

BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 526031

Details

Other names	THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1967-10-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	The Birkenhead School Ltd The Lodge 58 Beresford Road Prenton Merseyside CH43 2JD
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Activities

Objects: 1. SUCH PURPOSE OR PURPOSES CONDUCIVE TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AT BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL AS THE COMMITTEE OF THE OLD BIRKONIAN SOCIETY SHALL THINK FIT. 2. IN THE EVENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OR CONTROL OF THE SCHOOL CHANGING IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ALTER THE RELATIONS OF THE SCHOOL WITH THE GOVERNMENT THE FUND SHALL BE APPLIED BY THE TRUSTEES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF EDUCATION WITHIN A RADIUS OF FIVE MILES FROM THE BIRKENHEAD TOWN HALL, IN ALL RESPECTS IN SUCH MANNER AND SUBJECT TO SUCH TRUSTS AND PROVISIONS AS THE COMMITTEE SHALL IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION THINK FIT.

Activities: The advancement of education at Birkenhead School.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** RADIUS OF FIVE MILES FROM BIRKENHEAD TOWN HALL
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£50,732	£31,516	-	-
2023-12-31	£45,741	£36,844	-	-
2022-12-31	£43,267	£41,490	-	-
2021-12-31	£42,127	£52,131	-	-
2020-12-31	£39,761	£41,456	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DANIEL JOHN WYNNE ELLIS		2022-08-30
TREVOR MATHEW-JONES		2011-09-16
William Nute		2018-11-12

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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Investment policy and performance

The underlying objective is to achieve a balanced return from both income and capital whilst accepting a moderated degree of risk. Within this overall objective, the Trustees aim to generate an income return so as to maintain the level of grant to Birkenhead School whilst maintaining the real value of capital in order to maintain the viability of the charity for future beneficiaries.

The performance of the Fund's investment portfolio will be measured, broadly, in reference to the WMA Balanced index.

Risk management

The Trustees recognise the risks associated with investment in mainstream financial markets and accept this risk in return for the prospect of additional returns over the long term. As such, they wish to remain largely invested at all time, subject to cash reserves held as part of the investment management process to cover known liabilities such as fees. The investments should be well diversified and include a range of assets such as fixed interest stocks, UK shares, overseas shares and alternative investments. In light of the size of the investment portfolio, exposure to these asset classes should be through collective investment funds.

The investment management of the fund has been mandated to Rathbone Investment Management on a discretionary basis.

Reserves policy

Whilst Council is seeking to rebuild the Fund's investment funds, following volatile financial markets over the past decade, the overall aim is to maintain so far as is possible the investment fund, distributing income.

The balance of unrestricted funds at 31 December 2024 was £1,599,709.

Plans for Future Periods

The Council confirms its commitment to provide as much assistance as possible to Birkenhead School in future years.

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Structure, governance and management

The Fund is a registered charity, number 526031. The Fund was set up by its governing trust deed dated 21 November 1928 as an unincorporated charitable body.

Day to day management of the Fund is devolved to the Council of the Old Birkonian Society. New Trustees are appointed periodically. However, the Council of the Old Birkonian Society consists of members who are elected on an annual basis at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Council meets at least four times per year at which meetings the performance of the fund is considered. Council is assisted by professional investment managers.

Key management personnel remuneration

Neither the Trustees nor the members of the Council of the Old Birkonian Society are remunerated.

Reference and administrative information

Board of Trustees

Trevor Mathew-Jones

William Nute

Daniel Ellis

Chair, Old Birkonian Society

Will Roberts

Hon Treasurer, Old Birkonian Society

Rob Young

Registered Charity Number: 526031

Principal Address

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Solicitors

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Bankers

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CCLA Investment Management Ltd, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ

Independent Examiner

Jean Ellis BA FCA CTA, DSG, Castle Chambers, 43 Castle Street, Liverpool L2 9TL

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity 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 year.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principle in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Approved by the Council of the Old Birkonian Society, on behalf of the Trustees on 11 September 2025, and signed on its behalf by



T Mathew-Jones
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund in connection with The Birkenhead School Limited

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Birkenhead School Endowment Fund ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 .

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Jean Ellis BA FCA CTA
DSG
Chartered Accountants
Castle Chambers
43 Castle Street
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11 September 2025

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:	Note		
Investments		40,794	42,023
Donations		6,933	2,153
Bank interest received		2,645	1,565
		50,372	45,741
Expenditure on:			
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>			
Investment managers' fees	3	15,488	14,669
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Grants to Birkenhead School	4	-	5,608
Neil Gracey Memorial Grant		14,225	14,867
Grant to Old Birkonian War Memorial & Scholarship Fund		-	-
<i>Governance Costs</i>	5	1,803	1,700
		31,516	36,844
Net incoming and net movement in funds before gains on investments		18,856	8,896
Net (losses)/gains on investments	8	66,823	31,627
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments	8	1,570	42,663
Net movement in funds		87,249	125,849
Total Funds at 1 January 2024		1,514,030	1,430,844
Total Funds at 31 December 2024		1,601,279	1,514,030

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

			2024		2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	8		1,438,302		1,386,594
Current Assets	9				
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Balances at Bank		196,226		149,844	
		<u>196,226</u>		<u>149,844</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors under 1 year	10	33,249		22,408	
Net current assets			162,977		127,436
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>1,601,279</u>		<u>1,514,030</u>
Financed by:					
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted					
General Funds	11		1,310,805		1,225,126
Unrealised investment gains	11		290,474		288,904
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			<u>1,601,279</u>		<u>1,514,030</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Council of the Old Birkonian Society, on behalf of the Trustees, on 11 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by



T Mathew-Jones
Trustee



R J R Young
Hon Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1 Accounting Policies

Charity information

The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund is an unincorporated charity governed by its trust deed dated 21 November 1928. The charity's principal address is 2-8 Oriel Road, Bootle L20 7EP.

Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements 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 Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations, but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Structure

The Fund has a single permanent endowment. Endowment funds are unrestricted and comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on general funds and cumulative realised and unrealised gains on property. They are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Fund's charitable objectives.

As in previous years, the financial statements include the Neil Gracey Memorial Fund set up in memory of the passionate and long standing supporter of both Birkenhead School and the Old Birkonian Society. The funds in respect of this Fund are transferred to the Birkenhead School War Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the Fund has an entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Fund has been notified in writing of both the amount and the settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the Fund is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Fund and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor of the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by the Fund's investment advisors of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Fund to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution please refer below.

Grants payable are payments made to Birkenhead School in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Fund. Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make the grant has been communicated to the School.

Allocation of support and governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to accounts examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

No support costs are incurred by the Fund.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include grants made to Birkenhead School and governance costs.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Fund does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the Fund is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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Contingent liabilities

A contingent liability is identified and disclosed for those grants resulting from:

- a possible obligation which will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the Trustees' control; or
- a present obligation following a grant offer where settlement is either not considered probable; or
- the amount has not been communicated in the grant offer and that amount cannot be reliably estimated.

2 Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration.

The trustees and members of the Council of the Old Birkenian Society all give freely of their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or in kind or of reimbursement of expenses.

There were no disclosable related party transactions in the year.

3 Investment management costs

Investment management costs are represented by fees charged by the Fund's investment advisors.

4 Charitable grants

Grants are represented by bursary support grants to Birkenhead School in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Fund.

5 Governance costs

Governance costs are represented by the independent examiner's costs.

6 Staff costs and remuneration of key management personnel

The Fund has no staff and no individual received any remuneration during either 2024 or 2023.

7 Independent examiner's costs

The independent examiner's remuneration consisted of an examination fee of £1,800 (2023: £1,700)

8 Fixed Asset Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Movement in fixed asset listed investments:		
Cost		
Cost at 1 January 2024	1,386,593	1,324,128
Additions	503,358	363,268
Disposal proceeds	(520,042)	(375,093)
Profit/(Loss) on disposal of investments	66,823	31,627
Cost at 31 December 2024	1,436,732	1,343,931
Unrealised gains on restatement to market value	1,570	42,663
Market value at 31 December 2024	1,438,302	1,386,594

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8 Fixed Asset Investments (cont)	2024	2023
	£	£
Net gains on investments comprise:		
Profit/(loss) on disposal of investments	66,823	31,627
Movement in unrealised gains for the year	1,570	42,663
	<u>68,393</u>	<u>74,290</u>
 9 Analysis of current assets	 2024	 2023
	£	£
Birkenhead School – Grants in advance	-	-
Balances at bank	196,226	149,844
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 10 Analysis of current liabilities - creditors under 1 year	 2024	 2023
	£	£
Old Birkonian Society	25,533	14,893
War Memorial Prize & Scholarship Fund	5,815	5,815
Accruals	1,901	1,700
	<u>33,249</u>	<u>22,408</u>
 11 Funds of the Charity	 2024	 2023
	£	£
General Funds		
At 1 January 2024	1,225,126	1,184,603
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	85,679	40,253
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,310,805</u>	<u>1,225,126</u>
	 2024	 2023
	£	£
Unrealised investment gains		
At 1 January 2024	288,904	246,241
Movement for the year	1,570	42,664
At 31 December 2024	<u>290,474</u>	<u>288,904</u>

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**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)**

Structure, governance and management

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Key management personnel remuneration

Neither the Trustees nor the members of the Council of the Old Birkonian Society are remunerated.

Reference and administrative information

Board of Trustees

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**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)**

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

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

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In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Approved by the Council of the Old Birkonian Society, on behalf of the Trustees on 9 October 2024, and signed on its behalf by



T Mathew-Jones
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund in connection with The Birkenhead School Limited

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Birkenhead School Endowment Fund ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 .

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Jean Ellis BA FCA CTA
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9 October 2024

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from:	Note		
Investments		42,023	40,397
Donations		2,153	2,747
Bank interest received		1,565	123
		45,741	43,267
Expenditure on:			
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>			
Investment managers' fees	3	14,669	15,300
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Grants to Birkenhead School	4	5,608	9,823
Neil Gracey Memorial Grant		14,867	14,867
Grant to Old Birkonian War Memorial & Scholarship Fund		-	-
<i>Governance Costs</i>	5	1,700	1,500
		36,844	41,490
Net incoming and net movement in funds before gains on investments		8,896	1,777
Net (losses)/gains on investments	8	74,290	(154,848)
Net movement in funds		83,186	(153,071)
Total Funds at 1 January 2023		1,430,844	1,583,915
Total Funds at 31 December 2023		1,514,030	1,430,844

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

			2023		2022
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	8		1,386,594		1,324,128
Current Assets	9				
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Balances at Bank		149,844		131,756	
		<u>149,844</u>		<u>131,756</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors under 1 year	10	22,408		25,041	
Net current assets			127,436		106,716
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>1,514,030</u>		<u>1,430,844</u>
Financed by:					
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted					
General Funds	11		1,225,126		1,184,603
Unrealised investment gains	11		288,904		246,241
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			<u>1,514,030</u>		<u>1,430,844</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Council of the Old Birkonian Society, on behalf of the Trustees, on 9 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by



T Mathew-Jones
Trustee



R J R Young
Hon Treasurer

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1 Accounting Policies

Charity information

The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund is an unincorporated charity governed by its trust deed dated 21 November 1928. The charity's principal address is 2-8 Oriel Road, Bootle L20 7EP.

Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements 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 Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations, but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Structure

The Fund has a single permanent endowment. Endowment funds are unrestricted and comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on general funds and cumulative realised and unrealised gains on property. They are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Fund's charitable objectives.

As in previous years, the financial statements include the Neil Gracey Memorial Fund set up in memory of the passionate and long standing supporter of both Birkenhead School and the Old Birkonian Society. The funds in respect of this Fund are transferred to the Birkenhead School War Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the Fund has an entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Fund has been notified in writing of both the amount and the settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the Fund is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Fund and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)**

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor of the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by the Fund's investment advisors of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Fund to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution please refer below.

Grants payable are payments made to Birkenhead School in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Fund. Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make the grant has been communicated to the School.

Allocation of support and governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to accounts examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

No support costs are incurred by the Fund.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include grants made to Birkenhead School and governance costs.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Fund does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the Fund is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)**

Contingent liabilities

A contingent liability is identified and disclosed for those grants resulting from:

- a possible obligation which will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the Trustees' control; or
- a present obligation following a grant offer where settlement is either not considered probable; or
- the amount has not been communicated in the grant offer and that amount cannot be reliably estimated.

2 Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration.

The trustees and members of the Council of the Old Birkenian Society all give freely of their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or in kind or of reimbursement of expenses.

There were no disclosable related party transactions in the year.

3 Investment management costs

Investment management costs are represented by fees charged by the Fund's investment advisors.

4 Charitable grants

Grants are represented by bursary support grants to Birkenhead School in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Fund.

5 Governance costs

Governance costs are represented by the independent examiner's costs.

6 Staff costs and remuneration of key management personnel

The Fund has no staff and no individual received any remuneration during either 2023 or 2022.

7 Independent examiner's costs

The independent examiner's remuneration consisted of an examination fee of £1,700 (2022: £1,500)

8 Fixed Asset Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Movement in fixed asset listed investments:		
Cost		
Cost at 1 January 2023	1,324,128	1,496,400
Additions	363,268	346,963
Disposal proceeds	(375,093)	(364,439)
Profit/(Loss) on disposal of investments	31,627	(26,215)
Cost at 31 December 2023	1,343,931	1,452,707
Unrealised gains on restatement to market value	42,663	(128,578)
Market value at 31 December 2023	1,386,594	1,324,128

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)**

8 Fixed Asset Investments	2023	2022
	£	£
Net gains on investments comprise:		
Profit/(loss) on disposal of investments	31,627	(26,268)
Movement in unrealised gains for the year	42,663	(128,580)
	<u>74,290</u>	<u>(154,848)</u>
 9 Analysis of current assets	 2023	 2022
	£	£
Birkenhead School – Grants in advance	-	-
Balances at bank	149,844	131,756
	<u>131,756</u>	<u>131,756</u>
 10 Analysis of current liabilities - creditors under 1 year	 2023	 2022
	£	£
Old Birkonian Society	14,893	17,725
War Memorial Prize & Scholarship Fund	5,815	5,815
Accruals	1,700	1,500
	<u>22,408</u>	<u>25,041</u>
 11 Funds of the Charity	 2023	 2022
	£	£
General Funds		
At 1 January 2023	1,184,603	1,209,094
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	40,523	(24,493)
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,225,126</u>	<u>1,184,603</u>
	 2023	 2022
	£	£
Unrealised investment gains		
At 1 January 2023	246,241	374,821
Movement for the year	42,664	(128,580)
At 31 December 2023	<u>288,904</u>	<u>246,241</u>

Accounts

CHARITY NUMBER: 526031

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED**

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Council of the Old Birkenian Society, on behalf of the Trustees for the Birkenhead School Endowment Fund in connection with the Birkenhead School Limited, whose working name is The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund, presents its report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Fund's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities for the public benefit

The Fund was set up by its governing trust deed dated 21 November 1928 as an unincorporated charitable body. Day to day management of the Fund is devolved to the Council of the Old Birkenian Society. The trustees, through the Council, have the power to spend or retain both capital and income and so the fund is classed as expendable endowment.

The purposes of the Fund are set out in detail in the Trust Deed, but can be summarised as the advancement of education at Birkenhead School for such purposes as the Council of the Old Birkenian Society shall think fit, but principally through the making of grants to Birkenhead School. The Council confirms that it has referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Fund's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the grant making policy for the year.

The Fund furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant-making policy which aims at:

- Financing scholarships and bursaries provided by Birkenhead School in order to assist pupils and potential pupils whose financial circumstances are such that they are unable to meet the fee obligation.
- Providing grants to Birkenhead School for specific capital projects that will improve the fabric of the educational establishment.

By focusing on these areas, the Fund achieves its strategic priority of maintaining both the continuity of education by Birkenhead School, and also providing the opportunity for those unable to meet the fee obligation to attend and receive the benefit of the education provided by the school.

Grant making policy

The Fund has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit. The Fund's aim is to provide educational opportunities through Birkenhead School, and in particular to those who are unable to meet the fee obligation.

The Fund meets on at least an annual basis with the senior management of Birkenhead School who presents a formal request for assistance, having identified pupils requiring bursary assistance. The request is considered by the Council and the decision on the level of funding to be provided agreed.

Achievements, Performance and Financial Review

The benefits of the Fund's work are the provision of a Birkenhead School education to pupils that would otherwise be unable to attend the school. The Council is pleased that the continuing success of the school is testament to the level of education delivered and that such an education is available to those who would not otherwise be able to take advantage is evidence of the delivery of benefits through the Fund.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (continued)**

The Fund's work is entirely reliant on income and investment returns from its endowments. The investments are managed on a total return basis. Whilst investment income performance in 2022 continues to be stable the overall value of the portfolio decreased in value by £128,579 – 8% (2021: increase £152,960 – 11.4%). Overall, the Fund decreased in 2022 by £172,272 to £1,324,128.

Investment returns were impeded by volatile markets, especially in light of the post pandemic period and war in Ukraine, and a loss on disposal of investments of £26,215 was realised (2021: £89,869). Overall, the Fund had a small net gain of £1,777 (2021: £10,004 loss) before overall investment losses of £154,848 (2021: £166,666 gain).

In 2020, the Fund reinstated the Old Birkenian War Memorial Scholarships, dormant for many years, to provide assistance for those entering at Sixth Form level. Also, The Neil Gracey Memorial Fund, a restricted fund within the Old Birkenian War Memorial and Scholarship Fund, instituted in order to provide fee assistance for a potentially talented student of financially disadvantaged parents, exhausted its funds during 2020. The Trustees of both that fund and this have committed to continue such fee funding for the future, and support of £14,867 was provided in 2022 to enable this.

Investment policy and performance

The underlying objective is to achieve a balanced return from both income and capital whilst accepting a moderated degree of risk. Within this overall objective, the Trustees aim to generate an income return so as to maintain the level of grant to Birkenhead School whilst maintaining the real value of capital in order to maintain the viability of the charity for future beneficiaries.

The performance of the Fund's investment portfolio will be measured, broadly, in reference to the WMA Balanced index.

Risk management

The Trustees recognise the risks associated with investment in mainstream financial markets and accept this risk in return for the prospect of additional returns over the long term. As such, they wish to remain largely invested at all time, subject to cash reserves held as part of the investment management process to cover known liabilities such as fees. The investments should be well diversified and include a range of assets such as fixed interest stocks, UK shares, overseas shares and alternative investments. In light of the size of the investment portfolio, exposure to these asset classes should be through collective investment funds.

The investment management of the fund has been mandated to Rathbone Investment Management on a discretionary basis.

Reserves policy

Whilst Council is seeking to rebuild the Fund's investment funds, following volatile financial markets over the past decade, the overall aim is to maintain so far as is possible the investment fund, distributing income.

The balance of unrestricted funds at 31 December 2022 was £1,430,844.

Plans for Future Periods

The Council confirms its commitment to provide as much assistance as possible to Birkenhead School in future years.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (continued)**

Structure, governance and management

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Council meets at least four times per year at which meetings the performance of the fund is considered. Council is assisted by professional investment managers.

Key management personnel remuneration

Neither the Trustees nor the members of the Council of the Old Birkonian Society are remunerated.

Reference and administrative information

Board of Trustees

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William Nute

Daniel Ellis (appointed 30 August 2022)

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**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (continued)**

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity 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 year.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principle in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Approved by the Council of the Old Birkonian Society, on behalf of the Trustees on 24 October 2023, and signed on its behalf by



T J Matthew-Jones
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund in connection with The Birkenhead School Limited

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Birkenhead School Endowment Fund ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
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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 financial statements to be reached.



Jean Ellis BA FCA CTA
For and on behalf of:
DSG
Chartered Accountants
Liverpool
24 October 2022

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Income from:	Note		
Investments		40,397	38,110
Donations		2,747	4,008
Bank interest received		123	9
		43,267	42,127
Expenditure on:			
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>			
Investment managers' fees	3	15,300	14,967
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Grants to Birkenhead School	4	9,823	20,797
Neil Gracey Memorial Grant		14,867	14,867
Grant to Old Birkonian War Memorial & Scholarship Fund		-	-
<i>Governance Costs</i>	5	1,500	1,500
		41,490	52,131
Net incoming and net movement in funds before gains on investments		1,777	(10,004)
Net (losses)/gains on investments	8	(154,848)	166,666
Net movement in funds		(153,071)	156,662
Total Funds at 1 January 2022		1,583,915	1,427,253
Total Funds at 31 December 2022		1,430,844	1,583,915

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

			2022		2021
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	8		1,324,128		1,496,400
Current Assets	9				
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Balances at Bank		131,756		101,056	
		<u>131,756</u>		<u>101,056</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors under 1 year	10	25,041		13,541	
Net current assets			106,716		87,515
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>1,430,844</u>		<u>1,583,915</u>
Financed by:					
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted					
General Funds	11		1,184,603		1,209,094
Unrealised investment gains	11		<u>246,241</u>		<u>374,821</u>
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			<u>1,430,844</u>		<u>1,583,915</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Council of the Old Birkonian Society, on behalf of the Trustees, on 24 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by



T J Matthew-Jones
Trustee



R J R Young
Hon Treasurer

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

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

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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.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Structure

The Fund has a single permanent endowment. Endowment funds are unrestricted and comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on general funds and cumulative realised and unrealised gains on property. They are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Fund's charitable objectives.

As in previous years, the financial statements include the Neil Gracey Memorial Fund set up in memory of the passionate and long standing supporter of both Birkenhead School and the Old Birkenian Society. The funds in respect of this Fund are transferred to the Birkenhead School War Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the Fund has an entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Fund has been notified in writing of both the amount and the settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the Fund is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Fund and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor of the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by the Fund's investment advisors of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (continued)**

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Fund to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution please refer below.

Grants payable are payments made to Birkenhead School in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Fund. Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make the grant has been communicated to the School.

Allocation of support and governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to accounts examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

No support costs are incurred by the Fund.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include grants made to Birkenhead School and governance costs.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Fund does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the Fund is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (continued)**

Contingent liabilities

A contingent liability is identified and disclosed for those grants resulting from:

- a possible obligation which will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the Trustees' control; or
- a present obligation following a grant offer where settlement is either not considered probable; or
- the amount has not been communicated in the grant offer and that amount cannot be reliably estimated.

2 Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration.

The trustees and members of the Council of the Old Birkenian Society all give freely of their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or in kind or of reimbursement of expenses.

3 Investment management costs

Investment management costs are represented by fees charged by the Fund's investment advisors.

In 2022 and 2021 all of the investment advisor's costs were attributable to endowment funds.

4 Charitable grants

Grants are represented by bursary support grants to Birkenhead School in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Fund.

5 Governance costs

Governance costs are represented by the independent examiner's costs.

6 Staff costs and remuneration of key management personnel

The Fund has no staff and no individual received any remuneration during either 2022 or 2021.

7 Independent examiner's costs

The independent examiner's remuneration consisted of an examination fee of £1,500 (2021: £1,320)

8 Fixed Asset Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Movement in fixed asset listed investments:		
Cost		
Cost at 1 January 2022	1,496,400	1,045,416
Additions	346,963	500,036
Disposal proceeds	(364,439)	(512,742)
Profit/(Loss) on disposal of investments	(26,215)	89,869
Cost at 31 December 2022	<u>1,452,707</u>	<u>1,121,579</u>
Unrealised gains on restatement to market value	<u>(128,578)</u>	<u>374,821</u>
Market value at 31 December 2022	<u><u>1,324,128</u></u>	<u><u>1,496,400</u></u>

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (continued)**

8 Fixed Asset Investments	2022	2021
	£	£
Net gains on investments comprise:		
Profit/(loss) on disposal of investments	(26,268)	89,869
Movement in unrealised gains for the year	<u>(128,580)</u>	<u>76,797</u>
	<u>(154,848)</u>	<u>166,666</u>
 9 Analysis of current assets	 2022	 2021
	£	£
Birkenhead School – Grants in advance	-	-
Balances at bank	<u>131,756</u>	<u>101,056</u>
	<u>131,756</u>	<u>101,056</u>
 10 Analysis of current liabilities - creditors under 1 year	 2022	 2021
	£	£
Old Birkonian Society	17,725	6,226
Prize & Scholarship Fund	5,815	5,815
Accruals	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>25,041</u>	<u>13,541</u>
 11 Funds of the Charity	 2022	 2021
	£	£
General Funds		
At 1 January 2022	1,209,094	1,129,229
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>(24,493)</u>	<u>79,865</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,184,603</u>	<u>1,209,094</u>
	 2022	 2021
	£	£
Unrealised investment gains		
At 1 January 2022	374,821	298,024
Movement for the year	<u>(128,580)</u>	<u>76,797</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>246,241</u>	<u>374,821</u>

Accounts

CHARITY NUMBER: 526031

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED**

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

The Council of the Old Birkonian Society, on behalf of the Trustees for the Birkenhead School Endowment Fund in connection with the Birkenhead School Limited, whose working name is The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund, presents its report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Fund's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities for the public benefit

The Fund was set up by its governing trust deed dated 21 November 1928 as an unincorporated charitable body. Day to day management of the Fund is devolved to the Council of the Old Birkonian Society. The trustees, through the Council, have the power to spend or retain both capital and income and so the fund is classed as expendable endowment.

The purposes of the Fund are set out in detail in the Trust Deed, but can be summarised as the advancement of education at Birkenhead School for such purposes as the Council of the Old Birkonian Society shall think fit, but principally through the making of grants to Birkenhead School. The Council confirms that it has referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Fund's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the grant making policy for the year.

The Fund furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant-making policy which aims at:

- Financing scholarships and bursaries provided by Birkenhead School in order to assist pupils and potential pupils whose financial circumstances are such that they are unable to meet the fee obligation.
- Providing grants to Birkenhead School for specific capital projects that will improve the fabric of the educational establishment.

By focusing on these areas, the Fund achieves its strategic priority of maintaining both the continuity of education by Birkenhead School, and also providing the opportunity for those unable to meet the fee obligation to attend and receive the benefit of the education provided by the school.

Grant making policy

The Fund has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit. The Fund's aim is to provide educational opportunities through Birkenhead School, and in particular to those who are unable to meet the fee obligation.

The Fund meets on an at least an annual basis with the senior management of Birkenhead School who presents a formal request for assistance, having identified pupils requiring bursary assistance. The request is considered by the Council and the decision on the level of funding to be provided agreed.

Achievements, Performance and Financial Review

The benefits of the Fund's work are the provision of a Birkenhead School education to pupils that would otherwise be unable to attend the school. The Council is pleased that the continuing success of the school is testament to the level of education delivered and that such an education is available to those who would not otherwise be able to take advantage is evidence of the delivery of benefits through the Fund.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)**

The Fund's work is entirely reliant on income and investment returns from its endowments. The investments are managed on a total return basis. Investment income performance in 2021 continues to be stable and in 2021 the overall value of the portfolio increased in value by £152,960 - 11.4% (2020: £108,044 - 8.7%). Overall, the Fund increased in 2021 by £155,662 to £1,582,915.

Investment returns remain stable in volatile markets, especially in light of the pandemic, and a gain on disposal of investments of £89,869 was realised (2020: £25,237). Overall, the Fund had a small net loss of £10,004 (2020: £1,695 loss) before overall investment gains of £166,666 (2020: £49,482).

In 2020, the Fund reinstated the Old Birkenian War Memorial Scholarships, dormant for many years, to provide assistance for those entering at Sixth Form level. Also, The Neil Gracey Memorial Fund, a restricted fund within the Old Birkenian War Memorial and Scholarship Fund, instituted in order to provide fee assistance for a potentially talented student of financially disadvantaged parents, exhausted its funds during 2020. The Trustees of both that fund and this have committed to continue such fee funding for the future, and support of £14,867 was provided in 2021 to enable this.

Investment policy and performance

The underlying objective is to achieve a balanced return from both income and capital whilst accepting a moderated degree of risk. Within this overall objective, the Trustees aim to generate an income return so as to maintain the level of grant to Birkenhead School whilst maintaining the real value of capital in order to maintain the viability of the charity for future beneficiaries.

The performance of the Fund's investment portfolio will be measured, broadly, in reference to the WMA Balanced index.

Risk management

The Trustees recognise the risks associated with investment in mainstream financial markets and accept this risk in return for the prospect of additional returns over the long term. As such, they wish to remain largely invested at all time, subject to cash reserves held as part of the investment management process to cover known liabilities such as fees. The investments should be well diversified and include a range of assets such as fixed interest stocks, UK shares, overseas shares and alternative investments. In light of the size of the investment portfolio, exposure to these asset classes should be through collective investment funds.

The investment management of the fund has been mandated to Rathbone Investment Management on a discretionary basis.

Reserves policy

Whilst Council is seeking to rebuild the Fund's investment funds, following volatile financial markets over the past decade, the overall aim is to maintain so far as is possible the investment fund, distributing income.

The balance of unrestricted funds at 31 December 2021 was £1,583,915

Plans for Future Periods

The Council confirms its commitment to provide as much assistance as possible to Birkenhead School in future years.

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BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)

Structure, governance and management

The Fund is a registered charity, number 526031. The Fund was set up by its governing trust deed dated 21 November 1928 as an unincorporated charitable body.

Day to day management of the Fund is devolved to the Council of the Old Birkonian Society. New Trustees are appointed periodically. However, the Council of the Old Birkonian Society consists of members who are elected on an annual basis at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Council meets at least four times per year at which meetings the performance of the fund is considered. Council is assisted by professional investment managers.

Key management personnel remuneration

Neither the Trustees nor the members of the Council of the Old Birkonian Society are remunerated.

Reference and administrative information

Board of Trustees

Trevor Mathew-Jones
Andrew Maxwell (resigned 19 April 2022)
William Nute
Daniel Ellis (appointed 30 August 2022)

Chair, Old Birkonian Society

Will Roberts

Hon Treasurer, Old Birkonian Society

Trevor Mathew-Jones

Registered Charity Number: 526031

Correspondence Address

c/o Hon Treasurer, 30 Bertram Drive, Hoylake, Wirral CH47 0LQ

Solicitors

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Bankers

HSBC Plc, 21 Pensby Road, Heswall, Wirral, CH60 7RL

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Independent Examiner

J Ellis, DSG, Castle Chambers, 43 Castle Street, Liverpool L2 9TL

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**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)**

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity 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 year.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principle in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Approved by the Council of the Old Birkonian Society, on behalf of the Trustees on 31 October 2022, and signed on its behalf by

W Roberts
Chair

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund in connection with The Birkenhead School Limited

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Birkenhead School Endowment Fund ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Jean Ellis BA FCA CTA
For and on behalf of:
DSG
Chartered Accountants
Liverpool
31 October 2022

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

		Unrestric ted funds	Unrestric ed funds
		2 0 2 1	2 0 2 0
	Note	£	£
Income from:			
Investments		3 8 , 1 1 0	3 5 , 3 3 6
Donations		4 , 0 0 8	4 , 3 0 5
Bank interest received		9	1 2 0
		4 2 , 1 2 7	3 9 , 7 6 1
Expenditure on:			
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>			
Investment managers' fees	3		
		1 4 , 9 6 7	1 3 , 4 0 2
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Grants to Birkenhead School	4		
Neil Gracey Memorial Grant		2 0	1 8
Grant to Old Birkonian War Memorial &		, 7	, 1

Scholarship Fund		9 7	5 0
		1 4 , 8 6 7	- 8 , 2 0 5
		-	
Governance Costs	5	1 , 5 0 0	1 , 6 9 9
		5 2 , 1 3 1	4 1 , 4 5 6
Net incoming and net movement in funds before gains on investments		(1 0 , 0 0 4)	(1 , 6 9 5)
Net (losses)/gains on investments	8	1 6 6 , 6 6 6	4 9 , 4 8 2
Net movement in funds		1 5 6 , 6 6 2	4 7 , 7 8 7
Total Funds at 1 January 2021		1 , 4	1 , 3

				2	7
				7	9
				,	,
				2	4
				5	6
				3	6
Total Funds at 31 December 2021					
				1	1
				,	,
				5	4
				8	2
				3	7
				,	,
				9	2
				1	5
				5	3

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

			2	2
			0	0
			2	2
			1	0
	Note			
		£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Investments	8			
			1	1
			,	,
			4	3
			9	4
			6	3
			,	,
			4	4
			0	4
			0	0
Current Assets	9			
Debtors				

		-	4
			,
			1
			4
			5
Balances at Bank			
		1	9
		0	4
		1	,
		,	0
		0	1
		5	9
		6	
		1	9
		0	8
		1	,
		,	1
		0	6
		5	4
		6	
Current Liabilities			
Creditors under 1	10		
year		1	1
		3	4
		,	,
		5	3
		4	5
		1	1
Net current assets			
		8	8
		7	3
		,	,
		5	8
		1	1
		5	3
TOTAL ASSETS LESS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		1	1
		,	,
		5	4
		8	2
		3	7
		,	,
		9	2
		1	5
		5	3
Financed by:			
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted General			
Funds	11		
		1	1
		,	,
		2	1
		0	2
		9	9
		,	,
		0	2
		9	2
		4	9

TOTAL FUNDS	CHARITY
100%	100%

**W Roberts
Chair**

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**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

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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.

Going concern

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Fund Structure

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As in previous years, the financial statements include the Neil Gracey Memorial Fund set up in memory of the passionate and long standing supporter of both Birkenhead School and the Old Birkonian Society. The funds in respect of this Fund are transferred to the Birkenhead School War Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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All income is recognised once the Fund has an entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Fund has been notified in writing of both the amount and the settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the Fund is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Fund and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor of the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by the Fund's investment advisors of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)**

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Fund to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution please refer below.

Grants payable are payments made to Birkenhead School in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Fund. Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make the grant has been communicated to the School.

Allocation of support and governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to accounts examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

No support costs are incurred by the Fund.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include grants made to Birkenhead School and governance costs.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Fund does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the Fund is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
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2 Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration.

The trustees and members of the Council of the Old Birkenhead Society all give freely of their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or in kind or of reimbursement of expenses.

3 Investment management costs

Investment management costs are represented by fees charged by the Fund's investment advisors.

In 2021 and 2020 all of the investment advisor's costs were attributable to endowment funds.

4 Charitable grants

Grants are represented by bursary support grants to Birkenhead School in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Fund.

5 Governance costs

Governance costs are represented by the independent examiner's costs.

6 Staff costs and remuneration of key management personnel

The Fund has no staff and no individual received any remuneration during either 2021 or 2020.

7 Independent examiner's costs

The independent examiner's remuneration consisted of an examination fee of £1,320 (2020: £1,320)

8 Fixed Asset Investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Movement in fixed asset listed investments:		
Cost		
Cost at 1 January 2021	1,045,416	961,617
Additions	500,036	609,195
Disposal proceeds	(513,742)	(550,633)
Profit/(Loss) on disposal of investments	89,869	25,237
Cost at 31 December 2021	<u>1,121,579</u>	<u>1,045,416</u>
Unrealised gains on restatement to market value	<u>374,821</u>	<u>298,024</u>

Market value at 31 December 20211,496,4001,343,440

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**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN
CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
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8 Fixed Asset Investments**2021**
£**2020**
£**Net gains on investments comprise:**

Profit/(loss) on disposal of investments
Movement in unrealised gains for the year

89,869
76,797

25,237
24,245

166,66649,482**9 Analysis of current assets****2021**
£**2020**
£

Birkenhead School – Grants in advance
Balances at bank

-
101,056

4,145
94,019

101,05698,164**10 Analysis of current liabilities - creditors under 1 year****2021**
£**2020**
£

Old Birkonian Society
Prize & Scholarship Fund
Accruals

6,226
5,815
1,500

7,036
5,815
1,500

13,54114,351**11 Funds of the Charity****2021**
£**2020**
£**General Funds**

At 1 January 2021
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

1,129,229
79,865

1,105,687
23,542

At 31 December 2021

1,209,0941,129,229**2021**
£**2020**
£**Unrealised investment gains**

At 1 January 2021
Movement for the year

298,024
76,797

273,779
24,245

At 31 December 2021

374,821

Accounts

CHARITY NUMBER: 526031

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED**

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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Schedule of investments at 31 December 2020

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The Council of the Old Birkenian Society, on behalf of the Trustees for the Birkenhead School Endowment Fund in connection with the Birkenhead School Limited, whose working name is The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund, presents its report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Fund's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities for the public benefit

The Fund was set up by its governing trust deed dated 21 November 1928 as an unincorporated charitable body. Day to day management of the Fund is devolved to the Council of the Old Birkenian Society. The trustees, through the Council, have the power to spend or retain both capital and income and so the fund is classed as expendable endowment.

The purposes of the Fund are set out in detail in the Trust Deed, but can be summarised as the advancement of education at Birkenhead School for such purposes as the Council of the Old Birkenian Society shall think fit, but principally through the making of grants to Birkenhead School. The Council confirms that it has referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Fund's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the grant making policy for the year.

The Fund furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant-making policy which aims at:

- Financing scholarships and bursaries provided by Birkenhead School in order to assist pupils and potential pupils whose financial circumstances are such that they are unable to meet the fee obligation.
- Providing grants to Birkenhead School for specific capital projects that will improve the fabric of the educational establishment.

By focusing on these areas, the Fund achieves its strategic priority of maintaining both the continuity of education by Birkenhead School, and also providing the opportunity for those unable to meet the fee obligation to attend and receive the benefit of the education provided by the school.

Grant making policy

The Fund has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit. The Fund's aim is to provide educational opportunities through Birkenhead School, and in particular to those who are unable to meet the fee obligation.

The Fund meets on an at least an annual basis with the senior management of Birkenhead School who presents a formal request for assistance, having identified pupils requiring bursary assistance. The request is considered by the Council and the decision on the level of funding to be provided agreed.

Achievements, Performance and Financial Review

The benefits of the Fund's work are the provision of a Birkenhead School education to pupils that would otherwise be unable to attend the school. The Council is pleased that the continuing success of the school is testament to the level of education delivered and that such an education is available to those who would not otherwise be able to take advantage is evidence of the delivery of benefits through the Fund.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (continued)**

The Fund's work is entirely reliant on income and investment returns from its endowments. The investments are managed on a total return basis. Investment income performance in 2020 continues to be stable and in 2020 the overall value of the portfolio increased in value by £108,044 – 8.7% (2019: £171,718– 16.1%) due to market conditions. Overall, the Fund increased in 2020 by £47,787 to £1,427,253.

Investment returns remain stable in volatile markets, especially in light of the pandemic, and a gain on disposal of investments of £25,237 was realised (2019: £3,098 loss). Overall, the Fund had a small net loss of £1,695 (2019: £25,062 gain) before overall investment gains of £49,482 (2019: £181,453).

During the year, the Fund reinstated the Old Birkenian War Memorial Scholarships, dormant for many years, to provide assistance for those entering at Sixth Form level. The Neil Gracey Memorial Fund, a restricted fund within the Old Birkenian War Memorial and Scholarship Fund, instituted in order to provide fee assistance for a potentially talented student of financially disadvantaged parents, exhausted its funds during the year. The Trustees of both that fund and this have committed to continue such fee funding for the future, and a grant of £8,205 was made in 2020 to enable this.

Investment policy and performance

The underlying objective is to achieve a balanced return from both income and capital whilst accepting a moderated degree of risk. Within this overall objective, the Trustees aim to generate an income return so as to maintain the level of grant to Birkenhead School whilst maintaining the real value of capital in order to maintain the viability of the charity for future beneficiaries.

The performance of the Fund's investment portfolio will be measured, broadly, in reference to the WMA Balanced index.

Risk management

The Trustees recognise the risks associated with investment in mainstream financial markets and accept this risk in return for the prospect of additional returns over the long term. As such, they wish to remain largely invested at all time, subject to cash reserves held as part of the investment management process to cover known liabilities such as fees. The investments should be well diversified and include a range of assets such as fixed interest stocks, UK shares, overseas shares and alternative investments. In light of the size of the investment portfolio, exposure to these asset classes should be through collective investment funds.

The investment management of the fund has been mandated to Rathbone Investment Management on a discretionary basis.

Reserves policy

Whilst Council is seeking to rebuild the Fund's investment funds, following volatile financial markets over the past decade, the overall aim is to maintain so far as is possible the investment fund, distributing income.

The balance of unrestricted funds at 31 December 2020 was £1,379,466

Plans for Future Periods

As stated above, donations have resumed in respect of the Old Birkenian War Memorial Scholarships. The Council confirms its commitment to provide as much assistance as possible to Birkenhead School in future years.

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019 (continued)**

Structure, governance and management

The Fund is a registered charity, number 526031. The Fund was set up by its governing trust deed dated 21 November 1928 as an unincorporated charitable body.

Day to day management of the Fund is devolved to the Council of the Old Birkonian Society. New Trustees are appointed periodically. However, the Council of the Old Birkonian Society consists of members who are elected on an annual basis at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Council meets at least four times per year at which meetings the performance of the fund is considered. Council is assisted by professional investment managers.

Key management personnel remuneration

Neither the Trustees nor the members of the Council of the Old Birkonian Society are remunerated.

Reference and administrative information

Board of Trustees

Trevor Mathew-Jones

Andrew Maxwell

William Nute

Chair, Old Birkonian Society

Will Roberts

Hon Treasurer, Old Birkonian Society

Trevor Mathew-Jones

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Independent Examiner

J Ellis, DSG, Castle Chambers, 43 Castle Street, Liverpool L2 9TL

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (continued)**

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principle in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Approved by the Council of the Old Birkenian Society, on behalf of the Trustees on 9 August 2021, and signed on its behalf by



W Roberts
Chair

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund in connection with The Birkenhead School Limited

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Birkenhead School Endowment Fund ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



J Ellis, BA FCA CTA

For and on behalf of:

DSG

Chartered Accountants

Liverpool

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
	Note		
Income from:			
Investments		35,336	37,291
Donations		4,305	3,805
Bank interest received		120	149
		39,761	41,245
Expenditure on:			
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>			
Investment managers' fees	3	13,402	13,170
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Grants to Birkenhead School	4	18,150	1,693
Grant to Old Birkonian War Memorial & Scholarship Fund		8,205	-
<i>Governance Costs</i>	5	1,699	1,320
		41,456	16,183
Net incoming and net movement in funds before gains on investments		(1,695)	25,062
Net (losses)/gains on investments	8	49,482	181,453
Net movement in funds		47,787	206,515
Total Funds at 1 January 2020		1,379,466	1,172,951
Total Funds at 31 December 2020		1,427,253	1,379,466

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

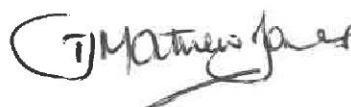
	Note	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
Fixed Assets					
Investments	8		1,343,440		1,235,396
Current Assets	9				
Debtors		4,145		2,390	
Balances at Bank		94,019		148,517	
		98,164		150,907	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors under 1 year	10	14,351		6,837	
Net current assets			83,813		144,520
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1,427,253		1,379,466
Financed by:					
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted General					
Funds	11		1,129,229		1,105,687
Unrealised investment gains	11		298,024		273,779
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			1,427,253		1,379,466

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Council of the Old Birkenian Society, on behalf of the Trustees, on 9 August 2021, and signed on its behalf by



W Roberts
Chair



T J Mathew-Jones
Hon Treasurer

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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 Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Structure

The Fund has a single permanent endowment. Endowment funds are unrestricted and comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on general funds and cumulative realised and unrealised gains on property. They are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Fund's charitable objectives.

As in previous years, the financial statements include the Neil Gracey Memorial Fund set up in memory of the passionate and long standing supporter of both Birkenhead School and the Old Birkonian Society. The funds in respect of this Fund are transferred to the Birkenhead School War Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Income recognition

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WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include grants made to Birkenhead School and governance costs.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

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**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (continued)**

Contingent liabilities

A contingent liability is identified and disclosed for those grants resulting from:

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Investment management costs are represented by fees charged by the Fund's investment advisors.

In 2020 and 2019 all of the investment advisor's costs were attributable to endowment funds.

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7 Independent examiner's costs

The independent examiner's remuneration consisted of an examination fee of £1,320 (2019: £1,320)

8 Fixed Asset Investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Movement in fixed asset listed investments:		
Cost		
Cost at 1 January 2020	961,617	974,450
Additions	609,195	84,650
Disposal proceeds	(550,633)	(94,385)
Profit/(Loss) on disposal of investments	25,237	(3,098)
Cost at 31 December 2020	1,045,416	961,617
Unrealised gains on restatement to market value	298,024	273,779
Market value at 31 December 2020	1,235,396	1,235,396

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (continued)**

8 Fixed Asset Investments	2020	2019
	£	£
Net gains on investments comprise:		
Profit/(loss) on disposal of investments	25,237	(3,098)
Movement in unrealised gains for the year	24,245	184,551
	<u>49,482</u>	<u>181,453</u>
 9 Analysis of current assets	 2020	 2019
	£	£
Prize & Scholarship Fund – Neil Gracey Fund	-	2,390
Birkenhead School – Grants in advance	4,145	-
Balances at bank	94,019	148,516
	<u>98,164</u>	<u>150,906</u>
 10 Analysis of current liabilities - creditors under 1 year	 2020	 2019
	£	£
Old Birkonian Society	7,036	5,517
Prize & Scholarship Fund	5,815	-
Accruals	1,500	1,320
	<u>14,351</u>	<u>6,837</u>
 11 Funds of the Charity	 2020	 2019
	£	£
General Funds		
At 1 January 2020	1,105,687	1,083,723
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	23,542	21,964
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,129,229</u>	<u>1,105,687</u>
	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrealised investment gains		
At 1 January 2020	273,779	89,228
Movement for the year	24,245	184,551
At 31 December 2020	<u>298,024</u>	<u>273,779</u>

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**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS HELD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Holding	Cost	Market Value
11,842 3i Infrastructure NPV Ordinary	24,962	36,473
22 Alphabet Inc, Class A USD Common Stock	19,463	28,207
14 Amazon Com Inc USD Common Stock	20,014	33,357
1,300 Anglo American	25,203	31,519
290 Apple	24,863	28,150
1,245 Ashtead Group Ordinary	20,119	42,803
400 Astra Zeneca USD Ordinary	12,503	29,296
8400 Aviva	25,231	27,317
1,900 Baillie Gifford	31,730	36,442
3,100 Bankers Investment Trust Ordinary	20,367	34,224
985 BRITISH American Tobacco Ordinary	24,950	26,674
16 Booking Holdings	25,028	26,070
1,000 Brown Advisory Funds US Small Cap Blend	20,244	22,583
640 Coca Cola	25,924	25,676
1,000 Diageo Ordinary	5,813	28,780
14,500 Fidelity Investment Global Dividend	19,829	29,667
74 Fidelity China	12,441	12,590
2,200 Guinness Asset Management Global Equity	26,791	34,314
1,400 Halma Ordinary	17,574	34,286
19,250 HICL Infrastructure Co Ordinary	25,655	33,495
20,250 Intl Public Partnerships Ordinary	28,923	34,466
29,000 Invesco Funds Monthly Income	60,842	62,611
12,000 Legal & General Ordinary	16,616	31,944
370 Legg Mason Global Funds	39,868	37,326
9,000 Link Fund Solutions Ruffer Total	28,843	31,192
56,000 Lion Trust Investments	56,261	57,293
160 Microsoft	23,893	26,034
310 Muzinich Funds	30,584	31,760
3,600 National Grid Ordinary	32,918	31,140
230 Nike	22,984	23,803
900 Pfizer	24,409	24,236
1,650 Polar Capital Technology Ordinary	19,676	38,033
17,000 Renewable Infrastructure	22,591	21,726
4,600 Rentokil Initial Ordinary	13,846	23,442
700 Rio Tinto Zinc	29,173	38,290
39,789.05 Schroder Investment Mgmt Asian Income	22,064	30,339
5,300 Scottish Mortgage Inv Trust Ordinary	8,420	37,634
1,500 Smith & Nephew	24,623	22,650
10,000 Standard Life Aberdeen	32,711	28,130
730 Unilever Ordinary	12,176	32,062
160 Verisk Analytics	24,790	24,298
184 Visa Inc USD Common Stock	20,179	29,442
720 Whitbread	23,257	22,320
	1,045,416	1,343,440