	138	500
Advertising/PR	0	0	0	42
Computer expenses	852	853	1,705	1,769
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	266	266	532	458
Bank charges	<u>137</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>24</u>
	<u>4,860</u>	<u>4,861</u>	<u>9,721</u>	<u>7,059</u>

**9. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Consultancy Fees, expenses etc	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>

**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

During the year trustee Donna Duncombe received £272 (2023 £994) for transcribing services

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year no trustee received travel nor any other expenses or benefits (2023 £NIL)

**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**  
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**11. STAFF COSTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	<u>5,881</u>	<u>6,324</u>

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

	2024	2023
Support	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee had emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2023: None)

**12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>COST</b>				
At 6 April 2023	134	12,131	19,414	31,679
Additions during the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>518</u>
At 5 April 2024	<u>134</u>	<u>12,131</u>	<u>19,932</u>	<u>32,197</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 6 April 2022	134	11,995	16,955	29,084
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>512</u>	<u>532</u>
At 5 April 2023	<u>134</u>	<u>12,015</u>	<u>17,467</u>	<u>29,616</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 6 April 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>2,459</u>	<u>2,595</u>
At 5 April 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>2,465</u>	<u>2,581</u>

**13. STOCKS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Books, stationery and DVDs	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors comprise prepayments relating to future events and VAT recoverable	<u>1,396</u>	<u>12,953</u>

**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**  
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**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors and accruals	0	78
Deferred income	<u>100</u>	<u>19,585</u>
	<u>100</u>	<u>19,663</u>

Deferred income relates to income received in advance for events organised for future accounting periods.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance brought forward	19,585	2,463
Amount released to incoming resources and returned deposits	(19,585)	-
- Amounts deferred in year	<u>100</u>	<u>17,122</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>100</u>	<u>19,585</u>

**16. ANALYSIS OF GROUP NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	unrestricted funds	unrestricted funds
	£	£
Fixed assets	2,581	2,595
Current assets	93,059	114,723
Current liabilities	<u>(100)</u>	<u>(19,663)</u>
	<u>95,540</u>	<u>97,655</u>

**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 6.4.2023	Net	At 5.4.2024
	£	movement	£
		in funds	
		£	
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<u>97,655</u>	<u>(2,115)</u>	<u>95,540</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>97,655</u>	<u>(2,115)</u>	<u>95,540</u>

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS-continued**

Net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted General Fund</b>	50,612	(52,727)	( 2,115)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>50,612</u>	<u>(52,727)</u>	<u>(2,115)</u>

**18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The following transactions were undertaken with Mr. P Dawkins and Mrs. S Dawkins, the Charity's Director and Administrator respectively, and their business Zoence Academy:

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees paid to Zoence Academy for arranging and conducting Zoom webinars, preparing essays and newsletters, research and development, and website development on behalf of the Trust	13,500	17,180
Fees owed to Zoence Academy at the balance sheet date	0	0
Amount owed to Zoence Academy for costs incurred on behalf of the Trust	0	0
Salary paid to Mrs Dawkins as Administrator	5,881	6,323

The Trust reimburses at cost expenditure incurred by Zoence Academy on the Trust's behalf.

**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 280616

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 280616**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022  
FOR  
THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**

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**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities- Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities which prepare accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (SORP(FRSSE)2014).

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**  
280616

**Principal address**  
Old Rick Barn  
Mill Lane  
Shenington  
Banbury  
Oxfordshire  
OX15 6NB

**Trustees**  
Robert Nelson Wilson  
Robert Geoffrey Waygood  
Donna Louise Duncombe  
Julia Cleave  
Helen Johnson

**Independent Examiner**  
Michael Newton  
45 Clement Road,  
Marple Bridge  
Stockport, Cheshire SK6 5AG

**Bankers**  
NatWest Bank plc  
31 Rother Street  
Stratford Upon Avon  
Warwickshire  
CV37 6ZS

**Advisers**  
Director: Peter Dawkins  
Administrator: Sarah Dawkins

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The Francis Bacon Research Trust, sometimes abbreviated to FBRT, is governed by its Trust Deed dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 1980 and constitutes an unincorporated charity. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The method of appointment of new trustees is by unanimous agreement by the original trustees of a proposed new trustee.

**Organisational structure**

The trustees take the Trust's legal and financial decisions. Peter Dawkins, as Director, and Sarah Dawkins, as Administrator, are authorised to implement their decisions.

**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONT)**

**Members**

The average number of members during the year was 130.

**Related parties**

Trustees are all members of the Trust who pay their membership fees and in addition some make personal donations. Mr and Mrs Dawkins and their business, Zoence Academy, are considered to be connected persons to The Francis Bacon Research Trust. Note 18 to the financial statements details transactions between the connected persons and the Trust.

**Risk management**

The Trustees have drawn up a Risk Matrix which is regularly reviewed with regard to funding. The Trustees also regularly review the FBRT's programme of events in relation to the aims and objectives of the Trust, the content, and the environmental, physical and mental wellbeing of all contributors and participants.

The Trustees are aware of, and address through a bursary scheme, the need to ensure that those with reduced means are not disadvantaged in participating in and benefiting from the activities of the Trust.

The policy of the Trust is such that at no time are the financial commitments of the Trust higher than the cash reserves. The Trustees are kept informed as to the progress of the Trust's programme during the year, so, if it is deemed necessary, action can be taken to lessen any financial risk to the Trust. The Trustees periodically review the operational aspects of the Charity.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The Francis Bacon Research Trust is an education charity whose charitable objectives are:

(i) the advancement of public education in the life and works of Sir Francis Bacon and in particular Sir Francis Bacon's works "Advancement and Proficiency of Learning" and "Great Instauration";

and

(ii) the promotion of research, and the publication of the results of such research, into the works of Sir Francis Bacon and the continuation of such research insofar as it may lead into the works of other eminent authors and for the purpose of the funding and endowment of a centre or centres for such research.

These objectives were carried out through the organisation of seminars, conferences, educational tours and publications and DVDs and an extensive website.

**Public benefit**

The Trustees consider that the activities summarised below provide benefit to the public with regard to the education and awareness of the philosophy and works of Sir Francis Bacon and his contemporaries. They also comply with the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit as detailed in Section 4 of the Charity Act 2006.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Review of Activities**

The FBRT was founded to explore the work and life of Francis Bacon and of those connected with him in some way, including those who inspired him and those who have been inspired by him—and make them known as far as is possible. This, in fact, is a mammoth task but one that is genuinely worthwhile and relevant to the times we live in now and the times to come, as his main body of work the Great Instauration is specifically designed to come into its own gradually as the centuries unfold.

To this end, and ever since its beginning, the FBRT has been running an educational program alongside its on-going research. This program so far has consisted of lectures, seminars, discussion groups, weekend and week-long events, pilgrimages, newsletters, information papers, research papers, reports, and various publications such as books and YouTubes.

**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST  
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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Review of Activities (Cont)**

The program adapts and evolves year by year as different needs, possibilities and opportunities arise.

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**Golden Child Pilgrimage Series:**

The fourth pilgrimage in this series was called 'Revelation and Celebration'. Over 50 participants took part in an on-line pilgrimage, which took place over the five midsummer days, 21-25 June 2021. Some of the participants were physically visiting the key chakras of the Swan landscape temple of Europe—Schleswig (alta-major chakra), the Himmelberget (brow chakra), and the Jotunheimen (crown chakra)—to provide the anchorages for our attunements. The other participants, from many different countries the world over, pilgrimaged in their local landscapes or the landscapes that call them and which they can visit.

The experience so far of these part-Zoom, part-onsite pilgrimages, as with meditations on Zoom, is that we are strongly linked together on all levels and likewise with nature, even though we may not be physically present with each other or standing on the actual landscape being focused on. These events enable many people to participate from wherever they are, from all over the world, which is not always possible at physical onsite events.

**FBRT Zoom Meetings 2021-22:**

'**Building the Temple of Light**' is the title of the series of talks given on Zoom to mark the Quarterdays. They were given specially for FBRT Friends so as to enable us to delve deeper into the mystery and meaning of Francis Bacon's Great Instauration and discover something of the wisdom upon which it is founded.

These talks were titled: -

1. 'The Great Instauration', given on Saturday 6 February 2021.
2. 'The Foundation Stone and Great Laws', given on Saturday 1 May 2021
3. 'Building the Temple', given on Sun. 1 August 2021.
4. 'Understanding and Knowing the Final Causes', given on Sun. 31 Oct. 2021.

As Bacon explained, the purpose is to build a temple of light, of illumined consciousness or knowledge, in the human mind. He likened this temple to a pyramid (the Pyramid of Philosophy), which is built, like all true pyramids, on the Foundation Stone of the Universe. The Foundation Stone is said to contain all wisdom. This is the wisdom, as Bacon explained, which is to be found in Nature. For this reason he referred to Nature as the Book of God's Works, in which we might read the wisdom and learn from it, helped by the wisdom to be found in the Book of God's Word – wisdom which has been spoken by the prophets but which is also inspired into human hearts.

**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Review of Activities (Cont)**

**'The Affectionate Alliance'**: The Outworking of the Mysteries on the Stage of the World is a series of talks for FBRT Friends to mark the quarterday solar festivals of 2022. The following gives the full series of the talks over 2022.

1. The World Stage – 30 January 2022
2. The Grail Land – 1 May 2022
3. The British Zodiac and Sweet Swan of Avon – 31 July 2022
4. The British Isles and Face of Europe – 6 November 2022

These talks will convey some insights and knowledge concerning the work we are and have been doing on the stage of the world, as a continuation of what was set in motion during the English Renaissance by the Rosicrucian fraternity. We have, from the start, been applying the Baconian philosophy and science, reading in both the Book of God's Word and Book of God's Works, the former being the wisdom inspired into human hearts, and the latter being the wisdom to be found in nature.

**'Bacon & the Mysteries'** is the title of the series of talks given on Zoom at or near the solstices and equinoxes for FBRT Friends and the general public. The series is about the various Mystery traditions and their ageless wisdom teachings which underlie the great Rosicrucian work of the English Renaissance and form a foundation for the ever-now and the future.

- The Grail Mysteries' – Sun. 19 Sept. 2021
1. 'The Swan Mysteries' – Sun. 19 Dec. 2021
  2. 'The Freemasonic Mysteries' – Sun. 20 March 2022
  3. 'The Christian Mysteries' – Sun. 19 June 2022
  4. 'The Rosicrucian Mysteries' – Sun. 25 Sept. 2022

These talks have substantially increased the resources available on the FBRT website.

### **Publications**

Books and booklets concerning the authorship controversy, Wisdom of Shakespeare and research on Bacon's life and work continue to be sold although at much reduced levels compared with prior years. The Shakespeare Enigma, authored by Peter Dawkins, Director of the FBRT, is a recommended course book for the Brunel University MA in Shakespeare Authorship Studies. The Wisdom of Shakespeare series continues to be used as a reference by authors, directors and academics.

'Second Seeing Shakespeare' by Peter Dawkins was published as an e-book: The book puts forward prima facie evidence suggesting that William Shakespeare of Stratford-upon-Avon wrote the Shakespeare works, is not what it seems. Instead, it is a double-truth showing a very different authorship, and the involvement of a philanthropic secret society dedicated to the enlightenment and good of all humanity.

YouTube videos are also being created from the zoom talks, detailing the works of Sir Francis Bacon and the Rosicrucians.

Videos of Francis Bacon Society events with Peter Dawkins are also posted on the website.

### **Website**

The website continues to provide public accessibility to educational resources both in Bacon's life, works and philosophy, and as a practical example - by means of the Treasure Trail - in his method of learning. The Friends area of the website was updated regularly with new study papers and research.

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**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST  
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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Review of Activities (Cont)**

**Newsletters**

Essays recently published for the FBRT include *The Affectionate Alliance*. The newsletters focussed on several topics that are included in the writing of Francis Bacon: St John the Beloved and the Holy Grail ~ Francis Bacon and the Rosicrucians ~ Francis Bacon's Letter to King James I ~ The Aftermath ~ The Vital Importance of Bacon's Quatercentenaries ~ the Meaning of Babaji ~ Kalki ~ Kali ~ The Hamsa Swan is the Shakespeare Swan

**Research Enquiries**

These are dealt with on an ongoing basis providing links, expertise, knowledge and correspondence with individuals and institutions worldwide researching Bacon, his contemporaries, his work and its relevance today. This helps to advance research and understanding internationally. No charge is made for this resource.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, at a level which equates to approximately one year's unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs. The Trust also holds reserves which give the possibility of publishing writings from Peter Dawkins and other members, as decided by the Trustees.

In 2022 the Trustees resolved that The Bursary Fund should be incorporated into the General Reserves of the Trust. The reserves are held in interest-bearing bank accounts.

The results of the year can be seen on page seven. The Statement of Financial Activities shows a deficit for the year of £9,226 (2021: Surplus £16,302) which has been deducted from reserves. The trustees are satisfied that the reserves are being used within the aims and objects of the Trust and for public benefit.

**TRUSTEES**

There were no changes in the Trustees in the year.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOVERNANCE**

The Trustees are responsible for their Annual Report and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted Accounting Practice. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select the most suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP, disclosing and explaining any material departures in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are such as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Charity at any time and enable them as Trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity law. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the Charity's assets and ensuring their proper application in accordance with Charity Law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

This Annual report was approved by the Trustees on ..... 22/1/23 .....

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD :**

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Donna Louise Duncombe – Trustee

Date 22/1/2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 5 April 2022 set out on pages 7 to 14.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

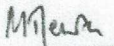
**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Michael Newton  
45 Clement Road  
Marple Bridge  
Stockport, Cheshire SK6 5AG

Date: 22/1/2023

**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income	2	7,217	-	7,217	33,454
Activities for generating funds	3	3,602	-	3,602	3,758
Investment income	4	347	-	347	576
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>					
Events	5	7,323	-	7,323	2,599
Publishing		424	-	424	881
<b>Other incoming resources</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		18,913	-	18,913	41,268
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Events	6	13,646	-	13,646	12,139
Publishing		14,458	-	14,458	12,526
<b>Governance costs</b>	9	<u>35</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		28,139	-	28,139	24,700
<b>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		( 9,226)	-	(9,226)	16,568
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		111,585	1,878	113,463	96,895
<b>Transfer from Restricted Funds during year</b>		<u>1,878</u>	<u>(1,878)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>104,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,237</u>	<u>113,463</u>

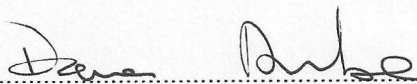
The notes on pages 9-14 form part of these financial statements

**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET AT 5 APRIL 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	12	3,053	3,597
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks	13	1	1
Debtors	14	3,639	575
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>100,202</u>	<u>113,495</u>
		103,842	114,204
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(2,658)	( 4,338)
		<u>101,184</u>	<u>109,866</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>104,237</u>	<u>113,463</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>104,237</u>	<u>113,463</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>104,237</u>	<u>113,463</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
	17		
Unrestricted funds		104,237	111,585
Restricted funds		-	1,878
		<u>104,237</u>	<u>113,463</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22/1/2023 and were signed on its behalf by :



Donna Louise Duncombe-Trustee

The notes on pages 9-14 form part of these financial statements

# THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2005).

#### Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations, gifts and legacies that provide core funding or are of a general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income from publicity and organised events. Income is deferred when:

- Event fees are received in advance of the event to which they relate.

#### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred.

- Charitable activities include expenditure associated with publishing activities and organising events and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.
- Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 15% on reducing balance

Individual fixed assets costing £300 or more are capitalised at cost.

#### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund structure

Restricted income funds are set up to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose, or where the Trustees determine that general reserves should be allocated for a specific purpose.

All other funds are unrestricted income funds.

**THE FRANCIS BACON RESEARCH TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

<b>2. VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>		2022	2021
		£	£
	Grants and donations	6,435	32,060
	Gift Aid	<u>782</u>	<u>1,394</u>
		<u>7,217</u>	<u>33,454</u>
<b>3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</b>		2022	2021
		£	£
	Membership fees	<u>3,602</u>	<u>3,758</u>
<b>4. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		2022	2021
		£	£
	Interest received	<u>347</u>	<u>576</u>
	All of the Trust's investment income arises from UK bank deposit and investment bond interest.		
<b>5. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		2022	2021
	Activity	£	£
	Services etc	7,323	2,333
	Sale of books, DVDs etc	<u>424</u>	<u>881</u>
		<u>7,747</u>	<u>3,214</u>
<b>6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS</b>			
	Direct costs (See note 7)	Support costs (See note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
	Events	8,934	4,712
	Publishing	<u>9,747</u>	<u>4,711</u>
		<u>18,681</u>	<u>9,423</u>
			<u>28,104</u>
<b>7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		2022	2021
		£	£
	Events	8,934	4,925
	Publishing costs	<u>9,747</u>	<u>5,500</u>
		<u>18,681</u>	<u>10,425</u>

Direct publishing costs represents the cost of research and development of website material.

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**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management and administration £
Events	4,712
Publishing	<u>4,711</u>
	<u>9,423</u>

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Basis of allocation</b>
Management and administration	Time and resource allocation

Support costs included in the above are as follows:

**Management and administration**

	Events £	Publishing £	2022 Total activities £	2021 Total activities £
Wages	2,911	2,911	5,822	9,394
Insurance	183	184	367	182
Telephone	286	285	571	533
Printing, postage and stationery	61	62	123	467
Sundries	0	0	0	90
Accountancy	57	58	115	0
Computer expenses	793	794	1,587	2,807
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	277	277	544	635
Bank charges	<u>147</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>132</u>
	<u>4,712</u>	<u>4711</u>	<u>9,423</u>	<u>14,240</u>

**9. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	2022 £	2020 £
Conculty Fees, expenses etc	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>

**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

During the year trustee Donna Duncombe received £1,677 (2021 £3,593) for transcribing services

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year no trustee received travel nor any other expenses or benefits (2021 £NIL)

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**11. STAFF COSTS**

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	<u>5,822</u>	<u>5,800</u>

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

	2022	2021
Support	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee had emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2020: None)

**12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>COST</b>				
At 6 April 2021	134	12,131	19,414	31,679
Additions during the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 5 April 2022	<u>134</u>	<u>12,131</u>	<u>19,414</u>	<u>31,679</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 6 April 2021	134	11,937	16,011	28,082
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>544</u>
At 5 April 2022	<u>134</u>	<u>11,971</u>	<u>16,521</u>	<u>28,626</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 6 April 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>3,403</u>	<u>3,597</u>
At 5 April 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>2,893</u>	<u>3,053</u>

**13. STOCKS**

	2022 £	2021 £
Books, stationery and DVDs	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022 £	2021 £
Debtors comprise prepayments relating to future events	<u>3,639</u>	<u>575</u>

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**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022 £	2021 £
Creditors and accruals	195	134
Deferred income	<u>2,463</u>	<u>4,337</u>
	<u>2,658</u>	<u>4,471</u>

Deferred income relates to income received in advance for events organised for future accounting periods.

	2022 £	2021 £
Balance brought forward	4,337	7,556
Amount released to incoming resources and returned deposits	(4,337)	(3,229)
Amounts deferred in year	-	-
Balance carried forward	<u>2,463</u>	<u>4,337</u>

**16. ANALYSIS OF GROUP NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Fixed assets	3,053	-	3,053	3,597
Current assets	103,842	-	103,842	114,071
Current liabilities	<u>(2,658)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,658)</u>	<u>(4,471)</u>
	<u>104,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,237</u>	<u>113,197</u>

**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 6.4.2021 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	111,585	(10,838)	104,237
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Bursary fund	<u>1,878</u>	<u>(1,878)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>113,197</u>	<u>(8,960)</u>	<u>104,237</u>

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS-continued**

Net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	18,913	(28,139)	( 9,226)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Bursary fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>18,913</u>	<u>( 28,139)</u>	<u>(9,226)</u>

**18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The following transactions were undertaken with Mr. P Dawkins and Mrs. S Dawkins, the Charity's Director and Administrator respectively, and their business Zoence Academy:

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees paid to Zoence Academy for arranging and conducting Zoom webinars, preparing essays and newsletters, research and development, and website development on behalf of the Trust	16,140	11,000
Fees owed to Zoence Academy at the balance sheet date	0	0
Amount owed to Zoence Academy for costs incurred on behalf of the Trust	0	0
Salary paid to Mrs Dawkins as Administrator	5,822	5,800

The Trust reimburses at cost expenditure incurred by Zoence Academy on the Trust's behalf.