

FRANCIS NEILSON TRUST FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 514802

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1984-02-06

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

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Address Liverpool Cathedral
St. James Road
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Activities

Objects: to pay or apply the income arising therefrom in each year for any or all of the following purposes: a) supporting and promoting the education of the Choristers of Liverpool Cathedral Choir ('Choristers') in cultural and scientific arts; b) such other benefits to or for the Choristers associated with their overall education; c) supporting the provision of special services, not being part of the ordinary or daily activity of Liverpool Cathedral;d) in otherwise promoting the continued existence of Liverpool Cathedral Choir ('the Choir') within the Cathedral including through assisting in the recruitment of Choristers and the promotion of the Choir throughout the Diocese.For the purposes of this clause a Chorister means any Chorister who is under the age of 25

Activities: Assisting Liverpool Cathedral with the maintenance and education of the boy and girl choristers and the provision of singing and music tuition.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Knowsley
- Liverpool City
- Sefton
- St Helens
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£102,988	£131,137	-	-
2023-09-30	£106,107	£90,481	-	-
2022-09-30	£97,596	£84,740	-	-
2021-09-30	£87,987	£83,619	-	-
2020-09-30	£108,471	£99,506	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Sue Jones	Chair	2018-05-05
IAN BAKEWELL		2025-03-11
Margaret Anne Swinson		2023-09-19
NICHOLAS BASSON		2018-12-13
PATRICIA LESLEY HEYES		2013-09-16
Professor Edward Adams		2025-07-01
Revd Canon Myles Davies		2021-06-08
Stephen Christopher Mannings		2022-06-14
Thomas Stafford Roberts		2016-03-08

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Accounts

FRANCIS NEILSON TRUST FUND
REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
30th September 2024

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Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2024

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Trustees and Advisers for the year ended 30th September 2024

Trustees:	Dean Sue Jones - Dean of Liverpool Patricia Heyes Thomas Roberts Nicholas Basson Paul Ferguson Revd Myles Davies Stephen Mannings – Director of Music Margaret Swinson Ian Bakewell (from 11 3 25) Ted Adams (from 1 7 25)
Correspondence Address:	Cathedral Office St James' House 20 St James' Road Liverpool L1 7BY
Bankers:	National Westminster Bank plc University Branch 5 Oxford Street Liverpool L7 7HL
Investment Managers:	Quilter Cheviot Investment Management 5, St Paul's Square Liverpool L3 9SJ
Independent Examiner:	Louise Casey A.C.A. Mitchell Charlesworth 5 Temple Square Temple Street Liverpool L2 5RH

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th September 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 10 to 13 and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

History, Objectives and Activities of the Trust

The charity is governed by a charitable trust deed dated 6th October 1949 as made by Francis Neilson as amended by a resolution under s280 of the Charities Act 2011 passed on 28th February 2013, a Scheme of the Charity Commission dated 25th June 2013 and a Deed of Amendment dated 31st July 2019 ("the Trusts").

The objects of the trust following the 31st July 2019 amendment are

- a) supporting and promoting the education of the choristers of Liverpool Cathedral Choir ('choristers') in cultural and scientific arts;
- b) such other benefits to or for the choristers associated with their overall education;
- c) supporting the provision of special services, not being part of the ordinary or daily activity of Liverpool Cathedral;
- d) in otherwise promoting the continued existence of Liverpool Cathedral Choir within Liverpool Cathedral including through assisting in the recruitment of Choristers and the promotion of the Choir throughout the Diocese of Liverpool.

For the purposes of these objects, a chorister means any chorister who is under the age of 25.

The Trust deed gives the Trustees the power to apply the funds in such manner as they think fit in accordance with the terms and conditions in the Trust. The Trustees identify projects they wish to support and consider grant applications made from Liverpool Cathedral. The Trust does not support individuals or organisations other than in relation to those associated with Liverpool Cathedral. The Trust receives income from the Will Trust of the late Francis Neilson as administered by JP Morgan Chase, New York, USA. The level of income is affected by the exchange rate with the US dollar.

Management and Governance Arrangements

The Trust deed provides for a minimum of four Trustees, with no maximum. The Trustees must include those holding the office of Dean of Liverpool, a member of the Cathedral Finance Committee and Director of Music of Liverpool Cathedral.

Although Paul Ferguson remains a trustee of the Francis Neilson Trust, following his resignation as a member of the Finance Committee, the Trustees have appointed Ian Bakewell as a trustee. Ian Bakewell is a member of the Finance Committee. By making this appointment the intention in the Trust Deed to appoint a qualified person for the purpose of monitoring the financial business of the Trust has been fulfilled.

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In order to bring the Trust Deed into line with the above appointment, at a meeting held on 21 March 2023, the Trustees approved a Resolution under S280 of the Charities Act 2011 to amend the governing document so that where the Deed makes use of the term 'the Chair of the Finance Committee' the term shall refer to 'a member of the Finance Committee of Liverpool Cathedral'.

Where there is a requirement for new Trustees, these would be identified and appointed by the continuing Trustees. The Chair of the Trustees is responsible for the induction of any new Trustee which involves awareness of a Trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, and the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new Trustee would receive copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charities Commission Leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'. All decisions made by the Trustees can if necessary, be exercised by majority vote and in the event of a tie, the Dean of Liverpool has a second or casting vote.

Procedures and Policy for Grant Making

The Trustees meet no fewer than three times per year to consider what grants they will make and to review any feedback they have received. Nominations for grants are elicited from Trustees by formal and informal means. The formal means include grant applications made on behalf of Liverpool Cathedral towards the cost of maintaining the choir and special benefits for them.

The Trustees always seek feedback on the actual use of the grants given and the achievements made, including those to individuals. The explanations and feedback received are sufficient for monitoring the quality of the grants made.

Financial Review, Investment Policy and Reserves

The Trustees have agreed to reinvest the income from the Endowed portfolio for the time being.

Total return from the investment is split between funds retained as capital and funds used as income.

At each meeting the Trustees receive a report from the Clerk to the Committees on the charity's current financial position and the effectiveness of its financial controls. Quilter Cheviot, the Investment Managers, invest funds held by the charity so as to ensure the same are prudently and profitably invested to achieve the required income return and provide reports on the investment performance.

The Trustees are satisfied that the standard of bookkeeping and evidence of expenditure through grants made during the year have been properly carried out and in a manner in which all transactions have been accounted for.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the Trust is set out on page 7 of the financial statements. It shows net income for the year ended 30 September 2024 of £5,387 (2023: net income of £26,693).

Achievements and Performance of the Trust

During the year in addition to their daily schedule of services and rehearsals each week and the Trust's prescribed responsibilities, the Neilson Trust has by grant:

1. Supported the musical education of the boy and girl choristers by assisting with fees for instrumental, theory and singing tuition.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2024

2. Financed gifts at Christmas and Easter
3. Supported the work of the Cross Guild (Ex-Choristers Guild):

- by assisting with fees for instrumental lessons; and
- in providing financial support to those at university and study placements.

The trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Risk Assessment

The trustees have re-assessed the principal risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that the appropriate systems or controls are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks. It must be said that such systems or controls can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement, fraud or loss.

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, and remain available in case of need. The trustees regularly discuss the portfolio of the Trust and future requirements of the Trust. The trustees believe that it is prudent to ensure that there are sufficient funds to provide financial flexibility for the current running and future development of the Trust's objectives and unforeseen events.

Future Plans

The trustees intend to continue to fulfil the objectives of the Trust by the proper provision of grants to Liverpool Cathedral in accordance with the Trust deed and review the composition of the Trustee body.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the 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 incoming resources and application of resources 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 the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and 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.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2024

Investment Review

The Investment Policy is a prudent balance of capital appreciation over the mid- to long-term, with a useful income meanwhile (i.e. medium-risk). Investment activity/performance and asset allocations are reviewed on a quarterly basis against suitable benchmarks at each meeting.

Holdings are in the hands of the appointed Investment Managers in accordance with published Charity Commission guidance (CC42). Their appointment and this policy are reviewed once a year.

Independent Examiner

The trustees have re-appointed Mitchell Charlesworth LLP to undertake the independent examination of the Trust for the financial year ending 30th September 2025.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were:

Dean Sue Jones - Dean of Liverpool
Patricia Heyes
Thomas Roberts
Nicholas Basson
Margaret Swinson
Paul Ferguson - Finance Committee Member
Revd Myles Davies
Stephen Mannings - Director of Music

New trustees are appointed by Deed of Appointment by the continuing Trustees.

The trustees received no emoluments during the year. There are no employees.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 July 2025.

Dean Sue Jones
Trustee

Mitchell Charlesworth

Accountants

Suites C, D, E & F, The Plaza, 100 Old Hall Street, Liverpool L3 9QJ

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRANCIS NEILSON TRUST FUND

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2024 set out on pages 7 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

L.R. Casey A.C.A.
Mitchell Charlesworth
Accountants

Dd month 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 30th September 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowed Funds 2024 £	Totals 2024 £	Totals 2023 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	93,402	-	-	93,402	97,084
Investments	3	<u>8,756</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,586</u>	<u>9,023</u>
Total income		<u>102,158</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,988</u>	<u>106,107</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	1,761	-	-	1,761	1,718
Charitable activities	5	<u>128,547</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,377</u>	<u>88,763</u>
Total expenditure		<u>130,308</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,138</u>	<u>90,481</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>16,976</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,561</u>	<u>33,537</u>	<u>11,067</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	8	(11,174)	-	16,561	5,387	26,693
Total funds brought forward		<u>204,756</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>129,852</u>	<u>336,608</u>	<u>309,915</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>193,582</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>146,413</u>	<u>341,995</u>	<u>336,608</u>

All activities of the Charity are continuing.

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 30th September 2024

Comparative information as at 30th September 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowed Funds 2023 £	Totals 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	97,084	-	-	97,084
Investments	3	<u>8,234</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,023</u>
Total income		<u>105,318</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,107</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	1,718	-	-	1,718
Charitable activities	5	<u>87,974</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,763</u>
Total expenditure		<u>89,692</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,481</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>5,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,824</u>	<u>11,067</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	8	20,869	-	5,824	26,693
Total funds brought forward		<u>183,887</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>124,028</u>	<u>309,915</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>204,756</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>129,852</u>	<u>336,608</u>

All activities of the Charity are continuing.

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Balance Sheet At 30th September 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	9		283,846		268,345
Current assets					
Balances at bank					
Cash at bank and in hand		78,112		97,854	
Central Board of Finance		<u>9,414</u>		<u>9,052</u>	
		87,526		106,906	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(29,377)</u>		<u>(38,643)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>58,149</u>		<u>68,263</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>341,995</u>		<u>336,608</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	12		193,582		204,756
Restricted fund	12		2,000		2,000
Endowment funds	12		<u>146,413</u>		<u>129,852</u>
Total funds	13		<u>341,995</u>		<u>336,608</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 July 2025 and signed by:

Dean Sue Jones
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2024

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Francis Neilson Trust Fund is a charitable trust established in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are included in the Trustees' Report on page 2.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include investments of fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity, and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment Funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, and comprise funds from the Francis Neilson Trust and the legacy from the Estate of Miss Kathleen Jackson deceased. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Income from the Morton Bursary is restricted for the benefit of assisting young choirboys in their musical studies.

Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments from part of the funds. Investment management charges relating to the fund are charged against unrestricted funds.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Income recognition

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and bank deposits. It includes dividends and interest. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Cash of raising funds includes investment managers fees.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes grants payable to The Corporation of Liverpool Cathedral.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2024

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administration costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

(f) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains/(losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

(g) Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(h) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(i) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

(j) Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2024

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(j) Financial instruments (continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

(k) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no critical accounting estimates or judgements in these accounts.

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2. Income from donations and legacies	Unrestricted funds	
	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Remittances from trustees in the USA	93,402	95,084
Other donations received	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>93,402</u>	<u>97,084</u>

3. Income from investments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	2024 £	2023 £
Dividends receivable	7,895	830	-	8,725	8,193
Interest on bank deposits	<u>861</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>830</u>
	<u>8,756</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,586</u>	<u>9,023</u>

£789 of the above income in 2023 was attributable to restricted funds and £8,234 of the above income in 2023 was attributable to unrestricted funds.

4. Expenditure on raising funds	Unrestricted funds	
	2024 £	2023 £
Investment managers fees	<u>1,761</u>	<u>1,718</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2024

5. Expenditure on charitable activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants payable (note 7)	127,033	85,496
Support costs (note 6)	<u>2,343</u>	<u>3,267</u>
	<u>129,376</u>	<u>88,763</u>

£830 (2023 £789) of the above costs were attributable to restricted funds and £128,547 (2023 £87,974) of the above costs were attributable to unrestricted funds.

6. Support costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy	-	750
Bank charges	73	109
Honorarium	500	500
Governance costs		
Independent examiners' fee	<u>1,770</u>	<u>1,908</u>
	<u>2,343</u>	<u>3,267</u>

7. Grants payable	2024	2023
	£	£
Corporation of the Cathedral Church in Liverpool	125,943	84,796
Individuals	<u>1,090</u>	<u>700</u>
	<u>127,033</u>	<u>85,496</u>

8. Net income/(expenditure)	2024	2023
	£	£
Net incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Independent Examiner's fees	<u>1,770</u>	<u>1,908</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2024

9. Investments	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance as at 1st October 2023	263,329	250,926
Additions at cost	23,328	57,136
Disposals	(39,650)	(51,793)
Realised gains/(losses) on sale of investment	3,944	
Unrealised investment gains / (losses)	<u>29,593</u>	<u>7,060</u>
	280,544	263,329
Cash held on deposit	<u>3,302</u>	<u>5,016</u>
Market value at 30th September 2024	<u>283,846</u>	<u>268,345</u>
	2024	2023
	£	£
Historical cost at 30th September 2024	<u>244,025</u>	<u>252,935</u>
Investments are held in UK Unit Trusts.		
Investments exceeding 5% of the total portfolio:	2024	2023
	£	£
Fidelity UCITS ICAV US Income GBP	32,615	27,851
BNY Mellon Global Funds plc US Equity Inc	<u>36,183</u>	<u>35,035</u>
	2024	2023
	£	£
10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	<u>29,377</u>	<u>38,643</u>
	2024	2023
	£	£
11. Financial instruments	2024	2023
	£	£
Carrying amounts of financial assets:		
Basic financial instruments measured at amortised cost	89,945	111,922
Equity instruments measured at fair value through the SOFA	<u>280,544</u>	<u>263,329</u>
Carrying amounts of financial liabilities:		
Measured at amortised cost	29,377	38,643

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12. Movement in funds

	At 1.10.2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and Losses £	At 30.9.2024 £
Endowment funds:					
Jackson Legacy Friends of Cathedral Music - Unrestricted permanent endowment fund	71,040	-	-	9,059	80,091
Morton Bursary - Restricted expendable endowment fund	32,676	-	-	4,169	36,841
	<u>26,137</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,333</u>	<u>29,467</u>
Total endowment funds	129,833	-	-	16,561	146,413
Restricted funds:					
Cross Guild Educational Grants	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Morton Bursary - Musical studies for young choristers	-	830	(830)	-	-
Total restricted funds	2,000	830	(830)	-	2,000
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	204,756	102,158	(130,308)	16,976	193,582
Total Funds	<u>336,608</u>	<u>102,988</u>	<u>(131,137)</u>	<u>33,537</u>	<u>341,995</u>

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12. Movement in funds	At 1.10.2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and Losses £	At 30.9.2023 £
Endowment funds:					
Jackson Legacy	67,854	-	-	3,186	71,040
Friends of Cathedral Music - Unrestricted permanent endowment fund	31,210	-	-	1,466	32,676
Morton Bursary - Restricted expendable endowment fund	<u>24,965</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>26,137</u>
Total endowment Funds	<u>124,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,824</u>	<u>129,852</u>
Restricted funds:					
Cross Guild Educational Grants	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Morton Bursary - Musical studies for young choristers	<u>-</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>(789)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,000</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>(789)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	<u>183,887</u>	<u>105,318</u>	<u>(89,692)</u>	<u>5,243</u>	<u>204,756</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>309,915</u></u>	<u><u>106,107</u></u>	<u><u>(90,481)</u></u>	<u><u>11,067</u></u>	<u><u>336,608</u></u>

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12. Movement in funds (continued)

Endowment Funds and Restricted Income Funds (continued)

The unrestricted endowment fund represents an amount gifted by the 'Friends of the Cathedral Music' together with various unrestricted funds transferred from the Cathedral Foundation during the year. The income generated from this fund is available for the general use of the charity.

The restricted endowment fund relates to the Morton Bursary. The income generated by this fund is restricted for the benefit of assisting young choristers in their musical studies.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Investments	135,433	2,000	146,413	283,846
Current assets	87,526	-	-	87,526
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(29,377)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,377)</u>
Total Funds	<u>193,582</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>146,413</u>	<u>341,995</u>

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Investments	136,493	2,000	129,852	268,345
Current assets	106,906	-	-	106,906
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(38,643)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(38,643)</u>
Total Funds	<u>204,756</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>129,852</u>	<u>336,608</u>

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14. Contingencies and Commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or financial commitments at 30th September 2024 or 30th September 2023.

15. Related Party Transactions

The Dean of Liverpool is a member of the Chapter, being the administrative body of Liverpool Cathedral. Paul Ferguson is a member of the Cathedral Finance Committee and Stephen Mannings is the Director of Music.

Grants paid to Liverpool Cathedral during the year amounted to £125,943 (2023 £84,796).

16. Trustees' Expenses

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period. The total amount of reimbursed expenses was £Nil (2023 - £Nil).

17. Ultimate Controlling Party

In the trustees' opinion, the trust has no ultimate controlling party.

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Trustees and Advisers for the year ended 30th September 2023

Trustees: Dean Sue Jones - Dean of Liverpool
Patricia Heyes
Thomas Roberts
Nicholas Basson
Paul Ferguson
Revd Myles Davies
Stephen Mannings – Director of Music
Margaret Swinson (Appointed 19 September 2023)

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th September 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 10 to 13 and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

History, Objectives and Activities of the Trust

The charity is governed by a charitable trust deed dated 6th October 1949 as made by Francis Neilson as amended by a resolution under s280 of the Charities Act 2011 passed on 28th February 2013, a Scheme of the Charity Commission dated 25th June 2013 and a Deed of Amendment dated 31st July 2019 ("the Trusts").

The objects of the trust following the 31st July 2019 amendment are

- a) supporting and promoting the education of the choristers of Liverpool Cathedral Choir ('choristers') in cultural and scientific arts;
- b) such other benefits to or for the choristers associated with their overall education;
- c) supporting the provision of special services, not being part of the ordinary or daily activity of Liverpool Cathedral;
- d) in otherwise promoting the continued existence of Liverpool Cathedral Choir within Liverpool Cathedral including through assisting in the recruitment of Choristers and the promotion of the Choir throughout the Diocese of Liverpool.

For the purposes of these objects, a chorister means any chorister who is under the age of 25.

The Trust deed gives the Trustees the power to apply the funds in such manner as they think fit in accordance with the terms and conditions in the Trust. The Trustees identify projects they wish to support and consider grant applications made from Liverpool Cathedral. The Trust does not support individuals or organisations other than in relation to those associated with Liverpool Cathedral. The Trust receives income from the Will Trust of the late Francis Neilson as administered by JP Morgan Chase, New York, USA. The level of income is affected by the exchange rate with the US dollar.

Management and Governance Arrangements

The Trust deed provides for a minimum of four Trustees, with no maximum. The Trustees must include those holding the office of Dean of Liverpool, the Chair of the Cathedral Finance Committee and Director of Music of Liverpool Cathedral.

Following the resignation of Neil Ashbridge, the Trustees have appointed Paul Ferguson who is a member of the Finance Committee. By making this appointment the intention in the Trust Deed to appoint a qualified person for the purpose of monitoring the financial business of the Trust, has been fulfilled.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2023

In order to bring the Trust Deed into line with the above appointment, at a meeting held on 21 March 2023, the Trustees approved a Resolution under S280 of the Charities Act 2011 to amend the governing document so that where the Deed makes use of the term 'the Chair of the Finance Committee' the term shall refer to 'a member of the Finance Committee of Liverpool Cathedral'.

Where there is a requirement for new Trustees, these would be identified and appointed by the continuing Trustees. The Chair of the Trustees is responsible for the induction of any new Trustee which involves awareness of a Trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, and the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new Trustee would receive copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charities Commission Leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'. All decisions made by the Trustees can if necessary, be exercised by majority vote and in the event of a tie, the Dean of Liverpool has a second or casting vote.

Procedures and Policy for Grant Making

The Trustees meet no fewer than three times per year to consider what grants they will make and to review any feedback they have received. Nominations for grants are elicited from Trustees by formal and informal means. The formal means include grant applications made on behalf of Liverpool Cathedral towards the cost of maintaining the choir and special benefits for them.

The Trustees always seek feedback on the actual use of the grants given and the achievements made, including those to individuals. The explanations and feedback received are sufficient for monitoring the quality of the grants made.

Financial Review, Investment Policy and Reserves

The Trustees have agreed to reinvest the income from the Endowed portfolio for the time being.

Total return from the investment is split between funds retained as capital and funds used as income.

At each meeting the Trustees receive a report from the Clerk to the Committees on the charity's current financial position and the effectiveness of its financial controls. Quilter Cheviot, the Investment Managers, invest funds held by the charity so as to ensure the same are prudently and profitably invested to achieve the required income return and provide reports on the investment performance.

The Trustees are satisfied that the standard of bookkeeping and evidence of expenditure through grants made during the year have been properly carried out and in a manner in which all transactions have been accounted for.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the Trust is set out on page 7 of the financial statements. It shows net income for the year ended 30 September 2023 of £26,693 (2022: net expenditure of £14,224).

Achievements and Performance of the Trust

During the year in addition to their daily schedule of services and rehearsals each week and the Trust's prescribed responsibilities, the Neilson Trust has by grant:

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1. Supported the musical education of the boy and girl choristers by assisting with fees for instrumental, theory and singing tuition.

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2. Financed gifts at Christmas, Easter, Anniversary of the Cathedral's Consecration and Birthdays.
3. Supported the work of the Cross Guild (Ex-Choristers Guild):
 - by assisting with fees for instrumental lessons; and
 - in providing financial support to those at university and study placements.

The trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Risk Assessment

The trustees have re-assessed the principal risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that the appropriate systems or controls are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks. It must be said that such systems or controls can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement, fraud or loss.

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, and remain available in case of need. The trustees regularly discuss the portfolio of the Trust and future requirements of the Trust. The trustees believe that it is prudent to ensure that there are sufficient funds to provide financial flexibility for the current running and future development of the Trust's objectives and unforeseen events.

Future Plans

The trustees intend to continue to fulfil the objectives of the Trust by the proper provision of grants to Liverpool Cathedral in accordance with the Trust deed and review the composition of the Trustee body.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the 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 incoming resources and application of resources 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 the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and 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.

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Investment Review

The Investment Policy is a prudent balance of capital appreciation over the mid- to long-term, with a useful income meanwhile (i.e. medium-risk). Investment activity/performance and asset allocations are reviewed on a quarterly basis against suitable benchmarks at each meeting.

Holdings are in the hands of the appointed Investment Managers in accordance with published Charity Commission guidance (CC42). Their appointment and this policy are reviewed once a year.

Independent Examiner

The trustees have re-appointed Mitchell Charlesworth LLP to undertake the independent examination of the Trust for the financial year ending 30th September 2023.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were:

Dean Sue Jones - Dean of Liverpool

David Evans - Trustee of the Cross Guild (Retired 4.7.23)

Patricia Heyes

Thomas Roberts

Nicholas Basson

Margaret Swinson (Appointed 19 September 2023)

Paul Ferguson - Finance Committee Member

Revd Myles Davies

Stephen Mannings - Director of Music

New trustees are appointed by Deed of Appointment by the continuing Trustees.

The trustees received no emoluments during the year. There are no employees.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on xx July 2024.

Dean Sue Jones

Trustee

Mitchell Charlesworth

Accountants

5 Temple Square · Temple Street · Liverpool · L2 5RH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRANCIS NEILSON TRUST FUND

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2023 set out on pages 7 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

L.R. Casey A.C.A.
Mitchell Charlesworth
Accountants

1st August 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 30th September 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowed Funds 2023 £	Totals 2023 £	Totals 2022 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	97,084	-	-	97,084	89,511
Investments	3	<u>8,234</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,023</u>	<u>8,085</u>
Total income		<u>105,318</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,107</u>	<u>97,596</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	1,718	-	-	1,718	1,808
Charitable activities	5	<u>87,974</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,763</u>	<u>82,932</u>
Total expenditure		<u>89,692</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,481</u>	<u>84,740</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>5,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,824</u>	<u>11,067</u>	<u>(27,080)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	8	<u>20,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,824</u>	<u>26,693</u>	<u>(14,224)</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>183,887</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>124,028</u>	<u>309,915</u>	<u>324,139</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>204,756</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>129,852</u>	<u>336,608</u>	<u>309,915</u>

All activities of the Charity are continuing.

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 30th September 2023

Comparative information as at 30th September 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowed Funds 2022 £	Totals 2022 £	Totals 2021 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	89,511	-	-	89,511	80,703
Investments	3	<u>7,237</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,085</u>	<u>7,284</u>
Total income		<u>96,748</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,596</u>	<u>87,987</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	1,808	-	-	1,808	1,646
Charitable activities	5	<u>82,084</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,932</u>	<u>81,973</u>
Total expenditure		<u>83,892</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,740</u>	<u>83,619</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(21,747)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,333)</u>	<u>(27,080)</u>	<u>46,927</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	8	<u>(8,891)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,333)</u>	<u>(14,224)</u>	<u>51,295</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>192,778</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>129,361</u>	<u>324,139</u>	<u>272,844</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>183,887</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>124,028</u>	<u>309,915</u>	<u>324,139</u>

All activities of the Charity are continuing.

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Balance Sheet At 30th September 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	9		268,345		258,803
Current assets					
Balances at bank					
Cash at bank and in hand			97,854		61,505
Central Board of Finance			<u>9,052</u>		<u>8,714</u>
			106,906		70,219
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10		<u>(38,643)</u>		<u>(19,107)</u>
Net current assets			<u>68,263</u>		<u>51,112</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>336,608</u>		<u>309,915</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	12		204,756		183,887
Restricted fund	12		2,000		2,000
Endowment funds	12		<u>129,852</u>		<u>124,028</u>
Total funds	13		<u>333,608</u>		<u>309,915</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on xx July 2024 and signed by:

Dean Sue Jones
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2023

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Francis Neilson Trust Fund is a charitable trust established in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are included in the Trustees' Report on page 2.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity does not include a Statement of Cash Flows on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on 16th July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1st April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include investments of fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity, and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Funds (continued)

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, and comprise funds from the Francis Neilson Trust and the legacy from the Estate of Miss Kathleen Jackson deceased. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Income from the Morton Bursary is restricted for the benefit of assisting young choirboys in their musical studies.

Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the funds. Investment management charges relating to the fund are charged against unrestricted funds.

(c) Income recognition

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and bank deposits. It includes dividends and interest. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Cash of raising funds includes investment managers fees.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes grants payable to The Corporation of Liverpool Cathedral.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administration costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

(f) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains/(losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

(g) Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(h) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties, including those arising from Covid-19, exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Income from donations and legacies	Unrestricted funds	
	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Remittances from trustees in the USA	95,084	88,906
Other donations received	<u>2,000</u>	<u>605</u>
	<u>97,084</u>	<u>89,511</u>

3. Income from investments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Dividends receivable	7,404	789	-	8,193	8,000
Interest on bank deposits	<u>830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>85</u>
	<u>8,234</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,023</u>	<u>8,085</u>

£848 of the above income in 2022 was attributable to restricted funds and £7,237 of the above income in 2022 was attributable to unrestricted funds.

4. Expenditure on raising funds	Unrestricted funds	
	2023 £	2022 £
Investment managers fees	<u>1,718</u>	<u>1,808</u>

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5. Expenditure on charitable activities	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants payable (note 7)	85,496	80,858
Support costs (note 6)	<u>3,267</u>	<u>2,074</u>
	<u>88,763</u>	<u>82,932</u>

£789 (2022 £848) of the above costs were attributable to restricted funds and £87,974 (2022 £82,084) of the above costs were attributable to unrestricted funds.

6. Support costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy	750	-
Bank charges	109	74
Honorarium	500	500
Governance costs		
Independent examiners' fee	<u>1,908</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>3,267</u>	<u>2,074</u>

7. Grants payable	2023	2022
	£	£
Corporation of the Cathedral Church in Liverpool	84,796	79,928
Individuals	<u>700</u>	<u>930</u>
	<u>85,496</u>	<u>80,858</u>

8. Net income/(expenditure)	2023	2022
	£	£
Net incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Independent Examiner's fees	<u>1,908</u>	<u>1,500</u>

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9. Investments	2023	2022
	£	£
Balance as at 1st October 2022	250,926	284,728
Additions at cost	57,136	21,877
Disposals	(51,793)	(29,205)
Net unrealised investment (losses)/gains	<u>7,060</u>	<u>(26,474)</u>
	263,329	250,926
Cash held on deposit	<u>5,016</u>	<u>7,877</u>
Market value at 30th September 2023	268,345	258,803
	2023	2022
	£	£
Historical cost at 30th September 2023	252,935	248,667
Investments are held in UK Unit Trusts.		
Investments exceeding 5% of the total portfolio:	2023	2022
	£	£
Fidelity UCITS ICAV US Income GBP	27,851	25,134
BNY Mellon Global Funds plc US Equity Inc	35,035	33,420
	2023	2022
	£	£
10		
• Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	38,643	19,107
	2023	2022
	£	£
11		
• Financial instruments	2023	2022
	£	£
Financial assets:		
Measured at fair value through net income	263,329	250,926

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12. Movement in funds	At 1.10.2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and Losses £	At 30.9.2023 £
Endowment funds:					
Jackson Legacy	67,854	-	-	3,186	71,032
Friends of Cathedral Music - Unrestricted permanent endowment fund	31,210	-	-	1,466	32,672
Morton Bursary - Restricted expendable endowment fund	<u>24,965</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>26,134</u>
Total endowment funds	<u>124,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,824</u>	<u>129,852</u>
Restricted funds:					
Cross Guild Educational Grants	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Morton Bursary - Musical studies for young choristers	<u>-</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>(789)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,000</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>(789)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	<u>183,887</u>	<u>105,318</u>	<u>(89,692)</u>	<u>5,243</u>	<u>204,756</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>309,915</u></u>	<u><u>106,107</u></u>	<u><u>(90,481)</u></u>	<u><u>11,067</u></u>	<u><u>336,608</u></u>

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12. Movement in funds	At 1.10.2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and Losses £	At 30.9.2022 £
Endowment funds:					
Jackson Legacy	70,772	-	-	(2,918)	67,854
Friends of Cathedral Music - Unrestricted permanent endowment fund	32,552	-	-	(1,342)	31,210
Morton Bursary - Restricted expendable endowment fund	<u>26,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,073)</u>	<u>24,965</u>
Total endowment Funds	<u>129,361</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,333)</u>	<u>124,028</u>
Restricted funds:					
Cross Guild Educational Grants	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Morton Bursary - Musical studies for young choristers	<u>-</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>(848)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,000</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>(848)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	<u>192,778</u>	<u>96,748</u>	<u>(83,892)</u>	<u>(21,747)</u>	<u>183,887</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>324,139</u></u>	<u><u>97,596</u></u>	<u><u>(84,740)</u></u>	<u><u>(27,080)</u></u>	<u><u>309,915</u></u>

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12. Movement in funds (continued)

Endowment Funds and Restricted Income Funds (continued)

The unrestricted endowment fund represents an amount gifted by the 'Friends of the Cathedral Music' together with various unrestricted funds transferred from the Cathedral Foundation during the year. The income generated from this fund is available for the general use of the charity.

The restricted endowment fund relates to the Morton Bursary. The income generated by this fund is restricted for the benefit of assisting young choristers in their musical studies.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Investments	136,493	2,000	129,852	268,345
Current assets	106,906	-	-	106,906
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(38,643)	-	-	(38,643)
Total Funds	204,756	2,000	129,852	336,608

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Investments	132,775	2,000	124,028	258,803
Current assets	70,219	-	-	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(19,107)	-	-	(19,107)
Total Funds	183,887	2,000	124,028	309,915

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14 Contingencies and Commitments

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There were no contingent liabilities or financial commitments at 30th September 2023 or 30th September 2022.

15 Related Party Transactions

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The Dean of Liverpool is a member of the Chapter, being the administrative body of Liverpool Cathedral. Paul Ferguson is a member of the Cathedral Finance Committee and Stephen Mannings is the Director of Music.

Grants paid to Liverpool Cathedral during the year amounted to £84,796 (2022 £79,928).

16 Trustees' Expenses

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None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period. The total amount of reimbursed expenses was £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

17 Ultimate Controlling Party

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In the trustees' opinion, the trust has no ultimate controlling party.

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REPORT AND STATEMENTS
for the year ended
30th September 2022

Registered Charity No: 514802

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Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2022

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Trustees and Advisers for the year ended 30th September 2022

Trustees:	Dean Sue Jones - Dean of Liverpool Pat Heyes Tom Roberts Nick Basson Paul Ferguson Rev'd Myles Davies Stephen Mannings – Director of Music
Correspondence Address:	Cathedral Office St James' House 20 St James' Road Liverpool L1 7BY
Bankers:	National Westminster Bank plc University Branch 5 Oxford Street Liverpool L7 7HL
Investment Managers:	Quilter Cheviot Investment Management 5, St Paul's Square Liverpool L3 9SJ
Independent Examiner:	Louise Casey A.C.A. Mitchell Charlesworth 5 Temple Square Temple Street Liverpool L2 5RH

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th September 2022

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 7 to 9 and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

History, Objectives and Activities of the Trust

The charity is governed by a charitable trust deed dated 6th October 1949 as made by Francis Neilson as amended by a resolution under s280 of the Charities Act 2011 passed on 28th February 2013, a Scheme of the Charity Commission dated 25th June 2013 and a Deed of Amendment dated 31st July 2019 ("the Trusts").

The objects of the trust following the 31st July 2019 amendment are

- a) supporting and promoting the education of the choristers of Liverpool Cathedral Choir ('choristers') in cultural and scientific arts;
- b) such other benefits to or for the choristers associated with their overall education;
- c) supporting the provision of special services, not being part of the ordinary or daily activity of Liverpool Cathedral;
- d) in otherwise promoting the continued existence of Liverpool Cathedral Choir within Liverpool Cathedral including through assisting in the recruitment of Choristers and the promotion of the Choir throughout the Diocese of Liverpool.

For the purposes of these objects, a chorister means any chorister who is under the age of 25.

The Trust deed gives the Trustees the power to apply the funds in such manner as they think fit in accordance with the terms and conditions in the Trust. The Trustees identify projects they wish to support and consider grant applications made from Liverpool Cathedral. The Trust does not support individuals or organisations other than in relation to those associated with Liverpool Cathedral. The Trust receives income from the Will Trust of the late Francis Neilson as administered by JP Morgan Chase, New York, USA. The level of income is affected by the exchange rate with the US dollar.

Management and Governance Arrangements

The Trust deed provides for a minimum of four Trustees, with no maximum. The Trustees must include those holding the office of Dean of Liverpool, the Chair of the Cathedral Finance Committee and Director of Music of Liverpool Cathedral.

Following the resignation of Neil Ashbridge (Chair of the Cathedral Finance Committee), the Trustees have appointed Paul Ferguson who is a member of the Finance Committee. By making this appointment the intention in the Trust Deed to appoint a qualified person for the purpose of monitoring the financial business of the Trust, has been fulfilled.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2022

Management and Governance Arrangements (continued)

In order to bring the Trust Deed into line with the above appointment, at a meeting held on 21 March 2023, the Trustees approved a resolution under s280 of the Charities Act 2011 to amend the governing document so that where the Deed makes use of the term 'the Chair of the Finance Committee', the term shall refer to 'a member of the Finance Committee of Liverpool Cathedral'.

Where there is a requirement for new Trustees, these would be identified and appointed by the continuing Trustees. The Chair of the Trustees is responsible for the induction of any new Trustee which involves awareness of a Trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, and the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new Trustee would receive copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charities Commission Leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'. All decisions made by the Trustees can if necessary, be exercised by majority vote and in the event of a tie, the Dean of Liverpool has a second or casting vote.

Procedures and Policy for Grant Making

The Trustees ordinarily meet three times per year to consider what grants they will make and to review any feedback they have received. Nominations for grants are elicited from Trustees by formal and informal means. The formal means include grant applications made on behalf of Liverpool Cathedral towards the cost of maintaining the choir and special benefits for them.

The Trustees always seek feedback on the actual use of the grants given and the achievements made, including those to individuals. The explanations and feedback received are sufficient for monitoring the quality of the grants made.

Financial Review, Investment Policy and Reserves

The Trustees have agreed to reinvest the income from the Endowed portfolio for the time being.

Total return from the investment is split between funds retained as capital and funds used as income.

At each meeting the Trustees receive a report from the Clerk to the Committees on the charity's current financial position and any matters arising in relation to its financial controls. Quilter Cheviot, the Investment Managers, invest funds held by the charity so as to ensure the same are prudently and profitably invested to achieve the required income return and provide reports on the investment performance.

The Trustees are satisfied that the standard of bookkeeping and evidence of expenditure through grants made during the year have been properly carried out and in a manner in which all transactions have been accounted for.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the Trust is set out on page 8 of the financial statements. It shows net expenditure for the year ended 30 September 2022 of £14,224 (2021: net income of £51,295).

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2022

Achievements and Performance of the Trust

During the year in addition to their daily schedule of services and rehearsals each week and the Trust's prescribed responsibilities, the Neilson Trust has by grant:

1. Supported the musical education of the boy and girl choristers by assisting with fees for instrumental, theory and singing tuition.
2. Financed gifts to choristers at Christmas, Easter, Anniversary of the Cathedral's Consecration and Birthdays.
3. Supported the work of the Cross Guild (Ex-Choristers Guild):
 - by assisting with fees for instrumental lessons; and
 - in providing financial support to those at university and study placements.

The trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Risk Assessment

The trustees have re-assessed the principal risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that the appropriate systems or controls are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks. It must be said that such systems or controls can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement, fraud or loss.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, and remains available in case of need. The trustees regularly discuss the portfolio of the Trust and future requirements of the Trust. The trustees believe that it is prudent to ensure that there are sufficient funds to provide financial flexibility for the current running and future development of the Trust's objectives and unforeseen events.

Future Plans

The trustees intend to continue to fulfil the objectives of the Trust by the proper provision of grants to Liverpool Cathedral in accordance with the Trust deed and review the composition of the trustee body.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2022

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the 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 incoming resources and application of resources 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 the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and 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.

Investment Review

The Investment Policy is a prudent balance of capital appreciation over the mid- to long-term, with a useful income meanwhile (i.e. medium-risk). Investment activity/performance and asset allocations are reviewed on a quarterly basis against suitable benchmarks at each meeting.

Holdings are in the hands of the appointed Investment Managers in accordance with published Charity Commission guidance (CC42). Their appointment and this policy are reviewed once a year.

Independent Examiner

The trustees have re-appointed Mitchell Charlesworth to undertake the independent examination of the Trust for the financial year ending 30th September 2023.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2022

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were:

Dean Sue Jones - Dean of Liverpool
Lee Ward - Director of Music (resigned 22 March 2022)
David Evans – Trustee of the Cross Guild (retired 4 July 2023)
Pat Heyes
Tom Roberts
Nick Basson
Margaret Swinson (resigned 4 July 2023)
Paul Ferguson – Finance Committee Member
Rev'd Myles Davies (appointed 22 March 2022)
Stephen Mannings – Director of Music (appointed 14 June 2022)

New trustees are appointed by Deed of Appointment by the continuing Trustees.

The trustees received no emoluments during the year. There are no employees.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 July 2023.



Dean Sue Jones
Trustee

Mitchell Charlesworth

Accountants

5 Temple Square · Temple Street · Liverpool · L2 5RH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRANCIS NEILSON TRUST FUND

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2022 set out on pages 8 to 20.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Mitchell Charlesworth

L.R. Casey A.C.A.
Mitchell Charlesworth
Accountants

28 July 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 30th September 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowed Funds 2022 £	Totals 2022 £	Totals 2021 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	89,511	-	-	89,511	80,703
Investments	3	<u>7,237</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,085</u>	<u>7,284</u>
Total income		<u>96,748</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,596</u>	<u>87,987</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	1,808	-	-	1,808	1,646
Charitable activities	5	<u>82,084</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,932</u>	<u>81,973</u>
Total expenditure		<u>83,892</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,740</u>	<u>83,619</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(21,747)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,333)</u>	<u>(27,080)</u>	<u>46,927</u>
Net income/(expenditure) 8		<u>(8,891)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,333)</u>	<u>(14,224)</u>	<u>51,295</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>192,778</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>129,361</u>	<u>324,139</u>	<u>272,844</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>183,887</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>124,028</u>	<u>309,915</u>	<u>324,139</u>

All activities of the Charity are continuing.

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 30th September 2022

Comparative information as at 30th September 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Endowed Funds 2021 £	Totals 2021 £	Totals 2020 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	80,703	-	-	80,703	101,178
Investments	3	<u>6,505</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,284</u>	<u>7,293</u>
Total income		<u>87,208</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,987</u>	<u>108,471</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	1,646	-	-	1,646	1,612
Charitable activities	5	<u>81,194</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,973</u>	<u>97,894</u>
Total expenditure		<u>82,840</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,619</u>	<u>99,506</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>21,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,268</u>	<u>46,927</u>	<u>(24,364)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	8	26,027	-	25,268	51,295	(15,399)
Total funds brought forward		<u>166,751</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>104,093</u>	<u>272,844</u>	<u>288,243</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>192,778</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>129,361</u>	<u>324,139</u>	<u>272,844</u>

All activities of the Charity are continuing.

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Balance Sheet At 30th September 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	9		258,803		289,691
Current assets					
Balances at bank					
Cash at bank and in hand		61,505		55,895	
Central Board of Finance		<u>8,714</u>		<u>8,657</u>	
		70,219		64,552	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(19,107)</u>		<u>(30,104)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>51,112</u>		<u>34,448</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>309,915</u>		<u>324,139</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	12		183,887		192,778
Restricted fund	12		2,000		2,000
Endowment funds	12		<u>124,028</u>		<u>129,361</u>
Total funds	13		<u>309,915</u>		<u>324,139</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 July 2023 and signed by:



Dean Sue Jones
Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30th September 2022**

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Francis Neilson Trust Fund is a charitable trust established in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are included in the Trustees' Report on page 2.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2nd February 2016 and does not include a Statement of Cash Flows on the grounds that it is applying FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on 16th July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1st April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include investments of fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity, and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Funds (continued)

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, and comprise funds from the Francis Neilson Trust and the legacy from the Estate of Miss Kathleen Jackson deceased. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Income from the Morton Bursary is restricted for the benefit of assisting young choirboys in their musical studies.

Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the funds. Investment management charges relating to the fund are charged against unrestricted funds.

(c) Income recognition

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and bank deposits. It includes dividends and interest. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Cost of raising funds includes investment managers fees.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes grants payable to The Corporation of Liverpool Cathedral.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administration costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

(f) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

(g) Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(h) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Income from donations and legacies	Unrestricted funds	
	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Remittances from trustees in the USA	88,906	80,703
Other donations received	<u>605</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>89,511</u>	<u>80,703</u>

3. Income from investments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	2022 £	2021 £
Dividends receivable	7,152	848	-	8,000	7,269
Interest on bank deposits	<u>85</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>7,237</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,085</u>	<u>7,284</u>

£779 of the above income in 2021 was attributable to restricted funds and £6,505 of the above income in 2021 was attributable to unrestricted funds.

4. Expenditure on raising funds	Unrestricted funds	
	2022 £	2021 £
Investment managers fees	<u>1,808</u>	<u>1,646</u>

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5. Expenditure on charitable activities	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants payable (note 7)	80,858	79,143
Support costs (note 6)	<u>2,074</u>	<u>2,830</u>
	<u>82,932</u>	<u>81,973</u>
<p>£1,313 (2021 £697) of the above costs were attributable to restricted funds and £81,119 (2021 £79,899) of the above costs were attributable to unrestricted funds.</p>		
6. Support costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy	-	750
Bank charges	74	74
Honorarium	500	500
Governance costs		
Independent examiners' fee	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,506</u>
	<u>2,074</u>	<u>2,830</u>
7. Grants payable	2022	2021
	£	£
Corporation of the Cathedral Church in Liverpool	79,928	79,143
Individuals	<u>930</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>80,858</u>	<u>79,143</u>
8. Net income/(expenditure)	2022	2021
	£	£
<p>Net incoming resources is stated after charging:</p>		
Independent Examiner's fees	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,506</u>

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9. Investments	2022	2021
	£	£
Balance at 1st October 2021	284,728	234,536
Additions at cost	21,877	63,927
Disposals	(29,205)	(50,226)
Net unrealised investment (losses)/gains	<u>(26,474)</u>	<u>36,491</u>
	250,926	284,728
Cash held on deposit	<u>7,877</u>	<u>4,963</u>
Market value at 30th September 2022	<u>258,803</u>	<u>289,691</u>
	2022	2021
	£	£
Historical cost at 30th September 2022	<u>248,667</u>	<u>251,682</u>
Investments are held in UK Unit Trusts.		
Investments exceeding 5% of the total portfolio:	2022	2021
	£	£
Fidelity UCITS US Quality Income Fund	25,134	23,433
BNY Mellon Global Funds plc US Equity Inc	33,420	28,733
	<u>58,554</u>	<u>52,166</u>
10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	<u>19,107</u>	<u>30,104</u>
11. Financial instruments	2022	2021
	£	£
Financial assets: Measured at fair value through net income	<u>250,926</u>	<u>284,728</u>

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12. Movement in funds	At 1.10.2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and Losses £	At 30.9.2022 £
Endowment funds:					
Jackson Legacy	70,772	-	-	(2,918)	67,854
Friends of Cathedral Music - Unrestricted permanent endowment fund	32,552	-	-	(1,342)	31,210
Morton Bursary - Restricted expendable endowment fund	<u>26,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,073)</u>	<u>24,965</u>
Total endowment Funds	<u>129,361</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,333)</u>	<u>124,028</u>
Restricted funds:					
Cross Guild Educational Grants	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Morton Bursary - Musical studies for young choristers	<u>-</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>(848)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,000</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>(848)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	<u>192,778</u>	<u>96,748</u>	<u>(83,892)</u>	<u>(21,747)</u>	<u>183,887</u>
Total Funds	<u>324,139</u>	<u>97,596</u>	<u>(84,740)</u>	<u>(27,080)</u>	<u>309,915</u>

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12. Movement in funds (continued)

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	At 1.10.2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and Losses £	At 30.9.2021 £
Endowment funds:					
Jackson Legacy	56,948	-	-	13,824	70,772
Friends of Cathedral Music - Unrestricted permanent endowment fund	26,194	-	-	6,358	32,552
Morton Bursary - Restricted expendable endowment fund	<u>20,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,086</u>	<u>26,037</u>
Total endowment Funds	<u>104,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,268</u>	<u>129,361</u>
Restricted funds:					
Cross Guild Educational Grants	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Morton Bursary - Musical studies for young choristers	<u>-</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>(779)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,000</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>(779)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	<u>166,751</u>	<u>87,208</u>	<u>(82,840)</u>	<u>21,659</u>	<u>192,778</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>272,844</u></u>	<u><u>87,987</u></u>	<u><u>(83,619)</u></u>	<u><u>46,927</u></u>	<u><u>324,139</u></u>

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12. Movement in funds (continued)

Endowment Funds and Restricted Income Funds (continued)

The unrestricted endowment fund represents an amount gifted by the 'Friends of the Cathedral Music' together with various unrestricted funds transferred from the Cathedral Foundation during the year. The income generated from this fund is available for the general use of the charity.

The restricted endowment fund relates to the Morton Bursary. The income generated by this fund is restricted for the benefit of assisting young choristers in their musical studies.

Contributions have been specifically received towards the cost of the choir tour to the United States.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Investments	132,775	2,000	124,028	258,803
Current assets	70,219	-	-	70,219
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(19,107)	-	-	(19,107)
Total Funds	183,887	2,000	124,028	309,915

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Investments	158,330	2,000	129,361	289,691
Current assets	64,552	-	-	64,552
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(30,104)	-	-	(30,104)
Total Funds	192,778	2,000	129,361	324,139

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14. Contingencies and Commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or financial commitments at 30th September 2022 or 30th September 2021.

15. Related Party Transactions

The Dean of Liverpool is a member of the Chapter, being the administrative body of Liverpool Cathedral. Paul Ferguson is a member of the Cathedral Finance Committee and Lee Ward was the Director of Music.

Grants paid to Liverpool Cathedral during the year amounted to £79,928 (2021 £79,143).

16. Trustees' Expenses

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period. The total amount of reimbursed expenses was £Nil (2021 - £Nil).

17. Ultimate Controlling Party

In the trustees' opinion, the trust has no ultimate controlling party.

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for the year ended
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Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2021

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Trustees and Advisers for the year ended 30th September 2021

Trustees: Dean Sue Jones - Dean of Liverpool
Allastair Davey (resigned 08/06/2021)
Lee Ward - Director of Music (resigned 22/03/2022)
David Evans - Trustee of the Cross Guild
Pat Heyes
Tom Roberts
Nick Basson
Margaret Swinson
Paul Ferguson - Finance Committee Member
Reverend Myles Davies (from 22/03/2022)
Stephen Mannings - Director of Music (from 14/06/2022)

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th September 2021

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9 to 12 and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

History, Objectives and Activities of the Trust

The charity is governed by a charitable trust deed dated 6th October 1949 as made by Francis Neilson as amended by a resolution under s280 of the Charities Act 2011 passed on 28th February 2013, a Scheme of the Charity Commission dated 25th June 2013 and a Deed of Amendment dated 31st July 2020 ("the Trusts").

The objects of the trust following the 31st July 2019 amendment are

- a) supporting and promoting the education of the choristers of Liverpool Cathedral Choir ('choristers') in cultural and scientific arts;
- b) such other benefits to or for the choristers associated with their overall education;
- c) supporting the provision of special services, not being part of the ordinary or daily activity of Liverpool Cathedral;
- d) in otherwise promoting the continued existence of Liverpool Cathedral Choir within Liverpool Cathedral including through assisting in the recruitment of Choristers and the promotion of the Choir throughout the Diocese of Liverpool.

For the purposes of these objects, a chorister means any chorister who is under the age of 25.

The Trust deed gives the Trustees the power to apply the funds in such manner as they think fit in accordance with the terms and conditions in the Trust. The Trustees identify projects they wish to support and consider grant applications made from Liverpool Cathedral. The Trust does not support individuals or organisations other than in relation to those associated with Liverpool Cathedral. The Trust receives income from the Will Trust of the late Francis Neilson as administered by JP Morgan Chase, New York, USA. The level of income is affected by the exchange rate with the US dollar.

Management and Governance Arrangements

The Trust deed provides for a minimum of four Trustees, with no maximum. The Trustees must include those holding the office of Dean of Liverpool, the Chair of the Cathedral Finance Committee and Director of Music of Liverpool Cathedral.

Following the resignation of Neil Ashbridge (Chair of the Cathedral Finance Committee), the Trustees have appointed Paul Ferguson who is a member of the Finance Committee. By making this appointment the intention in the Trust Deed to appoint a qualified person for the purpose of monitoring the financial business of the Trust, has been fulfilled.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2021

Management and Governance Arrangements (continued)

Where there is a requirement for new Trustees, these would be identified and appointed by the continuing Trustees. The Chair of the Trustees is responsible for the induction of any new Trustee which involves awareness of a Trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, and the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new Trustee would receive copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charities Commission Leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'. All decisions made by the Trustees can if necessary, be exercised by majority vote and in the event of a tie, the Dean of Liverpool has a second or casting vote.

Procedures and Policy for Grant Making

The Trustees ordinarily meet three times per year to consider what grants they will make and to review any feedback they have received. When it is not possible to meet three times in any year, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic, communication is maintained by email. Nominations for grants are elicited from Trustees by formal and informal means. The formal means include grant applications made on behalf of Liverpool Cathedral towards the cost of maintaining the choir and special benefits for them.

The Trustees always seek feedback on the actual use of the grants given and the achievements made, including those to individuals. The explanations and feedback received are sufficient for monitoring the quality of the grants made.

Financial Review, Investment Policy and Reserves

The Trustees have agreed to reinvest the income from the Endowed portfolio for the time being.

Total return from the investment is split between funds retained as capital and funds used as income.

At each meeting the Trustees receive a report from the Clerk to the Committees on the charity's current financial position and any matters arising in relation to its financial controls. Quilter Cheviot, the Investment Managers, invest funds held by the charity so as to ensure the same are prudently and profitably invested to achieve the required income return and provide reports on the investment performance.

The Trustees are satisfied that the standard of bookkeeping and evidence of expenditure through grants made during the year have been properly carried out and in a manner in which all transactions have been accounted for.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the Trust is set out on page 7 of the financial statements. It shows net income for the year ended 30 September 2021 of £51,295 (2020: net expenditure of £15,399).

Achievements and Performance of the Trust

During the year in addition to their daily schedule of services and rehearsals each week and the Trust's prescribed responsibilities, the Neilson Trust has by grant:

1. Supported the musical education of the boy and girl choristers by assisting with fees for instrumental, theory and singing tuition.
2. Financed gifts to choristers at Christmas, Easter, Anniversary of the Cathedral's Consecration and Birthdays.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2021

Achievements and Performance of the Trust (continued)

3. Supported the work of the Cross Guild (Ex-Choristers Guild):

- by assisting with fees for instrumental lessons; and
- in providing financial support to those at university and study placements.

The trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Risk Assessment

The trustees have re-assessed the principal risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that the appropriate systems or controls are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks. It must be said that such systems or controls can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement, fraud or loss.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, and remains available in case of need. The trustees regularly discuss the portfolio of the Trust and future requirements of the Trust. The trustees believe that it is prudent to ensure that there are sufficient funds to provide financial flexibility for the current running and future development of the Trust's objectives and unforeseen events.

Future Plans

The trustees intend to continue to fulfill the objectives of the Trust by the proper provision of grants to Liverpool Cathedral in accordance with the Trust deed.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the 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 incoming resources and application of resources 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 the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and 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.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2021

Investment Review

The Investment Policy is a prudent balance of capital appreciation over the mid- to long-term, with a useful income meanwhile (i.e. medium-risk). Investment activity/performance and asset allocations are reviewed on a quarterly basis against suitable benchmarks at each meeting.

Holdings are in the hands of the appointed Investment Managers in accordance with published Charity Commission guidance (CC42). Their appointment and this policy are reviewed once a year.

Independent Examiner

The trustees have re-appointed Mitchell Charlesworth to undertake the independent examination of the Trust for the financial year ending 30th September 2021.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were:

Dean Sue Jones - Dean of Liverpool
Allastair Davey (resigned 08/06/2021)
Lee Ward - Director of Music (resigned 22/03/2022)
David Evans - Trustee of the Cross Guild
Pat Heyes
Tom Roberts
Nick Basson
Margaret Swinson
Paul Ferguson - Finance Committee Member
Reverend Myles Davies (from 22/03/2022)
Stephen Mannings - Director of Music (from 14/06/2022)

New trustees are appointed by Deed of Appointment by the continuing Trustees.

The trustees received no emoluments during the year. There are no employees.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19th July 2022.

Dean Sue Jones
Trustee

Mitchell Charlesworth

Accountants

5 Temple Square · Temple Street · Liverpool · L2 5RH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRANCIS NEILSON TRUST FUND

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2021 set out on pages 7 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

P.L. Griffiths F.C.A.
Mitchell Charlesworth
Accountants

26th July 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 30th September 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Endowed Funds 2021 £	Totals 2021 £	Totals 2020 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	80,703	-	-	80,703	101,178
Investments	3	<u>6,505</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,284</u>	<u>7,293</u>
Total income		<u>87,208</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,987</u>	<u>108,471</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	1,646	-	-	1,646	1,612
Charitable activities	5	<u>81,194</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,973</u>	<u>97,894</u>
Total expenditure		<u>82,840</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,619</u>	<u>99,506</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>21,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,268</u>	<u>46,927</u>	<u>(24,364)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	8	26,027	-	25,268	51,295	(15,399)
Total funds brought forward		<u>166,751</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>104,093</u>	<u>272,844</u>	<u>288,243</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>192,778</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>129,361</u>	<u>324,139</u>	<u>272,844</u>

All activities of the Charity are continuing.

FRANCIS NEILSON TRUST FUND

Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 30th September 2021

Comparative information as at 30th September 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Endowed Funds 2020 £	Totals 2020 £	Totals 2019 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	101,178	-	-	101,178	95,095
Investments	3	<u>6,607</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,293</u>	<u>7,558</u>
Total income		<u>107,785</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,471</u>	<u>102,653</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	1,612	-	-	1,612	1,620
Charitable activities	5	<u>97,208</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,894</u>	<u>95,608</u>
Total expenditure		<u>98,820</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,506</u>	<u>97,228</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(7,069)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,295)</u>	<u>(24,364)</u>	<u>2,969</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	8	1,896	-	(17,295)	(15,399)	8,394
Total funds brought forward		<u>164,855</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>121,388</u>	<u>288,243</u>	<u>279,849</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>166,751</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>104,093</u>	<u>272,844</u>	<u>288,243</u>

All activities of the Charity are continuing.

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Balance Sheet At 30th September 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	9		289,691		237,141
Current assets					
Balances at bank					
Cash at bank and in hand		55,895		66,465	
Central Board of Finance		<u>8,657</u>		<u>8,648</u>	
		64,552		75,113	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(30,104)		(39,410)	
Net current assets			<u>34,448</u>		<u>35,703</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>324,139</u>		<u>272,844</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	12		192,778		166,751
Restricted fund	12		2,000		2,000
Endowment funds	12		<u>129,361</u>		<u>104,093</u>
Total funds	13		<u>324,139</u>		<u>272,844</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19th July 2022 and signed by:

Dean Sue Jones
Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30th September 2021**

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Francis Neilson Trust Fund is a charitable trust established in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are included in the Trustees' Report on page 2.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2nd February 2016 and does not include a Statement of Cash Flows on the grounds that it is applying FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on 16th July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1st April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include investments of fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity, and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Funds (continued)

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, and comprise funds from the Francis Neilson Trust and the legacy from the Estate of Miss Kathleen Jackson deceased. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Income from the Morton Bursary is restricted for the benefit of assisting young choirboys in their musical studies.

Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the funds. Investment management charges relating to the fund are charged against unrestricted funds.

(c) Income recognition

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and bank deposits. It includes dividends and interest. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

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for the year ended 30th September 2021**

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Cash of raising funds includes investment managers fees.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes grants payable to The Corporation of Liverpool Cathedral.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administration costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

(f) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

(g) Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(h) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties, including those arising from Covid-19, exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Income from donations and legacies	Unrestricted funds	
	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Remittances from trustees in the USA	80,703	90,356
Other donations received	<u>-</u>	<u>10,822</u>
	<u>80,703</u>	<u>101,178</u>

3. Income from investments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Dividends receivable	6,490	779	-	7,269	7,194
Interest on bank deposits	<u>15</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>99</u>
	<u>6,505</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,284</u>	<u>7,293</u>

£686 of the above income in 2020 was attributable to restricted funds and £6,508 of the above income in 2020 was attributable to unrestricted funds.

4. Expenditure on raising funds	Unrestricted funds	
	2021 £	2020 £
Investment managers fees	1,646	1,612
	<u>1,646</u>	<u>1,612</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2021

5. Expenditure on charitable activities	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants payable (note 7)	79,143	95,214
Support costs (note 6)	<u>2,830</u>	<u>2,680</u>
	<u>81,973</u>	<u>97,894</u>

£779 (2020 £686) of the above costs were attributable to restricted funds and £81,194 (2020 £94,528) of the above costs were attributable to unrestricted funds.

6. Support costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy	750	750
Bank charges	74	74
Honorarium	500	500
Governance costs		
Independent examiners' fee	<u>1,506</u>	<u>1,356</u>
	<u>2,830</u>	<u>2,680</u>

7. Grants payable	2021	2020
	£	£
Corporation of the Cathedral Church in Liverpool	<u>79,143</u>	<u>95,214</u>

8. Net income/(expenditure)	2021	2020
	£	£
Net incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Independent Examiner's fees	<u>1,506</u>	<u>1,356</u>

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9. Investments	2021	2020
	£	£
Balance at 1st October 2020	234,536	255,497
Additions at cost	63,927	37,885
Disposals	(50,226)	(34,201)
Net unrealised investment (losses)/gains	<u>36,491</u>	<u>(24,645)</u>
	284,728	234,536
Cash held on deposit	<u>4,963</u>	<u>2,605</u>
Market value at 30th September 2021	<u>289,691</u>	<u>237,141</u>
	2021	2020
	£	£
Historical cost at 30th September 2021	<u>251,682</u>	<u>235,688</u>
Investments are held in UK Unit Trusts.		
Investments exceeding 5% of the total portfolio:	2021	2020
	£	£
Ishares Core FTSE 100	13,852	12,958
Blackrock Con. European	12,670	13,196
Artemis Fd Man Income I Inc	-	19,687
Fidelity UCITS US Quality Income Fund	23,433	-
BNY Mellon Global Funds plc US Equity Inc	<u>28,733</u>	<u>20,831</u>
	2021	2020
	£	£
10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	<u>30,104</u>	<u>39,410</u>
	2021	2020
	£	£
11. Financial instruments	2021	2020
Financial assets:		
Measured at fair value through net income	<u>284,728</u>	<u>234,536</u>

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12. Movement in funds	At 1.10.2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and Losses £	At 30.9.2021 £
Endowment funds:					
Jackson Legacy	56,948	-	-	13,824	70,772
Friends of Cathedral Music - Unrestricted permanent endowment fund	26,194	-	-	6,358	32,552
Morton Bursary - Restricted expendable endowment fund	<u>20,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,086</u>	<u>26,037</u>
Total endowment Funds	<u>104,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,268</u>	<u>129,361</u>
Restricted funds:					
Cross Guild Educational Grants	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Morton Bursary - Musical studies for young choristers	<u>-</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>(779)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,000</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>(779)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	166,751	87,208	(82,840)	21,659	192,778
Total Funds	<u><u>272,844</u></u>	<u><u>87,987</u></u>	<u><u>(83,619)</u></u>	<u><u>46,927</u></u>	<u><u>324,139</u></u>

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12. Movement in funds (continued)

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

Movement in funds	At 1.10.2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and Losses £	At 30.9.2020 £
Endowment funds:					
Jackson Legacy	66,410	-	-	(9,462)	56,948
Friends of Cathedral Music - Unrestricted permanent endowment fund	30,546	-	-	(4,352)	26,194
Morton Bursary - Restricted expendable endowment fund	<u>24,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,481)</u>	<u>20,951</u>
Total endowment Funds	<u>121,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,295)</u>	<u>104,093</u>
Restricted funds:					
Cross Guild Educational Grants	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Morton Bursary - Musical studies for young choristers	<u>-</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>(686)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,000</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>(686)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	<u>164,855</u>	<u>107,785</u>	<u>(98,820)</u>	<u>(7,069)</u>	<u>166,751</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>288,243</u></u>	<u><u>108,471</u></u>	<u><u>(99,506)</u></u>	<u><u>(24,364)</u></u>	<u><u>272,844</u></u>

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12. Movement in funds (continued)

Endowment Funds and Restricted Income Funds (continued)

The unrestricted endowment fund represents an amount gifted by the 'Friends of the Cathedral Music' together with various unrestricted funds transferred from the Cathedral Foundation during the year. The income generated from this fund is available for the general use of the charity.

The restricted endowment fund relates to the Morton Bursary. The income generated by this fund is restricted for the benefit of assisting young choristers in their musical studies.

Contributions have been specifically received towards the cost of the choir tour to the United States.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

**13. Analysis of net assets
between
funds**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Investments	158,330	2,000	129,361	289,691
Current assets	64,552	-	-	64,552
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(30,104)	-	-	(30,104)
Total Funds	<u>192,778</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>129,361</u>	<u>324,139</u>

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Investments	131,048	2,000	104,093	237,141
Current assets	75,113	-	-	75,113
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(39,410)	-	-	(39,410)
Total Funds	<u>166,751</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>104,093</u>	<u>272,844</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
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14. Contingencies and Commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or financial commitments at 30th September 2021 or 30th September 2020.

15. Related Party Transactions

The Dean of Liverpool is a member of the Chapter, being the administrative body of Liverpool Cathedral. Paul Ferguson is a member of the Cathedral Finance Committee and Lee Ward was the Director of Music.

Grants paid to Liverpool Cathedral during the year amounted to £79,143 (2020 £95,214).

16. Trustees' Expenses

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period. The total amount of reimbursed expenses was £Nil (2020 - £Nil).

17. Ultimate Controlling Party

In the trustees' opinion, the trust has no ultimate controlling party.

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REPORT AND STATEMENTS
for the year ended
30th September 2020

Registered Charity No: 514802

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Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2020

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Trustees and Advisers for the year ended 30th September 2020

Trustees: Dean Sue Jones - Dean of Liverpool
Allastair Davey
Lee Ward - Director of Music
David Evans - Trustee of the Cross Guild
Pat Heyes
Tom Roberts
Neil Ashbridge - Chair of the Cathedral Finance Committee
(to 19.12.19)
Nick Basson
Margaret Swinson
Paul Ferguson - Member of the Cathedral Finance Committee
(from 19.12.19)

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th September 2020

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9 to 12 and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

History, Objectives and Activities of the Trust

The charity is governed by a charitable trust deed dated 6th October 1949 as made by Francis Neilson as amended by a resolution under s280 of the Charities Act 2011 passed on 28th February 2013, a Scheme of the Charity Commission dated 25th June 2013 and a Deed of Amendment dated 31st July 2020 ("the Trusts").

The objects of the trust following the 31st July 2020 amendment are

- a) supporting and promoting the education of the choristers of Liverpool Cathedral Choir ('choristers') in cultural and scientific arts;
- b) such other benefits to or for the choristers associated with their overall education;
- c) supporting the provision of special services, not being part of the ordinary or daily activity of Liverpool Cathedral;
- d) in otherwise promoting the continued existence of Liverpool Cathedral Choir within Liverpool Cathedral including through assisting in the recruitment of Choristers and the promotion of the Choir throughout the Diocese of Liverpool.

For the purposes of these objects, a chorister means any chorister who is under the age of 25.

The Trust deed gives the Trustees the power to apply the funds in such manner as they think fit in accordance with the terms and conditions in the Trust. The Trustees identify projects they wish to support and consider grant applications made from Liverpool Cathedral. The Trust does not support individuals or organisations other than in relation to those associated with Liverpool Cathedral. The Trust receives income from the Will Trust of the late Francis Neilson as administered by JP Morgan Chase, New York, USA. The level of income is affected by the exchange rate with the US dollar.

Management and Governance Arrangements

The Trust deed provides for a minimum of four Trustees, with no maximum. The Trustees must include those holding the office of Dean of Liverpool, the Chair of the Cathedral Finance Committee and Director of Music of Liverpool Cathedral.

Following the resignation of Neil Ashbridge, the Trustees have appointed Paul Ferguson who is a member of the Finance Committee. By making this appointment the intention in the Trust Deed to appoint a qualified person for the purpose of monitoring the financial business of the Trust, has been fulfilled.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2020

Where there is a requirement for new Trustees, these would be identified and appointed by the continuing Trustees. The Chair of the Trustees is responsible for the induction of any new Trustee which involves awareness of a Trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, and the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new Trustee would receive copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charities Commission Leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'. All decisions made by the Trustees can if necessary, be exercised by majority vote and in the event of a tie, the Dean of Liverpool has a second or casting vote.

Procedures and Policy for Grant Making

The Trustees meet no fewer than three times per year to consider what grants they will make and to review any feedback they have received. Nominations for grants are elicited from Trustees by formal and informal means. The formal means include grant applications made on behalf of Liverpool Cathedral towards the cost of maintaining the choir and special benefits for them.

The Trustees always seek feedback on the actual use of the grants given and the achievements made, including those to individuals. The explanations and feedback received are sufficient for monitoring the quality of the grants made.

Financial Review, Investment Policy and Reserves

The Trustees have agreed to reinvest the income from the Endowed portfolio for the time being.

Total return from the investment is split between funds retained as capital and funds used as income.

At each meeting the Trustees receive a report from the Clerk to the Committees on the charity's current financial position and the effectiveness of its financial controls. Quilter Cheviot, the Investment Managers, invest funds held by the charity so as to ensure the same are prudently and profitably invested to achieve the required income return and provide reports on the investment performance.

The Trustees are satisfied that the standard of bookkeeping and evidence of expenditure through grants made during the year have been properly carried out and in a manner in which all transactions have been accounted for.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the Trust is set out on page 7 of the financial statements. It shows net income for the year ended 30 September 2020 of £6,426 (2019: £8,394).

Achievements and Performance of the Trust

During the year in addition to their daily schedule of services and rehearsals each week and the Trust's prescribed responsibilities, the Neilson Trust has by grant:

1. Supported the musical education of the boy and girl choristers by assisting with fees for instrumental, theory and singing tuition.
2. Financed gifts at Christmas, Easter, Anniversary of the Cathedral's Consecration and Birthdays.
3. Supported the work of the Cross Guild (Ex-Choristers Guild):
 - by assisting with fees for instrumental lessons; and
 - in providing financial support to those at university and study placements.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2020

The trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Risk Assessment

The trustees have re-assessed the principal risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that the appropriate systems or controls are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks. It must be said that such systems or controls can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement, fraud or loss.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, and remains available in case of need. The trustees regularly discuss the portfolio of the Trust and future requirements of the Trust. The trustees believe that it is prudent to ensure that there are sufficient funds to provide financial flexibility for the current running and future development of the Trust's objectives and unforeseen events.

Future Plans

Since the year end, the trustees have explored new ways in which the trusts' objectives can be fulfilled in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruption to all aspects of Cathedral life.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the 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 incoming resources and application of resources 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 the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and 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.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ended 30th September 2020

Investment Review

The Investment Policy is a prudent balance of capital appreciation over the mid- to long-term, with a useful income meanwhile (i.e. medium-risk). Investment activity/performance and asset allocations are reviewed on a quarterly basis against suitable benchmarks at each meeting.

Holdings are in the hands of the appointed Investment Managers in accordance with published Charity Commission guidance (CC42). Their appointment and this policy are reviewed once a year.

Independent Examiner

The trustees have re-appointed Mitchell Charlesworth LLP to undertake the independent examination of the Trust for the financial year ending 30th September 2020.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were:

Dean Sue Jones - Dean of Liverpool
Allastair Davey
Lee Ward - Director of Music
David Evans - Trustee of the Cross Guild
Pat Heyes
Tom Roberts
Neil Ashbridge - Chair of the Cathedral Finance Committee (to 19.12.19)
Nick Basson
Margaret Swinson
Paul Ferguson – Member of the Cathedral Finance Committee (from 19.12.19)

New trustees are appointed by Deed of Appointment by the continuing Trustees.

The trustees received no emoluments during the year. There are no employees.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 September 2021.



Dean Sue Jones
Trustee

Mitchell Charlesworth

Chartered Accountants

5 Temple Square · Temple Street · Liverpool · L2 5RH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRANCIS NEILSON TRUST FUND

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2020 set out on pages 7 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Mitchell Charlesworth

P.L. Griffiths F.C.A.
Mitchell Charlesworth LLP
Chartered Accountants

4th October 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 30th September 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Endowed Funds 2020 £	Totals 2020 £	Totals 2019 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	101,178	-	-	101,178	95,095
Investments	3	<u>6,607</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,293</u>	<u>7,558</u>
Total income		<u>107,785</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,471</u>	<u>102,653</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	1,612	-	-	1,612	1,620
Charitable activities	5	<u>97,208</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,894</u>	<u>95,608</u>
Total expenditure		<u>98,820</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,506</u>	<u>97,228</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(7,069)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,295)</u>	<u>(24,364)</u>	<u>2,969</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	8	1,896	-	(17,295)	(15,399)	8,394
Total funds brought forward		<u>164,855</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>121,388</u>	<u>288,243</u>	<u>279,849</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>166,751</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>104,093</u>	<u>272,844</u>	<u>288,243</u>

All activities of the Charity are continuing.

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 30th September 2020

Comparative information as at 30th September 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Endowed Funds 2019 £	Totals 2019 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	95,095	-	-	95,095
Investments	3	<u>6,944</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,558</u>
Total income		<u>102,039</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,653</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	1,620	-	-	1,620
Charitable activities	5	<u>94,994</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,608</u>
Total expenditure		<u>96,614</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,228</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>2,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>473</u>	<u>2,969</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	8	7,921	-	473	8,394
Total funds brought forward		<u>156,934</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>120,915</u>	<u>279,849</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>164,855</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>121,388</u>	<u>288,243</u>

All activities of the Charity are continuing.

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Balance Sheet At 30th September 2020

	Notes	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	9		237,141		270,924
Current assets					
Balances at bank					
Cash at bank and in hand		66,465		16,549	
Central Board of Finance		<u>8,648</u>		<u>8,600</u>	
		75,113		25,149	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(39,410)</u>		<u>(7,830)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>35,703</u>		<u>17,319</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>272,844</u>		<u>288,243</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	12		166,751		164,855
Restricted fund	12		2,000		2,000
Endowment funds	12		<u>104,093</u>		<u>121,388</u>
Total funds	13		<u>272,844</u>		<u>288,243</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21st September 2021 and signed by:



Dean Sue Jones
Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30th September 2020**

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Francis Neilson Trust Fund is a charitable trust established in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are included in the Trustees' Report on page 2.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2nd February 2016 and does not include a Statement of Cash Flows on the grounds that it is applying FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on 16th July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1st April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include investments of fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity, and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Funds (continued)

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, and comprise funds from the Francis Neilson Trust and the legacy from the Estate of Miss Kathleen Jackson deceased. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Income from the Morton Bursary is restricted for the benefit of assisting young choirboys in their musical studies.

Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the funds. Investment management charges relating to the fund are charged against unrestricted funds.

(c) Income recognition

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and bank deposits. It includes dividends and interest. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Cash of raising funds includes investment managers fees.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes grants payable to The Corporation of Liverpool Cathedral.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administration costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

(f) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

(g) Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(h) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties, including those arising from Covid-19, exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Income from donations and legacies	Unrestricted funds	
	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Remittances from trustees in the USA	90,356	95,095
Other donations received	<u>10,822</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>101,178</u>	<u>95,095</u>

3. Income from investments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Dividends receivable	6,508	686	-	7,194	7,410
Interest on bank deposits	<u>99</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>148</u>
	<u>6,607</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,293</u>	<u>7,558</u>

£614 of the above income in 2019 was attributable to restricted funds and £6,944 of the above income in 2019 was attributable to unrestricted funds.

4. Expenditure on raising funds	Unrestricted funds	
	2020 £	2019 £
Investment managers fees	1,612	1,620
	<u>1,612</u>	<u>1,620</u>

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5. Expenditure on charitable activities	2020	2019
	£	£
Grants payable (note 7)	95,214	90,432
Support costs (note 6)	<u>2,680</u>	<u>5,176</u>
	<u>97,894</u>	<u>95,608</u>

£686 (2019 £614) of the above costs were attributable to restricted funds and £97,208 (2019 £94,994) of the above costs were attributable to unrestricted funds.

6. Support costs	2020	2019
	£	£
Accountancy	750	750
Bank charges	74	74
Honorarium	500	200
Governance costs		
Legal fees	-	2,796
Independent examiners' fee	<u>1,356</u>	<u>1,356</u>
	<u>2,680</u>	<u>5,176</u>

7. Grants payable	2020	2019
	£	£
Corporation of the Cathedral Church in Liverpool	95,214	90,132
Cross guild	-	-
Individuals	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>
	<u>95,214</u>	<u>90,432</u>

8. Net income/(expenditure)	2020	2019
	£	£
Net incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Independent Examiner's fees	<u>1,356</u>	<u>1,356</u>

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9. Investments	2020	2019
	£	£
Balance at 1st October 2019	255,497	237,494
Additions at cost	37,885	67,682
Disposals	(34,201)	(54,604)
Net unrealised investment (losses)/gains	<u>(24,645)</u>	<u>4,925</u>
	234,536	255,497
Cash held on deposit	<u>2,605</u>	<u>15,427</u>
Market value at 30th September 2020	<u>237,141</u>	<u>270,924</u>
	2020	2019
	£	£
Historical cost at 30th September 2020	<u>235,688</u>	<u>224,728</u>
Investments are held in UK Unit Trusts.		
Investments exceeding 5% of the total portfolio:	2020	2019
	£	£
Ishares Core FTSE 100	12,958	16,448
Artemis Fd Man Income I Inc	13,196	12,844
Kleinwort Benson Instl Nth America Equity A	19,867	21,614
BNY Mellon Global Funds plc US Equity Inc	20,831	26,258
	<u></u>	<u></u>
10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals	<u>39,410</u>	<u>7,830</u>
11. Financial instruments	2020	2019
	£	£
Financial assets: Measured at fair value through net income	<u>234,536</u>	<u>255,497</u>

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12. Movement in funds	At 1.10.2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and Losses £	At 30.9.2020 £
Endowment funds:					
Jackson Legacy	66,410	-	-	(9,462)	56,948
Friends of Cathedral Music - Unrestricted permanent endowment fund	30,546	-	-	(4,352)	26,194
Morton Bursary - Restricted expendable endowment fund	<u>24,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,481)</u>	<u>20,951</u>
Total endowment Funds	<u>121,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,295)</u>	<u>104,093</u>
Restricted funds:					
Cross Guild Educational Grants	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Morton Bursary - Musical studies for young choristers	<u>-</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>(686)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,000</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>(686)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	<u>164,855</u>	<u>107,785</u>	<u>(98,820)</u>	<u>(7,069)</u>	<u>166,751</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>288,243</u></u>	<u><u>108,471</u></u>	<u><u>(99,506)</u></u>	<u><u>(24,364)</u></u>	<u><u>272,844</u></u>

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12. Movement in funds (continued)

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	At 1.10.2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and Losses £	At 30.9.2019 £
Endowment funds:					
Jackson Legacy	66,151	-	-	259	66,410
Friends of Cathedral Music - Unrestricted permanent endowment fund	30,427	-	-	119	30,546
Morton Bursary - Restricted expendable endowment fund	<u>24,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>24,432</u>
Total endowment Funds	<u>120,915</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>473</u>	<u>121,388</u>
Restricted funds:					
Cross Guild Educational Grants	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Morton Bursary - Musical studies for young choristers	<u>-</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>(614)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,000</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>(614)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	<u>156,934</u>	<u>102,039</u>	<u>(96,614)</u>	<u>2,496</u>	<u>164,855</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>279,849</u></u>	<u><u>102,653</u></u>	<u><u>(97,228)</u></u>	<u><u>2,969</u></u>	<u><u>288,243</u></u>

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12. Movement in funds (continued)

Endowment Funds and Restricted Income Funds (continued)

The unrestricted endowment fund represents an amount gifted by the 'Friends of the Cathedral Music' together with various unrestricted funds transferred from the Cathedral Foundation during the year. The income generated from this fund is available for the general use of the charity.

The restricted endowment fund relates to the Morton Bursary. The income generated by this fund is restricted for the benefit of assisting young choristers in their musical studies.

Contributions have been specifically received towards the cost of the choir tour to the United States.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Investments	131,048	2,000	104,093	237,141
Current assets	75,113	-	-	75,113
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(39,410)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(39,410)</u>
Total Funds	<u>166,751</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>104,093</u>	<u>272,844</u>

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Investments	147,536	2,000	121,388	270,924
Current assets	25,149	-	-	25,149
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(7,830)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,830)</u>
Total Funds	<u>164,855</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>121,388</u>	<u>288,243</u>

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14. Contingencies and Commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or financial commitments at 30th September 2020 or 30th September 2019.

15. Related Party Transactions

The Dean of Liverpool is a member of the Chapter, being the administrative body of Liverpool Cathedral. Neil Ashbridge is the Chair of the Cathedral Finance Committee and Lee Ward is the Director of Music.

Grants paid to Liverpool Cathedral during the year amounted to £95,214 (2019 £90,132).

16. Trustees' Expenses

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period. The total amount of reimbursed expenses was £Nil (2019 - £Nil).

17. Ultimate Controlling Party

In the trustees' opinion, the trust has no ultimate controlling party.