

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Endowment Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC043985

Details

Known as	RCS Endowment Trust
Status	Active
Legal form	Trust (founding document is a deed of trust) (other than educational endowment)
Registered	2013-05-01
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

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Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals','It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education','the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: The charity provides scholarships, bursaries or grants to selected deserving students of the RCS including postgraduate students and graduates of the RCS proposing to continue their postgraduate studies elsewhere. It does this via the provision of support to the RCS Trust. The Trust also provides direct financial support to the RCS in the pursuit of its charitable activities.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people','Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: for the support of the Conservatoire directly or indirectly through other Charitable Trusts in such ways as the Trustees deem appropriate. The Trustees may also provide bursaries and grants to deserving students and graduates of the Conservatoire or the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, studying at the Conservatoire or elsewhere.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Glasgow City
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£268,722	£349,602	-	0
2024-12-31	£307,953	£2,167,277	-	0
2023-12-31	£323,295	£674,905	-	0
2022-12-31	£328,506	£1,175,515	-	0
2021-12-31	£316,205	£1,180,182	-	0
2020-12-31	£682,082	£72,523	-	0

Accounts

**ROYAL CONSERVATOIRE OF SCOTLAND
ENDOWMENT TRUST**

**(Charity No - SC043985
Established under Deed of
Trust dated 1 May 2013)**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**



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REPORT BY THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Endowment Trust (RCS Endowment Trust) was established under Deed of Trust on 1 May 2013 and is a registered Scottish Charity - number SC043985.

The Deed provides that the Trustees shall never be less than three in number and in addition to the power vested in the Trustees to assume such other person or persons as they may determine to act as Trustees, the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS) shall have power to appoint up to one-half of the total number of Trustees, excluding always the Chair of the Trustees who shall be appointed from Trustees not appointed by the RCS. The Principal of the RCS shall at all times act as an ex-officio Trustee. The RCS irrevocably renounced the said power of appointment in March 2021.

The Trustees listed on page 18 have served during the whole of the period from 1 January 2024 to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

The Trustees keep the skill requirement of the Trustee body under review and in the event that a Trustee retires, or additional new Trustees are required nominations are considered at full meetings of the Trustees.

The induction process for any newly appointed Trustee comprises an initial meeting with the Chair, the Secretary and Treasurer and the Principal. The welcome pack includes a brief history of the Trust, a copy of the Trust Deed, and a copy of the financial statements and Minutes for the last 3 years.

The Trustees normally meet four times a year. At these meetings the Trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of grant making, investment, reserves and risk management policies and performance. The day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Trust is undertaken by appropriate personnel within the RCS overseen by the Secretary and Treasurer who has an executive role within the RCS.

Objectives and Activities

The Trustees shall hold the Endowment Fund and the income thereof for such charitable purposes as they in their uncontrolled discretion shall from time to time think fit, including without prejudice, to the foregoing generality and without restricting the Trustees in any way in the exercise of their discretionary powers; and by way of a guide to Trustees for the support of the RCS directly or indirectly through other Charitable Trusts in such ways as the Trustees deem appropriate. The Trustees may also provide grants and bursaries to deserving students and graduates of the RCS or the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, studying at the RCS or elsewhere. The Trustees are empowered to arrange for direct sponsorship of any particular scholarship, bursary, grant or performance by commercial or private companies, organisations or individuals (herein called sponsors) and to seek out, inform and advise sponsors as to the purposes of the Endowment Fund and as to how the sponsors can best assist in the promotion of the Endowment Trust purposes.

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The Deed gives the Trustees full discretionary power to accumulate the income of the Endowment Fund for a period of twenty-one years or to make such payments from income of the Fund for the purposes defined in the Deed of Trust.

During the year the Trust made donations to RCS to assist the institution as it engages in a range of initiatives to improve its future financial sustainability and to support the expansion of fundraising capacity within the conservatoire. The Trust also continued to donate to RCS Trust to supplement the distribution from the ABRSM to that Trust, which is still in a process of post-pandemic recovery. Consistent with the objectives of the Trust, this donation assisted the RCS Trust in the provision of scholarship support to students of the RCS.

Achievements and performance

Donations to RCS as noted above amounted to £1,836,696 and the donation to RCS Trust amounted to £254,716 during the year. The Trust also continues to provide a contingency fund to the Principal of RCS of £20,000. Taken together these donations required a partial liquidation of the investment portfolio.

The performance of the investment portfolio for the year is noted below.

Financial review

During the year investment income and bank interest of £307,953 (2023: £323,295) were received and added to the Fund.

Total outgoings for the year amounted to £2,167,277 (2023: £674,905) which included grants to the RCS of £1,856,696 (2023: £20,000) and to the RCS Trust of £254,716 (2023: £600,000). After accounting for realised and unrealised investment gains aggregating £811,133 (2023: gains of £588,451) as detailed below, the result for the year was a net total decrease in funds of £1,048,191 (2023: increase in funds of £236,841).

Risk Management

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the Trust is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

The Trust is largely dependent on investment returns for its income stream and the Trustees consider the volatility of market performance to be the major risk. Investment strategy and performance are monitored closely by the Trustees at each meeting.

Outlook and the future of the Trust

The Trustees will continue to support the work of the RCS and its students through direct financial contributions, which at the moment mainly consists of support for RCS to invest in its fundraising capacity and through management of the Endowment Fund to ensure longer term sustainability of the Trust.

Grant making policy

The Trust provides such additional support to the RCS on an ad hoc basis as the Trustees consider necessary and also provides a contingency fund to the Principal of the RCS each year to finance worthy projects that cannot be funded from the RCS's on-going budget. A donation is made each year to the RCS in recognition of the administration work that is carried out on behalf of the Trust and of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Infrastructure Trust.

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Investment powers, policy and performance

The Trustees' investment powers are governed by the Trust Deed, which permits the Trustees to invest in stocks, bonds, securities and other investments whether or not quoted on any recognised stock exchange.

The Trust has the power to accumulate income until 2034. As the Trustees wish to add to the value of the Fund and provide on-going financial support for RCS, the investment policy is to seek a balance between capital growth and income. To this end the Trust has appointed an investment manager.

The Trust's investments have continued to be managed in conformity with the current policy and the Trust Deed.

Transactions for the year resulted in realised gains of £234,543 (2023: realised gains of £42,207) and unrealised gains for the year of £576,590 (2023: unrealised gains of £546,244). The market value of the portfolio at 31 December 2024 stands at £1,545,332 higher than book cost (2023: £1,206,096 higher than book cost).

A formal method of performance monitoring of the investment manager has been agreed and implemented. The performance of the investment portfolio on a total return basis for the year to 31 December 2024 was +9.6% (Year to 31 December 2023: +8.1%) compared with a benchmark of +13.1% (Year to 31 December 2023: +11.1%). The extreme concentration in global equity markets with a small number of technology stocks driving markets higher is not reflected in a well-diversified discretionary investment portfolio which results in the current lag relative to the benchmark.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees are mindful of the important role which the Trust can play in assisting the RCS to achieve its strategic objectives. To be able to provide as much strategic financial support as possible, the Trustees currently have a policy of accumulating any surplus annual income, after agreed commitments, and add such surplus to General Funds.

Trustees' Insurance

The Trust has arrangements for Directors and Officers liability insurance cover.

Going Concern

In their assessment of going concern the Trustees have considered the impact on the business of the current economic climate. The Trust may be impacted in the longer term by the extent to which the Trustees agree to provide support to the RCS which has additional financial challenges at this time and to the RCS Trust.

Having reviewed budgets and cash flows, considered management accounts and available working capital the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting appropriate in preparing the financial statements. There are no known material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

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

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

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

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Acknowledgement

The Trustees take this opportunity to thank the Principal of the RCS and all staff involved in the administration of the Trust.



Date: 20/6/25

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Endowment Trust

Opinion on financial statements

We have audited the financial statements of The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Endowment Trust ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, related notes and a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 44(1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions that we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulations 6 to 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the charity has not kept proper and adequate accounting records or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations – this responsibility lies with management with the oversight of the Trustees.

Based on our understanding of the Charity, discussions with management and Trustees we identified financial reporting standards and Charity SORP as having a direct effect on the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

As part of the engagement team discussion about how and where the Charity's financial statements may be materially misstated due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk of fraud.

Our audit procedures included:

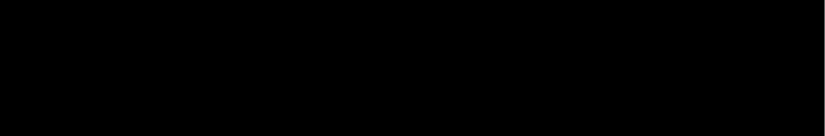
- completing a risk-assessment process during our planning for this audit that specifically considered the risk of fraud;
- enquiry of management about the Charity's policies, procedures and related controls regarding compliance with laws and regulations and if there are any known instances of non-compliance;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review, where applicable, of the Board of Trustees' minutes;
- enquiry of management about litigations and claims and inspection of relevant correspondence;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- specific audit testing on and review of areas that could be subject to management override of controls and potential bias, most notably around the key judgments and estimates, including the carrying value of investments, creditors and revenue recognition;
- considering management override of controls outside of the normal operating cycles including testing the appropriateness of journal entries recorded in the general ledger and other adjustments made in the preparation of the financial statements including evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions, outside the normal course of business.

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Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve sophisticated and carefully organized schemes designed to conceal it, including deliberate failure to record transactions, collusion or intentional misrepresentations being made to us.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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(Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006)

Date.....8 July 2025.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME FROM:			
Investments	3	<u>307,953</u>	<u>323,295</u>
Total Income		<u>307,953</u>	<u>323,295</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds			
Investment management		<u>42,147</u>	<u>40,734</u>
Charitable activities			
Grants payable	4	2,111,412	620,000
Support costs	5	4,881	4,633
Governance costs	6	<u>8,837</u>	<u>9,538</u>
		<u>2,125,130</u>	<u>634,171</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>2,167,277</u>	<u>674,905</u>
Realised gains on investments		234,543	42,207
Unrealised gains on investments		<u>576,590</u>	<u>546,244</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>811,133</u>	<u>588,451</u>
Net movement in funds		(1,048,191)	236,841
Funds Reconciliation:			
Total funds brought forward 1 January		<u>12,115,296</u>	<u>11,878,455</u>
Total funds carried forward 31 December		<u>11,067,105</u>	<u>12,115,296</u>

All funds are unrestricted.

The notes on pages 13 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Total Funds 31 Dec 2024 £	Total Funds 31 Dec 2023 £
Fixed Assets:			
Investments	7	<u>10,697,172</u>	<u>11,690,473</u>
Total Fixed Assets		<u>10,697,172</u>	<u>11,690,473</u>
Current Assets:			
Debtors	8	195,909	258,083
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>233,887</u>	<u>225,961</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>429,796</u>	<u>484,044</u>
Liabilities:			
Creditors falling due within one year	9	<u>(59,863)</u>	<u>(59,221)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>369,933</u>	<u>424,823</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>11,067,105</u>	<u>12,115,296</u>
The Funds of the Charity:			
Unrestricted Funds		<u>11,067,105</u>	<u>12,115,296</u>
Total Charity Funds		<u>11,067,105</u>	<u>12,115,296</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



Trustee

Date

20.6.28

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash used in operating activities	10	<u>(2,104,461)</u>	<u>(861,222)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		(2,104,461)	(861,222)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, Interest		307,953	323,295
Proceeds from sale of investments		6,042,321	3,424,959
Purchase of investments		<u>(4,237,887)</u>	<u>(3,282,632)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		2,112,387	465,622
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		7,926	(395,600)
Cash and cash equivalent brought forward		<u>225,961</u>	<u>621,561</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	11	<u>233,887</u>	<u>225,961</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value modified by the revaluation of listed Fixed Asset Investments.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued August 2014), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

All figures reported in the financial statements are in pounds sterling.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

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

(b) Funds structure

All funds are unrestricted income funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

(c) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably, with the exception of transfers from the RCS Trust which are accounted for on a cash basis.

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

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of confirmation when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the Trust.

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1 Accounting Policies (continued)

(c) Income recognition (continued)

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due; this is normally upon notification by our investment advisor.

(d) Expenditure recognition

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

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

(e) Allocation of support and governance costs

Administration costs have been allocated between governance costs and support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Trust and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These include costs related to statutory audit and legal fees together with an apportionment of administration costs.

Administration costs represent a donation to the RCS in respect of the administration of the Trust and the RCS Infrastructure Trust and are allocated between support and governance costs on the basis of the estimated time spent upon each area of activity.

(f) Costs of raising funds

The costs of raising funds consist of investment management costs.

(g) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include grants and donations made, support costs and governance costs.

(h) Fixed assets investments

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

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

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

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1 Accounting Policies (continued)

(i) Realised gains and losses

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

2 Related Party Transactions and Trustees' expenses and remuneration

The Trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2023: £nil). Expenses paid to the trustees in the year totalled £nil (2023: £nil).

There were no related party transactions during the year.

3 Investment Income

	2024 £	2023 £
Income from investments	301,056	312,891
Bank interest received	<u>6,897</u>	<u>10,404</u>
	<u>307,953</u>	<u>323,295</u>

4 Grants Payable

	2024 £	2023 £
Principal's Contingency Fund	20,000	20,000
Donation to RCS	1,836,696	-
Donation to RCS Trust	<u>254,716</u>	<u>600,000</u>
	<u>2,111,412</u>	<u>620,000</u>

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5 Support Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Share of administration costs	4,846	4,615
General expenditure	<u>35</u>	<u>18</u>
	<u>4,881</u>	<u>4,633</u>

Administration costs represent a donation to the RCS in respect of the administration of the RCS Endowment Trust and the RCS Infrastructure Trust and are allocated between Support and Governance Costs on the basis of the time spent upon each area of activity.

6 Governance Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Share of Administration costs	3,231	3,077
Legal fees	738	333
Insurance costs	728	728
Audit fees	<u>4,140</u>	<u>5,400</u>
	<u>8,837</u>	<u>9,538</u>

Remuneration of the auditors in respect of non-audit services was £nil (2023: £nil).

7 Fixed Asset Investments

	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	£	£
Listed Investments		
Market value as at 1 January	11,690,473	11,244,349
Further additions at cost	4,237,887	3,282,632
Disposals	(5,807,778)	(3,382,752)
Unrealised investment gains	<u>576,590</u>	<u>546,244</u>
Market value as at 31 December	<u>10,697,172</u>	<u>11,690,473</u>
Cost of listed investments as at 31 December	<u>9,151,840</u>	<u>10,484,377</u>

Individual shareholdings (including investment trusts) which constitute a material proportion of the total market value of the Trust's portfolio at 31 December 2024 were as follows:

Security	Holding	Value £	Percentage of total
Fidelity UCITIS	55,000	474,375	4.4
Vanguard US Government Bonds	5,206	445,504	4.2
IShares Physical Metals	10,374	419,732	3.9

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8 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	53,313	49,721
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Trust	13,284	-
Other debtors	<u>129,312</u>	<u>208,362</u>
	<u>195,909</u>	<u>258,083</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	46,027	46,514
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland current account	<u>13,836</u>	<u>12,707</u>
	<u>59,863</u>	<u>59,221</u>

10 Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the year as per Statement of Financial Activities	(1,048,191)	236,841
Adjustments for:		
Dividends and interest	(307,953)	(323,295)
Gains on investments	(811,133)	(588,451)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	62,174	(161,739)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	642	(24,578)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(2,104,461)</u>	<u>(861,222)</u>

11 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand	<u>233,887</u>	<u>225,961</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>233,887</u>	<u>225,961</u>

12 Connected Bodies

The Trust is connected with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Infrastructure Trust and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Trust.

During the year the Trust made a payment to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Trust of £254,716 (2023: £600,000).

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