

LANDSCAPE RESEARCH GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 287160

Details

Other names	LANDSCAPE RESEARCH GROUP LIMITED, LANDSCAPE RESEARCH GROUP, LRG
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	1983-06-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, ENCOURAGE INTEREST AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION FR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE FIELD OF LANDSCAPE AND ANY RELATED FIELDS.

Activities: LRG is concerned with promoting research, ideas and knowledge about all types and aspects of landscape, from wilderness to cities. It has a worldwide membership. It publishes the respected academic journal "Landscape Research", provides grants for research and organises conferences and workshops on varied landscape themes.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Algeria
- Australia
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Egypt
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hong Kong
- Italy
- Japan
- Lebanon
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Northern Ireland
- Norway
- Scotland
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Taiwan
- Tunisia
- Ukraine
- United States
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£136,739	£118,854	-	-
2023-12-31	£130,505	£144,842	-	-
2022-12-31	£128,376	£131,186	-	-
2021-12-31	£114,937	£93,217	-	-
2020-12-31	£123,123	£102,383	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Amanda Barbara BYER		2022-09-02
Dr Charlotte McLean		2025-09-05
Dr Charlotte Nicole Veal		2025-09-05
Dr Gillian LAWSON		2021-09-24
Dr Ian Caleb MELL		2019-05-17
Dr Kalliopi Pediaditi Prud'homme		2024-09-10
Dr Mengyixin Li		2023-09-08
Dr Merham Mohamed Hosny Anwar KELEG		2021-09-24
Fei Mo		2024-09-10
Jens Ruben HAENDELER		2022-09-02
PROFESSOR HANNES PALANG		
Professor Laura Alice WATT		2020-06-18
RACHEL MARY DOMINY		2026-05-06
Saida Hammami		2025-09-05

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Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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**Landscape Research Group
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects for which Landscape Research Group is established are: "to advance education and research, encourage interest and exchange information for the public benefit in the field of landscape and any related field".

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

LRG underwent some major staffing changes during 2024 which have inevitably had an impact on levels of activity in all areas across the year. Following the early departure of the newly recruited Chief Executive at the end of 2023, in May 2024 the Communications and Membership Manager also stepped down, leaving LRG with no permanent staff on the payroll. David Saunders, previous CEO, stepped in on a part-time, contractual basis to support, and a restructuring exercise led to the creation of two new roles - a Director of Operations, and Director of Communications and Membership. Appointments to the roles were made in July, and the new staff members, and the new structure, have settled well. LRG was on track to be operating at full capacity by the financial year end.

September 2024 also saw Professor Tim Waterman's final Trustee meeting as chairman, as he handed over the reins to Professor Theano S. Terkenli. Under a new system, Prof Waterman will remain as vice-chair for 6 months to provide support for the new chair, who in turn has been shadowing the role as vice-chair since the beginning of the year.

Despite these changes, throughout 2024 LRG continued with its main charitable activities of supporting research and disseminating the results to a wide audience. We held a number of in-person, hybrid and online events and meetings, supporting and building on the global nature of our membership and reach. Working in this way has allowed us to sustain a much more cohesive and communicative network of members, and a core aim of the organisation remains to expand this outreach yet further. And Landscape Research, our journal published by Taylor and Francis, had a very strong year.

Advancing Research

In 2024 LRG supported landscape-themed research by providing grants to research teams working on four projects, selected from a number of strong applications to our annual project funding round. This year's theme was People and Climate Change - and the Trustees approved a financial commitment totalling £15,243 for the 2024 financial year. The projects range from a study on peatlands in the UK, to research into the effects of water scarcity on nomads in Morocco, with researchers based in the Netherlands, the USA and Canada. Outputs in the form of reports from these projects will be showcased at online symposia in 2025 and 2026, with articles placed on LRG's websites. Also, some project leaders are working towards article submissions for Landscape Research Journal.

Outputs in the form of reports from the research projects funded in 2023 were returned, with a planned showcase event (online symposia) for 2023 completed projects and other completed projects from 2022. Reports and other outputs are also placed on LRG's websites. In addition, a collective article based on the 2023 call will be submitted to the Landscape Review Journal to disseminate their work beyond academia, targeting practitioners, policymakers, and community members.

Publication of Landscape Research Journal

Professor Hannes Palang continued in his role as Editor-in-Chief, supported by a strong staff of associate and pre-editors based across Europe and North Africa, with Yellowback continuing to provide excellent support as assistant editors.

Eight issues of the journal Landscape Research were produced in Volume 49 during 2024, of these 3 were special issues. The journal received 526 new submissions and published 78 papers. The numbers of both submissions and downloads are increasing. Most of our readers come from the UK, US, China, most of our new submissions come from China, but other Asian countries are also increasing.

LRG continued to benefit from a publishing agreement with Taylor and Francis which provides payments to the charity in the form of a share of publishing royalties, and also a contribution towards the editorial expenses. During the year discussions were ongoing with Taylor and Francis about the proposed redesign of the journal to mark 50 years of publication: the intention is the new design will launch with issue 51 in January 2026.

The journal continues to be widely-respected around the world, with record numbers of submissions requiring more and more time from the editorial team.

Community Development

Events: Despite the challenges presented by staff changes and recruitment processes in 2024, LRG held a number of successful online, hybrid and in-person events. These included

- In April - Landscapes in Colour - China's Blue-Green Space - an online panel of experts explored themes around Chinese blue-green spaces in terms of landscape practice, policies, and ecology. The event was supported by Landscape Architecture Journal (China)

-In May - a wine tasting evening was hosted at the Bartlett School of Architecture as a fundraising event to support LRG's new Emergency and Sudden Opportunity Fund

-In December - Landscape Futures in the 21st Century: Landscape leaders in an intergenerational dialogue - a hybrid event took place at UCL's Bartlett School of Architecture, hosted by LRG's new chair, Professor Theano S Terkenli, with two online

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and two in-person speakers, and in-person and online audience.

Online Research Networks: An initiative originally launched by LRG to provide a regular forum for early career researchers has continued to grow and evolve. What began as a space for those at the start of their academic journeys has now developed into a monthly event series that welcomes participants at all stages of their careers. These sessions are now a regular feature of our monthly events calendar. The Americas group, led by Zannah Matson, has been particularly active and has attracted strong engagement, including from European participants. This follows a temporary pause in the European meetings after 2024's changes to staff. In late 2024, planning also began for two new regional networks: one to support our Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking members, and another focused on the Australasia-Pacific region. These networks aim not only to expand representation and facilitate connections in different time zones, but also to provide spaces where members can explore and discuss landscape issues relevant to their specific regional and cultural contexts.

Funded Research Networks: Prior to 2024, funding and support were provided to help establish regional Landscape Research Networks (LRNs). One such network, Arbeitskreis Landschaftsforschung, the German-speaking landscape network, continues to grow and held its annual workshop on 10-11 October 2024 at Ostwestfalen-Lippe University of Applied Sciences. The workshop, entitled Processes and Actors of Climate Change, ended with a strong call for interdisciplinary cooperation and active knowledge exchange between academia and practice. LRG continues to actively promote the network's activities and events through its newsletter and social media channels.

Critical Field Studies: Planning began for LRG's third and most ambitious Critical Field Study (CFS), scheduled to take place in Cairo in 2025. This immersive programme, open to LRG members, offers a unique opportunity for researchers, practitioners, academics and students to engage with Cairo's dynamic landscape through hands-on learning and field-based research. The programme is supported both financially and administratively by LRG, helping to ensure it is well-organised, accessible and enriching for all participants.

Communications and Membership

Following Emily Shakespeare's departure in May 2024, a new role of Director of Communications and Membership was created to strengthen the charity's engagement and outreach efforts. Charlotte Mitchell was appointed to the position in July 2024.

Since then, projects have focused on improving the functionality of the LRG website and producing high-quality, regular content for our members. This has included expanding the range of contributions available on the Landscape Exchange (LEX), which continues to offer a platform for members working in landscape to share reflections drawn from their own research or practice.

LRG's global reach has continued to grow steadily, with increases in both newsletter subscribers and social media followers. Charlotte has also worked closely with the Board of Trustees to further expand and diversify the geographic spread of our membership, with particular attention to regions that have previously been underrepresented.

LRG's communications work also supported its regional and thematic research networks, helping to promote their meetings and workshops widely and increase visibility for their ongoing work within the global membership.

Looking ahead, efforts will continue to focus on broadening participation, improving communications infrastructure and ensuring that LRG's platforms reflect the rich diversity of voices and perspectives within the global landscape community.

Achievements against objectives

LRG has continued to develop support for research and delivery of education in landscape-related subject areas. The LRG-owned journal Landscape Research continues to thrive with a growing impact factor year-on-year, with plans in place for a redesign and refresh to ensure its continuing relevance and vibrancy. Through continuing to offer online and hybrid networking events there has been a steady growth in members and supporters from a much wider network of landscape research practice, from both UK, and abroad, achieved despite some continuing technical issues around subscriptions and memberships, which we hope have been resolved as the year ends.

Implementation of the policy to diversify age, gender and location of both LRG's membership, and also that of the Trustees, has progressed significantly during 2024, with two new trustees appointed in 2024, from France and China.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Significant events

LRG's principal financial ambition for reducing total funds carried forward has been put on hold somewhat during 2024, as the upheaval in staffing - both personnel and structure - described above took precedence. However, it remains an aim for the charity to reinvest accumulated funds into the charity's overarching objectives: i) to advance education and research, ii) encourage interest and exchange information for the public benefit in the field of landscape and any related field, while exploring options to diversify income streams. The restaffing that took place during 2024 is intended to support this aim, and the attendant increase in expenditure on staff to achieve this will be noticeable in 2025.

The main source of income for the Charity is through the revenue from royalties under a publishing agreement with Taylor and Francis. During 2021 terms were agreed to continue this arrangement for four more years, with the contract due for renewal in January 2025. Contract renegotiations began in late 2024, with the new contract signed in early 2025. The level of income from this source has seen a healthy increase in 2024, although increased submissions to the journal require more editorial team time, and it will be important to factor this in when the contract is negotiated again.

In 2024 membership income fell marginally on the previous year, reflecting the hiatus caused by staffing changes, as well as some technical issues which we hope have now been resolved. It remains a key objective of LRG to increase numbers and diversity of members.

Due to the increase in royalty income from Landscape Research, overall income was up in 2024.

Expenditure on events was lower than previous years, due to the hiatus caused by the restructure and recruitment of new staff members. However, the level of commitment to research funding was maintained. Staff costs too were lower than budgeted, due to the changes described above.

At the end of 2024, the charity finances remain in a strong position, with accumulated surpluses over and above the reserves held (see below) being available for re-allocation for charitable delivery and organisational development in the next year.

Reserves

In line with the LRG policy last reviewed in May 2021, the Trustees confirmed the level of reserves should remain at £100,000 to be held on deposit. This amount represents a level sufficient to cover the charity's operational expenses for approximately one year. A review of how reserves are held is currently underway to spread the risk, and safeguard reserve funds under the FSCS guarantee scheme.

The next financial years (2025, and 2026) will require the Charity to review both income and expenditure to assess progress made towards the diversification of income streams and the opening-up of new sources of income which are required to offset the increase in expenditure related to staff and support cost.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Since the foundation of the charitable company in 1983 LRG had operated under Articles and Memorandum drafted at that time, which had remained unchanged. An exercise to update the constitution and legal structure commenced in 2019 and a special resolution to make a constitutional change was put to LRG Members at the AGM on 18th June 2020. This was approved by the required majority.

As a result LRG was converted from a charity and limited company to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in November 2021 - retaining the same charitable registration number and filing history as the predecessor LRG Ltd.

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected by the Members at an AGM and serve for a maximum of two terms, with re-election happening by rota at each AGM.

The AGM held on 10th September 2024 was a hybrid meeting, held by videoconference using Zoom, with a number of in-person attendees at the PECSRL conference in Poland.

Three Trustees stepped down (including Prof Emma Waterton from her co-opted position on the board as Editor in Chief of Landscape Research), and two new Trustees were elected to fill vacancies.

The AGM marked the final meeting of Tim Waterman as Chair, and he handed over to Theano S. Terkenli. Professor Waterman will remain as Vice-Chair for 6 months from the date of the meeting.

LRG has adopted a policy to encourage a regular turnover of Trustees, and seeks to maintain a diverse representation, as far as possible. Trustee vacancies are widely publicised with a formal application process in place. New Trustees are inducted by the Chair and staff team, and directed to Charity Commission guidance documents Essential Trustees, and to the Charity Governance Code.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	Landscape Research Group
Charity registration number	287160
Registered address	c/o Clarke and Wells Ground Floor, 66 High Street LEWES BN7 1XG

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Dr Amanda Byer
Ms Juliette Desportes
(Resigned: 01 June 2024)
Mr Marouen Hedhlie
Ms Merham Keleg
Prof Karen Ruth Jones
(Resigned: 31 January 2024)
Dr Gillian Lawson
Prof Hannes Palang
Dr Timothy Laurence Waterman
Dr Emma Louise Waterton (Editor-in-Chief)
(Resigned: 31 January 2024)
Prof Laura Alice Watt
Dr Mengyixin Li
Prof Theano S.Terkenli (Chair)
Mr Jens Haendeler (Treasurer)
Dr Fei Mo
(Appointed: 10 September 2024)
Dr Kalliopi Padiaditi Prud'Homme
(Appointed: 10 September 2024)
Prof Ian Mell

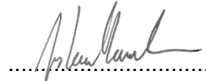
Secretary	Mr David Jonathan Saunders Rachel Dominy
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For the year ended 31 December 2024**

Independent examiner

Caroline Clarke ACA
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



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Mr Jens Haendeler (Treasurer)

05 September 2025

**Landscape Research Group
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Caroline Clarke

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Caroline Clarke ACA
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05 September 2025

Landscape Research Group
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	7,296	7,636
Charitable activities	3	128,564	122,544
Investments	4	879	325
Total		136,739	130,505
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5/6	(118,854)	(144,842)
Total		(118,854)	(144,842)
Net income/expenditure		17,885	(14,337)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		181,559	195,896
Total funds carried forward		199,444	181,559

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	332	282
		<u>332</u>	<u>282</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	52,193	44,258
Cash at bank and in hand		157,790	152,875
		<u>209,983</u>	<u>197,133</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(10,871)	(15,856)
Net current assets		<u>199,112</u>	<u>181,277</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>199,444</u>	<u>181,559</u>
Net assets		<u>199,444</u>	<u>181,559</u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	15	199,444	181,559
Total funds		<u>199,444</u>	<u>181,559</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Jens Haendeler (Treasurer)
Trustee

05 September 2025

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Landscape Research Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

Statement of cash flows

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in SORP FRS 102 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charitable company is small.

Funds

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the Statement of Financial Activities, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Subscriptions received	7,296	7,636
	7,296	7,636
	7,296	7,636

3. Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Production of landscape research</i>		
Event support	446	2,276
Royalties	128,025	120,268
Sale of publications	93	-
	128,564	122,544
	128,564	122,544

4. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	879	325
	879	325
	879	325

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Production of landscape research	49,450	53,136
Research and Information Activity Networks	8,045	12,940
Research and policy development	15,620	13,484
Support costs	45,739	65,282
	118,854	144,842
	118,854	144,842

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6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	2024 £	2023 £
Support costs				
Production of landscape research	49,450	7,965	57,415	63,105
Research and Information Activity Networks	8,045	29,959	38,004	58,284
Research and policy development	15,620	7,815	23,435	23,453
	73,115	45,739	118,854	144,842

7. Analysis of support costs

	Production of landscape research £	Research and Information Activity Networks £	Research and policy development £	2024 £	2023 £
Director of Operations	3,981	3,955	3,831	11,767	19,239
Comms and membership	-	22,020	-	22,020	35,375
Staffing and recruitment	887	887	887	2,661	3,552
Archiving	175	175	175	525	450
Office costs	898	898	898	2,694	1,896
Finance costs	351	351	351	1,053	1,161
Governance costs	1,673	1,673	1,673	5,019	3,609
	7,965	29,959	7,815	45,739	65,282

8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	449	282
Accountancy fees	1,560	1,560
Staff pension contributions	451	1,241

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9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2024 were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	28,400	52,751
Pension costs	451	1,241
	28,851	53,992
	28,851	53,992

No employee received a salary of more than £60,000 per annum in the period (2023: nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Director of Operations and the Director of Communications and Membership. The total amount paid to key management in the financial year ended 31 December 2024 including Employers National Insurance and Pension was £29,007 (2023: £52,751).

	2024	2023
Administration	2	2
	2	2
	2	2

10. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

No trustee receives remuneration in respect for their services as trustee. Reimbursements of expenses to trustees for the year was £2,118 (2023:£778). The expenses related to travel for 3 trustees over the year for attendance at board meetings, including the AGM in Poland, and LRG events.

11. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

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12. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Computer equipment £
At 01 January 2024	848
Additions	499
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,347</u>
Depreciation	
At 01 January 2024	566
Charge for year	449
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,015</u>
Net book values	
At 31 December 2024	<u>332</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>282</u>

13. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts due within one year:		
Trade debtors	532	532
Prepayments and accrued income	51,661	43,726
	<u>52,193</u>	<u>44,258</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	(232)	-
Accruals and deferred income	11,103	15,856
	<u>10,871</u>	<u>15,856</u>

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15. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	181,559	136,739	(118,854)	199,444
	181,559	136,739	(118,854)	199,444

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	195,896	130,505	(144,842)	181,559
	195,896	130,505	(144,842)	181,559

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

To advance education and research, encourage interest and exchange information for the public benefit in the field of landscape and any related fields.

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	332	199,112	199,444
	332	199,112	199,444

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Previous year

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	282	181,277	181,559
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LANDSCAPE RESEARCH GROUP

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Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

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Report of the Trustees
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects for which Landscape Research Group is established are: "to advance education and research, encourage interest and exchange information for the public benefit in the field of landscape and any related field".

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

The main charitable activities of LRG in 2023 of supporting research and dissemination of results continued, with a mixture of in-person meetings and field visits, and hybrid and online events. The LRG continues to build on the increased worldwide reach enabled by the development of online and hybrid activity during pandemic lockdowns. They have allowed us to build much more cohesive and communicative network of members, especially through our coffee mornings and online meet-ups; and it is a goal to expand this outreach yet further in the coming year.

Advancing Research: In 2023 LRG supported landscape-themed research by providing grants to 4 researchers working on 10 projects, selected competitively from number of strong applications. This year's theme was Care - inspired by LRG Landscapes of Care / Care of Landscapes event, held online in September. The Trustees approved a financial commitment totalling £114,947 for the 2023 financial year. Outputs in the form of reports from the research projects funded in 2022 are being returned, with the completed reports are showcased at online symposia and then placed on LRG's websites. Some projects have resulted in articles already published in Landscape Research, and a Special Issue on the theme of care is currently in the peer review process.

Publication of Landscape Research Journal:

A new Editor-in-Chief, Professor Hannes Palang, was appointed at the beginning of the year, with a number of other changes in staff. Professor Emma Waterton has now stepped down from her role as Consulting Editor, having remained to assist in the handover to Prof Palang, and the trustees are grateful to her for her huge contribution to the journal over the years.

Eight issues of the journal Landscape Research were produced in Volume 48 during 2023. LRG continued to benefit from publishing agreement with Taylor and Francis which provides payments to the charity in the form of a share of publishing royalties, and also a contribution towards the editorial expenses. Fruitful discussions have been held with Taylor and Francis about responding to the changing pattern of academic journal publication, especially the increased requirement to offer Open Access as part of the publishing portfolio.

Community Development:

- Events: 2023 was a busy year for LRG with a number of online, hybrid and in-person events.
- Two LRG research fund showcases took place online in March and June 2023 - sharing reports of research projects undertaken in 2021 Landscape, virtue and the common good.
- An online panel discussion The complexity of contested landscapes took place on 26th June 2023. Scheduled to coincide with the publication of the special issue of LRJ - the panel was led by Dr Matthew Rofe and Professor Michael Ripmeester
- An event took place at the IALE 2023 World Congress <https://iale2023.org/about/pre-conference-workshops> in Nairobi Kenya, on 10th July 2023. This was a hands-on capacity building workshop for graduate students and early career researchers to advise on how to write and submit articles to scientific journals, using Landscape Research Journal: <https://landscaperesearch.org/journal/> as a case study.
- An online event coinciding with the AGM took place on 8 September 2023 on 'Landscapes of Care' <https://landscaperesearch.org/landscape-research-journal-commissioned-essay-2022/> / Care of Landscapes' in anticipation of a forthcoming Special Issue Journal issue. Chaired by the Guest Editors leading the creation of this special issue Zannah Matson and Prof Tim Waterman, the session included short presentations on the subject, then an open discussion.
- A panel discussion led by the Guest Editor - Professor Ian Mell - and some authors of a Special Issue of the Landscape Research Journal <https://landscaperesearch.org/journal/>, exploring the theme of Rethinking the 'Green City' took place online on Wednesday 13th September at 16.00 BST
- A Critical Field Study to Dunkirk took place over 3 days in October 2023. A group of LRG members explored the layers of Dunkirk's landscape, weaving the town's war history, its industrial activity and its forward-looking initiatives in the realms of ecology, culture and urbanism.
- An LRG online symposium took place on 8th December 2023 - the title was Ripples of Resilience - exploring the impact of fire and water sustainability in African landscapes. Speakers were Dr Blal Adem Esmail, Professor (Emeritus) Aziz Ballouch, Gaby Hensen and Dr Manel Ouaret Ladjouze.
- Our Chair, Tim Waterman, served as a judge for the International Schools Prize at the Barcelona Landscape Biennial in Autumn 2023, and delivered a keynote lecture, 'A Poem and a Remedy'. He also represented the LRG and its long association with IFLA at the June roundtable: IFLA 75: The History and the Impact of a Professional Network. He spoke and toured extensively, representing both his university and LRG.
- Early Career Research Forum: An initiative started by LRG to provide a regular meeting forum for early career researchers has continued to grow, and these events have now become regular monthly activities in the events calendar. In addition to the two established networks in the Americas and in Europe, an additional forum was created focusing on the Philippine and Southeast Asia. UPDATED CM

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- Research Networks: Funding and support has been provided to develop regional Landscape Research Networks (LRNs). Several of these networks that were in development during the pandemic had approval from LRG for funding and technical support, but they were unable to carry out the planned programme of meetings, and the annual funding allocation has been brought forward into the budgets for 2023. The research networks that have been supported by LRG previously continue to have meetings and generate publications that are shared through LRG's social media and on other platforms.

The German-speaking network held a number of events and compiled a book for release entitled *Landscapes for Future Landscapes and Social-ecological Transitions* for release in late 2023, early 2024. In addition they organised sessions at the German Congress of Geography.

LRG's Maghreb Landscape Research Network aims to bring together landscape researchers and practitioners from countries across North Africa covering Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria. Led by one of our Trustees, Marouen Hedhlie, the group's purpose is to identify and raise awareness of local landscape issues in the region, and to explore themes common to these interconnected landscapes.

Areas of interest for this Network include:

- Developing the European Landscape Convention as a model for the Maghreb
- Landscape democracy and environmental action
- Colonial landscapes
- Tourism and landscape - blessing or blight?
- Landscape, language and culture
- Environmental pollution and landscape inequality

The Maghreb LRN committee organised a conference for 22-23 May 2023 at the Department of Architecture, USTO-M Oran, Algeria in which they discussed working towards a Landscape Convention for the Maghreb. There was also an exhibition of the landscape architect Kamel Louafi's work.

- Communications. During 2023 Emily Shakespeare, LRG's Communications and Membership Manager continued to work with Members and Trustees to develop a portfolio of online resources and meeting opportunities provided by the Landscape Exchange (LEX) website. This website supports the research and education activity of the charity by providing a platform for multimedia contributions. The charity's reach and network continued to grow; using social media as a tool to promote landscape studies to a wider global audience. Coffee mornings for early career researchers continued to be very popular and there are now similar groups in the US and the Philippines and we will continue to support and develop these valuable networks.

Achievements against objectives

LRG has continued to develop support for research and delivery of education in landscape-related subject areas. The LRG-owned journal *Landscape Research* continues to thrive with a growing impact factor year-on-year, with plans in place for a redesign and refresh during 2024 to ensure its continuing relevance and vibrancy. Through continuing to offer online and hybrid networking events there has been a continued growth in members and supporters from a much wider network of landscape research practice, from both UK, and abroad. Implementation of the policy to diversify age, gender and location of both LRG's membership, and also that of the Trustees, has progressed during 2023.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Significant events

The LRG's principal financial ambition for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 has been to reduce total funds carried forward from previous years marked by reduced expenditure due to the pandemic, and reinvest accumulated funds into the charity's overarching objectives: i) to advance education and research, ii) encourage interest and exchange information for the public benefit in the field of landscape and any related field, while exploring options to diversify income streams.

The main source of income for the Charity is through the revenue from royalties under a publishing agreement with Taylor and Francis. During 2021 terms were agreed to continue this arrangement for four more years. The level of income from this source has seen a marginal increase in 2023.

The LRG has seen a marginally lower income from membership subscriptions, expected in line with the progression of LRG policy to diversify LRG membership and accessibility.

Building-up on the pilot of the Isle of Arran Critical Field Study in October 2022, the LRG has conducted another Critical Field Study in 2023. The intention set in 2022 was that such activities should in future attempt to generate a surplus through sponsorship but a decision has been taken to deprioritise profit and instead lower fees to make the event as accessible as possible while breaking even.

In developing plans and setting budgets for the next years, LRG Trustees have continued the previously approved policy to begin to utilise some of the accumulated surpluses to develop the organisation especially by a) diversifying income streams; and b) expanding its membership to better deliver charitable activity in the future. Doing so, expenditure related to communications and membership staff has seen a significant increase, which is expected to rise again in the coming year with the intention to offset this cost item through progressing abovementioned.

Although there has been no significant progress in diversifying income streams in 2023, the charity finances remain in strong position, with accumulated surpluses over and above the reserves held (see below) being available for re-allocation for charitable delivery and organisational development in the next year.

Reserves

In line with the LRG policy last reviewed in May 2021, the Trustees confirmed the level of reserves should remain at £100,000 to be held on deposit. This amount represents a level sufficient to cover the charity's operational expenses for approximately one year. A review of how reserves are held is currently underway to spread the risk, and safeguard reserve funds under the FSCS guarantee scheme.

The next financial years (2025, and 2026) will require the Charity to review both income and expenditure to assess progress made towards the diversification of income streams and the opening-up of new sources of income which are required to offset the increase in expenditure related to staff and support cost.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Since the foundation of the charitable company in 1983 LRG has operated under Articles and Memorandum drafted at that time, which had remained unchanged. An exercise to update the constitution and legal structure commenced in 2019 to review the options to bring the governing document up to date, and conform to the requirements set out in the 2006 Companies Act.

A special resolution to make a constitutional change was put to LRG Members at the AGM on 18th June 2020 and this was approved by the required majority. As a result LRG was converted from a charity and limited company to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation during November 2021 - retaining the same charitable registration number and filing history as the predecessor LRG Ltd.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected by the Members at an AGM. Under the rules of the charitable company the trustees were elected for one year term. Under the new CIO constitution this has changed to a term of three years.

The AGM held on 8th September 2023 was held by videoconference using Zoom.

Three Trustees stepped down before the AGM, and two new Trustees were elected to fill vacancies.

LRG has adopted a policy to encourage a regular turnover of Trustees, and seeks to maintain a diverse representation, as far as possible. New Trustees are inducted by the Chair, and directed to Charity Commission guidance document "Essential Trustees", and to the "Charity Governance Code"

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	Landscape Research Group
Charity registration number	287160
Principal address	Unit 23837 PO Box 7169 Poole Dorset BN15 9EL

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Ms Linda Marie Bjerketvedt
(Resigned: 08 September 2023)

Dr Amanda Byer

Prof Vanesa Castan Broto
(: 08 September 2023)

Ms Juliette Desportes

Mr Jens Haendeler **Mr Jens Haendeler (Treasurer from 1 Jan 2024)**

Mr Marouen Hedhlie

Ms Merham Keleg

Prof Karen Ruth Jones

Dr Gillian Lawson

Dr Ian Mell (Treasurer) **Dr Ian Mell (Treasurer to 31 Dec 2023)**

Prof Hannes Palang

Prof Ingrid Sarlov Herlin

Dr Timothy Laurence Waterman (Chair)

Dr Emma Louise Waterton (Editor-in-Chief)

Prof Laura Alice Watt

Dr Mengyixin Li

Prof Theano S. Terkenli

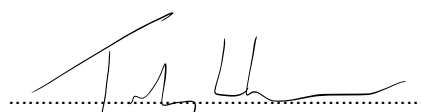
Secretary

Mr David Jonathan Saunders
Rachel Dominy

Independent examiner

Caroline Clarke ACA
66 High Street
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by


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Dr Timothy Laurence Waterman (Chair)

10 September 2024

**Landscape Research Group
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiners statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Caroline Clarke

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17th September
2024

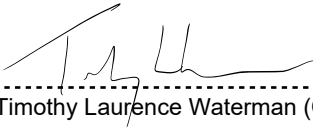
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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2023
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	7,636	9,921
Charitable activities	3	122,544	118,421
Investments	4	325	11
Total		130,505	128,371
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5/6	(144,842)	(131,181)
Total		(144,842)	(131,181)
Net expenditure		(14,337)	(2,809)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		195,896	198,701
Total funds carried forward		181,559	195,891

**Landscape Research Group
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	282	562
		<u>282</u>	<u>562</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	44,258	36,802
Cash at bank and in hand		152,875	169,802
		<u>197,133</u>	<u>206,604</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(15,856)	(11,272)
Net current assets		<u>181,277</u>	<u>195,332</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>181,559</u>	<u>195,894</u>
Net assets		<u>181,559</u>	<u>195,894</u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	15	181,559	195,894
Total funds		<u>181,559</u>	<u>195,894</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



 Dr Timothy Laurence Waterman (Chair)
 Trustee
 10 September 2024

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Landscape Research Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

Statement of cash flows

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in SORP FRS 102 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

Funds

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the Statement of Financial Activities, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	
Unrestricted funds		
Donations received	-	51
Subscriptions received	7,636	7,85
Sponsorships received	-	2,02
	7,636	9,92
	7,636	9,92

3. Income from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Production of landscape research</i>		
Event support	2,276	5,96
Royalties	120,268	112,38
Sale of publications	-	8
	122,544	118,42
	122,544	118,42

4. Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	325	1
	325	1
	325	1

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5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2023 £	2022
Unrestricted funds		
Production of landscape research	53,136	42,521
Research and Information Activity Networks	12,940	14,591
Research and policy development	13,484	17,101
Support costs	65,282	56,961
	144,842	131,184

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	2023 £	2022
Support costs				
Production of landscape research	53,136	9,969	63,105	54,961
Research and Information Activity Networks	12,940	45,344	58,284	46,661
Research and policy development	13,484	9,969	23,453	29,551
	79,560	65,282	144,842	131,184

7. Analysis of support costs

	Production of landscape research £	Research and Information Activity Networks £	Research and policy development £	2023 £	2022
Chief executive	6,413	6,413	6,413	19,239	21,571
Comms and membership	-	35,375	-	35,375	19,621
Staffing and recruitment	1,184	1,184	1,184	3,552	1,021
Archiving	150	150	150	450	451
Office costs	632	632	632	1,896	1,841
Finance costs	387	387	387	1,161	981
Governance costs	1,203	1,203	1,203	3,609	11,451
	9,969	45,344	9,969	65,282	56,961

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8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	282	283
Accountancy fees	1,560	1,560
Staff pension contributions	1,241	831
	53,992	41,197

9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2023 were:

	2023	2022
	£	
Salaries and wages	52,751	40,363
Pension costs	1,241	831
	53,992	41,197

No employee received a salary of more than £60,000 per annum in the period (2022: nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the CEO and CMM. The total amount paid to key management in the financial year ended 31 December 2023 including Employers National Insurance and Pension was £52,751 (2022: £41,197).

	2023	2022
Administration	2	
	2	

10. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

No trustee receives remuneration in respect for their services as trustee. Reimbursements of expenses to trustees for the year was £778 (2022:£4,981). The expenses related to travel for 6 trustees over the year for attendance at board meetings.

11. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

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12. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Computer equipment
At 01 January 2023	841
At 31 December 2023	<u>841</u>
Depreciation	
At 01 January 2023	281
Charge for year	281
At 31 December 2023	<u>561</u>
Net book values	
At 31 December 2023	<u>281</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>561</u>

13. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	
Amounts due within one year:		
Trade debtors	532	
Prepayments and accrued income	43,726	36,801
	<u>44,258</u>	<u>36,801</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	
Accruals and deferred income	15,856	11,271
	<u>15,856</u>	<u>11,271</u>

15. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	
<i>General</i>				
General	195,896	130,505	(144,842)	181,559
	<u>195,896</u>	<u>130,505</u>	<u>(144,842)</u>	<u>181,559</u>

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Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	
<i>General</i>				
General	198,705	128,376	(131,185)	195,896
	198,705	128,376	(131,185)	195,896

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

To advance education and research, encourage interest and exchange information for the public benefit in the field of landscape and any related fields.

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Asset
	£	£	
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	282	181,277	181,559
	282	181,277	181,559

Previous year

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Asset
	£	£	
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

The main charitable activities of LRG in 2022 of supporting research and dissemination of results continued, and with the lifting of Covid travel restrictions a greater emphasis was placed on restoring in-person meetings and field visits and study tours. The experience of online collaboration that was practiced during the pandemic has meant that efforts are now being made to develop hybrid (online and in-person) events so as not to exclude many of the new communities of researchers who joined LRG from around the world, who may not wish to travel in order to remain engaged.

- **Advancing Research:** In 2022 LRG supported landscape-themed research by providing grants to nine researchers, selected competitively from a total of 36 applications. The theme this year was titled Empire and Landscape in Dialogue. This topic was inspired by LRG's Landscape and Colonialism symposium, held online in September 2021. The Trustees again approved an increased financial commitment totalling £18,415 for the 2022 financial year. Outputs in the form of reports and journal articles from research projects funded in 2020 and 2021 have started to be returned, and the completed reports are placed on LRG's websites, and some have also resulted in articles published in Landscape Research journal. Some flexibility will be made in extending the submission deadline for supported projects to allow for the difficulties in carrying out fieldwork in 2021.
- **Publication of Landscape Research Journal:**
Eight issues of the journal Landscape Research were produced in Volume 47 during 2022. LRG continued to benefit from a publishing agreement with Taylor and Francis which provides payments to the charity in the form of a share of publishing royalties, and also a contribution towards the editorial expenses. Meetings have been held with Taylor and Francis about responding to the changing pattern of academic journal publication, especially the increased requirement to offer Open Access as part of the publishing portfolio.
- **Community Development:**
 - Events: A tentative return to holding physical meetings and events with a five day critical field study to the Isle of Arran in October 2022. 17 participants Attended, with LRG offering some full or partial bursaries. A report is now available on LRG's LEX website.
LLRG was represented by staff and Trustee at a UNISCAPE forum on Fairer European Landscapes held in Brussels in June 2022, and also at the PECSRL conference in Spain in September 2022.
An LRG symposium was held at Conway Hall in London on 2nd December which was titled "Decolonising Landscapes". This was led by Dr Tiffany Kaewen Dang and run as a hybrid in-person / online event.
 - Early Career Research Forum: An initiative started by LRG to provide a regular meeting forum for early career researchers as a pilot in 2021 has grown, and these online events have now become a regular monthly activity in the events calendar. In 2022 an additional ECR network was established in North America to account for the different time zones.
 - Research Networks: Funding and support has been provided to develop regional Landscape Research Networks (LRNs). Several of these networks that were in development during the pandemic had approval from LRG for funding and technical support, but they were unable to carry out the planned programme of meetings, and the annual funding allocation has been brought forward into the budgets for 2023. The research networks that have been supported by LRG previously continue to have meetings and generate publications that are shared through LRG's social media and on other platforms.
 - Communications. During 2022 Emily Shakespeare, LRG's Communications and membership Manager continued to work with Members and Trustees to develop a portfolio of online resources and meeting opportunities provided by the Landscape Exchange (LEX) website. This website supports the research and education activity of the charity by providing a platform for multimedia contributions. In addition, and working closely with the journal editorial team, the updated communications strategy, now including social media, has been implemented to promote landscape studies to a wider global community. New publicity materials including banners and leaflets have been produced for distribution at meetings and events.

Achievements against objectives

With travel and meeting constraints lifting following the global pandemic LRG has continued to develop support for research and delivery of education in landscape-related subject areas. The LRG-owned journal Landscape Research continues to thrive with a growing impact factor year-on-year. There has been a notable reduction in in-person attendance at conferences, but an increase hybrid attendance using Zoom. Through moving many networking events online there has been a continued growth in members and supporters from a much wider network of landscape research practice, from both UK, and abroad. Implementation of the policy to diversify age, gender and location of both LRG's membership, and also that of the Trustees, has progressed during 2022.

Landscape Research Group
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Significant events

The main source of income for the Charity is through the revenue from royalties under a publishing agreement with Taylor and Francis. During 2021 terms were agreed to continue this arrangement for four more years. The level of income from this source has held up well in 2022, although there have been changes in the balance of income from conventional licences access subscriptions to electronic delivery and read and publish arrangements.

As part of the mission to diversify LRG's activities a review of membership subscriptions was carried out in 2020 which set out options for lower membership fees for applicants from some non-OECD countries, and offered concessionary rates for students and retirees. As a result LRG now has over 200 members from 40 countries. The impact of this policy has been a decline in membership subscription income, but this has been balanced by the cost of servicing the membership also falling through an increase in the use of electronic communications.

Following the restrictions on travelling LRG resumed in person meetings and a field study tour was organised on the Isle of Arran in October 2022. This was a run as a pilot for future development with a generous allocation of charity funds to support bursaries and did not attempt to break-even. The intention is that such activities should in future attempt to generate a surplus through sponsorship.

As a result of the move to hybrid events it was not possible to generate any significant income from running other conferences in 2022 but, again, the level of operating costs for travel-related expenditure was also reduced from that predicted in the pre-Covid budget.

In developing plans and setting budgets for the next three years LRG Trustees have continued the previously approved policy to begin to utilise some of the accumulated surpluses to develop the organisation and expand its membership to better deliver charitable activity in the future. This has been done in the context of an assessment of risk, and a risk register is maintained for Trustees to review on a regular basis. During the course of 2022 the ambition to achieve any significant growth, or deliver many of the in-person networking activities, was constrained and, as a result, both expenditure and income were somewhat lower than anticipated. Despite this the charity finances remain in a strong position, with accumulated surpluses over and above the reserves held (see below) being available for re-allocation for charitable delivery and organisational development in the next year.

Reserves

In line with the LRG policy last reviewed in May 2021, the Trustees confirmed the level of reserves should remain at £100,000 to be held on deposit. This amount represents a level sufficient to cover the charity's operational expenses for approximately one year. These reserve funds are held as £15,000 in an instant access savings account with Lloyds Bank and £85,000 in a separate interest earning deposit account with Hampshire Trust Bank. This arrangement has been made to spread the risk, and safeguard these reserve funds under the FSCS guarantee scheme.

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**Landscape Research Group
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected by the Members at an AGM. Under the rules of the charitable company the trustees were elected for a one year term. Under the new CIO constitution this has change to a term of three years.

The AGM held on 18th September 2022 was held by videoconference using Zoom.

One Trustee stepped down before the AGM, and two new Trustees were elected for fill vacancies.

LRG has adopted a policy to encourage a regular turnover of Trustees, and seeks to maintain a diverse representation, as far as possible. New Trustees are inducted by the Chair, and directed to Charity Commission guidance documents "Essential Trustees", and to the "Charity Governance Code".

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	Landscape Research Group
Charity registration number	287160
Principal address	Unit 23837 PO Box 7169 Poole Dorset BN15 9EL

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Ms Linda Marie Bjerketvedt
Dr Amanda Byer
(Appointed: 02 September 2022)
Prof Vanesa Castan Broto
Ms Juliette Desportes
Mr Jens Haendeler
(Appointed: 02 September 2022)
Mr Marouen Hedhlie
Dr Merham Keleg
Dr Gavin MacGregor
(Resigned: 02 September 2022)
Prof Karen Ruth Jones
Dr Gillian Lawson
Dr Ian Mell (Treasurer)
Prof Hannes Palang
Prof Ingrid Sarlov Herlin
Prof Timothy Laurence Waterman (Chair)
Prof Emma Louise Waterton (Editor-in-Chief)
Prof Laura Alice Watt

Secretary Mr David Jonathan Saunders

Independent examiners Caroline Clarke ACA
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**Landscape Research Group
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

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Dr Timothy Laurence Waterman (Chair)

05 May 2023

**Landscape Research Group
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiners statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Caroline Clarke

5/5/23

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Landscape Research Group
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2021 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	9,928	9,998
Charitable activities	3	118,429	104,718
Investments	4	19	221
Total		128,376	114,937
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5/6	(131,185)	(93,217)
Total		(131,185)	(93,217)
Net income/expenditure		(2,809)	21,720
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		198,705	176,985
Total funds carried forward		195,896	198,705

**Landscape Research Group
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2022**

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	565	-
		565	-
Current assets			
Debtors	13	36,801	29,531
Cash at bank and in hand		169,805	171,846
		206,606	201,377
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(11,275)	(2,672)
Net current assets		195,331	198,705
Total assets less current liabilities		195,896	198,705
Net assets		195,896	198,705
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	15	195,896	198,705
Total funds		195,896	198,705

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Timothy Laurence Waterman (Chair)
Trustee
05 May 2023

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Landscape Research Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

Statement of cash flows

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in SORP FRS 102 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

Funds

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Computer equipment	33% Straight line
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Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the Statement of Financial Activities, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Donations received	50	-
Subscriptions received	7,853	7,998
Sponsorships received	2,025	2,000
	9,928	9,998
	9,928	9,998

3. Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Production of landscape research</i>		
Event support	5,962	-
Royalties	112,380	104,684
Sale of publications	87	34
	118,429	104,718
	118,429	104,718

4. Investment income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	19	221
	19	221
	19	221

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Production of landscape research	42,521	33,828
Research and Information Activity Networks	14,595	3,761
Research and policy development	17,109	14,941
Support costs	56,960	40,687
	131,185	93,217

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Support costs				
Production of landscape research	42,521	12,446	54,967	43,056
Research and Information Activity Networks	14,595	32,069	46,664	25,992
Research and policy development	17,109	12,445	29,554	24,169
	74,225	56,960	131,185	93,217

7. Analysis of support costs

	Production of landscape research	Research and Information Activity Networks	Research and policy development	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Chief executive	7,192	7,191	7,191	21,574	20,076
Comms and membership	-	19,624	-	19,624	13,003
Staffing and recruitment	343	343	343	1,029	1,884
Archiving	150	150	150	450	450
Office costs	615	615	615	1,845	1,065
Finance costs	328	328	328	984	837
Governance costs	3,818	3,818	3,818	11,454	3,372
	12,446	32,069	12,445	56,960	40,687

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022

8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	282	-
Accountancy fees	1,560	1,560
Staff pension contributions	836	-
	41,198	33,080

9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2022 were:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	40,362	32,463
Pension costs	836	617
	41,198	33,080

No employee received a salary of more than £60,000 per annum in the period (2021: nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the CEO and CMM. The total amount paid to key management in the financial year ended 31 December 2022 including Employers National Insurance and Pension was £41,197 (2021: £33,080).

	2022	2021
Administration	2	2
	2	2

10. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

No trustee receives remuneration in respect for their services as trustee. Reimbursements of expenses to trustees for the year was £4,981 (2021:£nil). The expenses related to travel for 10 trustees over the year for attendance at board meetings.

11. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022

12. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Computer equipment
	£
Additions	848
At 31 December 2022	<u>848</u>
Depreciation	
Charge for year	283
At 31 December 2022	<u>283</u>
Net book values	
At 31 December 2022	<u><u>565</u></u>

13. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	36,801	29,531
	<u>36,801</u>	<u>29,531</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	-	272
Accruals and deferred income	11,275	2,400
	<u>11,275</u>	<u>2,672</u>

15. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance at
	01/01/2022	resources	resources	31/12/2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	198,705	128,376	(131,185)	195,896
	<u>198,705</u>	<u>128,376</u>	<u>(131,185)</u>	<u>195,896</u>

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	176,985	114,937	(93,217)	198,705
	176,985	114,937	(93,217)	198,705

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

To advance education and research, encourage interest and exchange information for the public benefit in the field of landscape and any related fields.

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	565	195,331	195,896
	565	195,331	195,896
Previous year			
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	-	198,705	198,705
	-	198,705	198,705

LANDSCAPE RESEARCH GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 287160

Accounts



Charity number: 287160

Landscape Research Group

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

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Landscape Research Group
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects for which Landscape Research Group is established are: "to advance education and research, encourage interest and exchange information for the public benefit in the field of landscape and any related field".

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

The opportunities for delivering the main charitable activities of LRG in 2021 continued to be impacted by restrictions resulting from Covid19. Travel restrictions and other difficulties were faced by both staff and Trustees in working under the many constraints on holding in-person meetings and in actually delivering some of the charitable activities, including field work. Despite this some progress was made in the following areas:

-Advancing Research: In 2021 LRG supported landscape-themed research by providing grants to seven researchers, selected competitively from a total of 33 applications. As a special initiative, in response to Covid constraints on delivering other forms of charitable educational events, the Trustees approved an increased financial commitment of £18,062 for the 2021 financial year. Outputs in the form of reports and journal articles from research projects funded in 2019 and 2020 have started to be returned, and the completed reports are placed on LRG's website, and also published in Landscape Research journal. Some flexibility will be made in extending the submission deadline for completed projects to account for the difficulties in carrying out fieldwork in 2021.

-Publication of Landscape Research Journal:

Eight issues of the journal Landscape Research were produced in Volume 46 during 2021. LRG continued to benefit from a publishing agreement with Taylor and Francis which provides payments to the charity in the form of a share of publishing royalties, and also a contribution towards the editorial expenses.

-Community Development:

- Events: As a result of the imposition of Covid-related travel constraints LRG were unable to host any physical meetings or attend conferences in 2021. In response, LRG organised an on-line webinar in September 2021; this was titled Enduring Colonialism: Empire and Landscapes in Dialogue and was chaired by Professor Corinne Fowler, with contributions by other authors and academics working across three continents. This event was very well attended, with a wide reach of audience attending from around the world.

- ECR Forum: A new initiative for LRG to provide a regular meeting forum for early career researchers was set up as a pilot and these vents have now become a regular activity in the events calendar.

- Research Networks: Funding and support has been provided to develop regional Landscape Research Networks (LRNs). Several of these networks that were in development had approval from LRG for funding and technical support, but none of them were able to carry out the planned programme of meetings, and the annual funding allocation has been retained in the budgets for 2022.

- Communications. In February 2021 Emily Shakespeare joined LRG staff as Communications Manager and, working with Trustees, brought forward the development of new online resources and meeting opportunities provided by the Landscape Exchange (LEX) website which supports the research and education activity of the charity by providing a platform for multimedia contributions. In addition, and working closely with the journal editorial team, a new communications strategy to include social media has been implemented to promote landscape studies to a wider global community.

Achievements against objectives

Despite the constraints caused by global pandemic LRG has managed to maintain a focus on supporting research and delivering education in landscape-related subject areas. The LRG-owned journal Landscape Research continues to thrive with a growing impact factor year-on-year. Through moving many networking events online there has been a continued growth in members from a much wider network of landscape research

Landscape Research Group
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For the year ended 31 December 2021

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As a result of Covid it was not possible to generate any significant income from running live events in 2021 but, again, the level of operating costs for travel-related expenditure was also reduced from that predicted in the pre-Covid budget.

In developing plans and setting budgets for the next three years LRG Trustees have continued the previously approved policy to begin to utilise some of the accumulated surpluses to develop the organisation and expand its membership to better deliver charitable activity in the future. This has been done in the context of an assessment of risk, and a risk register is maintained for Trustees to review on a regular basis. During the course of 2021 the ambition to achieve any significant growth, or deliver many of the in-person networking activities, was constrained and, as a result, both expenditure and income were somewhat lower than anticipated. Despite this the charity finances remain in a strong position, with accumulated surpluses over and above the reserves held (see below) being available for re-allocation for charitable delivery and organisational development in the next year.

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At a Board meeting on 19th May 2020 a proposal to convert LRG from a Company Ltd by Guarantee, and Registered Charity, structure to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a new constitution was prepared based on the Charity Commission Association model, with objectives and aims remaining unchanged from those stated in the original Memorandum and Articles of Association. This was approved by a majority of Trustees (13 for, 1 against).

A special resolution to make this constitutional change was then put to LRG Members at the AGM on 18th June 2020 and this was approved by the required majority. The application for conversion to a CIO was then held up with the Charity Commission until the unanimous consent of all serving Trustees had been secured. This was only achieved after the 2021 AGM on 24th September. Landscape Research Group was subsequently removed as a Limited Company at Companies House on 17th November 2021, and at the same time converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) whilst retaining the same charitable registration number and filing history as the predecessor LRG Ltd.

Landscape Research Group
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2021

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected by the Members at an AGM. Under the rules of the charitable company the trustees were elected for a one year term. Under the new CIO constitution this will change to a term of three years.

As a result of Covid travel restrictions the AGM held on 18th September 2021 was held by videoconference using Zoom. This change in normal procedure followed the guidance from Charity Commission for operating the charity under Covid restrictions.

Two long-standing Trustees stepped down at the AGM, and one Trustee was removed by ballot of Members at an EGM held on 30th July. At the 2021 AGM the Members elected three new Trustees to replace them.

LRG has adopted a policy to encourage a regular turnover of Trustees, and seeks to maintain a diverse representation, as far as possible. New Trustees are inducted by the Chair, and directed to Charity Commission guidance documents Essential Trustees, and to the Charity Governance Code.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity registration number	287160
Principal address	Unit 23837 PO Box 7169 Poole Dorset BN15 9EL

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Dr Christopher James Dalglish
(Resigned: 24 September 2021)
Dr Emma Louise Waterton
Dr Ian Caleb Mell
Dr Timothy Laurence Waterman
Dr Gavin MacGregor
Mr Graham John Fairclough
(Resigned: 24 September 2021)
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Prof Hannes Palang
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Prof Kenneth Robert Olwig
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Ms Merham Keleg
(Appointed: 24 September 2021)
Dr Gillian Lawson
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**Landscape Research Group
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

Secretary

Mr David Jonathan Saunders

Independent examiners

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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by


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Dr Timothy Laurence Waterman 15/9/22

**Landscape Research Group
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiners statement

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

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Landscape Research Group
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2021

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Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	9,998	10,068
Charitable activities	3	104,718	112,182
Investments	4	221	873
Total		<u>114,937</u>	<u>123,123</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5/6	(93,217)	(102,383)
Total		<u>(93,217)</u>	<u>(102,383)</u>
Net income		21,720	20,740
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		176,985	156,245
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>198,705</u></u>	<u><u>176,985</u></u>

**Landscape Research Group
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2021**

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	12	29,531	42,684
Cash at bank and in hand		171,846	136,384
		<u>201,377</u>	<u>179,068</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,672)	(2,083)
Net current assets		<u>198,705</u>	<u>176,985</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>198,705</u>	<u>176,985</u>
Net assets		<u>198,705</u>	<u>176,985</u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	14	198,705	176,985
Total funds		<u>198,705</u>	<u>176,985</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



 Dr Timothy Laurence Waterman
 Trustee

15/9/22

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Landscape Research Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

Statement of cash flows

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in SORP FRS 102 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

Funds

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the Statement of Financial Activities, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2021

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Donations received	-	343
Subscriptions received	7,998	9,725
Sponsorships received	2,000	-
	9,998	10,068
	9,998	10,068

3. Income from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Production of landscape research</i>		
Event support	-	10
Royalties	104,684	112,023
Sale of publications	34	149
	104,718	112,182
	104,718	112,182

4. Investment income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	221	873
	221	873
	221	873

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2021

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2021 £	2020 £
Unrestricted funds		
Production of landscape research	33,828	37,052
Research and Information Activity Networks	3,761	7,844
Research and policy development	14,941	11,506
Support costs	40,687	45,981
	<u>93,217</u>	<u>102,383</u>

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	2021 £	2020 £
Support costs				
Production of landscape research	33,828	9,228	43,056	47,311
Research and Information Activity Networks	3,761	22,231	25,992	33,307
Research and policy development	14,941	9,228	24,169	21,765
	<u>52,530</u>	<u>40,687</u>	<u>93,217</u>	<u>102,383</u>

7. Analysis of support costs

	Production of landscape research £	Research and Information Activity Networks £	Research and policy development £	2021 £	2020 £
Chief executive	6,692	6,692	6,692	20,076	19,791
Comms and membership	-	13,003	-	13,003	15,204
Staffing and recruitment	628	628	628	1,884	3,753
Archiving	150	150	150	450	450
Office costs	355	355	355	1,065	1,377
Finance costs	279	279	279	837	840
Governance costs	1,124	1,124	1,124	3,372	4,566
	<u>9,228</u>	<u>22,231</u>	<u>9,228</u>	<u>40,687</u>	<u>45,981</u>

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2021

8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy fees	1,560	1,470
	<u>1,560</u>	<u>1,470</u>

9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2021 were:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries and wages	32,463	34,318
Pension costs	617	676
	<u>33,080</u>	<u>34,994</u>

No employee received a salary of more than £60,000 per annum in the period (2020: nil).

	2021	2020
Administration	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

10. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

No trustee receives remuneration in respect for their services as trustee. Reimbursements of expenses to trustees for the year was £nil (2020:£1,179).

11. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2021

12. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	29,531	42,684
	29,531	42,684

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	413
Other creditors	272	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,400	1,670
	2,672	2,083

14. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	176,985	114,937	(93,217)	198,705
	176,985	114,937	(93,217)	198,705

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2020
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	156,245	123,123	(102,383)	176,985
	156,245	123,123	(102,383)	176,985

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

To advance education and research, encourage interest and exchange information for the public benefit in the field of landscape and any related fields.

Landscape Research Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2021

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds		
<i>General</i>		
General	198,705	198,705
	198,705	198,705
Previous year		
	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds		
<i>General</i>		
General	176,985	176,985
	176,985	176,985

LANDSCAPE RESEARCH GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 287160

Accounts

Charity number: 287160

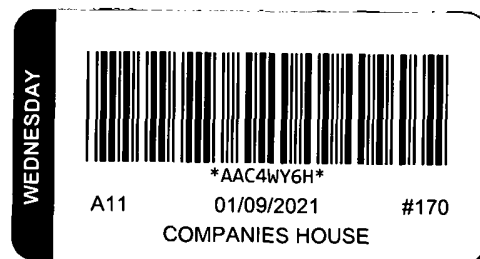
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Landscape Research Group Limited

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020



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Landscape Research Group Limited
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects for which Landscape Research Group is established are: "to advance education and research, encourage interest and exchange information for the public benefit in the field of landscape and any related field".

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

The plans for delivering the main charitable activities of LRG in 2020 were impacted significantly by the spread of Covid19 virus. Travel restrictions and difficulties were faced by both staff and Trustees in working under the many constraints on holding meetings and actually delivering some of the charitable activities. Despite this some progress was made in the following areas:

- **Advancing Research:** LRG supported research by providing grants to five researchers selected competitively from a total of 23 applications. A financial commitment of £12,993 was made for the 2020 financial year. Outputs from research projects funded in 2019 have started to be returned, and the completed reports are placed on LRG's website. Some flexibility will be made in extending the submission deadline for completed projects to account for the difficulties in carrying out fieldwork in 2020.
- **Publication of Landscape Research Journal:** Eight issues of the journal "Landscape Research" were produced in Volume 45 during 2020. LRG continued to benefit from a publishing agreement with Taylor and Francis which provides payments to the charity in the form of royalties, and also a contribution towards editorial expenses.
- **Community Development:**
 - **Events.** As a result of the imposition of Covid-related travel constraints LRG were unable to host any physical meetings or attend conferences in 2020. In response, LRG organised two on-line conferences / webinars in 2020; one in June with the title "A Future of our own Making", and another a multi-day programme under the title "Landscape and Goodness" in December. These were well attended, with a wide reach of participants from around the world,
- **Communications.** LRG brought forward the development of new online resources and launched a new "Landscape Exchange" website in October 2019 which supports the research and education activity of the charity, by providing a platform for multimedia contributions and promotes landscape studies to a wider global community.
- **Research Networks:** Funding and support has been provided to develop regional Landscape Research Networks (LRNs). Several of these networks that were in development had approval from LRG for funding and technical support, but none of them were able to carry out the planned programme of meetings, and the funding allocated has been held back until 2021.

Achievements against objectives

Despite the constraints caused by global pandemic LRG has managed to maintain a focus on supporting research and delivering education in landscape-related subject areas. Through moving many networking events online there has been a continued growth in members from a much wider network of landscape research, from both UK, and abroad.

Landscape Research Group Limited
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Significant events

Significant events

The main source of income for the Charity is through the publishing agreement with Taylor and Francis. The current arrangement continues until 31st December 2020, and agreement has been reached to continue this arrangement for four more years.

Membership has increased significantly in 2020, and this has results in some growth in the income generated from subscriptions. A review of membership subscriptions was carried out in 2020 which now allows for lower fees for some non-OECD countries and offers concessionary rates for students and retirees. It was not possible to generate any significant income from running events in 2020, but the level of operating costs also reduced from that predicted.

In developing plans and setting budgets for the next three years LRG Trustees have continued the previously approved policy to begin to utilise some of the accumulated surpluses to develop the organisation and expand its membership to better deliver charitable activity in the future. During the course of 2020 it became apparent that it would not be possible to deliver many of these activities, and both expenditure, and income, was somewhat lower than anticipated as a result.

Reserves

At the Board meeting in May 2020 Trustees confirmed the level of reserves to be held to take account of the engagement of employed staff. A sum of £100,000 is held on deposit at a level to cover the charity's operational expenses for approximately one year. These reserve funds are held as £15,000 in an instant access savings account with Lloyds Bank and £85,000 in a separate deposit account with Hampshire Trust Bank. This arrangement is to spread the risk, and safeguard these reserve funds under the FSCS guarantee scheme.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

LRG operates under Articles and Memorandum established in 1983. As these rules are somewhat out of date an exercise commenced in 2019 to review the Articles and Memorandum to bring them up to date, and conform to the 2006 Companies Act.

At a Board meeting on 19th May 2020 a proposal to convert LRG from a Company Ltd by Guarantee, and Registered Charity, structure to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a new constitution based on the Charity Commission Association model was approved by a majority of Trustees (13 for, 1 against).

A special resolution to make this constitutional change was then put to LRG Members at the AGM on 18th June and this was approved by the required majority. The application for conversion to a CIO is now with the Charity Commission.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected by the members at an AGM.

As a result of Covid travel restrictions the AGM on 18th June 2020 was held by videoconference using Zoom.

This change in normal procedure followed the guidance from Charity Commission

Two long-standing Trustees stepped down, and one was not re-elected by ballot. The Members elected three new Trustees to replace them.

LRG have a policy to encourage a regular turnover of Trustees, and seek to maintain a diverse representation, as far as possible. New Trustees are inducted by the Chair and directed to Charity Commission guidance documents "Essential Trustees", and "The Charity Governance Code".

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	Landscape Research Group Limited
Charity registration number	287160
Company registration number	01714386
Principal address	Unit 23837 PO Box 7169 Poole Dorset BN15 9EL
Registered address	99 Western Road Lewes East Sussex BN7 1RS

**Landscape Research Group Limited
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Dr Christopher James Dalglish
Dr Emma Louise Waterton
Dr Ian Caleb Mell
Dr Markus Leibenath
(Resigned: 18 June 2020)
Dr Timothy Laurence Waterman
Dr Gavin MacGregor
Mr Graham John Fairclough
Mr Marouen Hedhlie
Mr Paul Tabbush
(Resigned: 18 June 2020)
Prof Hannes Palang
Prof Ingrid Sarlov Herlin
Prof Kenneth Robert Olwig
Prof Laurence Le Du-Blayo
(Resigned: 18 June 2020)
Prof Vanesa Castan Broto
Ms Linda Marie Bjerketvedt
(Appointed: 18 June 2020)
Prof Karen Ruth Jones
(Appointed: 18 June 2020)
Prof Laura Alice Watt
(Appointed: 18 June 2020)

Secretary

Mr David Jonathan Saunders

Independent examiners

Andrew M Wells FMAAT
99 Western Road
Lewes
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



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Dr Timothy Laurence Waterman

11/8/21

Landscape Research Group Limited
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



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Landscape Research Group Limited
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2019 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	10,068	6,071
Charitable activities	3	112,182	104,327
Investments	4	873	1,063
Total		123,123	111,461
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5/6	(102,383)	(131,995)
Total		(102,383)	(131,995)
Net income/expenditure		20,740	(20,534)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		156,245	176,779
Total funds carried forward		176,985	156,245

Landscape Research Group Limited
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Current assets			
Debtors	12	42,684	30,022
Cash at bank and in hand		136,384	130,942
		179,068	160,964
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,083)	(4,719)
Net current assets		176,985	156,245
Total assets less current liabilities		176,985	156,245
Net assets		176,985	156,245
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	14	176,985	156,245
Total funds		176,985	156,245

For the year ended 31 December 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



 Dr Timothy Laurence Waterman
 Trustee

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Landscape Research Group Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Landscape Research Group Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

Statement of cash flows

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in SORP FRS 102 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charitable company is small.

Funds

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the company, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the Statement of Financial Activities, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Landscape Research Group Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Donations received	343	-
Subscriptions received	9,725	6,071
	10,068	6,071
	10,068	6,071

3. Income from charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Production of landscape research</i>		
Event support	10	1,117
Royalties	112,023	103,194
Sale of publications	149	16
	112,182	104,327
	112,182	104,327

4. Investment income

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	873	1,063
	873	1,063
	873	1,063

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Production of landscape research	37,052	46,397
Research and Information Activity Networks	7,844	19,984
Research and policy development	11,506	12,407
Support costs	45,981	53,207
	102,383	131,995
	102,383	131,995

Landscape Research Group Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	2020 £	2019 £
Support costs				
Production of landscape research	37,052	10,259	47,311	59,110
Research and Information Activity Networks	7,844	25,463	33,307	47,765
Research and policy development	11,506	10,259	21,765	25,120
	<u>56,402</u>	<u>45,981</u>	<u>102,383</u>	<u>131,995</u>

7. Analysis of support costs

	Production of landscape research £	Research and Information Activity Networks £	Research and policy development £	2020 £	2019 £
Chief executive	6,597	6,597	6,597	19,791	19,386
Comms and membership	-	15,204	-	15,204	15,068
Staffing and recruitment	1,251	1,251	1,251	3,753	3,696
Archiving	150	150	150	450	765
Office costs	459	459	459	1,377	1,002
Finance costs	280	280	280	840	789
Governance costs	1,522	1,522	1,522	4,566	12,501
	<u>10,259</u>	<u>25,463</u>	<u>10,259</u>	<u>45,981</u>	<u>53,207</u>

8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 £
Accountancy fees	<u>1,470</u>	<u>2,029</u>

Landscape Research Group Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020

9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2020 were:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Salaries and wages	34,318	33,832
Pension costs	676	621
	<u>34,994</u>	<u>34,453</u>

	2020	2019
Administration	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received a salary of more than £60,000 per annum in the period (2019: nil).

10. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

No trustee receives remuneration in respect for their services as trustee. Reimbursements of expenses to trustees for the year was £1,179 (2019:£5,947).

11. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

12. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	42,684	30,022
	<u>42,684</u>	<u>30,022</u>

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	413	-
Other creditors	-	529
Accruals and deferred income	1,670	4,190
	<u>2,083</u>	<u>4,719</u>

Landscape Research Group Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020

14. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31/12/2020 £
<i>General</i>				
General	156,245	123,123	(102,383)	176,985
	<u>156,245</u>	<u>123,123</u>	<u>(102,383)</u>	<u>176,985</u>

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2019 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31/12/2019 £
<i>General</i>				
General	176,779	111,461	(131,995)	156,245
	<u>176,779</u>	<u>111,461</u>	<u>(131,995)</u>	<u>156,245</u>

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

To advance education and research, encourage interest and exchange information for the public benefit in the field of landscape and any related fields.

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds		
<i>General</i>		
General	176,985	176,985
	<u>176,985</u>	<u>176,985</u>

Landscape Research Group Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020

Previous year

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds		
<i>General</i>		
General	156,245	156,245
	156,245	156,245
	156,245	156,245