

THE PUSHKIN TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 801214

Details

Other names	THE PUSHKIN PRIZES, THE PUSHKIN TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1989-03-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND IN PARTICULAR THE PROMOTION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF HIGH STANDARDS OF WRITING IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BY THE AWARD OF LITERARY PRIZES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD; PROVIDED THAT IN THE CASE OF PUBLISHED WORKS SUCH PRIZES SHALL BE AWARDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING RECIPIENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO EXCELLENCE IN LITERATURE OR TO FURTHER THEIR OWN EDUCATION.

Activities: The Charity aims to provide opportunities for children and teachers to explore and express their creative powers through creative arts.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Ireland
- Northern Ireland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£112,084	£133,555	-	-
2024-04-05	£110,055	£151,296	-	-
2023-04-05	£118,179	£120,297	-	-
2022-04-05	£71,959	£119,529	-	-
2021-04-05	£110,132	£92,563	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Robert David Bolton	Chair	2023-02-20
MRS MCCAUL		
Nicholas Hamilton		2020-09-02
PROF PAUL SEAWRIGHT		
Pearl Stewart		2017-09-20

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Paul Seawright
Neville Orr
Greg Berry KC
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(v) The Inspiring Educators programme

In the year 2024/25 the main aspect to the Inspiring Educators programme was creative partnerships

A total of 42 schools participated in this aspect of the programme drawn from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Representative teachers from all participating schools took part in residential induction sessions to work alongside Pushkin environmentalists and creative facilitators to gain insight and inspiration. Facilitators also worked with each participating class, with a further day of workshops for children based at Baronscourt Estate. All work undertaken was based on the theme for the year, 'Hitch the Sails'.

Pushkin Trustees see the importance of continuing to promote the vision and work of our founder, the Duchess of Abercorn, in seeking to inspire our Pushkin teachers and principals who will in turn pass on the legacy of Pushkin to their pupils. The workshops provided by our talented facilitators will help build capacity for creativity and the pupil's voice and enrich our resource pool at a time when teachers need it most.

Governance and internal control

The system of internal control is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- A strategic business plan and an annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance from budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews.
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks.

The Trustees have introduced a formal risk management process to assess business risks and to implement risk management strategies. This involves identifying the types of risk the Charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, and identifying means of mitigating the risks. As part of this process the Trustees have reviewed the adequacy of the Charity's current internal controls. The Trustees are pleased to report that the Charity's internal financial controls, in particular, conform with guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year ended 5 April 2025, the Charity received total income of £112,084 (2024: £110,055) and had an overall deficit of £21,471 (2024: £41,241). Income from donations showed an increase of £1,913 (2024: decrease £8,416) during the year. Capital expenditure of £769 was incurred on IT equipment during the year (2024: £Nil).

Plans for the future

The Trust plans to continue the work undertaken to date by continuing the Facilitator days and classes provided to children, teachers and other adults.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the year end and its incoming resources and resources expended during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

An audit is not required by the charity. In lieu of this an independent examiner's report will be prepared by Des Reid & Co.



Shiela McCaul
Chairperson



Neville Orr
Trustee

Date: 22 September 2025.

The Pushkin Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of The Pushkin Trust Year ended 5 April 2025

We report solely to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts for the year ended 5 April 2025. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Pushkin Trust and its trustees as a body for our work or for this report. As a practising member firm of Chartered Accountants Ireland, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us concern to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with methods and principles of the 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.
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Des Reid & Co

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Chartered Accountants

Date: *22 September 2025*

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Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 5 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Incoming resources:					
Donations	3	60,280	51,313	111,593	109,680
Income from investments	4	491	-	491	375
Total incoming resources		60,771	51,313	112,084	110,055
Resources expended:					
Costs of generating voluntary income:					
Fundraising		(4,271)	-	(4,271)	(4,784)
Net incoming resources available for charitable application		56,500	51,313	107,813	105,271
Cost of charitable activities:					
In furtherance of the Charity's objectives	5	(8,926)	(72,290)	(81,216)	(91,555)
Governance costs	6	(48,057)	(11)	(48,068)	(54,957)
Total resources expended		(56,983)	(72,301)	(129,284)	(146,512)
Net outgoing resources before transfers		(483)	(20,988)	(21,471)	(41,241)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net outgoing resources after transfers		(483)	(20,988)	(21,471)	(41,241)
Fund balances at 6 April 2024		133,471	69,004	202,475	243,716
Fund balances at 5 April 2025		132,988	48,016	181,004	202,475

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of financial position as at 5 April 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	70,946	84,432
Current assets			
Debtors	8	25,916	23,967
Cash at bank and in hand		125,892	122,898
		151,808	146,865
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(41,750)	(28,822)
Net current assets		110,058	118,043
Net assets		181,004	202,475
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	132,988	133,471
Restricted funds	10	48,016	69,004
Total funds		181,004	202,475

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the Trustees on 22 September 2025 and were signed on their behalf by:



Shiela McCaul
Chairperson



Neville Orr
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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2025

1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements of The Pushkin Trust have been prepared on the going concern basis in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 10, ‘The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland’ (‘FRS 102’) under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities and with the Charities Act 2011.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

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

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which falls within the criteria laid down by the donor is identified with the fund, together with a fair allocation of support costs.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the Trust without further specific purpose and are available as general funds.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Trust in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs relate to the costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the Trust as opposed to the direct management functions. These include the activities which allow the Trust to operate and generate the information required for public accountability, including the strategic planning process that contributes to the future development of the Trust.

Tangible fixed assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost, or revaluation, of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

Land and buildings	-	4% straight line basis
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% reducing balance basis

Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. All assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date or the exchange rate of a related exchange contract where appropriate. The resulting gain or loss is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2025 (continued)

3 Donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Individuals	-	-	-	67,624
Charitable foundations	60,280	26,637	86,917	19,322
Department of Education and Skills (ROI)	-	24,676	24,676	22,734
	60,280	51,313	111,593	109,680

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Interest receivable	491	-	491	375

5 Cost of activities in furtherance of the objects of the charity

	2025 £	2024 £
Baronscourt days	40,751	42,853
Pushkin Pathway	6,172	7,547
Inspire programme	23,056	37,188
Insurance	3,658	3,026
DFA: Shared Island Civic Society Fund	5,822	-
Online video channel	-	83
Stationery, postage and printing	320	317
Computer and website costs	1,437	541
	81,216	91,555

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2025 (continued)

6 Governance costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Office rent	1,000	2,000
Rates	86	21
Light and heat	1,354	1,554
Repairs and maintenance	104	1,889
Stationery, printing and postage	911	952
Telephone	1,198	2,059
Consultancy and office administration	18,277	21,280
Accountancy fees	3,840	4,040
Legal and professional fees	4,994	3,808
Loss on exchange	1,618	2,554
Sundry	277	155
Motor and travel	-	200
Depreciation	14,255	14,250
Bank charges	154	195
	48,068	54,957

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2024	347,142	36,044	383,186
Additions	-	769	769
At 5 April 2025	347,142	36,813	383,955
Accumulated depreciation			
At 6 April 2024	263,802	34,952	298,754
Charge for the year	13,886	369	14,255
At 5 April 2025	277,688	35,321	313,009
Net book value			
At 5 April 2025	69,454	1,492	70,946
At 5 April 2024	83,340	1,092	84,432

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2025 (continued)

8 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and other debtors	855	855
Grant due - Department of Education and Skills (ROI)	25,061	23,112
	25,916	23,967

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors and accruals	41,750	28,822

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 5 April 2025 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	70,913	33	70,946
Current assets	103,825	47,983	151,808
Current liabilities	(41,750)	-	(41,750)
	132,988	48,016	181,004

11 Restricted funds

	Balance at 5 April 2024 £	Restricted incoming £	Restricted outgoing £	Total transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2025 £
Schools programme	44	-	(11)	-	33
Summer school	16,450	-	-	-	16,450
Baronscourt days	-	3,060	(40,762)	52,288	14,586
Inspire programme	-	24,676	(23,056)	-	1,620
DFA: Shared Island Civic Society Fund	-	20,927	(5,822)	-	15,105
Pushkin pathway	-	2,650	(2,650)	-	-
Paulsen programme	52,288	-	-	(52,288)	-
Book	222	-	-	-	222
	69,004	51,313	(72,301)	-	48,016

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Achievements and performance (continued)

(v) The Inspiring Educators programme

In the year 2023/24 the main aspect to the Inspiring Educators programme was creative partnerships

A total of 42 schools participated in this aspect of the programme drawn from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Representative teachers from all participating schools took part in residential induction sessions to work alongside Pushkin environmentalists and creative facilitators to gain insight and inspiration. Facilitators also worked with each participating class, with a further day of workshops for children based at Baronscourt Estate. All work undertaken was based on the theme for the year, 'Hitch the Sails'.

Pushkin Trustees see the importance of continuing to promote the vision and work of our Founder, the Duchess of Abercorn, in seeking to inspire our Pushkin teachers and Principals who will in turn pass on the legacy of Pushkin to their pupils. The workshops provided by our talented facilitators will help build capacity for creativity and the pupil's voice and enrich our resource pool at a time when teachers need it most.

Governance and internal control

The system of internal control is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- A strategic business plan and an annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance from budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews.
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks.

The Trustees have introduced a formal risk management process to assess business risks and to implement risk management strategies. This involves identifying the types of risk the Charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, and identifying means of mitigating the risks. As part of this process the Trustees have reviewed the adequacy of the Charity's current internal controls. The Trustees are pleased to report that the Charity's internal financial controls, in particular, conform with guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year ended 5 April 2024, the Charity received total income of £110,055 (2023: £118,179) and had an overall deficit of £41,241 (2023: £2,118). Income from donations showed a decrease of £8,416 (2023: increase £46,170) during the year. Capital expenditure of £Nil was incurred on IT equipment during the year (2023: £Nil).

Plans for the future

The Trust plans to continue the work undertaken to date by continuing the Facilitator Days and classes provided to children, teachers and other adults.

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Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2024 (continued)

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the year end and its incoming resources and resources expended during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

An audit is not required by the charity. In lieu of this an independent examiner's report will be prepared by Des Reid & Co.


Sheila McCaul
Chairperson


Neville Orr
Trustee

16 December 2024

The Pushkin Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of The Pushkin Trust Year ended 5 April 2024

We report solely to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts for the year ended 5 April 2024. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Pushkin Trust and its trustees as a body for our work or for this report. As a practising member firm of Chartered Accountants Ireland, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act ;
- follow the procedures laid down in general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act ; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us concern to believe:

- 1.that accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act;
- 2.that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- 3.that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with methods and principles of the 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.
- 4.that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Des Reid & Co
Chartered Accountants
16 December 2024

The Pushkin Trust

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 5 April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming resources:					
Donations	3	105,150	4,530	109,680	118,096
Income from investments	4	375	-	375	83
Total incoming resources		105,525	4,530	110,055	118,179
Resources expended:					
Costs of generating voluntary income:					
Fundraising		(4,784)	-	(4,784)	(4,411)
Net incoming resources available for charitable application		100,741	4,530	105,271	113,768
Cost of charitable activities:					
In furtherance of the Charity's objectives	5	(87,025)	(4,530)	(91,555)	(68,946)
Governance costs	6	(54,942)	(15)	(54,957)	(46,940)
Total resources expended		(141,967)	(4,545)	(146,512)	(115,886)
Net outgoing resources before transfers		(41,226)	(15)	(41,241)	(2,118)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net outgoing resources after transfers		(41,226)	(15)	(41,241)	(2,118)
Fund balances at 6 April 2023		174,697	69,019	243,716	245,834
Fund balances at 5 April 2024		133,471	69,004	202,475	243,716

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Pushkin Trust

Statement of financial position as at 5 April 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	84,432	98,682
Current assets			
Debtors	8	23,967	24,654
Cash at bank and in hand		122,898	144,129
		146,865	168,783
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(28,822)	(23,749)
Net current assets		118,043	145,034
Net assets		202,475	243,716
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	133,471	174,697
Restricted funds	10	69,004	69,019
Total funds		202,475	243,716

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the Trustees on 16 December 2024 and were signed on their behalf by:



Shiela McCaul
Chairperson



Neville Orr
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2024

1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements of The Pushkin Trust have been prepared on the going concern basis in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 10, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities and with the Charities Act 2011.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

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

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which falls within the criteria laid down by the donor is identified with the fund, together with a fair allocation of support costs.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the Trust without further specific purpose and are available as general funds.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Trust in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs relate to the costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the Trust as opposed to the direct management functions. These include the activities which allow the Trust to operate and generate the information required for public accountability, including the strategic planning process that contributes to the future development of the Trust.

Tangible fixed assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost, or revaluation, of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

Land and buildings	-	4% straight line basis
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% reducing balance basis

Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. All assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date or the exchange rate of a related exchange contract where appropriate. The resulting gain or loss is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2024 (continued)

3 Donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Individuals	-	67,624	67,624	17,619
Charitable foundations	4,530	14,792	19,322	76,678
Department of Education and Skills (ROI)	-	22,734	22,734	23,799
	4,530	105,150	109,680	118,096

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Interest receivable	375	-	375	83

5 Cost of activities in furtherance of the objects of the charity

	2024 £	2023 £
Baronscourt days	42,853	27,929
Pushkin Pathway	7,547	8,379
Inspire programme	37,188	28,138
Insurance	3,026	2,519
Online video channel	83	608
Stationery, postage and printing	317	362
Computer and website costs	541	1,011
	91,555	68,946

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2024 (continued)

6 Governance costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Office rent	2,000	2,000
Rates	21	61
Light and heat	1,554	1,928
Repairs and maintenance	1,889	1,108
Stationery, printing and postage	952	724
Telephone	2,059	2,500
Consultancy and office administration	21,280	22,615
Audit and accountancy fees	4,040	3,700
Legal and professional fees	3,808	480
Loss/(gain) on exchange	2,554	(3,625)
Sundry	155	893
Motor and travel	200	-
Depreciation	14,250	14,371
Bank charges	195	185
	54,957	46,940

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2023	347,142	36,044	383,186
Additions	-	-	-
At 5 April 2024	347,142	36,044	383,186
Accumulated depreciation			
At 6 April 2023	249,916	34,588	284,504
Charge for the year	13,886	364	14,250
At 5 April 2024	263,802	34,952	298,754
Net book value			
At 5 April 2024	83,340	1,092	84,432
At 5 April 2023	97,226	1,456	98,682

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2024 (continued)

8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and other debtors	855	855
Grant due - Department of Education and Skills (ROI)	23,112	23,799
	23,967	24,654

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors and accruals	28,822	23,749

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 5 April 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	84,388	44	84,432
Current assets	77,905	68,960	146,865
Current liabilities	(28,822)	-	(28,822)
	133,471	69,004	202,475

11 Restricted funds

	Balance at 5 April 2023 £	Restricted incoming £	Restricted outgoing £	Total transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Schools programme	59	-	(15)	-	44
Summer school	16,450	-	-	-	16,450
Baronscourt days	-	4,530	(4,530)	-	-
Paulsen programme	52,288	-	-	-	52,288
Book	222	-	-	-	222
	69,019	4,530	(4,545)	-	69,004

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Trust Information

Trustees

Shiela McCaul
John McConnell – passed away 05/12/2022
Nino Toradze
Paul Seawright
Neville Orr
Greg Berry KC
Derek Brown
Mary Carleton Reynolds – resigned 10/05/2022
Pearl Stewart
Nicholas Hamilton
Robert David Bolton – appointed 20/02/2023

Chairperson

United Kingdom charity number

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Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2023

The trustees' present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023.

Organisational structure

The organisational structure of the Charity is as set out in the Trust Deed. The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1.

Charitable objects

The Charity is a Trust governed by its deed, dated 21 February 1989.

The objectives of the Trust are:-

- To bring together people (children, teachers and other adults) from both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and from different backgrounds, experience and traditions, in the common goal of exploring and expressing their creative energy;
- To develop the full potential of children by making use of their creative energies and to help them express these energies through creative arts;
- To encourage children and teachers to draw upon the inspiration of the natural world as a source of artistic expression;
- To affirm teachers and pupils in their joint creative expression;
- To devise programmes for student teachers that will help them develop their own creativity and imagination and that of their future pupils; and
- To develop Pushkin House as a centre of excellence and as a resource for the creative arts in an environmental context.

The Charity aims to achieve its objectives by the granting of awards in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and elsewhere in the world when applicable, for successfully completing the Trust's School's Programme involving the environment and the creative arts.

The Trustees confirm they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

The Trust carried out these objects in the course of the 2022-2023 year through the following activities:-

Baronscourt days

23 Baronscourt days took place at the Stableyard Conference Centre, Baronscourt Estate, Co. Tyrone during the year ended 5 April 2023. Approximately 2,095 teachers, children and student teachers drawn from the Counties of Tyrone, Derry, Antrim, Armagh, Fermanagh, Greater Belfast, Donegal, Dublin, Monaghan, Laois, Longford, Kildare and Tipperary attended. Both children and adults participated in various creative workshops with professional facilitators in music, creative writing, art and movement. Each adult and child also took part in an environmental workshop in the grounds of Baronscourt Estate with professional nature guides. They all worked on the theme 'Reforestation of the Imagination.'

Achievements and performance

(i) Facilitator days

All of the schools which attended the Baronscourt days were provided with two facilitator days. This meant the Trust paid for an artist and an environmentalist to visit a participating school and work with the pupils in their classroom. They worked on the theme 'Reforestation of the Imagination.'

(ii) Celebration days

Celebration days were held in schools throughout Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. At the Celebration days, schools displayed the work they had done on the Trust's annual theme 'Reforestation of the Imagination'. The Trust contributed to each school to enable them to pay for this celebration. They also awarded plaques and certificates to all those that were involved. In addition, books were presented to each school by Scholastic Ireland.

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Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2023 (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

(iii) Pushkin Pathway programme

The Pushkin Pathway is the Pushkin Trust's Secondary Schools' Programme. It follows the Pushkin principles of creativity as the key to unlocking young people's voices.

Drumragh Integrated College, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, Christian Brothers Grammar School, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, Omagh High School, Co. Tyrone and St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone participated in the programme this year.

The Pushkin Pathway Programme was delivered over a three-day experience at Baronscourt, where the young people from each of these Schools participated in an environmental exploration in the morning led by a different environmental facilitator each day. In the afternoon, three groups rotate through, creative writing, dance and a creative media workshop partnership with the Nerve Centre from Derry/Londonderry. By the end of their three Pushkin Pathway Days, all pupils and their teachers have experienced all three different environmental workshops and all three arts-based workshops on a theme defined by the Trust.

The unique element of this project is the involvement of the 'Nerve Centre', Ireland's leading Creative Media Arts Centre. This provides a means through which the natural world, the arts and technology can merge so that today's teenagers can communicate in a medium which is familiar to them.

The Nerve Centre staff have fallen in love with the setting and purposes of the project. As Sharon Tosh, the Education Manager writes:

'Bringing young people together through the use of new and emerging digital fabrication technologies where the emphasis is on the technology but the underlying subtext is cross-community interaction and the search for one's voice through creative expression, is at the heart of our involvement with this project. Having the backdrop of the magical Baronscourt Estate and being able to turn it into a digital canvas is an experience not easily replicated anywhere else.'

The Pushkin Pathway Programme concluded with a celebration day hosted in the Stableyard at Baronscourt Estate, Co. Tyrone. This day is a showcase of all that these young people have experienced during their days at Baronscourt. This includes, pupils reading or singing their pieces produced at their Creative Writing Workshop and performing a dance routine. There is also a film which documents magical moments from their three days at Baronscourt. The day is celebrated with family members, teachers and the wider community.

The Pushkin Pathway Co-ordinator and the Chair and Trustees of the Pushkin Trust acknowledge these young people's achievements and thank them and their teachers.

(iv) Partners in Education

Partners in Education Zoom sessions were hosted in April 2023 to introduce a new generation of Lecturers and Student teachers from Teacher Training Colleges (North and South) to Pushkin. The aim was to incorporate Pushkin into Connected Learning through their experiences of the environment and the creative arts.

The participants were told the story of how the Pushkin Trust came about and has evolved in to what it is today. Everyone experienced an environmental workshop, an art workshop and a creative writing workshop via Zoom. There was plenty of opportunity for interaction between participants during these workshops and through a reflective discussion at the end.

The Pushkin Trust

Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2023 (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

(v) The Inspiring Educators programme

In the year 2022/23 the main aspect to the Inspiring Educators programme was creative partnerships

A total of 40 schools participated in this aspect of the programme drawn from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Representative teachers from all participating schools took part in residential induction sessions to work alongside Pushkin environmentalists and creative facilitators to gain insight and inspiration. Facilitators also worked with each participating class, with a further day of workshops for children based at Baronscourt Estate. All work undertaken was based on the theme for the year, 'Reforestation of the Imagination'.

Pushkin Trustees see the importance of continuing to promote the vision and work of our Founder, the Duchess of Abercorn, in seeking to inspire our Pushkin teachers and Principals who will in turn pass on the legacy of Pushkin to their pupils. The workshops provided by our talented facilitators will help build capacity for creativity and the pupil's voice and enrich our resource pool at a time when teachers need it most.

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- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks.

The Trustees have introduced a formal risk management process to assess business risks and to implement risk management strategies. This involves identifying the types of risk the Charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, and identifying means of mitigating the risks. As part of this process the Trustees have reviewed the adequacy of the Charity's current internal controls. The Trustees are pleased to report that the Charity's internal financial controls, in particular, conform with guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year ended 5 April 2023, the Charity received total income of £118,179 (2022: £71,959) and had an overall deficit of £2,118 (2022: £47,570). Income from donations showed an increase of £46,170 (2022: decrease £38,207) during the year. Capital expenditure of £Nil was incurred on IT equipment during the year (2022: £973).

Plans for the future

The Trust plans to continue the work undertaken to date by continuing the Facilitator Days and classes provided to children, teachers and other adults.

The Pushkin Trust

Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2023 (continued)

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the year end and its incoming resources and resources expended during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

An audit is not required by the charity. In lieu of this an independent examiner's report will be prepared by Des Reid & Co.

Shiela McCaul
Chairperson

Neville Orr
Trustee

22 September 2023

The Pushkin Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of The Pushkin Trust Year ended 5 April 2023

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As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act ;
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- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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- 4.that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Des Reid & Co
Chartered Accountants
22 September 2023

The Pushkin Trust

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 5 April 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Incoming resources:					
Donations	3	97,964	20,132	118,096	71,925
Income from investments	4	83	-	83	34
Total incoming resources		98,047	20,132	118,179	71,959
Resources expended:					
Costs of generating voluntary income:					
Fundraising		(4,411)	-	(4,411)	(4,225)
Net incoming resources available for charitable application		93,636	20,132	113,768	67,734
Cost of charitable activities:					
In furtherance of the Charity's objectives	5	(48,499)	(20,447)	(68,946)	(61,044)
Governance costs	6	(46,920)	(20)	(46,940)	(54,260)
Total resources expended		95,419	(20,467)	(115,886)	(115,304)
Net outgoing resources before transfers		(1,783)	(335)	(2,118)	(47,570)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net outgoing resources after transfers		(1,783)	(335)	(2,118)	(47,570)
Fund balances at 6 April 2022		176,480	69,354	245,834	293,404
Fund balances at 5 April 2023		174,697	69,019	243,716	245,834

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Pushkin Trust

Statement of financial position as at 5 April 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	98,682	113,053
Current assets			
Debtors	8	24,654	855
Cash at bank and in hand		144,129	138,860
		168,783	139,715
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(23,749)	(6,934)
Net current assets		145,034	132,781
Net assets		243,716	245,834
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	174,697	176,480
Restricted funds	10	69,019	69,354
Total funds		243,716	245,834

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the Trustees on 22 September 2023 and were signed on their behalf by:

Shiela McCaul
Chairperson

Neville Orr
Trustee

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The Pushkin Trust

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Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the Trust without further specific purpose and are available as general funds.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Trust in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Governance costs relate to the costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the Trust as opposed to the direct management functions. These include the activities which allow the Trust to operate and generate the information required for public accountability, including the strategic planning process that contributes to the future development of the Trust.

Tangible fixed assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost, or revaluation, of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

Land and buildings	-	4% straight line basis
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% reducing balance basis

Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. All assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date or the exchange rate of a related exchange contract where appropriate. The resulting gain or loss is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2023 (continued)

3 Donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Individuals	17,619	-	17,619	6,000
Charitable foundations	56,546	20,132	76,678	42,958
Department of Education and Skills (ROI)	23,799	-	23,799	22,967
	97,964	20,132	118,096	71,925

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Interest receivable	83	-	83	34

5 Cost of activities in furtherance of the objects of the charity

	2023 £	2022 £
Russian programme	-	2,949
Baronscourt days	27,929	16,361
Pushkin Pathway	8,379	5,606
Inspire programme	28,138	21,594
Insurance	2,519	2,594
Online video channel	608	9,857
Stationery, postage and printing	362	605
Computer and website costs	1,011	1,478
	68,946	61,044

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2023 (continued)

6 Governance costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Office rent	2,000	2,000
Rates	61	231
Light and heat	1,928	1,171
Repairs and maintenance	1,108	9,844
Stationery, printing and postage	724	1,209
Telephone	2,500	3,289
Subscriptions	-	107
Consultancy and office administration	22,615	16,159
Audit and accountancy fees	3,700	3,780
Legal and professional fees	480	-
(Gain)/loss on exchange	(3,625)	727
Sundry	893	950
Motor and travel	-	312
Depreciation	14,371	14,290
Bank charges	185	191
	46,940	54,260

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2022	347,142	36,044	383,186
Additions	-	-	-
At 5 April 2023	347,142	36,044	383,186
Accumulated depreciation			
At 6 April 2022	236,030	34,103	270,133
Charge for the year	13,886	485	14,371
At 5 April 2023	249,916	34,588	284,504
Net book value			
At 5 April 2023	97,226	1,456	98,682
At 5 April 2022	111,112	1,941	113,053

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2023 (continued)

8 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and other debtors	855	855
Grant due - Department of Education and Skills (ROI)	23,799	-
	24,654	855

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditors and accruals	23,749	6,934

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 5 April 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	98,623	59	98,682
Current assets	99,823	68,960	168,783
Current liabilities	(23,749)	-	(23,749)
	174,697	69,019	243,716

11 Restricted funds

	Balance at 5 April 2022 £	Restricted incoming £	Restricted outgoing £	Total transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Schools programme	79	-	(20)	-	59
Pathways programme	315	6,000	(6,315)	-	-
Summer school	16,450	-	-	-	16,450
Baronscourt days	-	13,632	(13,632)	-	-
Online video channel	-	500	(500)	-	-
Russian programme	52,288	-	-	-	52,288
Book	222	-	-	-	222
	69,354	20,132	(20,467)	-	69,019

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Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2022

The trustees' present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2022.

Organisational structure

The organisational structure of the Charity is as set out in the Trust Deed. The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1.

Charitable objects

The Charity is a Trust governed by its deed, dated 21 February 1989.

The objectives of the Trust are:-

- To bring together people (children, teachers and other adults) from both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and from different backgrounds, experience and traditions, in the common goal of exploring and expressing their creative energy;
- To develop the full potential of children by making use of their creative energies and to help them express these energies through creative arts;
- To encourage children and teachers to draw upon the inspiration of the natural world as a source of artistic expression;
- To affirm teachers and pupils in their joint creative expression;
- To devise programmes for student teachers that will help them develop their own creativity and imagination and that of their future pupils; and
- To develop Pushkin House as a centre of excellence and as a resource for the creative arts in an environmental context.

The Charity aims to achieve its objectives by the granting of awards in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and elsewhere in the world when applicable, for successfully completing the Trust's School's Programme involving the environment and the creative arts.

The Trustees confirm they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

The Trust carried out these objects in the course of the 2021-2022 year through the following activities:-

Baronscourt days

24 Baronscourt days took place at the Stableyard Conference Centre, Baronscourt Estate, Co. Tyrone during the year ended 5 April 2022. Approximately 2,160 teachers, children and student teachers drawn from the Counties of Tyrone, Derry, Armagh, Fermanagh, Greater Belfast, Donegal, Dublin, Laois, Longford, Kildare and Tipperary attended. Both children and adults participated in various creative workshops with professional facilitators in music, creative writing, art and movement. Each adult and child also took part in an environmental workshop in the grounds of Baronscourt Estate with professional nature guides. They all worked on the theme 'A Shower of Silver.'

Achievements and performance

(i) Facilitator days

All of the schools which attended the Baronscourt days were provided with two facilitator days. This meant the Trust paid for an artist and an environmentalist to visit a participating school and work with the pupils in their classroom. They worked on the theme 'A Shower of Silver.'

(ii) Celebration days

Celebration days were held in schools throughout Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. At the Celebration days, schools displayed the work they had done on the Trust's annual theme 'A Shower of Silver'. The Trust contributed to each school to enable them to pay for this celebration. They also awarded plaques and certificates to all those that were involved. In addition, books were presented to each school by Scholastic Ireland.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

(ii i) Pushkin Pathway programme

The Pushkin Pathway is the Pushkin Trust's Secondary Schools' Programme. It follows the Pushkin principles of creativity as the key to unlocking young people's voices.

Knockavoe School from Strabane, Co. Tyrone participated in the programme this year. Due to the Covid19 Pandemic, health and safety only allowed for one School at a time to be on site this year.

The Pushkin Pathway Programme was delivered over a three-day experience at Baronscourt, where the young people from Knockavoe School participated in an environmental exploration in the morning led by a different environmental facilitator each day. In the afternoon, three groups rotate through, creative writing, dance and a creative media workshop partnership with the Nerve Centre from Derry/Londonderry. By the end of their three Pushkin Pathway Days, all pupils and their teachers have experienced all three different environmental workshops and all three arts-based workshops on a theme defined by the Trust.

The unique element of this project is the involvement of the 'Nerve Centre', Ireland's leading Creative Media Arts Centre. This provides a means through which the natural world, the arts and technology can merge so that today's teenagers can communicate in a medium which is familiar to them.

The Nerve Centre staff have fallen in love with the setting and purposes of the project. As Sharon Tosh, the Education Manager writes:

'Bringing young people together through the use of new and emerging digital fabrication technologies where the emphasis is on the technology but the underlying subtext is cross-community interaction and the search for one's voice through creative expression, is at the heart of our involvement with this project. Having the backdrop of the magical Baronscourt Estate and being able to turn it into a digital canvas is an experience not easily replicated anywhere else.'

The Pushkin Pathway Programme concluded with a celebration day hosted in the Stableyard at Baronscourt Estate, Co. Tyrone. This day is a showcase of all that these young people have experienced during their days at Baronscourt. This includes, pupils reading or singing their pieces produced at their Creative Writing Workshop and performing a dance routine. There is also a film which documents magical moments from their three days at Baronscourt. The day is celebrated with family members, teachers and the wider community.

The Pushkin Pathway Co-ordinator and the Chair and Trustees of the Pushkin Trust acknowledge these young people's achievements and thank them and their teachers.

(iv) Partners in Education

Partners in Education Zoom sessions were hosted in March 2022 to introduce a new generation of Lecturers and Student teachers from Teacher Training Colleges (North and South) to Pushkin. The aim was to incorporate Pushkin into Connected Learning through their experiences of the environment and the creative arts.

This was attended by:

- 2 lecturers and 4 student teachers from St Mary's College, Belfast
- 2 lecturers and 6 student teachers from Stranmillis College, Belfast
- 2 lecturers and 6 student teachers from DCU, Dublin.

The participants were told the story of how the Pushkin Trust came about and has evolved in to what it is today. Everyone experienced an environmental workshop, an art workshop and a creative writing workshop via Zoom. There was plenty of opportunity for interaction between participants during these workshops and through a reflective discussion at the end.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

(v) The Inspiring Educators programme

In the year 2021/22 there were 3 main aspects to the Inspiring Educators programme:

- Creative partnerships
- The Russia/Ireland Pushkin programme
- Pushkin Trust Vimeo Channel

• Creative partnerships

A total of 38 schools participated in this aspect of the programme drawn from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Representative teachers from all participating schools took part in residential induction sessions to work alongside Pushkin environmentalists and creative facilitators to gain insight and inspiration. Facilitators also worked with each participating class, with a further day of workshops for children based at Baronscourt Estate. All work undertaken was based on the theme for the year, 'A Shower of Silver'.

• The Russia/Ireland Pushkin programme

This aspect had continued to go from strength to strength. A total of 26 schools took part this year in various aspects of the Pushkin Programme provided by our schools in Moscow, St Petersburg and Khabarovsk. They held several conferences in each of the venues and children and teachers travelled across Russia to attend these and to share and showcase their work. A Pushkin Creative Writer, Michelle Young, hosted two Zoom sessions each month with teachers and their pupils. They all worked together on the Pushkin theme and produced beautiful poems and stories. However, on 24 February 2022, all work ceased with Russia.

• Pushkin Trust Vimeo Channel

The Pushkin Trust is excited to have launched the Pushkin Trust Private Vimeo Channel in October 2021 with pre-recorded video workshops specifically for Pushkin teachers to use in the classroom. Each engaging video embraces an area of Creative Arts (Poetry/ Creative Writing, Visual Arts, Dance/ Movement, Music) and can also be used as an invaluable tool for inspiration and remote home learning. They are password protected and exclusive to Pushkin Schools.

Pushkin Trustees see the importance of continuing to promote the vision and work of our Founder, the Duchess of Abercorn, in seeking to inspire our Pushkin teachers and Principals who will in turn pass on the legacy of Pushkin to their pupils. The workshops provided by our talented facilitators will help build capacity for creativity and the pupil's voice and enrich our resource pool at a time when teachers need it most.

Governance and internal control

The system of internal control is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:-

- A strategic business plan and an annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance from budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews.
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks.

The Trustees have introduced a formal risk management process to assess business risks and to implement risk management strategies. This involves identifying the types of risk the Charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, and identifying means of mitigating the risks. As part of this process the Trustees have reviewed the adequacy of the Charity's current internal controls. The Trustees are pleased to report that the Charity's internal financial controls, in particular, conform with guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year ended 5 April 2022, the Charity received total income of £71,959 (2021: £110,132) and had an overall deficit of £47,570 (2021: surplus £17,569). Income from donations showed a decrease of £38,207 (2021: decrease £17,912) during the year. Capital expenditure of £973 was incurred on IT equipment during the year (2021: £1,148).

Plans for the future

The Trust plans to continue the work undertaken to date by continuing the Facilitator Days and classes provided to children,

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Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2022 (continued)

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the year end and its incoming resources and resources expended during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

An audit is not required by the charity. In lieu of this an independent examiner's report will be prepared by Des Reid & Co.



Shiela McCaul
Chairperson



Neville Orr
Trustee

22 September 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of The Pushkin Trust Year ended 5 April 2022

We report solely to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts for the year ended 5 April 2022. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Pushkin Trust and its trustees as a body for our work or for this report. As a practising member firm of Chartered Accountants Ireland, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act ;
- follow the procedures laid down in general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act ; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us concern to believe:

- 1.that accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act;
- 2.that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- 3.that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with methods and principles of the 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.
- 4.that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Des Reid & Co
Chartered Accountants
22 September 2022

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Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 5 April 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Incoming resources:					
Donations	3	51,668	20,257	71,925	110,087
Income from investments	4	34	-	34	45
Total incoming resources		51,702	20,257	71,959	110,132
Resources expended:					
Costs of generating voluntary income:					
Fundraising		(4,225)	-	(4,225)	(3,496)
Net incoming resources available for charitable application		47,477	20,257	67,734	106,636
Cost of charitable activities:					
In furtherance of the Charity's objectives	5	(32,232)	(28,812)	(61,044)	(41,738)
Governance costs	6	(54,234)	(26)	(54,260)	(47,329)
Total resources expended		(86,466)	(28,838)	(115,304)	(89,067)
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(38,989)	(8,581)	(47,570)	17,569
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources after transfers		(38,989)	(8,581)	(47,570)	17,569
Fund balances at 6 April 2021		215,469	77,935	293,404	275,835
Fund balances at 5 April 2022		176,480	69,354	245,834	293,404

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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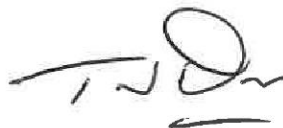
Statement of financial position as at 5 April 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	113,053	126,370
Current assets			
Debtors	8	855	23,961
Cash at bank and in hand		138,860	154,655
		139,715	178,616
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(6,934)	(11,582)
Net current assets		132,781	167,034
Net assets		245,834	293,404
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	176,480	215,469
Restricted funds	10	69,354	77,935
Total funds		245,834	293,404

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the Trustees on 22 September 2022 and were signed on their behalf by:



Shiela McCaul
Chairperson



Neville Orr
Trustee

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1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements of The Pushkin Trust have been prepared on the going concern basis in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 10, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities and with the Charities Act 2011.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

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

Incoming resources

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3 Donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Individuals	6,000	-	6,000	58,300
Charitable foundations	22,701	20,257	42,958	29,500
Department of Education and Skills (ROI)	22,967	-	22,967	22,287
	51,668	20,257	71,925	110,087

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Interest receivable	34	-	34	45

5 Cost of activities in furtherance of the objects of the charity

	2022 £	2021 £
Russian programme	2,949	2,231
Baronscourt days	16,361	12,846
Pushkin Pathway	5,606	4,282
Inspire programme	21,594	14,686
Insurance	2,594	2,434
Home schooling	-	2,640
Online video channel	9,857	1,022
Stationery, postage and printing	605	901
Computer and website costs	1,478	696
	61,044	41,738

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2022 (continued)

6 Governance costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Office rent	2,000	2,000
Rates	231	198
Light and heat	1,171	1,235
Repairs and maintenance	9,844	1,589
Stationery, printing and postage	1,209	1,802
Telephone	3,289	3,551
Subscriptions	107	-
Consultancy and office administration	16,159	17,425
Audit and accountancy fees	3,780	3,480
Loss on exchange	727	1,463
Sundry	950	105
Motor and travel	312	-
Depreciation	14,290	14,341
Bank charges	191	140
	54,260	47,329

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2021	347,142	35,071	382,213
Additions	-	973	973
At 5 April 2022	347,142	36,044	383,186
Accumulated depreciation			
At 6 April 2021	222,144	33,699	255,843
Charge for the year	13,886	404	14,290
At 5 April 2022	236,030	34,103	270,133
Net book value			
At 5 April 2022	111,112	1,941	113,053
At 5 April 2021	124,998	1,372	126,370

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2022 (continued)

8 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and other debtors	855	983
Grant due - Department of Education and Skills (ROI)	-	22,978
	855	23,961

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Creditors and accruals	6,934	11,582

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 5 April 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	112,974	79	113,053
Current assets	70,440	69,275	139,715
Current liabilities	(6,934)	-	(6,934)
	176,480	69,354	245,834

11 Restricted funds

	Balance at 5 April 2021 £	Restricted incoming £	Restricted outgoing £	Total transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2022 £
Schools programme	105	-	(26)	-	79
Pathways programme	5,921	-	(5,606)	-	315
Summer school	16,450	-	-	-	16,450
Baronscourt days	-	10,450	(10,450)	-	-
Online video channel	-	9,807	(9,807)	-	-
Russian programme	55,237	-	(2,949)	-	52,288
Book	222	-	-	-	222
	77,935	20,257	(28,838)	-	69,354

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Organisational structure

The organisational structure of the Charity is as set out in the Trust Deed. The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1.

Charitable objects

The Charity is a Trust governed by its deed, dated 21 February 1989.

The objectives of the Trust are:-

- To bring together people (children, teachers and other adults) from both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and from different backgrounds, experience and traditions, in the common goal of exploring and expressing their creative energy;
- To develop the full potential of children by making use of their creative energies and to help them express these energies through creative arts;
- To encourage children and teachers to draw upon the inspiration of the natural world as a source of artistic expression;
- To affirm teachers and pupils in their joint creative expression;
- To devise programmes for student teachers that will help them develop their own creativity and imagination and that of their future pupils;
- To develop Pushkin House as a centre of excellence and as a resource for the creative arts in an environmental context;
- To include the wider use of the Irish Language; and
- To maintain and develop cultural contact with Russian schools which may be involved in the programme from time to time.

The Charity aims to achieve its objectives by the granting of awards in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and elsewhere in the world when applicable, for successfully completing the Trust's School's Programme involving the environment and the creative arts.

The Trustees confirm they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

The Trust carried out these objects in the course of the 2020-2021 year through the following activities:-

Baronscourt days

15 Baronscourt days took place at the Stableyard Conference Centre, Baronscourt Estate, Co. Tyrone during the year ended 5 April 2021. Approximately 1,450 teachers, children and student teachers drawn from the Counties of Tyrone, Derry, Antrim, Fermanagh, Greater Belfast, Cavan, Dublin, Longford, Leitrim, Roscommon, Clare, Kildare, Donegal and Tipperary attended. Both children and adults participated in various creative workshops with professional facilitators in music, creative writing, art and movement. Each adult and child also took part in an environmental workshop in the grounds of Baronscourt Estate with professional nature guides. They all worked on the theme 'Spark in the Stillness.'

Achievements and performance

(i) Facilitator days

All of the schools which attended the Baronscourt days were provided with two facilitator days. This meant the Trust paid for an artist and an environmentalist to visit a participating school and work with the pupils in their classroom. They worked on the theme 'On the Air.'

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Achievements and performance (continued)

(ii) Celebration days

Celebration days were held in schools throughout Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. At the Celebration days, schools displayed the work they had done on the Trust's annual theme 'On the Air'. The Trust contributed to each school to enable them to pay for this celebration. They also awarded plaques and certificates to all those that were involved. In addition, books were presented to each school by Scholastic Ireland.

(iii) Pushkin Pathway programme

The Pushkin Pathway is the Pushkin Trust's Secondary Schools' Programme. It follows the Pushkin principles of creativity as the key to unlocking young people's voices.

Knockavoe School from Strabane, Co. Tyrone participated in the programme this year. Due to the Covid19 Pandemic, health and safety only allowed for one School at a time to be on site this year.

The Pushkin Pathway Programme was delivered over a three-day experience at Baronscourt, where the young people from these Schools participated in an environmental exploration in the morning led by a different environmental facilitator each day. In the afternoon, three groups rotate through, creative writing, dance and a creative media workshop partnership with the Nerve Centre from Derry/Londonderry. By the end of their three Pushkin Pathway Days, all pupils and their teachers have experienced all three different environmental workshops and all three arts-based workshops on a theme defined by the Trust.

The unique element of this project is the involvement of the 'Nerve Centre', Ireland's leading Creative Media Arts Centre. This provides a means through which the natural world, the arts and technology can merge so that today's teenagers can communicate in a medium which is familiar to them.

The Nerve Centre staff have fallen in love with the setting and purposes of the project. As Sharon Tosh, the Education Manager writes:

'Bringing young people together through the use of new and emerging digital fabrication technologies where the emphasis is on the technology but the underlying subtext is cross-community interaction and the search for one's voice through creative expression, is at the heart of our involvement with this project. Having the backdrop of the magical Baronscourt Estate and being able to turn it into a digital canvas is an experience not easily replicated anywhere else.'

The Pushkin Pathway Programme concluded with a celebration day hosted in the Stableyard at Baronscourt Estate, Co. Tyrone. This day is a showcase of all that these young people have experienced during their days at Baronscourt. This includes, pupils reading or singing their pieces produced at their Creative Writing Workshop and performing a dance routine. There is also a film which documents magical moments from their three days at Baronscourt. The day is celebrated with family members, teachers and the wider community.

The Pushkin Pathway Co-ordinator and the Chair and Trustees of the Pushkin Trust acknowledge these young people's achievements and thank them and their teachers.

(iv) Partners in Education

Partners in Education Zoom sessions were hosted in November 2020 to introduce a new generation of Lecturers and Student teachers from Teacher Training Colleges (North and South) to Pushkin. The aim was to incorporate Pushkin in to Connected Learning through their experiences of the environment and the creative arts.

This was attended by:

- 2 lecturers and 4 student teachers from St Mary's College, Belfast
- 2 lecturers and 6 student teachers from Stranmillis College, Belfast
- 2 lecturers and 6 student teachers from DCU, Dublin.

The participants were told the story of how the Pushkin Trust came about and has evolved in to what it is today. Everyone experienced an environmental workshop, an art workshop and a creative writing workshop via Zoom. There was plenty of opportunity for interaction between participants during these workshops and through a reflective discussion at the end.

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(v) The Inspiring Educators programme

In the year 2020/21 there were 2 main aspects to the Inspiring Educators programme:

- Creative partnerships
- The Russia/Ireland Pushkin programme

- Creative partnerships

A total of 36 schools participated in this aspect of the programme drawn from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Representative teachers from all participating schools took part in residential induction sessions to work alongside Pushkin environmentalists and creative facilitators to gain insight and inspiration. Facilitators also worked with each participating class, with a further day of workshops for children based at Baronscourt Estate. All work undertaken was based on the theme for the year, 'Spark in the Stillness'.

- The Russia/ Ireland Pushkin programme

This aspect continues to go from strength to strength. A total of 26 schools took part this year in various aspects of the Pushkin Programme provided by our schools in Moscow, St Petersburg and Khabarovsk. They held several conferences in each of the venues and children and teachers travelled across Russia to attend these and to share and showcase their work.

A Pushkin Creative Writer, John Harding, hosted two Zoom sessions each month with teachers and their pupils. They all worked together on the Pushkin theme and produced beautiful poems and stories.

- Pushkin Trust Vimeo Channel

The Pushkin Trust is excited to have launched the Pushkin Trust Private Vimeo Channel in October 2020 with pre-recorded video workshops specifically for Pushkin teachers to use in the classroom.

Each engaging video embraces an area of Creative Arts (Poetry/ Creative Writing, Visual Arts, Dance/ Movement, Music) and can also be used as an invaluable tool for inspiration and remote home learning.

They are password protected and exclusive to Pushkin Schools.

Pushkin Trustees see the importance of continuing to promote the vision and work of our Founder, the Duchess of Abercorn, in seeking to inspire our Pushkin teachers and Principals who will in turn pass on the legacy of Pushkin to their pupils. The workshops provided by our talented facilitators will help build capacity for creativity and the pupil's voice and enrich our resource pool at a time when teachers need it most.

Governance and internal control

The system of internal control is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:-

- A strategic business plan and an annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance from budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews.
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks.

The Trustees have introduced a formal risk management process to assess business risks and to implement risk management strategies. This involves identifying the types of risk the Charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, and identifying means of mitigating the risks. As part of this process the Trustees have reviewed the adequacy of the Charity's current internal controls. The Trustees are pleased to report that the Charity's internal financial controls, in particular, conform with guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year ended 5 April 2021, the Charity received total income of £110,132 (2020: £128,064) and had an overall surplus of £17,569 (2020: deficit of £14,857). Income from donations showed a decrease of £17,912 (2020: increase £2,280) during the year. Capital expenditure of £1,148 was incurred on IT equipment during the year (2020: £Nil).

Plans for the future

The Trust plans to continue the work undertaken to date by continuing the Facilitator Days and classes provided to children, teachers and other adults.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the year end and its incoming resources and resources expended during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue its activities.


The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

An audit is not required by the charity. In lieu of this an independent examiner's report will be prepared by Des Reid & Co.



Shiela McCaul
Chairperson



Neville Orr
Trustee

27 September 2021

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Pushkin Trust

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, and that an independent examination is needed..

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Des Reid & Co
Chartered Accountants
27 September 2021

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Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 5 April 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Incoming resources:					
Donations	3	56,887	53,200	110,087	127,999
Income from investments	4	45	-	45	65
Other income	5	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		56,932	53,200	110,132	128,064
Resources expended:					
Costs of generating voluntary income:					
Fundraising		(3,496)	-	(3,496)	(2,695)
Net incoming resources available for charitable application		53,436	53,200	106,636	125,369
Cost of charitable activities:					
In furtherance of the Charity's objectives	6	(29,925)	(11,813)	(41,738)	(95,797)
Governance costs	7	(47,294)	(35)	(47,329)	(44,429)
Total resources expended		(77,219)	(11,848)	(89,067)	(140,226)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(23,783)	41,352	17,569	(14,857)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net incoming resources after transfers		(23,783)	41,352	17,569	(14,857)
Fund balances at 6 April 2020		239,252	36,583	275,835	290,692
Fund balances at 5 April 2021		215,469	77,935	293,404	275,835

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of financial position as at 5 April 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	126,370	139,563
Current assets			
Debtors	9	23,961	24,741
Cash at bank and in hand		154,655	119,473
		178,616	144,214
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(11,582)	(7,942)
Net current assets		167,034	136,272
Net assets		293,404	275,835
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	11	215,469	239,252
Restricted funds	11	77,935	36,583
Total funds		293,404	275,835

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the Trustees on 27 September 2021 and were signed on their behalf by:



Shiela McCaul
Chairperson



Neville Orr
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2021

1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements of The Pushkin Trust have been prepared on the going concern basis in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 10, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities and with the Charities Act 2011.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

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

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which falls within the criteria laid down by the donor is identified with the fund, together with a fair allocation of support costs.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the Trust without further specific purpose and are available as general funds.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Trust in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs relate to the costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the Trust as opposed to the direct management functions. These include the activities which allow the Trust to operate and generate the information required for public accountability, including the strategic planning process that contributes to the future development of the Trust.

Tangible fixed assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost, or revaluation, of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

Land and buildings	-	4% straight line basis
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% reducing balance basis

Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. All assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date or the exchange rate of a related exchange contract where appropriate. The resulting gain or loss is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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3 Donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Individuals	29,600	3,700	33,300	10,530
Charitable foundations	5,000	24,500	29,500	68,478
Department of Education and Skills (ROI)	22,287	-	22,287	23,991
Frederik Paulsen	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
	56,887	53,200	110,087	127,999

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Interest receivable	45	-	45	65

5 Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Book sales	-	-	-	-

6 Cost of activities in furtherance of the objects of the charity

	2021 £	2020 £
Summer school	-	3,463
Russian programme	2,231	11,855
Baronscourt days	12,846	35,134
Pushkin Pathway	4,282	11,247
Inspire programme	14,686	29,305
Insurance	2,434	2,593
Home schooling	2,640	-
Online video channel	1,022	-
Stationery, postage and printing	901	440
Computer and website costs	696	1,760
	41,738	95,797

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7 Governance costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Office rent	2,000	2,000
Rates	198	93
Light and heat	1,235	1,627
Repairs and maintenance	1,589	822
Stationery, printing and postage	1,802	879
Telephone	3,551	3,673
Travel and subsistence	-	677
Consultancy and office administration	17,425	20,253
Audit and accountancy fees	3,480	3,080
Loss/(gain) on exchange	1,463	(4,085)
Sundry	105	998
Depreciation	14,341	14,113
Bank charges	140	299
	47,329	44,429

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2020	347,142	33,923	381,065
Additions	-	1,148	1,148
At 5 April 2021	347,142	35,071	382,213
Accumulated depreciation			
At 6 April 2020	208,260	33,242	241,502
Charge for the year	13,884	457	14,341
At 5 April 2021	222,144	33,699	255,843
Net book value			
At 5 April 2021	124,998	1,372	126,370
At 5 April 2020	138,882	681	139,563

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9 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments and other debtors	983	750
Grant due - Department of Education and Skills (ROI)	22,978	23,991
	23,961	24,741

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deferred income	-	-
Creditors and accruals	11,582	7,942
	11,582	7,942

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 5 April 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	126,265	105	126,370
Current assets	100,786	77,830	178,616
Current liabilities	(11,582)	-	(11,582)
	215,469	77,935	293,404

12 Restricted funds

	Balance at 5 April 2020 £	Restricted incoming £	Restricted outgoing £	Total transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2021 £
Schools programme	140	-	(35)	-	105
Pathways programme	3,753	6,450	(4,282)	-	5,921
Summer school	-	16,450	-	-	16,450
Baronscourt days	-	5,300	(5,300)	-	-
Russian programme	32,468	25,000	(2,231)	-	55,237
Book	222	-	-	-	222
	36,583	53,200	(11,848)	-	77,935