

THE ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 328455

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1989-12-20

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Activities: The charity's primary aim is to support students of architecture through scholarships and bursaries. To this effect, an annual grant is made to the Architectural Association (Inc)'s programme of scholarships and bursaries.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£215,214	£339,217	-	-
2024-07-31	£238,188	£325,940	-	-
2023-07-31	£420,242	£297,562	-	-
2022-07-31	£250,226	£281,539	-	-
2021-07-31	£242,862	£282,226	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nick Viner	Chair	2024-06-03
Joanna Hermione Seager Bacon		2017-07-31
LAWRENCE MALCIC		
Murray Leonard Orr		2026-03-09
Stephen Augustine Mcguckin		2019-07-23

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Accounts

**The Architectural
Association Foundation**

**Annual Report and Financial
Statements**

31 July 2025

Charity Registration Number
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Reference and administrative information

Trustees	Joanna Bacon James Eyre Lawrence Malcic Nick Viner (Chair) Steve McGuckin Jim Eyre (resigned on 28 October 2025)
Registered office	36 Bedford Square London WC1B 3ES
Charity registration number	328455
Auditor	Moore Kingston Smith LLP 9 Appold Street London EC2A 2AP
Banker	Metro Bank PLC One Southampton Row London WC1B 5HA
Accountant	ChadSan Castle House Castle Street Guildford GU1 3UW
Solicitor	Fieldfisher Riverbank House 2 Swan Lane London EC4R 3TT
Investment manager	Evelyn Partners 45 Gresham Street London EC2V 7BG

Trustees' Report Year ended 31 July 2025

The trustees present the report and financial statements of The Architectural Association Foundation (the "Foundation") for the year ended 31 July 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 14 to 16 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, applicable laws and the requirements 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Introduction

The Architectural Association Foundation was constituted on 18 October 1989 to provide for the advancement of architectural education for the public benefit. It is governed by its trust deed of the same date. The Foundation is a registered charity, charity registration number 328455 (England and Wales).

Objectives and activities

The Architectural Association Foundation is established with objects which allow it to do anything which is a charitable purpose according to the laws of England and Wales from time to time, principally in the support of the advancement of architecture and architectural education for the public benefit and for raising funds and ensuring their proper management, investment and distribution all in accordance with its Declaration of Trust dated 18 October 1989.

Aims

The charity aims to support students of architecture for the purpose of providing student scholarships, bursaries and prizes, and for improvements to their learning facilities and environment.

The trustees have reviewed the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the Foundation. The current policy set by the trustees is to support students at the Architectural Association (the AA). They believe support of students in this way ensures that the public benefit of the charity is preserved.

Relationship with associated charities

The Architectural Association Foundation maintains a close relationship with Architectural Association (Incorporated), a registered charity in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) and a registered company (Company Registration Number 171402). The Foundation supports its work through an annual grant towards its programme of student awards and prizes and through support of improvements to its learning facilities and environment.

Review of activities and financial review

Total income for the year ended 31 July 2025 was £215,214 (2024: £238,188). Total expenditure for the year was £339,217 (2024: £325,940) and total committed grant expenditure of £276,772 (2024: £264,772) will provide scholarships and bursaries and awards for students. The charity had net expenditure of £124,003 (2024: £87,752). There was a gain on the value of investments of £234,501 (2024: £281,376). In total, the charity has generated a surplus of £110,498 (2024: £193,624) after gains and losses. The value of restricted and unrestricted funds increased to a total of £4,644,831 (2024: £4,534,333).

Reserves

Restricted funds as at 31 July 2025 were £2,692,418 (2024: £2,602,773). Further details of the nature and purposes of the restricted funds are set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

At 31 July 2025 unrestricted funds of the charity were £1,952,413 (2024: £1,931,560). This includes designated funds of £880,000 (2024: £880,000), represented by heritage assets of £280,000 and programme related investment of £600,000, which are not readily available to meet expenditure. This leaves free reserves held by the Foundation of £1,072,413 (2024: £1,051,560).

The trustees aim to retain free reserves of £200,000 and are satisfied that the current level of free reserves is in line with this policy.

Investment policy

The investments held by the Foundation are kept under constant review and the trustees are agreed upon safeguarding and maintaining the growth of the funds in order to protect the capital. During the year ended 31 July 2025, the trustees terminated Rathbone Investment Management Limited's appointment leaving Evelyn Partners as the sole advisor to assist with strategic advice on investments.

The trustees review the performance of investments through monthly and quarterly valuation reports. The trustees review investment performance at every meeting, at least twice each year.

The trustees have agreed with their investment managers to pursue an investment policy that provides capital growth with a medium level of risk over the long term. In delegating their investment management, the trustees require their investment manager to pay attention to the standard investment criteria namely the suitability of the class of investment and the need for diversification insofar as appropriate to the circumstances of the charity. Any restrictions on the type of investments or markets in which the managers may invest on the charity's behalf will be given in writing.

An income target of 3-3.5% has been set on the investment portfolios. There are no specific restrictions on the types of investments or markets in which the managers may invest on the Foundation's behalf. The trustees have chosen to invest on a prudent basis to achieve a return on funds at least in line with the WM Charity ex property index. Reference is also made to the FTSE All Share, FTSE World and FTA Govt All Stock indices.

Fundraising statement

The Architectural Association Foundation primarily generates income through the investment of funds which the Foundation applies to the furtherance of its charitable objects i.e. the advancement of architecture and architectural education for the public benefit. In the year, the Foundation donated £276,772 (2024: £264,772) to Architectural Association (Incorporated), £276,772 of which was applied toward scholarships, bursaries and awards for students (2024: £264,772).

The Architectural Association Foundation also received £nil (2024: £5,361) from a number of regular and one-off donations directly from generous individuals. When such donations are received, the Foundation aims to protect donor's personal data and never sells data or swaps data with other organisations.

The Architectural Association Foundation does not engage external fundraisers and has not entered any commercial participation arrangements. All fundraising activity is conducted within the regulations and framework set out by the Office for Students, and the Foundation is committed to upholding the standards set out by the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising. During 2024/25, the charity received no complaints about fundraising activities.

Governance, Structure and Management

Trustees

In accordance with the Trust Deed of 1989 there must be no less than four and no more than eight trustees at all times. Trustees are appointed by means of a resolution passed by the current trustees and recorded in a supplemental Trust Deed. Trustees must be approved by the Council of the AA but cannot be employees or directors thereof.

The following trustees were in office during the year to 31 July 2025 and served throughout that year and up to the date of approval of this report:

Trustees

Steve McGuckin
Joanna Bacon
Nick Viner (Chair)
James Eyre OBE
Lawrence Malcic

The trustees met three times during the course of the year.

The trustees are made aware of their responsibilities when joining the Board and ensure that they are kept up to date with changes to statutory requirements. Training is available to trustees whenever this is considered appropriate or necessary.

Governance, Structure and Management (continued)

Key management personnel

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charity. The Foundation has no directly employed staff. Administration and support is provided by the staff of the Architectural Association (Incorporated) for which a fee of £7,500 (2024: £7,500) is paid by the Foundation.

None of the trustees received payments in respect of remuneration or expenses in the year (2024: none).

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the Foundation faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to mitigate these risks.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees consider the main risks faced by the charity to be as follows:

- 1 *Disclosure of anonymous or protected information or mishandling of data could bring potential regulatory action.*

The AA has a Data Protection Officer in place to ensure compliance with data protection law and good practice.

- 2 *Financial loss through inappropriate or speculative investment or lack of investment advice.*

The board reviews the investment policy on an annual basis, receives quarterly reports from the Investment Managers on the progress of the portfolios and meets with them on an annual basis.

- 3 *If Trustees are not fully aware of their responsibilities, or they lack the relevant skills, the charity may fail to achieve its purpose.*

The trustees receive a copy of the CC3 guidance 'The Essential Trustee' and additional relevant training is offered as required. Terms of Reference for the board are in place and board competencies and any skills gaps are reviewed on an annual basis.

Trustees' Report Year ended 31 July 2025

The charity has continued to operate as it has done in the past and has continued to offer grants and support to students of the Architectural Association School of Architecture.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in 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);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records 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, applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the charity's trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee



Approved by the trustees on: 5th February 2026

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Architectural Association Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Architectural Association Foundation for the year ended 31 July 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 July 2025, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we required for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Independent Auditor's Report 31 July 2025

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

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

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charity.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charity and considered that the most significant are the Charities Act 2011, the Charity SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Independent Auditor's Report 31 July 2025

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the charity and charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Moore Kingston Smith LLP

Neil Finlayson (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP,

20 February 2026

Statutory auditor

Date

9 Appold Street

London

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Moore Kingston Smith LLP is eligible to act as auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 July 2025
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies	1	120,120	—	120,120	114,405	5,361	119,766
Investment income	2	11,240	83,041	94,281	12,583	91,433	104,016
Income from copyrights		813	—	813	591	13,815	14,406
Total income		132,173	83,041	215,214	127,579	110,609	238,188
Expenditure							
Raising funds	3	3,733	23,315	27,048	3,406	20,923	24,329
Charitable activities	4	135,493	176,676	312,169	128,931	172,680	301,611
Total expenditure		139,226	199,991	339,217	132,337	193,603	325,940
Net expenditure before investment gains		(7,053)	(116,950)	(124,003)	(4,758)	(82,994)	(87,752)
Gain/(Loss) on investments	9	27,906	206,595	234,501	33,484	247,892	281,376
Net income and net movement in funds before revaluation		20,853	89,645	110,498	28,726	164,898	193,624
Gain on revaluation of heritage assets	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer between funds		—	—	—	(20,182)	20,182	—
Net income and net movements in funds after revaluation		20,853	89,645	110,498	8,544	185,080	193,624
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1 August 2024		1,931,560	2,602,773	4,534,333	1,923,016	2,417,693	4,340,709
Total funds carried forward at 31 July 2025	14	1,952,413	2,692,418	4,644,831	1,931,560	2,602,773	4,534,333

All of the above results derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet 31 July 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible fixed assets	6	1,058		1,244	
Programme related investment	7	600,000		600,000	
Heritage assets	8	280,000		280,000	
Listed investments	9	3,926,243		3,753,736	
Total fixed assets			4,807,301		4,634,980
Current assets					
Cash at bank		298,671		68,242	
Debtors	10	120,183		115,468	
Total current assets			418,854		183,710
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	581,324		284,357	
Net current liabilities			(162,470)		(100,647)
Net assets					
			4,644,831		4,534,333
Represented by					
Restricted funds	12		2,692,418		2,602,773
Unrestricted funds					
. Designated funds	13	880,000		880,000	
. General funds		1,072,413		1,051,560	
Total unrestricted funds			1,952,413		1,931,560
Total funds			4,644,831		4,534,333

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Trustee

Approved on: 5th February 2026

Principal Accounting Policies 31 July 2025

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 July 2025 with comparative information presented for the year to 31 July 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102) Update Bulletin 2, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- ◆ assessment of the need for impairment of heritage assets and programme related investments; and
- ◆ allocation of investment income and gains between funds.

Assessment of going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable entity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have considered the charity's projections and have taken account of pressures on investment income and donations. The charity's ability to give grants can be reduced in line with future income if required and it has minimal core costs. The charity also holds significant reserves and has liquid assets in the form of investments and cash held in short term deposits. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable entity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements and there are no material uncertainties at the date of signing.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

Investment income is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made, or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified. Donations are accounted for when received and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Grants payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed are not accrued for but are disclosed as financial commitments in the notes to the financial statements.

Raising funds

Costs of generating funds constitute all costs incurred in order to raise income for the charity including investment management fees.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related with statutory requirements.

Copyrights and design rights

Copyrights are capitalised at their value at the date of donation to the Foundation where this can be established. They are amortised at 15% per annum on a reducing balance basis to represent the expected diminishing returns.

Where no such value can be attributed to such rights this is stated in note 6.

Programme related investments

Programme related investments are social investments made directly in pursuit of the charity's charitable purposes. They are recognised at cost less any provision for impairment.

Heritage assets

The charity will hold assets donated to it that are thought to be of architectural and historic significance. These assets are valued at the point of donation. No depreciation is charged as it would be immaterial given that the assets have a long useful economic life.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are included in the financial statement at their market value at the balance sheet date.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such financial statements and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt.

Funds

The unrestricted fund is maintained by the charity to use in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds comprise monies raised for, or which have their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or contributions subject to donor-imposed conditions.

Designated funds comprise monies set aside out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects and funds represented by fixed assets that are not readily realisable and are therefore not available to meet charitable needs.

Notes to the Financial Statements 31 July 2025

1 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Donations from the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	120,120	-	120,120
Other donations	-	-	-
2025 Total funds	120,120	-	120,120
<i>Comparatives:</i>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations from the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	114,405	-	114,405
Other donations	-	5,361	5,361
2024 Total funds	114,405	5,361	119,766

2 Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Bank interest	23	-	23
Income from listed investments	11,217	83,041	94,258
2025 Total funds	11,240	83,041	94,281
<i>Comparatives:</i>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Bank interest	233	-	233
Income from listed investments	12,350	91,433	103,783
2024 Total funds	12,583	91,433	104,016

3 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Copyright amortisation (note 6)	-	186	186
Investment management fees	3,124	23,129	26,253
Other expenses	609	-	609
2025 Total funds	3,733	23,315	27,048

Comparatives:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Copyright amortisation (note 6)	-	220	220
Investment management fees	2,796	20,703	23,499
Other expenses	610	-	610
2024 Total funds	3,406	20,923	24,329

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Grants awarded	100,096	176,676	276,772
Administration costs (note 5)	7,500	-	7,500
Governance costs (see below)	27,897	-	27,897
2025 Total funds	135,493	176,676	312,169

Comparatives:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Grants awarded	92,092	172,680	264,772
Administration costs (note 5)	7,500	-	7,500
Governance costs (see below)	29,339	-	29,339
2024 Total funds	128,931	172,680	301,611

The Foundation made grant commitments of £276,772 (2024: £264,772) to Architectural Association (Incorporated), a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) to help fund the studies of individuals (note 15).

Governance costs comprise the auditor's remuneration for the statutory audit of £12,321 (2024: £13,800) and fees for accountancy fees, not payable to the statutory auditor, of £15,576 (2024: £15,539).

5 Staff costs, key management and trustees' remuneration

The Foundation has no directly employed staff. Administration and support is provided by the staff of the Architectural Association (Incorporated) for which a fee of £7,500 (2024: £7,500) is paid by the Foundation.

Quarterly management accounts are prepared by independent accountants, ChadSan Limited.

None of the trustees received payments in respect of remuneration or expenses for this period or the previous year.

6 Intangible fixed assets

	Total £
Valuation	
At 31 July 2024 and at 31 July 2025	<u>29,000</u>
Amortisation	
At 31 July 2024	27,756
Charge for the year	186
At 31 July 2025	<u>27,942</u>
Net book value	
At 31 July 2025	<u>1,058</u>
At 31 July 2024	<u>1,244</u>

The Architectural Association Foundation holds a seventh of the interest in the Eileen Gray Copyrights, which were inherited from the estate of Prunella Clough-Taylor. At the time of Ms Clough-Taylor's death on 26 December 1999 the copyrights were valued at a total of £203,000 giving the Foundation a share of £29,000. These rights were received from the estate in the year ended 5 April 2005 and have been amortised from 6 April 2005. The copyrights comprise:

- ◆ The Aram design licence relating to copyrights exploited by Zeev Aram over Eileen Gray designs of furniture and fittings.
- ◆ Copyright on Eileen Gray material managed by the Victoria & Albert Museum and on a separate collection of negatives and photographs.

As part of the same legacy, the Architectural Association Foundation has also inherited a seventh of the interest in the copyright of Prunella Clough-Taylor's work, owned by Ann-Robin Banks and managed by the Design and Artists Copyright Society. The value of these rights has not been established.

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7 Programme related investment

Leasehold property	2025	2024
	£	£
Cost at 1 August 2024 and 31 July 2025	600,000	600,000

The Architectural Association (Incorporated) purchased a majority share in the equity of a 125 year lease on the property at 34-36 Bedford Square on 12 May 1998. The Foundation acquired a 25% interest in the equity of the long lease recognised by a Declaration of Trust.

The proportionate interest acquired in the 125-year lease granted to the AA continues to generate funds for the Foundation. In return for a contribution of £600,000 towards the purchase of the lease, the AA gave a commitment to make an annual payment to the Foundation of an amount equivalent to fifteen one-term bursaries.

8 Heritage assets

Slide collection	2025	2024
	£	£
Valuation at 1 August 2024 and 31 July 2025	280,000	280,000

The Architectural Association Foundation holds negatives from the Eric de Mare collection which were donated to the Foundation. The Foundation does not seek to acquire assets of historic importance but will act as guardian to such assets when they are donated. The Eric de Mare slides are held as they are believed to have architectural and educational importance and can be viewed on request. These slides were valued in October 2013 and again in May 2020.

No acquisitions of heritage assets have been made in the past five years. The Eric de Mare collection of negatives and prints is housed in archival quality sheets and boxes in the Architectural Association Photo Library, 37 Bedford Square.

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9 Listed investments

	2025 £	2024 £
UK Managed funds	3,721,357	3,499,420
Cash held as part of the portfolio	204,886	254,316
	<u>3,926,243</u>	<u>3,753,736</u>
Managed funds:		
Market value at 1 August 2024	3,499,420	3,253,362
Additions at cost	2,524,412	29,619
Disposal proceeds	(2,536,976)	(64,937)
Gain on disposal and revaluation	234,501	281,376
Market value at 31 July 2025	<u>3,721,357</u>	<u>3,499,420</u>
Historical cost of managed funds	<u>3,010,241</u>	<u>2,304,603</u>

At 31 July 2025, the following holdings contained in the UK Managed Funds had a market value in excess of 5% of the UK Managed Funds at that date:

	MV £	% of portfolio
JP Morgan UCITS ETF USD	771,755	20%

10 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Income tax recoverable	63	63
Accounts receivable	-	1,000
Other debtors	120,120	114,405
	<u>120,183</u>	<u>115,468</u>

11 Creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	11,940	11,100
Amount due to the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	556,234	271,962
Other trade creditors	13,150	1,295
	<u>581,324</u>	<u>284,357</u>

12 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 August 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure/ transfers £	Gains on investments £	Balance at 31 July 2025 £
Building funds					
AA Master Plan Fund	321,800	8,766	(2,441)	21,808	349,933
Compton Memorial library	22,014	-	-	-	22,014
General funds					
AA Prize fund	184,790	8,577	(18,589)	21,340	196,118
AA Scholarship and Bursaries fund	194,960	-	-	-	194,960
Public Programme	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Named funds					
AAXX100	13,621	-	-	-	13,621
Alexander Memorial fund	40,504	-	-	-	40,504
Andrew Szmidla	570,643	23,376	(56,959)	58,156	595,216
Anthony Pott Memorial	55,079	-	(8,332)	-	46,747
Beverly Bernstein	18,820	-	-	-	18,820
Bob Trimble	62,500	-	-	-	62,500
Denis Sharp	3,319	-	-	-	3,319
Denys Lasdun	31,544	-	-	-	31,544
Eileen Gray	747,877	31,011	(76,088)	77,151	779,951
Elizabeth Chesterton	217,913	11,311	(36,782)	28,140	220,582
Enid Caldicott	275	-	-	-	275
Eyre Family Fund	800	-	(800)	-	-
Hugo Hinsley	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Jane Chu	1,042	-	-	-	1,042
Keith Critchlow Collection	14,000	-	-	-	14,000
Mark Cousins Annual Lecture Fund	22,418	-	-	-	22,418
Nick Pozner	37,089	-	-	-	37,089
Peter Sabara	34,266	-	-	-	34,266
Three Monkeys Trust	1,250	-	-	-	1,250
Student Hardship Fund	4,250	-	-	-	4,250
	2,602,773	83,041	(199,991)	206,595	2,692,418

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

- ◆ AA Masterplan Fund
This fund is to be used to improve the School's estate in Bedford Square.
- ◆ AA Prize Fund
This fund represents a small number of funds providing for student awards.

12 Restricted funds (continued)

- ◆ AA Scholarships and Bursaries Fund
This fund represents amounts contributed by various individuals towards fee and travel bursaries.
- ◆ Andrew Szmidla Fund
This represents a memorial bursary fund.
- ◆ Anthony Pott Memorial Fund
This represents a fund for awards for research and/or publication of studies.
- ◆ Eileen Gray Fund
This fund represents a donation from Prunella Clough-Taylor towards a series of annual student awards in memory of Eileen Gray, the pioneering architect and designer.
- ◆ Elizabeth Chesterton Fund
This fund represents donations from AA alumna Dame Elizabeth Chesterton OBE, towards bursaries to enable students from the UK to attend the School.

13 Designated funds

	As at 31 July 2024 £	Revaluation £	As at 31 July 2025 £
Programme related investment fund	600,000	-	600,000
Heritage fixed assets fund	280,000	-	280,000
	880,000	-	880,000

The programme related investment fund and heritage fixed assets fund represent fixed assets that are not available to meet charitable expenditure.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £
Intangible fixed assets	-	1,058	1,058
Programme related investments	600,000	-	600,000
Heritage assets	280,000	-	280,000
Listed investments	1,234,883	2,691,360	3,926,243
Cash at bank	298,671	-	298,671
Debtors	120,183	-	120,183
Creditors	(581,324)	-	(581,324)
	1,952,413	2,692,418	4,644,831

14 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Comparatives:

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total funds 2024</i>
	£	£	£
<i>Intangible fixed assets</i>	-	1,244	1,244
<i>Programme related investments</i>	600,000	-	600,000
<i>Heritage assets</i>	280,000	-	280,000
<i>Listed investments</i>	1,152,207	2,601,529	3,753,736
<i>Cash at bank</i>	68,242	-	68,242
<i>Debtors</i>	115,468	-	115,468
<i>Creditors</i>	(284,357)	-	(284,357)
	<u>1,931,560</u>	<u>2,602,773</u>	<u>4,534,333</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year, the Foundation awarded grants totalling £276,772 (2024: £264,772) to Architectural Association (Incorporated) a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) to help fund the studies of individuals as shown in note 4.

The Foundation also paid Architectural Association (Incorporated) a fee of £7,500 (2024: £7,500) for administrative support services.

The Foundation also received a donation from Architectural Association (Incorporated) as shown in note 1 of £120,120 (2024: £114,405) under the terms of an agreement dated 1997.

The amounts due to the Architectural Association (Incorporated) as at 31 July 2025 are shown in note 11.

During the year, the Eyre Family Fund had £800 expenditure and is a fund related to the trustee, Jim Eyre, who resigned on 28 October 2025.

THE ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 328455

Accounts

The Architectural Association Foundation

Annual Report and Financial Statements

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Reference and administrative information

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Trustees' Report Year ended 31 July 2024

The trustees present the report and financial statements of The Architectural Association Foundation (the "Foundation") for the year ended 31 July 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 14 to 16 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, applicable laws and the requirements 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Introduction

The Architectural Association Foundation was constituted on 18 October 1989 to provide for the advancement of architectural education for the public benefit. It is governed by its trust deed of the same date. The Foundation is a registered charity, charity registration number 328455 (England and Wales).

Objectives and activities

The Architectural Association Foundation is established with objects which allow it to do anything which is a charitable purpose according to the laws of England and Wales from time to time, principally in the support of the advancement of architecture and architectural education for the public benefit and for raising funds and ensuring their proper management, investment and distribution all in accordance with its Declaration of Trust dated 18 October 1989.

Aims

The charity aims to support students of architecture for the purpose of providing student scholarships, bursaries and prizes, and for improvements to their learning facilities and environment.

The trustees have reviewed the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the Foundation. The current policy set by the trustees is to support students at the Architectural Association (the AA). They believe support of students in this way ensures that the public benefit of the charity is preserved.

Relationship with associated charities

The Architectural Association Foundation maintains a close relationship with Architectural Association (Incorporated), a registered charity in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) and a registered company (Company Registration Number 171402). The Foundation supports its work through an annual grant towards its programme of student awards and prizes and through support of improvements to its learning facilities and environment.

Review of activities and financial review

Total income for the year ended 31 July 2024 was £238,188 (2023: £420,242). Total expenditure for the year was £325,940 (2023: £297,562) and total committed grant expenditure of £264,772 (2023: £238,650) will provide scholarships and bursaries and awards for students. The charity had net expenditure of £87,752 (2023: £122,680 net income). There was a gain on the value of investments of £281,376 (2023: £95,506 loss). In total, the charity has generated a surplus of £193,624 (2023: £27,174) after gains and losses. The value of restricted and unrestricted funds increased to a total of £4,534,333 (2023: £4,340,709).

Reserves

Restricted funds as at 31 July 2024 were £2,602,773 (2023: £2,417,693). Further details of the nature and purposes of the restricted funds are set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

At 31 July 2024 unrestricted funds of the charity were £1,931,560 (2023: £1,923,016). This includes designated funds of £880,000 (2023: £880,000), represented by heritage assets of £280,000 and programme related investment of £600,000, which are not readily available to meet expenditure. This leaves free reserves held by the Foundation of £1,051,560 (2023: £1,043,016).

The trustees aim to retain free reserves of £200,000 and are satisfied that the current level of free reserves is in line with this policy.

Investment policy

The investments held by the Foundation are kept under constant review and the trustees are agreed upon safeguarding and maintaining the growth of the funds in order to protect the capital. The trustees have appointed Rathbone Investment Management Limited and Evelyn Partners to assist with strategic advice on investments.

The trustees review the performance of investments through monthly and quarterly valuation reports. The trustees review investment performance at every meeting, at least twice each year.

The trustees have agreed with their investment managers to pursue an investment policy that provides capital growth with a medium level of risk over the long term. In delegating their investment management, the trustees require their investment manager to pay attention to the standard investment criteria namely the suitability of the class of investment and the need for diversification insofar as appropriate to the circumstances of the charity. Any restrictions on the type of investments or markets in which the managers may invest on the charity's behalf will be given in writing.

An income target of 3-3.5% has been set on the investment portfolios. There are no specific restrictions on the types of investments or markets in which the managers may invest on the Foundation's behalf. The trustees have chosen to invest on a prudent basis to achieve a return on funds at least in line with the WM Charity ex property index. Reference is also made to the FTSE All Share, FTSE World and FTA Govt All Stock indices.

Fundraising statement

The Architectural Association Foundation primarily generates income through the investment of funds which the Foundation applies to the furtherance of its charitable objects i.e. the advancement of architecture and architectural education for the public benefit. In the year, the Foundation donated £264,772 (2023: £238,650) to Architectural Association (Incorporated), £264,772 of which was applied toward scholarships, bursaries and awards for students (2023: £238,650).

The Architectural Association Foundation also received £5,361 (2023: £206,628) from a number of regular and one-off donations directly from generous individuals. When such donations are received, the Foundation aims to protect donor's personal data and never sells data or swaps data with other organisations.

The Architectural Association Foundation does not engage external fundraisers and has not entered any commercial participation arrangements. All fundraising activity is conducted within the regulations and framework set out by the Office for Students, and the Foundation is committed to upholding the standards set out by the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising. During 2023/24, the charity received no complaints about fundraising activities.

Governance, Structure and Management

Trustees

In accordance with the Trust Deed of 1989 there must be no less than four and no more than eight trustees at all times. Trustees are appointed by means of a resolution passed by the current trustees and recorded in a supplemental Trust Deed. Trustees must be approved by the Council of the AA but cannot be employees or directors thereof.

The following trustees were in office during the year to 31 July 2024 and served throughout that year and up to the date of approval of this report except where indicated:

Trustees	Appointed/resigned
Steve McGuckin	
Joanna Bacon	
Richard Baldwin	Resigned 3 June 2024
Nick Viner	Appointed 3 June 2024
James Eyre OBE BA(Hons) AADipl RIBA (Chairman)	
Lawrence Malcic	

The trustees met three times during the course of the year.

The trustees are made aware of their responsibilities when joining the Board and ensure that they are kept up to date with changes to statutory requirements. Training is available to trustees whenever this is considered appropriate or necessary.

Governance, Structure and Management (continued)

Key management personnel

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charity. The Foundation has no directly employed staff. Administration and support is provided by the staff of the Architectural Association (Incorporated) for which a fee of £7,500 (2023: £7,350) is paid by the Foundation.

None of the trustees received payments in respect of remuneration or expenses in the year (2023: none).

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the Foundation faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to mitigate these risks.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees consider the main risks faced by the charity to be as follows:

- 1 *Disclosure of anonymous or protected information or mishandling of data could bring potential regulatory action.*

The AA has a Data Protection Officer in place to ensure compliance with data protection law and good practice.

- 2 *Financial loss through inappropriate or speculative investment or lack of investment advice.*

The board reviews the investment policy on an annual basis, receives quarterly reports from the Investment Managers on the progress of the portfolios and meets with them on an annual basis.

- 3 *If Trustees are not fully aware of their responsibilities, or they lack the relevant skills, the charity may fail to achieve its purpose.*

The trustees receive a copy of the CC3 guidance 'The Essential Trustee' and additional relevant training is offered as required. Terms of Reference for the board are in place and board competencies and any skills gaps are reviewed on an annual basis.

Trustees' Report Year ended 31 July 2024

The charity has continued to operate as it has done in the past and has continued to offer grants and support to students of the Architectural Association School of Architecture.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in 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);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records 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, applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the charity's trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

Approved by the trustees on: 11th February 2025

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Architectural Association Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Architectural Association Foundation for the year ended 31 July 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we required for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Independent Auditor's Report 31 July 2024

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

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

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charity.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charity and considered that the most significant are the Charities Act 2011, the Charity SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the charity and charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Moore Kingston Smith LLP

Neil Finlayson (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP,

Statutory auditor

Date :
17/03/2025

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Moore Kingston Smith LLP is eligible to act as auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 July 2024
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)


		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies	1	114,405	5,361	119,766	110,369	206,254	316,623
Investment income	2	12,583	91,433	104,016	12,154	89,948	102,102
Income from copyrights		591	13,815	14,406	1,517	-	1,517
Total income		127,579	110,609	238,188	124,040	296,202	420,242
Expenditure							
Raising funds	3	3,406	20,923	24,329	3,275	23,644	26,919
Charitable activities	4	128,931	172,680	301,611	89,843	180,800	270,643
Total expenditure		132,337	193,603	325,940	93,118	204,444	297,562
Net expenditure before investment gains		(4,758)	(82,994)	(87,752)	30,922	91,758	122,680
Gain/(Loss) on investments	9	33,484	247,892	281,376	(11,366)	(84,140)	(95,506)
Net income and net movement in funds before revaluation		28,726	164,898	193,624	19,556	7,618	27,174
Gain on revaluation of heritage assets	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer between funds		(20,182)	20,182	-	-	-	-
Net income and net movements in funds after revaluation		8,544	185,080	193,624	19,556	7,618	27,174
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1 August 2023		1,923,016	2,417,693	4,340,709	1,903,460	2,410,075	4,313,535
Total funds carried forward at 31 July 2024	14	1,931,560	2,602,773	4,534,333	1,923,016	2,417,693	4,340,709

All of the above results derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet 31 July 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible fixed assets	6	1,244		1,464	
Programme related investment	7	600,000		600,000	
Heritage assets	8	280,000		280,000	
Listed investments	9	3,753,736		3,392,076	
Total fixed assets			4,634,980		4,273,540
Current assets					
Cash at bank		68,242		313,193	
Debtors	10	115,468		13,970	
Total current assets			183,710		327,163
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	284,357		259,994	
Net current liabilities			(100,647)		67,169
Net assets					
			4,534,333		4,340,709
Represented by					
Restricted funds	12		2,602,773		2,417,693
Unrestricted funds					
. Designated funds	13	880,000		880,000	
. General funds		1,051,560		1,043,016	
Total unrestricted funds			1,931,560		1,923,016
Total funds			4,534,333		4,340,709

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee 

Trustee

Approved on: 11th February 2025

Principal Accounting Policies 31 July 2024

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 July 2024 with comparative information presented for the year to 31 July 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102) Update Bulletin 2, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- ◆ assessment of the need for impairment of heritage assets and programme related investments; and
- ◆ allocation of investment income and gains between funds.

Assessment of going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable entity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have considered the charity's projections and have taken account of pressures on investment income and donations. The charity's ability to give grants can be reduced in line with future income if required and it has minimal core costs. The charity also holds significant reserves and has liquid assets in the form of investments and cash held in short term deposits. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable entity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements and there are no material uncertainties at the date of signing.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

Investment income is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made, or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified. Donations are accounted for when received and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Grants payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed are not accrued for but are disclosed as financial commitments in the notes to the financial statements.

Raising funds

Costs of generating funds constitute all costs incurred in order to raise income for the charity including investment management fees.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related with statutory requirements.

Copyrights and design rights

Copyrights are capitalised at their value at the date of donation to the Foundation where this can be established. They are amortised at 15% per annum on a reducing balance basis to represent the expected diminishing returns.

Where no such value can be attributed to such rights this is stated in note 6.

Programme related investments

Programme related investments are social investments made directly in pursuit of the charity's charitable purposes. They are recognised at cost less any provision for impairment.

Heritage assets

The charity will hold assets donated to it that are thought to be of architectural and historic significance. These assets are valued at the point of donation. No depreciation is charged as it would be immaterial given that the assets have a long useful economic life.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are included in the financial statement at their market value at the balance sheet date.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such financial statements and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt.

Funds

The unrestricted fund is maintained by the charity to use in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds comprise monies raised for, or which have their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or contributions subject to donor-imposed conditions.

Designated funds comprise monies set aside out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects and funds represented by fixed assets that are not readily realisable and are therefore not available to meet charitable needs.

Notes to the Financial Statements 31 July 2024

1 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations from the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	114,405	-	114,405
Other donations	-	5,361	5,361
2024 Total funds	114,405	5,361	119,766
<i>Comparatives:</i>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations from the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	109,995	-	109,995
Other donations	374	206,254	206,628
2023 Total funds	110,369	206,254	316,623

2 Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Bank interest	233	-	233
Income from listed investments	12,350	91,433	103,783
2024 Total funds	12,583	91,433	104,016
<i>Comparatives:</i>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Bank interest	90	630	720
Income from listed investments	12,064	89,318	101,382
2023 Total funds	12,154	89,948	102,102

3 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Copyright amortisation (note 6)	-	220	220
Investment management fees	2,796	20,703	23,499
Other expenses	610	-	610
2024 Total funds	3,406	20,923	24,329

<i>Comparatives:</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
<i>Copyright amortisation (note 6)</i>	-	258	258
<i>Investment management fees</i>	2,710	20,068	22,778
<i>Other expenses</i>	565	3,318	3,883
2023 Total funds	3,275	23,644	26,919

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Grants awarded	92,092	172,680	264,772
Administration costs (note 5)	7,500	-	7,500
Governance costs (see below)	29,339	-	29,339
2024 Total funds	128,931	172,680	301,611

<i>Comparatives:</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
<i>Grants awarded</i>	57,850	180,800	238,650
<i>Administration costs (note 5)</i>	7,350	-	7,350
<i>Governance costs (see below)</i>	24,643	-	24,643
2023 Total funds	89,843	180,800	270,643

The Foundation made grant commitments of £264,772 (2023: £238,650) to Architectural Association (Incorporated), a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) to help fund the studies of individuals (note 15).

Governance costs comprise the auditor's remuneration for the statutory audit of £13,800 (2023: £9,720) and fees for accountancy fees, not payable to the statutory auditor, of £15,539 (2023: £14,923).

5 Staff costs, key management and trustees' remuneration

The Foundation has no directly employed staff. Administration and support is provided by the staff of the Architectural Association (Incorporated) for which a fee of £7,500 is paid by the Foundation.

Quarterly management accounts are prepared by independent accountants, ChadSan Limited.

None of the trustees received payments in respect of remuneration or expenses for this period or the previous year.

6 Intangible fixed assets

	Total £
Valuation	
At 31 July 2023 and at 31 July 2024	29,000
Amortisation	
At 31 July 2023	27,536
Charge for the year	220
At 31 July 2024	27,756
Net book value	
At 31 July 2024	1,244
At 31 July 2023	1,464

The Architectural Association Foundation holds a seventh of the interest in the Eileen Gray Copyrights, which were inherited from the estate of Prunella Clough-Taylor. At the time of Ms Clough-Taylor's death on 26 December 1999 the copyrights were valued at a total of £203,000 giving the Foundation a share of £29,000. These rights were received from the estate in the year ended 5 April 2005 and have been amortised from 6 April 2005. The copyrights comprise:

- ◆ The Aram design licence relating to copyrights exploited by Zeev Aram over Eileen Gray designs of furniture and fittings.
- ◆ Copyright on Eileen Gray material managed by the Victoria & Albert Museum and on a separate collection of negatives and photographs.

As part of the same legacy, the Architectural Association Foundation has also inherited a seventh of the interest in the copyright of Prunella Clough-Taylor's work, owned by Ann-Robin Banks and managed by the Design and Artists Copyright Society. The value of these rights has not been established.

Notes to the Financial Statements 31 July 2024

7 Programme related investment

Leasehold property	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost at 1 August 2023 and 31 July 2024	600,000	600,000

The Architectural Association (Incorporated) purchased a majority share in the equity of a 125 year lease on the property at 34-36 Bedford Square on 12 May 1998. The Foundation acquired a 25% interest in the equity of the long lease recognised by a Declaration of Trust.

The proportionate interest acquired in the 125-year lease granted to the AA continues to generate funds for the Foundation. In return for a contribution of £600,000 towards the purchase of the lease, the AA gave a commitment to make an annual payment to the Foundation of an amount equivalent to fifteen one-term bursaries.

8 Heritage assets

Slide collection	2024	2023
	£	£
Valuation at 1 August 2023 and 31 July 2024	280,000	280,000

The Architectural Association Foundation holds negatives from the Eric de Mare collection which were donated to the Foundation. The Foundation does not seek to acquire assets of historic importance but will act as guardian to such assets when they are donated. The Eric de Mare slides are held as they are believed to have architectural and educational importance and can be viewed on request. These slides were valued in October 2013 and again in May 2020.

No acquisitions of heritage assets have been made in the past five years. The Eric de Mare collection of negatives and prints is housed in archival quality sheets and boxes in the Architectural Association Photo Library, 37 Bedford Square.

Notes to the Financial Statements 31 July 2024

9 Listed investments

	2024 £	2023 £
UK Managed funds	3,499,420	3,253,362
Cash held as part of the portfolio	254,316	138,714
	3,753,736	3,392,076
Managed funds:		
Market value at 1 August 2023	3,253,362	3,328,641
Additions at cost	29,619	183,631
Disposal proceeds	(64,937)	(163,404)
Gain on disposal and revaluation	281,376	(95,506)
Market value at 31 July 2024	3,499,420	3,253,362
Historical cost of managed funds	2,304,603	2,502,891

At 31 July 2024, the following holdings had a market value in excess of 5% of the entire portfolio at that date:

	MV £	% of portfolio
BNY Mellon Asset MGMT Newton Gth & Inc For Charity	297,483	8
M&G Securities Ltd Charifund Inc	250,997	7
Lindsell Train Ltd Global Equity B Inc	312,865	8
Veritas Funds PLC	199,208	5

10 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Income tax recoverable	63	12,970
Accounts receivable	1,000	1,000
Other debtors	114,405	-
	115,468	13,970

11 Creditors

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	11,100	8,400
Amount due to the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	271,962	251,594
Other trade creditors	1,295	-
	284,357	259,994

Notes to the Financial Statements 31 July 2024

12 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure/ transfers £	Gains on investments £	Balance at 31 July 2024 £
Building funds					
AA Master Plan Fund	288,166	9,652	(2,185)	26,168	321,800
Compton Memorial library	22,014	-	-	-	22,014
Open Architecture	(20,182)	-	20,182	-	-
General funds					
AA Prize fund	168,079	9,444	(18,338)	25,605	184,790
AA Scholarship and Bursaries fund	189,600	5,361	-	-	194,960
Public Programme	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Named funds					
AAXX100	13,621	-	-	-	13,621
Alexander Memorial fund	40,504	-	-	-	40,504
Andrew Szmidla	529,000	25,738	(53,876)	69,781	570,643
Anthony Pott Memorial	63,411	-	(8,332)	-	55,079
Beverly Bernstein	18,820	-	-	-	18,820
Bob Trimble	62,500	-	-	-	62,500
Denis Sharp	3,319	-	-	-	3,319
Denys Lasdun	31,544	-	-	-	31,544
Eileen Gray	679,359	47,960	(72,015)	92,573	747,877
Elizabeth Chesterton	206,546	12,454	(34,852)	33,765	217,913
Enid Caldicott	275	-	-	-	275
Eyre Family Fund	4,804	-	(4,004)	-	800
Hugo Hinsley	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Jane Chu	1,042	-	-	-	1,042
Keith Critchlow Collection	14,000	-	-	-	14,000
Mark Cousins Annual Lecture Fund	22,416	-	-	-	22,416
Nick Pozner	37,089	-	-	-	37,089
Peter Sabara	34,266	-	-	-	34,266
Three Monkeys Trust	1,250	-	-	-	1,250
Student Hardship Fund	4,250	-	-	-	4,250
	2,417,693	110,609	(173,421)	247,892	2,602,773

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

- ◆ AA Masterplan Fund
This fund is to be used to improve the School's estate in Bedford Square.
- ◆ AA Prize Fund
This fund represents a small number of funds providing for student awards.

12 Restricted funds (continued)

- ◆ AA Scholarships and Bursaries Fund
This fund represents amounts contributed by various individuals towards fee and travel bursaries.
- ◆ Andrew Szmidla Fund
This represents a memorial bursary fund.
- ◆ Anthony Pott Memorial Fund
This represents a fund for awards for research and/or publication of studies.
- ◆ Eileen Gray Fund
This fund represents a donation from Prunella Clough-Taylor towards a series of annual student awards in memory of Eileen Gray, the pioneering architect and designer.
- ◆ Elizabeth Chesterton Fund
This fund represents donations from AA alumna Dame Elizabeth Chesterton OBE, towards bursaries to enable students from the UK to attend the School.

13 Designated funds

	As at 31 July 2023 £	Revaluation £	As at 31 July 2024 £
Programme related investment fund	600,000	-	600,000
Heritage fixed assets fund	280,000	-	280,000
	880,000	-	880,000

The programme related investment fund and heritage fixed assets fund represent fixed assets that are not available to meet charitable expenditure.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £
Intangible fixed assets	-	1,244	1,244
Programme related investments	600,000	-	600,000
Heritage assets	280,000	-	280,000
Listed investments	1,152,207	2,601,529	3,753,736
Cash at bank	68,242	-	68,242
Debtors	115,468	-	115,468
Creditors	(284,357)	-	(284,357)
	1,931,560	2,602,773	4,534,333

14 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Comparatives:

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total funds 2023</i>
	£	£	£
<i>Intangible fixed assets</i>	-	1,464	1,464
<i>Programme related investments</i>	600,000	-	600,000
<i>Heritage assets</i>	280,000	-	280,000
<i>Listed investments</i>	975,847	2,416,229	3,392,076
<i>Cash at bank</i>	313,193	-	313,193
<i>Debtors</i>	13,970	-	13,970
<i>Creditors</i>	(259,994)	-	(259,994)
	<u>1,923,016</u>	<u>2,417,693</u>	<u>4,340,709</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year, the Foundation awarded grants totalling £264,772 (2023: £238,650) to Architectural Association (Incorporated) a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) to help fund the studies of individuals as shown in note 4.

The Foundation also paid Architectural Association (Incorporated) a fee of £7,500 (2023: £7,350) for administrative support services.

The Foundation also received a donation from Architectural Association (Incorporated) as shown in note 1 of £114,405 (2023: £109,995) under the terms of an agreement dated 1997.

The amounts due to the Architectural Association (Incorporated) as at 31 July 2024 are shown in note 11.

THE ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 328455

Accounts

**The Architectural
Association Foundation**

**Annual Report and Financial
Statements**

31 July 2023

Charity Registration Number
328455

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Reference and administrative information

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Trustees' Report Year ended 31 July 2023

The trustees present the report and financial statements of The Architectural Association Foundation (the "Foundation") for the year ended 31 July 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 15 to 18 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, applicable laws and the requirements 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Introduction

The Architectural Association Foundation was constituted on 18 October 1989 to provide for the advancement of architectural education for the public benefit. It is governed by its trust deed of the same date. The Foundation is a registered charity, charity registration number 328455 (England and Wales).

Objectives and activities

The Architectural Association Foundation is established with objects which allow it to do anything which is a charitable purpose according to the laws of England and Wales from time to time, principally in the support of the advancement of architecture and architectural education for the public benefit and for raising funds and ensuring their proper management, investment and distribution all in accordance with its Declaration of Trust dated 18 October 1989.

Aims

The charity aims to support students of architecture for the purpose of providing student scholarships, bursaries and prizes, and for improvements to their learning facilities and environment.

The trustees have reviewed the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the Foundation. The current policy set by the trustees is to support students at the Architectural Association (the AA). They believe support of students in this way ensures that the public benefit of the charity is preserved.

Relationship with associated charities

The Architectural Association Foundation maintains a close relationship with Architectural Association (Incorporated), a registered charity in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) and a registered company (Company Registration Number 171402). The Foundation supports its work through an annual grant towards its programme of student awards and prizes and through support of improvements to its learning facilities and environment.

Review of activities and financial review

Total income for the year ended 31 July 2023 was £420,242 (2022: £250,226). Total expenditure for the year was £297,562 (2022: £281,539) and total committed grant expenditure of £238,650 (2022: £228,000) will provide scholarships and bursaries and awards for students. The charity had net income of £122,680 (2022: £31,313 net expenditure). There was a loss on the value of investments of £95,506 (2022: £193,619). In total, charity has generated a surplus of £27,174 (2022: £224,932 deficit) after gains and losses. The value of restricted and unrestricted funds increased to a total of £4,340,709 (2022: £4,313,535).

Reserves

Restricted funds as at 31 July 2023 were £2,417,693 (2022: £2,410,075). Further details of the nature and purposes of the restricted funds are set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

At 31 July 2023 unrestricted funds of the charity were £1,923,016 (2022: £1,903,460). This includes designated funds of £880,000 (2022: £880,000), represented by heritage assets of £280,000 and programme related investment of £600,000, which are not readily available to meet expenditure. This leaves free reserves held by the Foundation of £1,043,016 (2022: £1,023,460).

The trustees aim to retain free reserves of £200,000 and are satisfied that the current level of free reserves is in line with this policy.

Investment policy

The investments held by the Foundation are kept under constant review and the trustees are agreed upon safeguarding and maintaining the growth of the funds in order to protect the capital. The trustees have appointed Rathbone Investment Management Limited and Evelyn Partners to assist with strategic advice on investments.

The trustees review the performance of investments through monthly and quarterly valuation reports. The trustees review investment performance at every meeting, at least twice each year.

The trustees have agreed with their investment managers to pursue an investment policy that provides capital growth with a medium level of risk over the long term. In delegating their investment management, the trustees require their investment manager to pay attention to the standard investment criteria namely the suitability of the class of investment and the need for diversification insofar as appropriate to the circumstances of the charity. Any restrictions on the type of investments or markets in which the managers may invest on the charity's behalf will be given in writing.

An income target of 3-3.5% has been set on the investment portfolios. There are no specific restrictions on the types of investments or markets in which the managers may invest on the Foundation's behalf. The trustees have chosen to invest on a prudent basis to achieve a return on funds at least in line with the WM Charity ex property index. Reference is also made to the FTSE All Share, FTSE World and FTA Govt All Stock indices.

Fundraising statement

The Architectural Association Foundation primarily generates income through the investment of funds which the Foundation applies to the furtherance of its charitable objects i.e. the advancement of architecture and architectural education for the public benefit. In the year, the Foundation donated £238,650 (2022: £228,000) to Architectural Association (Incorporated), £238,650 of which was applied toward scholarships, bursaries and awards for students (2022: £228,000).

The Architectural Association Foundation also received £206,628 (2022: £44,123) from a number of regular and one-off donations directly from generous individuals. When such donations are received, the Foundation aims to protect donor's personal data and never sells data or swaps data with other organisations.

The Architectural Association Foundation does not engage external fundraisers and has not entered any commercial participation arrangements. All fundraising activity is conducted within the regulations and framework set out by the Office for Students, and the Foundation is committed to upholding the standards set out by the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising. During 2022/23, the charity received no complaints about fundraising activities.

Governance, Structure and Management

Trustees

In accordance with the Trust Deed of 1989 there must be no less than four and no more than eight trustees at all times. Trustees are appointed by means of a resolution passed by the current trustees and recorded in a supplemental Trust Deed. Trustees must be approved by the Council of the AA but cannot be employees or directors thereof.

The following trustees were in office during the year to 31 July 2023 and served throughout that year and up to the date of approval of this report except where indicated:

Trustees	Appointed/resigned
Steve McGuckin	
Joanna Bacon	
Richard Baldwin	
James Eyre OBE BA(Hons) AADipl RIBA (Chairman)	
Lawrence Malcic	

The trustees met three times during the course of the year.

The trustees are made aware of their responsibilities when joining the Board and ensure that they are kept up to date with changes to statutory requirements. Training is available to trustees whenever this is considered appropriate or necessary.

Governance, Structure and Management (continued)

Key management personnel

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charity. The Foundation has no directly employed staff. Administration and support is provided by the staff of the Architectural Association (Incorporated) for which a fee of £7,350 (2022: £7,000) is paid by the Foundation.

None of the trustees received payments in respect of remuneration or expenses in the year (2022: none).

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the Foundation faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to mitigate these risks.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees consider the main risks faced by the charity to be as follows:

- 1 *Disclosure of anonymous or protected information or mishandling of data could bring potential regulatory action.*

The AA has a Data Protection Officer in place to ensure compliance with data protection law and good practice.

- 2 *Financial loss through inappropriate or speculative investment or lack of investment advice.*

The board reviews the investment policy on an annual basis, receives quarterly reports from the Investment Managers on the progress of the portfolios and meets with them on an annual basis.

- 3 *If Trustees are not fully aware of their responsibilities, or they lack the relevant skills, the charity may fail to achieve its purpose.*

The trustees receive a copy of the CC3 guidance 'The Essential Trustee' and additional relevant training is offered as required. Terms of Reference for the board are in place and board competencies and any skills gaps are reviewed on an annual basis.

Covid-19

The Trustees have considered the effects of Covid-19 as a potential risk to the charity.

Despite a fall in the value of listed investments due to market volatility in the early stages of the global pandemic, these have recovered to pre Covid-19 levels.

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on investment income, as well as the process for approving and submitting grants to students has had no significant effect on the charity as a result of the pandemic.

Trustees' Report Year ended 31 July 2023

The charity has continued to operate as it has done in the past and has continued to offer grants and support to students of the Architectural Association School of Architecture.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in 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);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records 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, applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the charity's trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

Approved by the trustees on: 7th May 2024

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Architectural Association Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Architectural Association Foundation for the year ended 31 July 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 July 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we required for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Independent Auditor's Report 31 July 2023

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

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

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charity.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charity and considered that the most significant are the Charities Act 2011, the Charity SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the charity and charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Moore Kingston Smith LLP

Neil Finlayson (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP,

Statutory auditor

Date

15/05/2024

9 Appold Street

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Moore Kingston Smith LLP is eligible to act as auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 July 2023
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income							
Donations and legacies	1	110,369	206,254	316,623	111,566	42,552	154,118
Investment income	2	12,154	89,948	102,102	11,282	83,513	94,795
Income from copyrights		1,517	—	1,517	1,313	—	1,313
Total income		124,040	296,202	420,242	124,161	126,065	250,226
Expenditure							
Raising funds	3	3,275	23,644	26,919	3,344	22,341	25,685
Charitable activities	4	89,843	180,800	270,643	83,055	172,799	255,854
Total expenditure		93,118	204,444	297,562	86,399	195,140	281,539
Net income before investment gains		30,922	91,758	122,680	37,762	(69,075)	(31,313)
Gain/(Loss) on investments	9	(11,366)	(84,140)	(95,506)	(23,041)	(170,578)	(193,619)
Net income and net movement in funds before revaluation		19,556	7,618	27,174	14,721	(239,653)	(224,932)
Gain on revaluation of heritage assets	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer between funds		—	—	—	—	—	—
Net income and net movements in funds after revaluation		19,556	7,618	27,174	14,721	(239,653)	(224,932)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1 August 2022		1,903,460	2,410,075	4,313,535	1,888,739	2,649,728	4,538,467
Total funds carried forward at 31 July 2023	14	1,923,016	2,417,693	4,340,709	1,903,460	2,410,075	4,313,535

All of the above results derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet 31 July 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible fixed assets	6	1,464		1,722	
Programme related investment	7	600,000		600,000	
Heritage assets	8	280,000		280,000	
Listed investments	9	3,392,076		3,408,976	
Total fixed assets			4,273,540		4,290,698
Current assets					
Cash at bank		313,193		264,777	
Debtors	10	13,970		1,150	
Total current assets			327,163		265,927
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(259,994)		(243,090)	
Net current assets			67,169		22,837
Net assets			4,340,709		4,313,535
Represented by					
Restricted funds	12		2,417,693		2,410,075
Unrestricted funds					
. Designated funds	13	880,000		880,000	
. General funds		1,043,016		1,023,460	
Total unrestricted funds			1,923,016		1,903,460
Total funds			4,340,709		4,313,535

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Jim Eyre

Trustee

Trustee

Approved on: 7th May 2024

Principal Accounting Policies 31 July 2023

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 July 2023 with comparative information presented for the year to 31 July 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102) Update Bulletin 2, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- ◆ assessment of the need for impairment of heritage assets and programme related investments; and
- ◆ allocation of investment income and gains between funds.

Assessment of going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable entity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have given due consideration for the effects of the Covid-19 outbreak, which occurred before these financial statements were signed. This assessment has also included a potential loss of income because of Covid-19. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. The trustees have considered the charity's projections and have taken account of pressures on investment income and donations. The charity's ability to give grants can be reduced in line with future income if required and it has minimal core costs. The charity also holds significant reserves and has liquid assets in the form of investments and cash held in short term deposits. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable entity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements and there are no material uncertainties at the date of signing.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

Investment income is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made, or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified. Donations are accounted for when received and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Grants payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed are not accrued for but are disclosed as financial commitments in the notes to the financial statements.

Raising funds

Costs of generating funds constitute all costs incurred in order to raise income for the charity including investment management fees.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related with statutory requirements.

Copyrights and design rights

Copyrights are capitalised at their value at the date of donation to the Foundation where this can be established. They are amortised at 15% per annum on a reducing balance basis to represent the expected diminishing returns.

Where no such value can be attributed to such rights this is stated in note 6.

Programme related investments

Programme related investments are social investments made directly in pursuit of the charity's charitable purposes. They are recognised at cost less any provision for impairment.

Heritage assets

The charity will hold assets donated to it that are thought to be of architectural and historic significance. These assets are valued at the point of donation. No depreciation is charged as it would be immaterial given that the assets have a long useful economic life.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are included in the financial statement at their market value at the balance sheet date.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such financial statements and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt.

Funds

The unrestricted fund is maintained by the charity to use in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds comprise monies raised for, or which have their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or contributions subject to donor-imposed conditions.

Designated funds comprise monies set aside out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects and funds represented by fixed assets that are not readily realisable and are therefore not available to meet charitable needs.

Notes to the Financial Statements 31 July 2023

1 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations from the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	109,995	-	109,995
Other donations	374	206,254	206,628
2023 Total funds	110,369	206,254	316,623
<i>Comparatives:</i>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Donations from the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	109,995	-	109,995
Other donations	1,571	42,552	44,123
2022 Total funds	111,566	42,552	154,118

2 Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Bank interest	90	630	720
Income from listed investments	12,064	89,318	101,382
2023 Total funds	12,154	89,948	102,102
<i>Comparatives:</i>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Bank interest	4	19	23
Income from listed investments	11,278	83,494	94,772
2022 Total funds	11,282	83,513	94,795

3 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Copyright amortisation (note 6)	-	258	258
Investment management fees	2,710	20,068	22,778
Other expenses	565	3,318	3,883
2023 Total funds	3,275	23,644	26,919

<i>Comparatives:</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
<i>Copyright amortisation (note 6)</i>	-	304	304
<i>Investment management fees</i>	2,977	22,037	25,014
<i>Other expenses</i>	367	-	367
2022 Total funds	3,344	22,341	25,685

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Grants awarded	57,850	180,800	238,650
Administration costs (note 5)	7,350	-	7,350
Governance costs (see below)	24,643	-	24,643
2023 Total funds	89,843	180,800	270,643

<i>Comparatives:</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
<i>Grants awarded</i>	55,201	172,799	228,000
<i>Administration costs (note 5)</i>	7,000	-	7,000
<i>Governance costs (see below)</i>	20,854	-	20,854
2022 Total funds	83,055	172,799	255,854

The Foundation made grant commitments of £238,650 (2022: £228,000) to Architectural Association (Incorporated), a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) to help fund the studies of individuals (note 15).

Governance costs comprise the auditor's remuneration for the statutory audit of £9,720 (2022: £9,630) and fees for accountancy fees, not payable to the statutory auditor, of £14,923 (2022: £13,054).

5 Staff costs, key management and trustees' remuneration

The Foundation has no directly employed staff. Administration and support is provided by the staff of the Architectural Association (Incorporated) for which a fee of £7,350 is paid by the Foundation.

Quarterly management accounts are prepared by independent accountants, ChadSan Limited.

None of the trustees received payments in respect of remuneration or expenses for this period or the previous year.

6 Intangible fixed assets

	Total £
Valuation	
At 31 July 2022 and at 31 July 2023	29,000
Amortisation	
At 31 July 2022	27,278
Charge for the year	258
At 31 July 2023	27,536
Net book value	
At 31 July 2023	1,464
At 31 July 2022	1,722

The Architectural Association Foundation holds a seventh of the interest in the Eileen Gray Copyrights, which were inherited from the estate of Prunella Clough-Taylor. At the time of Ms Clough-Taylor's death on 26 December 1999 the copyrights were valued at a total of £203,000 giving the Foundation a share of £29,000. These rights were received from the estate in the year ended 5 April 2005 and have been amortised from 6 April 2005. The copyrights comprise:

- ◆ The Aram design licence relating to copyrights exploited by Zeev Aram over Eileen Gray designs of furniture and fittings.
- ◆ Copyright on Eileen Gray material managed by the Victoria & Albert Museum and on a separate collection of negatives and photographs.

As part of the same legacy, the Architectural Association Foundation has also inherited a seventh of the interest in the copyright of Prunella Clough-Taylor's work, owned by Ann-Robin Banks and managed by the Design and Artists Copyright Society. The value of these rights has not been established.

Notes to the Financial Statements 31 July 2023

7 Programme related investment

Leasehold property	2023	2022
	£	£
Cost at 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023	600,000	600,000

The Architectural Association (Incorporated) purchased a majority share in the equity of a 125 year lease on the property at 34-36 Bedford Square on 12 May 1998. The Foundation acquired a 25% interest in the equity of the long lease recognised by a Declaration of Trust.

The proportionate interest acquired in the 125 year lease granted to the AA continues to generate funds for the Foundation. In return for a contribution of £600,000 towards the purchase of the lease, the AA gave a commitment to make an annual payment to the Foundation of an amount equivalent to fifteen one-term bursaries.

8 Heritage assets

Slide collection	2023	2022
	£	£
Valuation at 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023	280,000	280,000

The Architectural Association Foundation holds negatives from the Eric de Mare collection which were donated to the Foundation. The Foundation does not seek to acquire assets of historic importance but will act as guardian to such assets when they are donated. The Eric de Mare slides are held as they are believed to have architectural and educational importance and can be viewed on request. These slides were valued in October 2013 and again in May 2020.

No acquisitions of heritage assets have been made in the past five years. The Eric de Mare collection of negatives and prints is housed in archival quality sheets and boxes in the Architectural Association Photo Library, 37 Bedford Square.

Notes to the Financial Statements 31 July 2023

9 Listed investments

	2023 £	2022 £
UK Managed funds	3,253,362	3,328,641
Cash held as part of the portfolio	138,714	80,335
	3,392,076	3,408,976
Managed funds:		
Market value at 1 August 2022	3,328,641	3,548,111
Additions at cost	183,631	47,120
Disposal proceeds	(163,404)	(67,783)
Gain on disposal and revaluation	(95,506)	(198,807)
Market value at 31 July 2023	3,253,362	3,328,641
Historical cost of managed funds	2,502,891	2,502,891

At 31 July 2023, the following holdings had a market value in excess of 5% of the entire portfolio at that date:

	MV £	% of portfolio
Blackrock Asset MGRS (UK) Charities UK Bond A Inc	175,000	5
BNY Mellon Asset MGMT Newton Gth & Inc For Charity	275,502	8
M&G Securities Ltd Charifund Inc	230,203	7
Lindsell Train Ltd Global Equity B Inc	292,607	9
Veritas Funds PLC	181,568	6

10 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Income tax recoverable	12,970	150
Accounts receivable	1,000	1,000
	13,970	1,150

11 Creditors

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	8,400	8,400
Amount due to the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	251,594	234,690
Other trade creditors	-	-
	259,994	243,090

Notes to the Financial Statements 31 July 2023

12 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 August		Expenditure/ transfers	Gains on investments	Balance at 31 July
	2022	Income	£	£	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Building funds					
AA Master Plan Fund	289,671	9,495	(2,118)	(8,882)	288,166
Compton Memorial library	22,014	-	-	-	22,014
Open Architecture	(9,682)	-	(10,500)	-	(20,182)
General funds					
AA Prize fund	185,752	9,291	(18,273)	(8,691)	168,079
AA Scholarship and Bursaries fund	48,992	140,608	-	-	189,600
Public Programme	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Named funds					
AAXX100	13,621	-	-	-	13,621
Alexander Memorial fund	40,504	-	-	-	40,504
Andrew Szmidla	579,214	25,320	(51,849)	(23,685)	529,000
Anthony Pott Memorial	73,911	-	(10,500)	-	63,411
Beverly Bernstein	17,570	1,250	-	-	18,820
Bob Trimble	-	62,500	-	-	62,500
Denis Sharp	3,319	-	-	-	3,319
Denys Lasdun	31,544	-	-	-	31,544
Eileen Gray	746,342	33,590	(69,152)	(31,421)	679,359
Elizabeth Chesterton	239,288	12,252	(33,533)	(11,461)	206,546
Enid Caldicott	275	-	-	-	275
Eyre Family Fund	10,004	-	(5,200)	-	4,804
Hugo Hinsley	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Jane Chu	1,042	-	-	-	1,042
Keith Critchlow Collection	14,000	-	-	-	14,000
Mark Cousins Annual Lecture Fund	24,839	896	(3,319)	-	22,416
Nick Pozner	37,089	-	-	-	37,089
Peter Sabara	34,266	-	-	-	34,266
Three Monkeys Trust	1,250	-	-	-	1,250
Student Hardship Fund	4,250	-	-	-	4,250
	2,410,075	296,202	(204,444)	(84,140)	2,417,693

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

- ◆ AA Masterplan Fund
This fund is to be used to improve the School's estate in Bedford Square.
- ◆ AA Prize Fund
This fund represents a small number of funds providing for student awards.

12 Restricted funds (continued)

- ◆ AA Scholarships and Bursaries Fund
This fund represents amounts contributed by various individuals towards fee and travel bursaries.
- ◆ Andrew Szmidla Fund
This represents a memorial bursary fund.
- ◆ Anthony Pott Memorial Fund
This represents a fund for awards for research and/or publication of studies.
- ◆ Eileen Gray Fund
This fund represents a donation from Prunella Clough-Taylor towards a series of annual student awards in memory of Eileen Gray, the pioneering architect and designer.
- ◆ Elizabeth Chesterton Fund
This fund represents donations from AA alumna Dame Elizabeth Chesterton OBE, towards bursaries to enable students from the UK to attend the School.

13 Designated funds

	As at 31 July 2022 £	Revaluation £	As at 31 July 2023 £
Programme related investment fund	600,000	-	600,000
Heritage fixed assets fund	280,000	-	280,000
	880,000	-	880,000

The programme related investment fund and heritage fixed assets fund represent fixed assets that are not available to meet charitable expenditure.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £
Intangible fixed assets	-	1,464	1,464
Programme related investments	600,000	-	600,000
Heritage assets	280,000	-	280,000
Listed investments	975,847	2,416,229	3,392,076
Cash at bank	313,193	-	313,193
Debtors	13,970	-	13,970
Creditors	(259,994)	-	(259,994)
	1,923,016	2,417,693	4,340,709

14 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Comparatives:

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total funds 2022</i>
	£	£	£
<i>Intangible fixed assets</i>	-	1,722	1,722
<i>Programme related investments</i>	600,000	-	600,000
<i>Heritage assets</i>	280,000	-	280,000
<i>Listed investments</i>	990,941	2,418,035	3,408,976
<i>Cash at bank</i>	264,777	-	264,777
<i>Debtors</i>	1,150	-	1,150
<i>Creditors</i>	(243,090)	-	(243,090)
	<u>1,893,778</u>	<u>2,419,757</u>	<u>4,313,535</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year, the Foundation awarded grants totalling £238,650 (2022: £228,000) to Architectural Association (Incorporated) a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) to help fund the studies of individuals as shown in note 4.

The Foundation also paid Architectural Association (Incorporated) a fee of £7,350 (2022: £7,000) for administrative support services.

The Foundation also received a donation from Architectural Association (Incorporated) as shown in note 1 of £109,995 (2022: £109,995) under the terms of an agreement dated 1997.

The amounts due to the Architectural Association (Incorporated) as at 31 July 2023 are shown in note 11.

THE ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

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**The Architectural
Association Foundation**

**Annual Report and Financial
Statements**

31 July 2022

Charity Registration Number
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Reference and administrative information

Trustees	Joanna Bacon Richard Baldwin James Eyre (Chairman) Lawrence Malcic Steve McGuckin
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Charity registration number	328455
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Solicitors	Fieldfisher Riverbank House 2 Swan Lane London EC4R 3TT
Investment managers	Rathbone Investment Management Limited 1 Curzon Street London W1J 5FB Evelyn Partners 45 Gresham Street London EC2V 7BG

Trustees' report Year ended 31 July 2022

The trustees present the report and financial statements of The Architectural Association Foundation (the "Foundation") for the year ended 31 July 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 15 to 18 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, applicable laws and the requirements 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Introduction

The Architectural Association Foundation was constituted on 18 October 1989 to provide for the advancement of architectural education for the public benefit. It is governed by its trust deed of the same date. The Foundation is a registered charity, charity registration number 328455 (England and Wales).

Objectives and activities

The Architectural Association Foundation is established with objects which allow it to do anything which is a charitable purpose according to the laws of England and Wales from time to time, principally in the support of the advancement of architecture and architectural education for the public benefit and for raising funds and ensuring their proper management, investment and distribution all in accordance with its Declaration of Trust dated 18 October 1989.

Aims

The charity aims to support students of architecture for the purpose of providing student scholarships, bursaries and prizes, and for improvements to their learning facilities and environment.

The trustees have reviewed the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the Foundation. The current policy set by the trustees is to support students at the Architectural Association (the AA). They believe support of students in this way ensures that the public benefit of the charity is preserved.

Relationship with associated charities

The Architectural Association Foundation maintains a close relationship with Architectural Association (Incorporated), a registered charity in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) and a registered company (Company Registration Number 171402). The Foundation supports its work through an annual grant towards its programme of student awards and prizes and through support of improvements to its learning facilities and environment.

Review of activities and financial review

Total income for the year ended 31 July 2022 was £250,226 (2021: £242,862). Total expenditure for the year was £281,539 (2021: 282,226) and total committed grant expenditure of £228,000 (2021: £228,000) will provide scholarships and bursaries and awards for students. The charity had net expenditure of £31,313 (2021: £39,364 net income). A significant loss on the value of investments of £193,619 (2021: £460,282 gain) has meant that the charity has generated a deficit of £224,932 (2021: £420,918 surplus) after gains and losses. The value of restricted and unrestricted funds increased to a total of £4,313,535 (2021: £4,538,467).

Reserves

Restricted funds as at 31 July 2022 were £2,410,075 (2021: £2,649,728). Further details of the nature and purposes of the restricted funds are set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

At 31 July 2022 unrestricted funds of the charity were £1,903,460 (2021: 1,888,739) This includes designated funds of £880,000 (2021: £880,000), represented by heritage assets of £280,000 and programme related investment of £600,000, which are not readily available to meet expenditure. This leaves free reserves held by the Foundation of £1,023,460 (2021: £1,008,739).

The trustees aim to retain free reserves of £200,000 and are satisfied that the current level of free reserves is in line with this policy.

Investment policy

The investments held by the Foundation are kept under constant review and the trustees are agreed upon safeguarding and maintaining the growth of the funds in order to protect the capital. The trustees have appointed Rathbone Investment Management Limited and Smith & Williamson to assist with strategic advice on investments.

The trustees review the performance of investments through monthly and quarterly valuation reports. The trustees review investment performance at every meeting, at least twice each year.

The trustees have agreed with their investment managers to pursue an investment policy that provides capital growth with a medium level of risk over the long term. In delegating their investment management, the trustees require their investment manager to pay attention to the standard investment criteria namely the suitability of the class of investment and the need for diversification insofar as appropriate to the circumstances of the charity. Any restrictions on the type of investments or markets in which the managers may invest on the charity's behalf will be given in writing.

An income target of 3-3.5% has been set on the investment portfolios. There are no specific restrictions on the types of investments or markets in which the managers may invest on the Foundation's behalf. The trustees have chosen to invest on a prudent basis to achieve a return on funds at least in line with the WM Charity ex property index. Reference is also made to the FTSE All Share, FTSE World and FTA Govt All Stock indices.

Fundraising statement

The Architectural Association Foundation primarily generates income through the investment of funds which the Foundation applies to the furtherance of its charitable objects i.e. the advancement of architecture and architectural education for the public benefit. In the year, the Foundation donated £228,000 (2021: £228,000) to Architectural Association (Incorporated), £228,000 of which was applied toward scholarships, bursaries and awards for students (2021: £228,000).

The Architectural Association Foundation also received £44,123 (2021: £42,667) from a number of regular and one-off donations directly from generous individuals. When such donations are received, the Foundation aims to protect donor's personal data and never sells data or swaps data with other organisations.

The Architectural Association Foundation does not engage external fundraisers and has not entered any commercial participation arrangements. All fundraising activity is conducted within the regulations and framework set out by the Office for Students, and the Foundation is committed to upholding the standards set out by the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising. During 2021/22, the charity received no complaints about fundraising activities.

Governance, Structure and Management

Trustees

In accordance with the Trust Deed of 1989 there must be no less than four and no more than eight trustees at all times. Trustees are appointed by means of a resolution passed by the current trustees and recorded in a supplemental Trust Deed. Trustees must be approved by the Council of the AA but cannot be employees or directors thereof.

The following trustees were in office during the year to 31 July 2022 and served throughout that year and up to the date of approval of this report except where indicated:

Trustees	Appointed/resigned
Steve McGuckin	
Joanna Bacon	
Richard Baldwin	
James Eyre OBE BA(Hons) AADipl RIBA (Chairman)	
Lawrence Malcic	

The trustees met three times during the course of the year.

The trustees are made aware of their responsibilities when joining the Board and ensure that they are kept up to date with changes to statutory requirements. Training is available to trustees whenever this is considered appropriate or necessary.

Governance, Structure and Management (continued)

Key management personnel

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charity. The Foundation has no directly employed staff. Administration and support is provided by the staff of the Architectural Association (Incorporated) for which a fee of £7,000 (2021: £7,000) is paid by the Foundation.

None of the trustees received payments in respect of remuneration or expenses in the year (2021: none).

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the Foundation faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to mitigate these risks.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees consider the main risks faced by the charity to be as follows:

- 1 *Disclosure of anonymous or protected information or mishandling of data could bring potential regulatory action.*

The AA has a Data Protection Officer in place to ensure compliance with data protection law and good practice.

- 2 *Financial loss through inappropriate or speculative investment or lack of investment advice.*

The board reviews the investment policy on an annual basis, receives quarterly reports from the Investment Managers on the progress of the portfolios and meets with them on an annual basis.

- 3 *If Trustees are not fully aware of their responsibilities, or they lack the relevant skills, the charity may fail to achieve its purpose.*

The trustees receive a copy of the CC3 guidance 'The Essential Trustee' and additional relevant training is offered as required. Terms of Reference for the board are in place and board competencies and any skills gaps are reviewed on an annual basis.

Covid-19

The Trustees have considered the effects of Covid-19 as a potential risk to the charity.

Despite a fall in the value of listed investments due to market volatility in the early stages of the global pandemic, these have recovered to pre Covid-19 levels.

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on investment income, as well as the process for approving and submitting grants to students has had no significant effect on the charity as a result of the pandemic.

Trustees' report Year ended 31 July 2022

The charity has continued to operate as it has done in the past and has continued to offer grants and support to students of the Architectural Association School of Architecture.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in 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);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records 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, applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the charity's trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

Approved by the trustees on:

31st January 2023

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Architectural Association Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Architectural Association Foundation for the year ended 31 July 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 July 2022, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we required for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

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

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charity.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charity and considered that the most significant are the Charities Act 2011, the Charity SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Independent auditor's report 31 July 2022

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the charity and charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Moore Kingston Smith LLP

Neil Finlayson (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP,
Statutory auditor

9 Appold Street
London
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Date 28/07/2023

Moore Kingston Smith LLP is eligible to act as auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of financial activities Year ended 31 July 2022
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income							
Donations and legacies	1	111,566	42,552	154,118	148,799	3,863	152,662
Investment income	2	11,282	83,513	94,795	10,611	78,554	89,165
Income from copyrights		1,313	—	1,313	1,035	—	1,035
Total income		124,161	126,065	250,226	160,445	82,417	242,862
Expenditure							
Raising funds	3	3,344	22,341	25,685	2,840	21,091	23,931
Charitable activities	4	83,055	172,799	255,854	68,689	189,606	258,295
Total expenditure		86,399	195,140	281,539	71,529	210,697	282,226
Net expenditure before investment gains		37,762	(69,075)	(31,313)	88,916	(128,280)	(39,364)
Gain/(Loss) on investments	9	(23,041)	(170,578)	(193,619)	55,254	405,028	460,282
Net income and net movement in funds before revaluation		14,721	(239,653)	(224,932)	144,170	276,748	420,918
Gain on revaluation of heritage assets	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer between funds		—	—	—	(25,631)	25,631	—
Net income and net movements in funds after revaluation		14,721	(239,653)	(224,932)	118,539	302,379	420,918
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1 August 2021		1,888,739	2,649,728	4,538,467	1,770,200	2,347,349	4,117,549
Total funds carried forward at 31 July 2022	14	1,903,460	2,410,075	4,313,535	1,888,739	2,649,728	4,538,467

All of the above results derive from continuing activities.

Balance sheet 31 July 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible fixed assets	6	1,722		2,026	
Programme related investment	7	600,000		600,000	
Heritage assets	8	280,000		280,000	
Listed investments	9	3,408,976		3,672,837	
Total fixed assets			4,290,698		4,554,863
Current assets					
Cash at bank		264,777		233,113	
Debtors	10	1,150		1,524	
Total current assets			265,927		234,637
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(243,090)		(251,033)	
Net current liabilities			22,837		(16,396)
Net assets			4,313,535		4,538,467
Represented by					
Restricted funds	12		2,410,075		2,649,728
Unrestricted funds					
. Designated funds	13	880,000		880,000	
. General funds		1,023,460		1,008,739	
Total unrestricted funds			1,903,460		1,888,739
Total funds			4,313,535		4,538,467

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Jim Eyre
Trustee

Approved on: 31st January 2023

Principal accounting policies 31 July 2022

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 July 2022 with comparative information presented for the year to 31 July 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102) Update Bulletin 2, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- ◆ assessment of the need for impairment of heritage assets and programme related investments; and
- ◆ allocation of investment income and gains between funds.

Assessment of going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable entity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have given due consideration for the effects of the Covid-19 outbreak, which occurred before these financial statements were signed. This assessment has also included a potential loss of income because of Covid-19. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. The trustees have considered the charity's projections and have taken account of pressures on investment income and donations. The charity's ability to give grants can be reduced in line with future income if required and it has minimal core costs. The charity also holds significant reserves and has liquid assets in the form of investments and cash held in short term deposits. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable entity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements and there are no material uncertainties at the date of signing.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

Investment income is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made, or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified. Donations are accounted for when received and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Grants payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed are not accrued for but are disclosed as financial commitments in the notes to the financial statements.

Raising funds

Costs of generating funds constitute all costs incurred in order to raise income for the charity including investment management fees.

Principal accounting policies 31 July 2022

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related with statutory requirements.

Copyrights and design rights

Copyrights are capitalised at their value at the date of donation to the Foundation where this can be established. They are amortised at 15% per annum on a reducing balance basis to represent the expected diminishing returns.

Where no such value can be attributed to such rights this is stated in note 6.

Programme related investments

Programme related investments are social investments made directly in pursuit of the charity's charitable purposes. They are recognised at cost less any provision for impairment.

Heritage assets

The charity will hold assets donated to it that are thought to be of architectural and historic significance. These assets are valued at the point of donation. No depreciation is charged as it would be immaterial given that the assets have a long useful economic life.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are included in the financial statement at their market value at the balance sheet date.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such financial statements and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt.

Funds

The unrestricted fund is maintained by the charity to use in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds comprise monies raised for, or which have their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or contributions subject to donor-imposed conditions.

Designated funds comprise monies set aside out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects and funds represented by fixed assets that are not readily realisable and are therefore not available to meet charitable needs.

Notes to the financial statements 31 July 2022

1 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Donations from the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	109,995	-	109,995
Other donations	1,571	42,552	44,123
2022 Total funds	111,566	42,552	154,118
<i>Comparatives:</i>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Donations from the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	109,995	-	109,995
Other donations	38,804	3,863	42,667
2021 Total funds	148,799	3,863	152,662

2 Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Bank interest	4	19	23
Income from listed investments	11,278	83,494	94,772
2022 Total funds	11,282	83,513	94,795
<i>Comparatives:</i>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Bank interest	4	28	32
Income from listed investments	10,607	78,526	89,133
2021 Total funds	10,611	78,554	89,165

Notes to the financial statements 31 July 2022

3 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Copyright amortisation (note 6)	-	304	304
Investment management fees	2,977	22,037	25,014
Other expenses	367	-	367
2022 Total funds	3,344	22,341	25,685

<i>Comparatives:</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
<i>Copyright amortisation (note 6)</i>	-	358	358
<i>Investment management fees</i>	2,801	20,733	23,534
<i>Other expenses</i>	39	-	39
<i>2021 Total funds</i>	2,840	21,091	23,931

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Grants awarded	55,201	172,799	228,000
Administration costs (note 5)	7,000	-	7,000
Governance costs (see below)	20,854	-	20,854
2022 Total funds	83,055	172,799	255,854

<i>Comparatives:</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
<i>Grants awarded</i>	38,394	189,606	228,000
<i>Administration costs (note 5)</i>	7,000	-	7,000
<i>Governance costs (see below)</i>	23,295	-	23,295
<i>2021 Total funds</i>	68,689	189,606	258,295

The Foundation made grant commitments of £228,000 (2021: £228,000) to Architectural Association (Incorporated), a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) to help fund the studies of individuals (note 15).

Governance costs comprise the auditor's remuneration for the statutory audit of £9,630 (2021: £9,600) and fees for accountancy fees, not payable to the statutory auditor, of £13,054 (2021: £13,692).

5 Staff costs, key management and trustees' remuneration

The Foundation has no directly employed staff. Administration and support is provided by the staff of the Architectural Association (Incorporated) for which a fee of £7,000 is paid by the Foundation.

Quarterly management accounts are prepared by independent accountants, ChadSan Limited.

None of the trustees received payments in respect of remuneration or expenses for this period or the previous year.

6 Intangible fixed assets

	Total £
Valuation	
At 31 July 2021 and at 31 July 2022	29,000
Amortisation	
At 31 July 2021	26,974
Charge for the year	304
At 31 July 2022	27,278
Net book value	
At 31 July 2022	1,722
At 31 July 2021	2,026

The Architectural Association Foundation holds a seventh of the interest in the Eileen Gray Copyrights, which were inherited from the estate of Prunella Clough-Taylor. At the time of Ms Clough-Taylor's death on 26 December 1999 the copyrights were valued at a total of £203,000 giving the Foundation a share of £29,000. These rights were received from the estate in the year ended 5 April 2005 and have been amortised from 6 April 2005. The copyrights comprise:

- ◆ The Aram design licence relating to copyrights exploited by Zeev Aram over Eileen Gray designs of furniture and fittings.
- ◆ Copyright on Eileen Gray material managed by the Victoria & Albert Museum and on a separate collection of negatives and photographs.

As part of the same legacy, the Architectural Association Foundation has also inherited a seventh of the interest in the copyright of Prunella Clough-Taylor's work, owned by Ann-Robin Banks and managed by the Design and Artists Copyright Society. The value of these rights has not been established.

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7 Programme related investment

Leasehold property	2022	2021
	£	£
Cost at 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022	600,000	600,000

The Architectural Association (Incorporated) purchased a majority share in the equity of a 125 year lease on the property at 34-36 Bedford Square on 12 May 1998. The Foundation acquired a 25% interest in the equity of the long lease recognised by a Declaration of Trust.

The proportionate interest acquired in the 125 year lease granted to the AA continues to generate funds for the Foundation. In return for a contribution of £600,000 towards the purchase of the lease, the AA gave a commitment to make an annual payment to the Foundation of an amount equivalent to fifteen one-term bursaries.

8 Heritage assets

Slide collection	2022	2021
	£	£
Valuation at 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022	280,000	280,000

The Architectural Association Foundation holds negatives from the Eric de Mare collection which were donated to the Foundation. The Foundation does not seek to acquire assets of historic importance but will act as guardian to such assets when they are donated. The Eric de Mare slides are held as they are believed to have architectural and educational importance and can be viewed on request. These slides were valued in October 2013 and again in May 2020.

No acquisitions of heritage assets have been made in the past five years. The Eric de Mare collection of negatives and prints is housed in archival quality sheets and boxes in the Architectural Association Photo Library, 37 Bedford Square.

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9 Listed investments

	2022 £	2021 £
UK Managed funds	3,328,641	3,548,111
Cash held as part of the portfolio	80,335	124,726
	3,408,976	3,672,837
Managed funds:		
Market value at 1 August 2021	3,548,111	3,050,831
Additions at cost	47,120	468,002
Disposal proceeds	(67,783)	(411,863)
Gain on disposal and revaluation	(198,807)	441,141
Market value at 31 July 2022	3,328,641	3,548,111
Historical cost of managed funds	2,502,891	2,321,628

At 31 July 2022, the following holdings had a market value in excess of 5% of the entire portfolio at that date:

	MV £	% of portfolio
Blackrock Asset MGRS (UK) Charities UK Bond A Inc	6	7
BNY Mellon Asset MGMT Newton Gth & Inc For Charity	8	9
M&G Securities Ltd Charifund Inc	7	8
Lindsell Train Ltd Global Equity B Inc	9	9

10 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Income tax recoverable	150	524
Accounts receivable	1,000	1,000
	1,150	1,524

11 Creditors

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	8,400	9,000
Amount due to the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	234,690	234,690
Other trade creditors	-	7,343
	243,090	251,033

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12 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 August 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure/ transfers £	Gains on investments £	Balance at 31 July 2022 £
Building funds					
AA Master Plan Fund	301,189	8,816	(2,326)	(18,007)	289,672
Compton Memorial library	22,014	-	-	-	22,014
Open Architecture	318	-	(10,000)	-	(9,682)
General funds					
AA Prize fund	212,821	8,626	(18,076)	(17,619)	185,752
AA Scholarship and Bursaries fund	48,579	413	-	-	48,992
Public Programme	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Named funds					
AAXX100	13,621	-	-	-	13,621
Alexander Memorial fund	40,504	-	-	-	40,504
Andrew Szmidla	653,925	23,509	(50,203)	(48,017)	579,214
Anthony Pott Memorial	83,911	-	(10,000)	-	73,911
Beverly Bernstein	16,320	1,250	-	-	17,570
Denis Sharp	3,319	-	-	-	3,319
Denys Lasdun	31,544	-	-	-	31,544
Eileen Gray	846,055	31,187	(67,199)	(63,701)	746,343
Elizabeth Chesterton	283,482	11,375	(32,335)	(23,234)	239,288
Enid Caldicott	275	-	-	-	275
Eyre Family Fund	15,004	-	(5,000)	-	10,004
Jane Chu	1,042	-	-	-	1,042
Keith Critchlow Collection	-	14,000	-	-	14,000
Mark Cousins Annual Lecture Fund	-	24,840	-	-	24,840
Nick Pozner	37,089	-	-	-	37,089
Peter Sabara	34,266	-	-	-	34,266
Three Monkeys Trust	1,250	-	-	-	1,250
Student Hardship Fund	2,200	2,050	-	-	4,250
	2,649,728	126,065	(195,140)	(170,578)	2,410,075

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

- ◆ AA Masterplan Fund
This fund is to be used to improve the School's estate in Bedford Square.
- ◆ AA Prize Fund
This fund represents a small number of funds providing for student awards.

12 Restricted funds (continued)

- ◆ AA Scholarships and Bursaries Fund
This fund represents amounts contributed by various individuals towards fee and travel bursaries.
- ◆ Andrew Szmidla Fund
This represents a memorial bursary fund.
- ◆ Anthony Pott Memorial Fund
This represents a fund for awards for research and/or publication of studies.
- ◆ Eileen Gray Fund
This fund represents a donation from Prunella Clough-Taylor towards a series of annual student awards in memory of Eileen Gray, the pioneering architect and designer.
- ◆ Elizabeth Chesterton Fund
This fund represents donations from AA alumna Dame Elizabeth Chesterton OBE, towards bursaries to enable students from the UK to attend the School.

13 Designated funds

	As at 31 July 2021 £	Revaluation £	As at 31 July 2022 £
Programme related investment fund	600,000	-	600,000
Heritage fixed assets fund	280,000	-	280,000
	880,000	-	880,000

The programme related investment fund and heritage fixed assets fund represent fixed assets that are not available to meet charitable expenditure.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £
Intangible fixed assets	-	1,722	1,722
Programme related investments	600,000	-	600,000
Heritage assets	280,000	-	280,000
Listed investments	990,941	2,418,035	3,408,976
Cash at bank	264,777	-	264,777
Debtors	1,150	-	1,150
Creditors	(243,090)	-	(243,090)
	1,893,778	2,419,757	4,313,535

14 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Comparatives:

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £	<i>Restricted funds</i> £	<i>Total funds 2021</i> £
<i>Intangible fixed assets</i>	-	2,026	2,026
<i>Programme related investments</i>	600,000	-	600,000
<i>Heritage assets</i>	280,000	-	280,000
<i>Listed investments</i>	1,327,514	2,345,323	3,672,837
<i>Cash at bank</i>	233,113	-	233,113
<i>Debtors</i>	1,524	-	1,524
<i>Creditors</i>	(251,033)	-	(251,033)
	<u>2,191,118</u>	<u>2,347,349</u>	<u>4,538,467</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year, the Foundation awarded grants totalling £228,000 (2021: £228,000) to Architectural Association (Incorporated) a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) to help fund the studies of individuals as shown in note 4.

The Foundation also paid Architectural Association (Incorporated) a fee of £7,000 (2021: £7,000) for administrative support services.

The Foundation also received a donation from Architectural Association (Incorporated) as shown in note 1 of £109,995 (2021: £109,995) under the terms of an agreement dated 1997.

The amounts due to the Architectural Association (Incorporated) as at 31 July 2022 are shown in note 11.

THE ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 328455

Accounts

The Architectural Association Foundation

Annual Report and Financial Statements

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Investment managers	Rathbone Investment Management Limited 1 Curzon Street London W1J 5FB Smith & Williamson 25 Moorgate London EC2R 6AY

Trustees' report Year ended 31 July 2021

The trustees present the report and financial statements of The Architectural Association Foundation (the "Foundation") for the year ended 31 July 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 15 to 18 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, applicable laws and the requirements 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Introduction

The Architectural Association Foundation was constituted on 18 October 1989 to provide for the advancement of architectural education for the public benefit. It is governed by its trust deed of the same date. The Foundation is a registered charity, charity registration number 328455 (England and Wales).

Objectives and activities

The Architectural Association Foundation is established with objects which allow it to do anything which is a charitable purpose according to the laws of England and Wales from time to time, principally in the support of the advancement of architecture and architectural education for the public benefit and for raising funds and ensuring their proper management, investment and distribution all in accordance with its Declaration of Trust dated 18 October 1989.

Aims

The charity aims to support students of architecture for the purpose of providing student scholarships, bursaries and prizes, and for improvements to their learning facilities and environment.

The trustees have reviewed the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the Foundation. The current policy set by the trustees is to support students at the Architectural Association (the AA). They believe support of students in this way ensures that the public benefit of the charity is preserved.

Relationship with associated charities

The Architectural Association Foundation maintains a close relationship with Architectural Association (Incorporated), a registered charity in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) and a registered company (Company Registration Number 171402). The Foundation supports its work through an annual grant towards its programme of student awards and prizes and through support of improvements to its learning facilities and environment.

Review of activities and financial review

Total income for the year ended 31 July 2021 was £242,862 (2020: £490,894). Total expenditure for the year was £282,226 (2020: 334,131) and total committed grant expenditure of £228,000 (2020: £270,670) will provide scholarships and bursaries and awards for students. The charity had net expenditure of £39,364 (2020: 156,763 net income). A significant gain on the value of investments of £460,282 (2020: £266,124 loss) has meant that the charity has generated a surplus of £420,918 (2020: 29,361 deficit) after gains and losses. The value of restricted and unrestricted funds increased to a total of £4,538,467 (2020: £4,117,549).

Reserves

Restricted funds as at 31 July 2021 were £2,649,728 (2020: £2,347,349). Further details of the nature and purposes of the restricted funds are set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

At 31 July 2021 unrestricted funds of the charity were £1,888,739 (2020: 1,770,200) This includes designated funds of £880,000 (2020: £880,000), represented by heritage assets of £280,000 and programme related investment of £600,000, which are not readily available to meet expenditure. This leaves free reserves held by the Foundation of £1,008,739 (2020: £890,200).

The trustees aim to retain free reserves of £200,000 and are satisfied that the current level of free reserves is in line with this policy.

Investment policy

The investments held by the Foundation are kept under constant review and the trustees are agreed upon safeguarding and maintaining the growth of the funds in order to protect the capital. The trustees have appointed Rathbone Investment Management Limited and Smith & Williamson to assist with strategic advice on investments.

The trustees review the performance of investments through monthly and quarterly valuation reports. The trustees review investment performance at every meeting, at least twice each year.

The trustees have agreed with their investment managers to pursue an investment policy that provides capital growth with a medium level of risk over the long term. In delegating their investment management, the trustees require their investment manager to pay attention to the standard investment criteria namely the suitability of the class of investment and the need for diversification insofar as appropriate to the circumstances of the charity. Any restrictions on the type of investments or markets in which the managers may invest on the charity's behalf will be given in writing.

An income target of 3-3.5% has been set on the investment portfolios. There are no specific restrictions on the types of investments or markets in which the managers may invest on the Foundation's behalf. The trustees have chosen to invest on a prudent basis to achieve a return on funds at least in line with the WM Charity ex property index. Reference is also made to the FTSE All Share, FTSE World and FTA Govt All Stock indices.

Fundraising statement

The Architectural Association Foundation primarily generates income through the investment of funds which the Foundation applies to the furtherance of its charitable objects i.e. the advancement of architecture and architectural education for the public benefit. In the year, the Foundation donated £228,000 (2020: £270,670) to Architectural Association (Incorporated), £228,000 of which was applied toward scholarships, bursaries and awards for students (2020: £270,670).

The Architectural Association Foundation also received £42,667 (2020: £281,073) from a number of regular and one-off donations directly from generous individuals. When such donations are received, the Foundation aims to protect donor's personal data and never sells data or swaps data with other organisations.

The Architectural Association Foundation does not engage external fundraisers and has not entered any commercial participation arrangements. All fundraising activity is conducted within the regulations and framework set out by the Office for Students, and the Foundation is committed to upholding the standards set out by the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising. During 2020/21, the charity received no complaints about fundraising activities.

Governance, Structure and Management

Trustees

In accordance with the Trust Deed of 1989 there must be no less than four and no more than eight trustees at all times. Trustees are appointed by means of a resolution passed by the current trustees and recorded in a supplemental Trust Deed. Trustees must be approved by the Council of the AA but cannot be employees or directors thereof.

The following trustees were in office during the year to 31 July 2020 and served throughout that year and up to the date of approval of this report except where indicated:

Trustees	Appointed/resigned
Steve McGuckin	
Joanna Bacon	
Richard Baldwin	
James Eyre OBE BA(Hons) AADipl RIBA (Chairman)	
Lawrence Malcic	

The trustees met three times during the course of the year.

The trustees are made aware of their responsibilities when joining the Board and ensure that they are kept up to date with changes to statutory requirements. Training is available to trustees whenever this is considered appropriate or necessary.

Governance, Structure and Management (continued)

Key management personnel

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charity. The Foundation has no directly employed staff. Administration and support is provided by the staff of the Architectural Association (Incorporated) for which a fee of £7,000 (2020: £7,000) is paid by the Foundation.

None of the trustees received payments in respect of remuneration or expenses in the year (2020: none).

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the Foundation faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to mitigate these risks.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees consider the main risks faced by the charity to be as follows:

- 1 *Disclosure of anonymous or protected information or mishandling of data could bring potential regulatory action.*

The AA has a Data Protection Officer in place to ensure compliance with data protection law and good practice.

- 2 *Financial loss through inappropriate or speculative investment or lack of investment advice.*

The board reviews the investment policy on an annual basis, receives quarterly reports from the Investment Managers on the progress of the portfolios and meets with them on an annual basis.

- 3 *If Trustees are not fully aware of their responsibilities, or they lack the relevant skills, the charity may fail to achieve its purpose.*

The trustees receive a copy of the CC3 guidance 'The Essential Trustee' and additional relevant training is offered as required. Terms of Reference for the board are in place and board competencies and any skills gaps are reviewed on an annual basis.

Covid-19

The Trustees have considered the effects of Covid-19 as a potential risk to the charity.

Despite a fall in the value of listed investments due to market volatility in the early stages of the global pandemic, these have recovered to pre Covid-19 levels.

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on investment income, as well as the process for approving and submitting grants to students has had no significant effect on the charity as a result of the pandemic.

Trustees' report Year ended 31 July 2021

The charity has continued to operate as it has done in the past and has continued to offer grants and support to students of the Architectural Association School of Architecture.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in 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);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records 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, applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the charity's trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

Approved by the trustees on:

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Architectural Association Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Architectural Association Foundation for the year ended 31 July 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 July 2021, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we required for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Independent auditor's report 31 July 2021

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

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

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The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charity.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charity and considered that the most significant are the Charities Act 2011, the Charity SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the charity and charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

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Neil Finlayson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP,
Statutory auditor

Date

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Moore Kingston Smith LLP is eligible to act as auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of financial activities Year ended 31 July 2021
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income							
Donations and legacies	1	148,799	3,863	152,662	374,943	13,230	388,173
Investment income	2	10,611	78,554	89,165	12,171	90,087	102,258
Income from copyrights		1,035	—	1,035	463	—	463
Total income		160,445	82,417	242,862	387,577	103,317	490,894
Expenditure							
Raising funds	3	2,840	21,091	23,931	12,879	20,715	33,594
Charitable activities	4	68,689	189,606	258,295	72,852	227,685	300,537
Total expenditure		71,529	210,697	282,226	85,731	248,400	334,131
Net expenditure before investment gains		88,916	(128,280)	(39,364)	301,846	(145,083)	156,763
Gain/(Loss) on investments	9	55,254	405,028	460,282	(31,669)	(234,455)	(266,124)
Net income and net movement in funds before revaluation		144,170	276,748	420,918	270,177	(379,538)	(109,361)
Gain on revaluation of heritage assets	8	—	—	—	80,000	—	80,000
Transfer between funds		(25,631)	25,631	—	(27,762)	27,762	—
Net income and net movements in funds after revaluation		118,539	302,379	420,918	322,415	(351,776)	(29,361)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward at 1 August 2020		1,770,200	2,347,349	4,117,549	1,447,785	2,699,125	4,146,910
Total funds carried forward at 31 July 2021	14	1,888,739	2,649,728	4,538,467	1,770,200	2,347,349	4,117,549

All of the above results derive from continuing activities.

Balance sheet 31 July 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible fixed assets	6	2,026		2,384	
Programme related investment	7	600,000		600,000	
Heritage assets	8	280,000		280,000	
Listed investments	9	3,672,837		3,146,956	
Total fixed assets			4,554,863		4,029,340
Current assets					
Cash at bank		233,113		380,855	
Debtors	10	1,524		1,106	
Total current assets			234,637		381,961
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(251,033)		(293,752)	
Net current liabilities			(16,396)		88,209
Net assets			4,538,467		4,117,549
Represented by					
Restricted funds	12		2,649,728		2,347,349
Unrestricted funds					
. Designated funds	13	880,000		880,000	
. General funds		1,008,739		890,200	
Total unrestricted funds			1,888,739		1,770,200
Total funds			4,538,467		4,117,549

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

Trustee

Approved on:

Principal accounting policies 31 July 2021

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 July 2021 with comparative information presented for the year to 31 July 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102) Update Bulletin 2, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- ◆ assessment of the need for impairment of heritage assets and programme related investments; and
- ◆ allocation of investment income and gains between funds.

Assessment of going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable entity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have given due consideration for the effects of the Covid-19 outbreak, which occurred before these financial statements were signed. This assessment has also included a potential loss of income because of Covid-19. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. The trustees have considered the charity's projections and have taken account of pressures on investment income and donations. The charity's ability to give grants can be reduced in line with future income if required and it has minimal core costs. The charity also holds significant reserves and has liquid assets in the form of investments and cash held in short term deposits. After making enquiries the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable entity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements and there are no material uncertainties at the date of signing.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

Investment income is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made, or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified. Donations are accounted for when received and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Grants payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed are not accrued for but are disclosed as financial commitments in the notes to the financial statements.

Raising funds

Costs of generating funds constitute all costs incurred in order to raise income for the charity including investment management fees.

Principal accounting policies 31 July 2021

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related with statutory requirements.

Copyrights and design rights

Copyrights are capitalised at their value at the date of donation to the Foundation where this can be established. They are amortised at 15% per annum on a reducing balance basis to represent the expected diminishing returns.

Where no such value can be attributed to such rights this is stated in note 6.

Programme related investments

Programme related investments are social investments made directly in pursuit of the charity's charitable purposes. They are recognised at cost less any provision for impairment.

Heritage assets

The charity will hold assets donated to it that are thought to be of architectural and historic significance. These assets are valued at the point of donation. No depreciation is charged as it would be immaterial given that the assets have a long useful economic life.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are included in the financial statement at their market value at the balance sheet date.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such financial statements and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt.

Funds

The unrestricted fund is maintained by the charity to use in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds comprise monies raised for, or which have their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or contributions subject to donor-imposed conditions.

Designated funds comprise monies set aside out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects and funds represented by fixed assets that are not readily realisable and are therefore not available to meet charitable needs.

Notes to the financial statements 31 July 2021

1 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Donations from the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	109,995	-	109,995
Other donations	38,804	3,863	42,667
2021 Total funds	148,799	3,863	152,662
<i>Comparatives:</i>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Donations from the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	107,100	-	107,100
Other donations	267,843	13,230	281,073
2020 Total funds	374,943	13,230	388,173

2 Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Bank interest	4	28	32
Income from listed investments	10,607	78,526	89,133
2021 Total funds	10,611	78,554	89,165
<i>Comparatives:</i>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Bank interest	14	83	97
Income from listed investments	12,157	90,004	102,161
2020 Total funds	12,171	90,087	102,258

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3 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Copyright amortisation (note 6)	-	358	358
Investment management fees	2,801	20,733	23,534
Other expenses	39	-	39
2021 Total funds	2,840	21,091	23,931

<i>Comparatives:</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £	<i>Restricted funds</i> £	<i>Total</i> 2020 £
<i>Copyright amortisation (note 6)</i>	-	421	421
<i>Investment management fees</i>	2,741	20,294	23,035
<i>Other expenses</i>	10,138	-	10,138
<i>2020 Total funds</i>	12,879	20,715	33,594

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Grants awarded	38,394	189,606	228,000
Administration costs (note 5)	7,000	-	7,000
Governance costs (see below)	23,295	-	23,295
2021 Total funds	68,689	189,606	258,295

<i>Comparatives:</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £	<i>Restricted funds</i> £	<i>Total</i> 2020 £
<i>Grants awarded</i>	42,985	227,685	270,670
<i>Administration costs (note 5)</i>	7,000	-	7,000
<i>Governance costs (see below)</i>	22,867	-	22,867
<i>2020 Total funds</i>	72,852	227,685	300,537

The Foundation made grant commitments of £228,000 (2020: £270,670) to Architectural Association (Incorporated), a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) to help fund the studies of individuals (note 15).

Governance costs comprise the auditor's remuneration for the statutory audit of £9,600 (2020: £9,175) and fees for accountancy fees, not payable to the statutory auditor, of £13,692 (2020: £13,692).

5 Staff costs, key management and trustees' remuneration

The Foundation has no directly employed staff. Administration and support is provided by the staff of the Architectural Association (Incorporated) for which a fee of £7,000 is paid by the Foundation.

Quarterly management accounts are prepared by independent accountants, ChadSan Limited.

None of the trustees received payments in respect of remuneration or expenses for this period or the previous year.

6 Intangible fixed assets

	Total £
Valuation	
At 31 July 2020 and at 31 July 2021	29,000
Amortisation	
At 31 July 2020	26,616
Charge for the year	358
At 31 July 2021	26,974
Net book value	
At 31 July 2021	2,026
At 31 July 2020	2,384

The Architectural Association Foundation holds a seventh of the interest in the Eileen Gray Copyrights, which were inherited from the estate of Prunella Clough-Taylor. At the time of Ms Clough-Taylor's death on 26 December 1999 the copyrights were valued at a total of £203,000 giving the Foundation a share of £29,000. These rights were received from the estate in the year ended 5 April 2005 and have been amortised from 6 April 2005. The copyrights comprise:

- ◆ The Aram design licence relating to copyrights exploited by Zeev Aram over Eileen Gray designs of furniture and fittings.
- ◆ Copyright on Eileen Gray material managed by the Victoria & Albert Museum and on a separate collection of negatives and photographs.

As part of the same legacy, the Architectural Association Foundation has also inherited a seventh of the interest in the copyright of Prunella Clough-Taylor's work, owned by Ann-Robin Banks and managed by the Design and Artists Copyright Society. The value of these rights has not been established.

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7 Programme related investment

Leasehold property	2021	2020
	£	£
Cost at 1 August 2020 and 31 July 2021	600,000	600,000

The Architectural Association (Incorporated) purchased a majority share in the equity of a 125 year lease on the property at 34-36 Bedford Square on 12 May 1998. The Foundation acquired a 25% interest in the equity of the long lease recognised by a Declaration of Trust.

The proportionate interest acquired in the 125 year lease granted to the AA continues to generate funds for the Foundation. In return for a contribution of £600,000 towards the purchase of the lease, the AA gave a commitment to make an annual payment to the Foundation of an amount equivalent to fifteen one-term bursaries.

8 Heritage assets

Slide collection	2021	2020
	£	£
Valuation at 1 August 2020 and 31 July 2021	280,000	280,000

The Architectural Association Foundation holds negatives from the Eric de Mare collection which were donated to the Foundation. The Foundation does not seek to acquire assets of historic importance but will act as guardian to such assets when they are donated. The Eric de Mare slides are held as they are believed to have architectural and educational importance and can be viewed on request. These slides were valued in October 2013 and again in May 2020.

No acquisitions of heritage assets have been made in the past five years. The Eric de Mare collection of negatives and prints is housed in archival quality sheets and boxes in the Architectural Association Photo Library, 37 Bedford Square.

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9 Listed investments

	2021 £	2020 £
UK Managed funds	3,548,111	3,050,831
Cash held as part of the portfolio	124,726	96,125
	3,672,837	3,146,956
Managed funds:		
Market value at 1 August 2020	3,050,831	3,497,900
Additions at cost	468,002	379,489
Disposal proceeds	(411,863)	(560,434)
Gain on disposal and revaluation	441,141	(266,124)
Market value at 31 July 2021	3,548,111	3,050,831
Historical cost of managed funds	2,321,628	2,206,161

At 31 July 2021, the following holdings had a market value in excess of 5% of the entire portfolio at that date:

	MV £	% of portfolio
Blackrock Asset MGRS (UK) Charities UK Bond A Inc	236,250	7
BNY Mellon Asset MGMT Newton Gth & Inc For Charity	326,176	9
M&G Securities Ltd Charifund Inc	285,361	8
Lindsell Train Ltd Global Equity B Inc	304,381	9

10 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Income tax recoverable	524	106
Accounts receivable	1,000	1,000
	1,524	1,106

11 Creditors

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	9,000	7,800
Amount due to the Architectural Association (Incorporated)	234,690	281,690
Other trade creditors	7,343	4,262
	251,033	293,752

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12 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 August 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure/ transfers £	Gains on investments £	Balance at 31 July 2021 £
Building funds					
AA Master Plan Fund	252,328	8,292	(2,188)	42,755	301,189
Compton Memorial library	22,014	-	-	-	22,014
Open Architecture	10,318	-	(10,000)	-	318
General funds					
AA Prize fund	180,813	8,114	(17,942)	41,836	212,821
AA Scholarship and Bursaries fund	48,167	413	-	-	48,579
Partners Programme	-	-	-	-	-
Public Programme	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Named funds					
AAXX100	13,621	-	-	-	13,621
Alexander Memorial fund	40,504	-	-	-	40,504
Andrew Szmidla	567,634	22,113	(49,836)	114,015	653,925
Anthony Pott Memorial	93,911	-	(10,000)	-	83,911
Beverly Bernstein	15,070	1,250	-	-	16,320
Charlotte Coudrille	537	-	(537)	-	-
Denis Sharp	3,319	-	-	-	3,319
Denys Lasdun	31,544	-	-	-	31,544
Eileen Gray	732,233	29,335	(66,766)	151,253	846,055
Elizabeth Chesterton	249,770	10,700	(32,157)	55,168	283,482
Enid Caldicott	275	-	-	-	275
Eyre Family Fund	20,004	-	(5,000)	-	15,004
Jane Chu	1,042	-	-	-	1,042
Mark Fisher	(2,006)	-	2,006	-	-
Mike Davies	(7,355)	-	7,355	-	-
Nick Pozner	37,089	-	-	-	37,089
Peter Sabara	34,266	-	-	-	34,266
Three Monkeys Trust	1,250	-	-	-	1,250
Student Hardship Fund	-	2,200	-	-	2,200
	<u>2,347,349</u>	<u>82,417</u>	<u>(185,065)</u>	<u>405,028</u>	<u>2,649,728</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

- ◆ AA Masterplan Fund
This fund is to be used to improve the School's estate in Bedford Square.
- ◆ AA Prize Fund
This fund represents a small number of funds providing for student awards.

12 Restricted funds (continued)

- ◆ AA Scholarships and Bursaries Fund
This fund represents amounts contributed by various individuals towards fee and travel bursaries.
- ◆ Andrew Szmidla Fund
This represents a memorial bursary fund.
- ◆ Anthony Pott Memorial Fund
This represents a fund for awards for research and/or publication of studies.
- ◆ Eileen Gray Fund
This fund represents a donation from Prunella Clough-Taylor towards a series of annual student awards in memory of Eileen Gray, the pioneering architect and designer.
- ◆ Elizabeth Chesterton Fund
This fund represents donations from AA alumna Dame Elizabeth Chesterton OBE, towards bursaries to enable students from the UK to attend the School.

13 Designated funds

	As at 31 July 2020 £	Revaluation £	As at 31 July 2021 £
Programme related investment fund	600,000	-	600,000
Heritage fixed assets fund	280,000	-	280,000
	880,000	-	880,000

The programme related investment fund and heritage fixed assets fund represent fixed assets that are not available to meet charitable expenditure.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2,021 £
Intangible fixed assets	-	2,026	2,026
Programme related investments	600,000	-	600,000
Heritage assets	280,000	-	280,000
Listed investments	1,327,514	2,345,323	3,672,837
Cash at bank	233,113	-	233,113
Debtors	1,524	-	1,524
Creditors	(251,033)	-	(251,033)
	2,191,118	2,347,349	4,538,467

14 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Comparatives:

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £	<i>Restricted funds</i> £	<i>Total funds 2020</i> £
<i>Intangible fixed assets</i>	-	2,384	2,384
<i>Programme related investments</i>	600,000	-	600,000
<i>Heritage assets</i>	280,000	-	280,000
<i>Listed investments</i>	801,991	2,344,965	3,146,956
<i>Cash at bank</i>	380,855	-	380,855
<i>Debtors</i>	1,106	-	1,106
<i>Creditors</i>	(293,752)	-	(293,752)
	<u>1,770,200</u>	<u>2,347,349</u>	<u>4,117,549</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year, the Foundation awarded grants totalling £228,000 (2020: £270,670) to Architectural Association (Incorporated) a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 311083) to help fund the studies of individuals as shown in note 4.

The Foundation also paid Architectural Association (Incorporated) a fee of £7,000 (2020: £7,000) for administrative support services.

The Foundation also received a donation from Architectural Association (Incorporated) as shown in note 1 of £109,995 (2020: £107,100) under the terms of an agreement dated 1997.

The amounts due to the Architectural Association (Incorporated) as at 31 July 2021 are shown in note 11.