

**THE PANASONIC TRUST
FOR THE FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF ENGINEERS**

REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2021

registered charity number 290652

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

CONSTITUTION, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Trust was established on 30 October 1984 under a Charitable Trust Deed between Panasonic UK Limited and The Royal Academy of Engineering. The Trust, which operates under the name, The Panasonic Trust, is a registered charity, number 290652.

The objective of the Trust as set out in the Charitable Trust Deed is to advance education and training in engineering generally. This may be achieved by the establishment and award of grant scholarships, fellowships, lectureships, competitions, prizes and awards.

This is currently achieved via the Welsh Valleys Engineering Project.

MANAGEMENT OF THE TRUST

Under the Trust Deed the Trustees have unlimited power of investment. The Trust investments are managed on their behalf by independent fund managers.

The administration of the Trust was provided by The Royal Academy of Engineering until 31/12/2020 and since then by Consultdarcy Ltd.

INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Following election, trustees are provided with an information pack comprising the Charitable Trust Deed and a Charity Commission publication on the responsibilities of charity trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend recommended external training courses for charity trustees.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The major risks to which the Trust is perceived to be exposed have been identified and mechanisms developed to mitigate and monitor those risks. A risk register has been created to manage the risks faced by the Trust.

The risk of non-compliance with requirements relating to data protection is mitigated by The Panasonic Trust's delivery partner maintaining GDPR compliant data protection and data management policies. The risk of failing to have adequate arrangements in place to ensure health and safety of individuals involved with The Panasonic Trust is mitigated by conducting risk assessments for events.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees were as follows:

Dr SW Huntington OBE FREng (Chair)
Professor P Guthrie OBE FREng
Dr Jean Venables CBE FREng
Simon Eves
Carl Pocknell
Kevin Jones – Started 28/09/2020
Robert Blowers– Started 28/09/2020
Mark Vasey– Started 28/09/2020

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Investment Advisor: Barclays Wealth, Royal Exchange House, 1000 Queen Street, Glasgow G1 3DL

Bankers: National Westminster Bank Plc PO Box 113, Cavell House 2a Charing Cross Road
London WC2H 0NN

Accountant: Platinum Accounting Services Ltd
6-7 Clock Park, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO22 9NH

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PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aim and objective and in planning its future activities. The Trustees believe that by providing financial support to encourage the uptake of engineering as a profession, the health and wellbeing of society is enhanced.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING FINANCIAL REVIEW

In the year to 31 March 2020 no grant payments were made. In the year to 31 March 2021 £158,000 was distributed to the Royal Academy of Engineering to undertake the Welsh Valleys Engineering Project (WVEP).

WVEP is a funding and bursary scheme at schools and FE colleges in South Wales. To deliver the quantity of bursaries required it was necessary to increase the funding beyond the expected sustainable yield of the Trust fund. This was deemed acceptable to ensure the best chance of a scheme that made an impact and could be seen to be valuable. Funding sustainability is to be reviewed towards the end of the five year project by potentially seeking third party funding to supplement a reduced but sustainable contribution from Panasonic Trust funds.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Investment assets are managed by Barclays Wealth Management, in one portfolio, with the objective of generating a target level of income to meet annual grant expenditure including the funding scheme at schools and FE colleges whilst preserving the value of the fund in real terms. During the year the fund generated an income of £44,791 (2020: £58,283) and made a net recognised gain on investment assets of £395,157 (2020: net recognised loss of £202,627).

Investment performance is assessed by a Barclays Charity benchmark that is set up to provide long term returns with an asset allocation of circa 11.1% Fixed Interest, 68.3% Equities, 17% Alternatives and 3.6% Cash. The focus is to achieve both capital and income growth.

GRANT POLICY

Prior to awarding any grant the Trustees consider the purpose of the application and the way in which the grant will be used. An itemised breakdown is reviewed showing how the sum requested has been calculated.

GOING CONCERN

Given the minimal running costs of the Trust, with no buildings and no staff the Trustees are confident that the entity will remain a going concern even during the most extreme market turbulence.

RESERVES

Charity Commission guidance defines free reserves as 'income which becomes available to the charity and is to be expended at the Trustees' discretion in the furtherance of the charity's objects, but is not yet spent, committed, or designated'. At the balance sheet date, and after deducting the amount invested in fixed asset investments, the charity's free reserves amounted to £92,913.46 (2020: £14,690). The Trustees consider this level of general unrestricted reserves to be satisfactory. The board is in full control of the future charitable expenditure.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for the year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

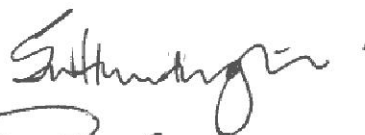
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume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

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made thereunder. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements and other information included in annual reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 23rd September 2021 and signed on their behalf:

Trustee: S Huntington



Trustee: S Eves



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Income			
Dividends, interest receivable		44,791	58,283
Total Income		<u>44,791</u>	<u>58,283</u>
Expenditure			
Charitable Activities	3	(178,460)	(25,904)
Total Expenditure		<u>(178,460)</u>	<u>(25,904)</u>
Net (Expenditure)/Income before other recognised gains and losses		(133,699)	32,379
Other Recognised Gains			
Gains/(Losses) on Investment Assets	4	395,157	(202,627)
Net movements in funds		<u>261,488</u>	<u>(170,248)</u>
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2020		<u>1,812,950</u>	<u>1,983,198</u>
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2021		<u>2,074,438</u>	<u>1,812,950</u>

The above is unrestricted. All amounts relate to continuing operations.

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

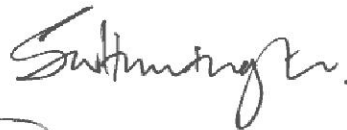
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Investments	4		2,078,726		1,838,625
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	-		-	
Cash In Bank		17,622		5,102	
Short Term Deposits		-		-	
		<u>17,622</u>		<u>5,102</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	6	<u>21,910</u>		<u>30,776</u>	
			(4,288)		(25,674)
Net Current Assets			<u>2,074,438</u>		<u>1,812,951</u>
Financed By:					
Trust Fund – Unrestricted			<u>2,074,438</u>		<u>1,812,951</u>

Approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 14th June 2021 and signed on their behalf:

Trustee: S Huntington



Trustee: S Eves



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 March 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Panasonic Trust meets the definition of public benefit entity under FRS102.

Monetary values are calculated under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. At the balance sheet date, the Panasonic Trust held cash and highly liquid investments totalling £2,078,726 with no legally binding future grant commitments. The board is in full control of the future charitable expenditure. They thus continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these financial statements.

The Panasonic Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales registration number 290652

(b) Grants

Grants are charged to resources expended when committed. For unconditional grants the liability is recognised at the point of the grant award being communicated.

(c) Investment Income

Dividends and interest are included in income on a received basis.

(d) Donations

Donations are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

(e) Investments

Investments are included at market bid value at the balance sheet date.

(f) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the charitable purposes.

2 SERVICE CHARGE

There were no employees employed in Panasonic Trust during the financial year and the trustees have received no remuneration from the trust in the financial year

The Royal Academy of Engineering levied a service charge of £7,500 on the Panasonic Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021 which has been adjusted due to an over accounting in the previous year & the accrued fees for Consultdarcy Ltd relating to this period added making the total in respect of the administration costs incurred on behalf of the Trust £6,554 in 2021 (2020: £10,426).

3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Charitable Activities	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants payable	158,000	-
Investment management fees	12,116	12,998
Audit and accountancy	1,800	2,480
Service Charge	6,544	10,426
General Expenses		-
Total Charitable Activities	178,460	25,904

4 INVESTMENTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Analysis of movements in the year		
Market value at 1 April	1,838,625	1,995,241
Net Increase / (Decrease) in investment	240,101	(156,616)
Market value at 31 March	<u>2,078,726</u>	<u>1,838,625</u>

The Trustees have unrestricted powers of investment.

5 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments and other debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6 CREDITORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other Creditors		
Accruals	<u>21,910</u>	<u>30,776</u>
	<u>21,910</u>	<u>30,776</u>

7 TRUSTEES EXPENSES

No trustees received reimbursement of any expenses for the year ended 31 March 2021.