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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

The Governors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Objective of the Charity

The principal activity of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies (the "Centre") is the advancement of research and education in the field of Hebrew and Jewish Studies. The Centre is sometimes referred to as the "Charity" in the accounts. A full review of the Centre's activities setting out the achievements of the Centre in meeting its objectives is contained in the separately published academic report for the academic year ended 30 September 2024.

Organisational and decision-making structure

All major decisions of the Centre are authorised by its Board of Governors which meets not less than 3 times each year. Other main decision-making committees, which all report to the Board of Governors, are the Academic Council, Investment and Library Committees.

Charitable status and associated Charity

The Centre is a registered charity in England and has no liability to corporation tax on its charitable activities. The Centre is administered under its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Centre is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Each member undertakes to subscribe £1 in the event of a winding up of the company. The income and property of the Charity must be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Centre.

Accounting for The Yarnton Trust is included within the Centre's financial statements as authorised by the Uniting Direction dated 22 May 2008; however, the value of the individual funds within the Trust are detailed in the Notes to the Accounts (note 14).

Operating locations

All the Centre's operations are based in the Clarendon Institute in central Oxford.

Investment powers

Under paragraph 10 of the Memorandum of Association, the Centre has the power to invest money, not immediately required for its purposes, in or upon such investments, securities or property as the Governors think fit.

President's message

Founded in 1972, the Centre supports, at the highest level, the full scope of teaching and research in Hebrew and Jewish Studies from antiquity to the contemporary world.

The Centre aims to fund teaching degrees at undergraduate and graduate levels within the University of Oxford at the faculties of Asian & Middle Eastern studies, theology & religion and medieval & modern languages.

- Undergraduate and graduate courses in Hebrew and Jewish Studies at the University covered Jewish history, culture, religion and relationships to other traditions throughout the centuries, as well as Hebrew language across all periods. Aramaic, Yiddish, Hebrew manuscripts, book history, Holocaust & Memory Studies and Israel Studies.

It also aims to fund research and publication at the highest international level through the work of its own Fellows and as a home for academic visitors from around the world.

- The Centre publishes the Journal of Jewish Studies, a leading academic journal, as well as an online series of articles on its own academic blog, The Jewish Language Bookshelf.
- Each year, the Centre hosts international senior academic visitors and young career scholars, notably through the Oxford seminars in Advanced Jewish Studies Visiting Fellowships programme. Additionally, the Centre holds two summer programmes; the Oxford Summer Institute on Modern and Contemporary Judaism and the Hebrew Manuscript Studies Workshop, co-hosted with the Bodleian Library. Both programmes attract researchers from across the globe.

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President's message (continued)

The Centre aims to convey the fruits of research and teaching by engagement with the wider public.

- Every term, the Centre offers numerous lecture series and research seminars on topics ranging from the Bible to Second Temple Judaism, Babylonian Talmud, rare Jewish languages, the Holocaust, contemporary Judaism and modern Israel. Series include weekly public lectures dedicated to the Centre's founder, David Patterson, and special lectures such as the Edward Ullendorff Memorial Lectures on Hebrew and Semitic Languages and the Alfred Lehmann Memorial Lectures on early Modern Jewish Intellectual History.
- The Centre's Leopold Muller Memorial Library, part of the Bodleian Library, houses a unique collection of books, journals, archives and pamphlets, constituting an irreplaceable resource for the students, scholars and visitors.
- The study of Hebrew and endangered Jewish languages is one of the Centre's priorities. It hosts courses in Biblical and Modern Hebrew and since 2021, runs its innovative Oxford School of Rare Jewish Languages, which offers online teaching of 15 rare Jewish languages.

The Centre's rich array of academic and public outreach activities is offered to students and the wider public free of charge. Doing so is made possible through the generous donations of many foundations and private individuals.

Detailed academic activities

1. Organisation of weekly research seminars
 - Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period
 - Israel Studies Seminar
 - Modern Jewish Thought Seminar
 - Seminar on the Holocaust and Memory
 - Oxford Holocaust Studies Reading Group
 - Medieval Hebrew Reading Group
2. Thematic weekly courses in Jewish Studies
 - Babylonian Talmud
 - Jewish Music Classes
 - Biblical Hebrew
 - Modern Hebrew Ulpan
3. Special Lectures series and other events
 - Weekly David Patterson Lectures
 - The Greenfield Lectures on the Septuagint (in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of the Bible)
 - The Eighth Edward Ullendorff Memorial Lecture
 - Three online lectures in rare Jewish languages
 - Two lectures in London JW3
 - Hebrew Movie Nights
4. International visiting scholars and fellows' programmes
 - 16 visiting scholars were hosted by the OCHJS in 2023-2024
 - Visiting Fellows: Oxford Seminars for Advanced Jewish Studies hosted 6 Visiting Fellowships: Salo and Jeannette Baron Visiting Fellowships in Jewish History (two); OSRJL Visiting Fellowships in Rare Jewish Languages (two) and a further one on OCHJS-IHBMR (Institute for Hebrew Bible Manuscripts Research) Visiting Fellow in Manuscript Studies (one)
5. Awarded two Taube Prizes for Student Writing in Hebrew and Jewish Studies
6. Language teaching at the Oxford School of Rare Jewish Languages
 - Oxford School of Rare Jewish Languages: in 2023-2024 – 18 Judeo-languages were taught online by leading specialists to more than 450 students from 56 countries in total

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Detailed academic activities (continued)

7. Summer Workshops
 - Oxford Summer Institute
 - Workshop in Hebrew Manuscript Studies
 - Biblical Hebrew Summer School

8. Publications and learning tools of the OCHJS
 - Two issues of the Journal of Jewish Studies (published by Liverpool University Press from January 2024)
 - Monthly online academic blog *The Jewish Languages Bookshelf*
 - Implementation of the online tutorial for the study of Judeo-languages

Financial review

A statement of financial activities ("SOFA") for the year has been produced on page 10, showing movements on unrestricted, designated, restricted and endowment funds. The operating deficit for the year on unrestricted funds, before transfer of investment income was £558,030 (2023: £544,338). After transfer of investment income and net gains, net movement in unrestricted funds for the year was £111,326 (2023: -£47,563) leaving a balance at the end of the year of £424,884 (2023: £313,558).

The deficit for the year as shown in the summary income and expenditure account was £382,917 (2023: deficit of £633,096).

Total funds at the end of the year were £12,785,247 (2023: £12,935,639), a decrease of £150,392.

Funds and reserves policy

In accordance with the relevant SORP, the Centre's funds are shown in the SOFA and on the balance sheet.

Total Fixed Asset Endowment Investments at 31 July 2024 were valued at £12,171,448 (2023: £12,353,997).

Governors aim to maintain endowment reserves to provide a regular income for the support of the Centre's operating activities in the future.

During the year a sum of £550,000 was drawn down into working capital from unrestricted investments held by JM Finn.

Fund-raising activities

The Centre received donations of £208,732 (2023: £178,828) and legacies of £1,957 (2023: £102,937) during the year. The Centre does not use professional fundraisers or involve commercial participants.

Plans for future periods

The Centre intends to continue hosting seminars and conferences for the furtherance of Jewish studies in the coming financial year and beyond, continuing in the same vein as it has in the past. It continues to raise funds for such events. In 2024, the OCHJS plans to secure further funding for the Oxford School of Rare Jewish Languages.

Risk review

The Centre carries out an annual assessment of major risks which are reviewed periodically by a committee of Governors. In the view of the Governors, risk management and internal controls are appropriate for the Centre's activities.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (continued)

Pay policy for senior staff

The Governors, who are the Charity's trustees, and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the Charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis. All Governors give of their time freely and no Governor received remuneration, for their role, in the year.

The President is directly employed by the University of Oxford and seconded to the role for the Centre. The President's salary is therefore set directly by the University. The Bursar's salary is agreed by the President with reference to the Governors, and it is benchmarked against academic average pay levels for similar roles.

The cumulative amount for total salaries paid to senior management in the year ended 31 July 2024 was £181,867 (2023: £178,545).

Strategic objectives

The Centre is dedicated to promoting the highest standards of academic excellence; devoted to the advancement of knowledge through research, scholarship, publication, teaching and service to the profession; and committed to the dissemination of knowledge for the greater good of society.

The development of Jewish Studies at the University of Oxford is a prime responsibility of the Centre. The Centre provides funds for teaching for most of the Hebrew and Jewish Studies courses taught at the university and funds, houses and administers the Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies of the University of Oxford, to which the academic activities of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies were formally transferred on 1 September 2018.

The Leopold Muller Memorial Library augments the resources of the Bodleian Library by serving as a major repository of books and materials relating to Jewish studies.

The Board of Governors exercises its responsibilities of financial oversight, establishing policies, engaging in strategic planning, representing the institution to outside constituencies, contributing to and/or helping fundraising and providing expertise in areas needed by the Centre.

Objectives of the Charity and activities for the public benefit

The Centre is devoted to promoting the study of Hebrew and other Jewish languages and to Jewish thought, history, literature, culture and society of all periods.

The research activities of the University of Oxford, funded, housed and administered by the Centre, aim to give the scholarly world and the general public a better understanding of Jewish issues.

The Centre funds teaching for all degrees in Hebrew and Jewish Studies at the University of Oxford. Scholars from many countries and every continent come to the Centre to study and research Hebrew, Yiddish and Jewish culture. All University courses taught by teaching staff of the University of Oxford, funded by the Centre, are open to all who meet the admission requirements which are based on scholarly attainment and potential.

The Centre also holds lectures, symposiums and conferences for the general public.

As the foremost institution of its kind in Europe, the Centre fulfils an international role. It has forged close relationships with universities and research bodies in many other countries.

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The Centre's library is one of the most important open shelf research facilities in Europe in the field of Jewish studies, and the Centre has become an established meeting point for scholars from across the world.

The Centre is committed to making its research findings in Jewish history, languages, literature and culture available to the general public by all available means.

The Governors confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Centre's aims and objectives and in implementing and planning current and future activities.

Method used to recruit/appoint new trustees including constitutional provisions

New trustees are appointed as follows, in accordance with the Centre's Memorandum of Association.

- 1) Four trustees (University Board Members) are appointed by the University of Oxford (two by the Humanities Divisional Board and two by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies).
- 2) All other trustees ('Ordinary Board Members') are co-opted Governors by the existing trustees.
- 3) The Centre's constitution requires a majority of the trustees to be Ordinary Board Members.

Policies and procedures for induction and training of trustees

New trustees are inducted by the Centre's President, who is responsible for ensuring that trustees are aware of the aims and purpose of the Centre and the procedures and duties of the Board of governors as trustees.

Governors' responsibilities

The Governors (who are also directors of the Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Governors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Centre and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the Centre for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Centre will continue in operation.

The Governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Centre and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Centre and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Centre's Governors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Centre's auditors are unaware; and
- the Governors have taken the steps needed to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Centre's auditors are aware of that information.

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Investment funds

The Centre's investment funds are managed by J M Finn & Co.

Valuations at 31 July 2024

Expendable and partly expendable portfolio

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| The MCA Fund | £5,310,041 | (2023: £5,181,651) |
| The Yarnton Trust (Muller Library Fund) | £1,239,732 | (2023: £1,209,744) |

Permanent portfolio

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| General funds | £1,041,864 | (2023: £1,024,964) |
| OCHJS, Library and Fellowship | £848,023 | (2023: £834,266) |
| The Yarnton Trust | £533,046 | (2023: £524,397) |

Other – expendable funds

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| The Polonsky Foundation | £925,548 | (2023: £930,224) |
| Lecture funds | £150,322 | (2023: £145,377) |
| Pinto Legacy | £1,102,021 | (2023: £1,067,505) |

Performance of investments against objectives

The investment objectives are to seek a combined long term return from income and capital growth, with a bias towards income, with the adoption of a medium risk investment portfolio.

Third party indemnity provisions

Directors' and officers' insurance cover has been established for all Governors to provide appropriate cover for their reasonable actions on behalf of the Centre. A deed was executed indemnifying each of the Governors as a supplement to the directors' and officers' insurance cover. The indemnities, which constitute a qualifying third-party indemnity provision as defined by section 234 of the Companies Act 2006, were in force during the financial year and remain in force for all current and past Governors of the Centre.

Directors and Governors

The Governors (who are also directors of the Charitable Company) set out below have held office for the whole of the period from 1 August 2023 to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated. In accordance with the Articles of Association, the following Ordinary Board Members resigned from office in December 2023 in accordance with the rules of rotation: Mr Stuart Roden and Professor Hugh Williamson. Professor Hugh Williamson, being eligible, offered himself for re-election for a further period of 3 years from December 2023.

The Lord Fink of Northwood (Chairman)
Professor Jaś Elsner (appointed 20 September 2023 and appointed Vice-Chair 6 December 2023)
Professor Judith Olszowy-Schlanger (President)
Professor Martin Goodman
Professor Sondra Hausner
Mr David Lewis
Professor Laurent Mignon
Michael Marx (appointed 11 June 2024)
Mr Daniel Patterson
Mr Daniel Peltz (resigned 26 September 2023)
Mr Stuart Roden (resigned 26 September 2023)
Ms Dinah Rose, KC (resigned 22 November 2023)
Professor Zoe Waxman (appointed by the Faculty of AMES on 1 October 2023)
Ms Anne Webber
Professor Hugh Williamson
Professor Yaacov Yadgar

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Appointment of Governors by the University

The following bodies have the power to appoint members of the Board of Governors in accordance with the Articles of Association:

The Humanities Board of the University of Oxford (two members): The appointees on 1 August 2023 were Sondra Hausner and Jaś Elsner.

The Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Board of the University of Oxford (two members): The appointees on 1 August 2023 were Laurent Mignon and Zoë Waxman (appointed 1 October 2023).

Governor Appointments, Induction and Training

Governors are also trustees of the Charity. Appointments are made by the Board giving proper regard to the range of skills and experience needed to govern the Charity. On appointment, Governors are provided with copies of the Centre's governing documents, annual reports and other current relevant material. Ongoing legal, investment and other advice is thereafter provided to Governors as appropriate.

Auditors

Wenn Townsend have signified their willingness to continue in office as the Centre's auditors, and a resolution proposing their reappointment will be put forward at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Centre.

This report has been prepared having taken advantage of the small companies exemption in the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Governors on 15 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by



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Professor Judith Olszowy-Schlanger, President

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies (the 'Centre') for the year ended 31 July 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Summary Income and Expenditure, the Balance Sheet and the Cash Flow Statements, and notes to the financial statements, including 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Centre's affairs as at 31 July 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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 we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the governors' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the centre and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, 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

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- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or
- the governors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the governors report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the governors (who are also the directors of the centre for the purposes of company law) 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 governors 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 governors are responsible for assessing the Centre'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 governors either intend to liquidate the centre or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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 an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in 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 specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff in Accounts and HR functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Centre's governors, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Centre's governors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Centre and the Centre's Governors as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Lee Baker BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Oxford**

15 January 2025

OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

| | Note | Unrestricted £ | Designated £ | Restricted £ | Endowment £ | Total 2024 £ | Unrestricted £ | Designated £ | Restricted £ | Endowment £ | Total 2023 £ |
|--|-------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Incoming resources from raising funds</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Voluntary income</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Donations | 2.1 | 27,117 | - | 181,615 | - | 208,732 | 30,491 | - | 148,337 | - | 178,828 |
| Legacies | 2.1 | 1,957 | - | - | - | 1,957 | 102,937 | - | - | - | 102,937 |
| <i>Activities for raising funds</i> | 2.2 | 19,336 | - | - | - | 19,336 | 23,468 | - | - | - | 23,468 |
| <i>Investment income</i> | 2.3 | 4,418 | 37,727 | - | 347,944 | 390,089 | 2,942 | 57,049 | 1,689 | 377,906 | 439,586 |
| <i>Income from charitable activities</i> | 2.4 | - | 20,279 | 74,601 | - | 94,880 | - | 88,138 | 58,866 | - | 147,004 |
| Total income | | 52,828 | 58,006 | 256,216 | 347,944 | 714,994 | 159,838 | 145,187 | 208,892 | 377,906 | 891,823 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Cost of raising funds</i> | 3 | 38,714 | 7,665 | - | 63,303 | 109,682 | 48,532 | 10,447 | - | 66,794 | 125,773 |
| <i>Charitable activities</i> | 4 | 572,144 | 142,535 | 369,504 | - | 1,084,183 | 655,644 | 183,651 | 439,908 | - | 1,279,203 |
| Total expenditure | | 610,858 | 150,200 | 369,504 | 63,303 | 1,193,865 | 704,176 | 194,098 | 439,908 | 66,794 | 1,404,976 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Fixed asset investments</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| net realised gains/(losses) | 11 | - | (5,656) | - | (54,524) | (60,180) | - | (9,535) | - | (26,118) | (35,653) |
| <i>Fixed asset investments</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| net unrealised gains/(losses) | 11 | - | 39,505 | - | 350,352 | 389,857 | - | (172,655) | - | (1,176,228) | (1,348,883) |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | (558,030) | (58,345) | (113,288) | 580,469 | (149,194) | (544,338) | (231,101) | (231,016) | (891,234) | (1,897,689) |
| Net transfers between funds | 14-17 | 670,554 | (517,629) | 195,019 | (347,944) | - | 501,323 | (337,212) | 213,796 | (377,907) | - |
| Other recognised gains/(losses) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange gains/(losses) | | (1,198) | - | - | - | (1,198) | (4,548) | - | - | - | (4,648) |
| Net movement in funds for the year | | 111,326 | (575,974) | 81,731 | 232,525 | (150,392) | (47,653) | (568,313) | (17,220) | (1,269,141) | (1,902,237) |
| Fund balances at 1 August 2023 | | 313,558 | 1,337,186 | 106,823 | 11,178,072 | 12,935,639 | 361,121 | 1,905,499 | 124,043 | 12,447,213 | 14,837,876 |
| Fund balances at 31 July 2024 | | 424,884 | 761,212 | 188,554 | 11,410,597 | 12,758,247 | 313,558 | 1,337,186 | 106,823 | 11,178,072 | 12,935,639 |

The notes on pages 15 to 34 form part of these accounts.

**SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Gross income from continuing operations – unrestricted, restricted and designated funds | 367,050 | 513,917 |
| Realised gains/(losses) from – Investments | 33,849 | (182,190) |
| Other gains | (1,198) | (4,548) |
| Transfer from endowment funds | 347,944 | 377,907 |
| Total expenditure of continuing operations | <u>(1,130,562)</u> | <u>(1,338,182)</u> |
| Total net income/(expenditure) for the year | <u><u>(382,917)</u></u> | <u><u>(633,096)</u></u> |

The notes on pages 15 to 34 form part of these accounts.


BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2024

Company Number: 1109384

| | Note | 2024 | | 2023 | |
|---|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 9 | 49,002 | | 57,169 | |
| Heritage assets | 10 | 260,000 | | 260,000 | |
| Investments | 11 | 12,171,448 | | 12,353,997 | |
| | | | 12,480,450 | | 12,671,166 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors – falling due within one year | 12 | 119,762 | | 97,082 | |
| Bank deposit – general | | 254,768 | | 395,388 | |
| | | | 374,530 | | 492,470 |
| Current liabilities | | | | | |
| Creditors – falling due within one year | 13 | (69,733) | | (147,324) | |
| Net current assets | | | 304,797 | | 345,146 |
| Net assets excluding pension liability | | | 12,785,247 | | 13,016,312 |
| Pension provision | 19 | | - | | (80,673) |
| Net assets | | | 12,785,247 | | 12,935,639 |
| Capital funds | | | | | |
| Endowments | 14 | | 11,410,597 | | 11,17,072 |
| Income funds | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | 15 | | 424,884 | | 394,231 |
| Pension reserve | 15/19 | | - | | (80,673) |
| Designated | 16 | | 761,212 | | 1,337,186 |
| Restricted | 17 | | 188,554 | | 106,823 |
| | | | 12,758,247 | | 12,935,639 |

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board of Governors and signed on its behalf on 15 January 2025.



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Professor Judith Olszowy-Schlanger, President

The notes on pages 15 to 34 form part of these accounts.

**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

| | Unrestricted £ | Designated £ | Restricted £ | Endowment £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| At 31 July 2023 | 313,558 | 1,337,186 | 106,823 | 11,178,072 | 12,935,639 | 12,935,639 |
| Movements in year | 111,326 | (575,974) | 81,731 | 232,525 | (150,392) | (1,902,237) |
| At 31 July 2024 | <u>424,884</u> | <u>761,212</u> | <u>188,554</u> | <u>11,410,597</u> | <u>12,785,247</u> | <u>12,935,639</u> |
| Represented by: | | | | | | |
| Fixed assets | 49,002 | - | - | 260,000 | 309,002 | 317,169 |
| Investments | - | 1,020,851 | - | 11,150,597 | 12,171,448 | 12,353,997 |
| Debtors | 79,401 | 28,919 | 11,422 | - | 119,762 | 97,082 |
| Bank deposit | 328,993 | (288,558) | 214,333 | - | 254,768 | 395,388 |
| Creditors | (32,512) | - | (37,221) | - | (69,733) | (147,324) |
| Pension provision | - | - | - | - | - | (80,673) |
| | <u>484,884</u> | <u>761,212</u> | <u>188,554</u> | <u>11,410,597</u> | <u>12,785,247</u> | <u>12,935,639</u> |

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

| | Note | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|
| Net cash flow from operating activities | 20 | (971,968) | (860,982) |
| Cash flow from investing activities | | | |
| Payments to acquire investment assets | | (108,741) | - |
| Proceeds from disposal of investment assets | | 550,000 | 250,000 |
| Investment income | | 390,089 | 439,586 |
| Net cash flow from investing activities | | 831,348 | 689,586 |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | (140,620) | (171,396) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 31 July 2023 | | 395,388 | 566,784 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 31 July 2024 | | 254,768 | 395,388 |
| Cash and cash equivalents consist of: | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 254,768 | 395,388 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 31st July 2024 | | 254,768 | 395,388 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

1 Accounting policies

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies is a charitable company limited by guarantee in the United Kingdom. In the event of the Centre being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Centre. The address of the registered office is given in the Centre information in these financial statements. The nature of the Centre's operations and principal activities are included in the Governors' report.

The Centre constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

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

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments.

(b) Income

Income has been credited to the SOFA on the following basis:

- General donations and dividends are recognised on a receivable basis and include any income tax recoverable;
- Donations received for specific purposes (such as towards future lectures / programmes operated by the Charity), are carried forward as deferred income and released to the SOFA when the event takes place;
- Interest and rents are recognised on an accruals basis.

(c) Expenditure recognition

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

(d) Tangible fixed assets

Equipment with a value greater than £1,000 is capitalised. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis at a rate of 25% per annum on the cost less residual value of each asset.

Short leasehold land and buildings are depreciated over the lease term

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

1 Accounting policies (continued)

(e) Heritage assets

Heritage assets are recognised on the balance sheet and initially measured at cost when purchased or if donated, their valuation. Fair values for donated assets are estimated by reference to market prices. Where information on the cost or valuation of heritage assets is not available or the cost of providing such information significantly outweighs any benefit to the users of the accounts then heritage assets are not recognised on the balance sheet.

Acquisitions only arise when donated to the charity or if it is believed that they will further the charity's objectives. Once acquired they will be preserved by the charity in order to keep their historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities to such a high level as to contribute to knowledge and culture. A register of all assets held by the charity is available and the assets themselves are accessible to the public with prior agreement. Heritage assets are to be held for the foreseeable future.

(f) Investments

Listed investments are stated at fair value. Net realised and unrealised gains and losses on investment assets are accounted for as part of the related funds when they occur, the calculation having been based on fair value.

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

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

(h) Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency at the balance sheet date are translated using the closing rate.

(i) Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the Centre, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The Centre participates in the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) and the University of Oxford Staff Pension Scheme (OSPS). These schemes are hybrid pension schemes, providing defined benefits as well as benefits based on defined contributions. The assets of each scheme are held in a separate trustee-administered fund. Because of the mutual nature of the schemes, the assets are not attributed to individual employers and scheme-wide contribution rates are set. The Centre is therefore exposed to actuarial risks associated with other employers' employees and is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the schemes on a consistent and reasonable basis. As required by Section 28 of FRS 102 "Employee Benefits", the Centre therefore accounts for the schemes as if they were wholly defined contribution schemes. As a result, the amount charged to the income and expenditure account represents the contributions payable to each scheme and any deficit recovery contributions payable under a scheme Recovery Plan.

Where a scheme valuation determines that the scheme is in deficit on a technical provisions basis (as was the case following the 2020 USS valuation), the trustee of the scheme must agree a Recovery Plan that determines how each employer within the scheme will fund an overall deficit. The Centre recognises a liability for the contributions payable that arise from such an agreement (to the extent that they relate to a deficit) with related expenses being recognised through the income statement. Further disclosures relating to the deficit recovery liability can be found in note 19.

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

1 Accounting policies (continued)

(j) Allocation of expenditure

Specific items of expenses are attributed to the appropriate category:

- cost of raising funds, being the costs associated with generating incoming resources from all sources other than undertaking charitable activities;
- charitable activities, being the resources applied by the Centre in undertaking its work to meet its charitable objectives;
- support costs which are allocated to activity cost categories on a consistent basis, e.g. staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

(k) Fund accounting

Funds held by the Centre are:

- unrestricted general funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Governors;
- designated funds which are funds set aside by the Governors out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects;
- restricted funds which can only be used within the objects of the Centre as specified by the donor for the particular restricted purposes for which they are raised.
- endowment funds which are capital funds where, apart from endowments expendable in part or in whole (some of which are subject to restrictions on how much capital may be spent on an unrestricted basis), there is normally no power to spend the capital as if it was unrestricted income.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of the funds is included, where practicable, in the notes to the financial statements.

(l) Basis of allocation of costs between Unrestricted and Restricted Funds

Costs are specifically recognised as being for unrestricted or restricted purposes and are allocated accordingly.

(m) Gifts in kind

Properties, investments and other fixed assets donated to the Centre are included as donation income at market value at the time of receipt.

(n) Going concern

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

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

2. Income

The results for the year are attributable to the principal activity, the advancement of education and research in the field of Hebrew and Jewish Studies.

2.1 Voluntary income comprises

| | Unrestricted £ | Designated £ | Restricted £ | Endowment £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Donations | 27,117 | - | 181,615 | - | 208,732 | 178,828 |
| Legacies | 1,957 | - | - | - | 1,957 | 102,937 |
| | <u>29,074</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>181,615</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>210,689</u> | <u>281,765</u> |

2.2 Activities for raising funds

This comprises income for administrative support of academic programmes.

2.3 Investment income

Investment income comprises

| | Unrestricted £ | Designated £ | Restricted £ | Total Endowment £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Dividends and interest | - | 37,727 | - | 347,944 | 385,671 | 434,955 |
| Other | 4,418 | - | - | - | 4,418 | 4,631 |
| | <u>4,418</u> | <u>37,727</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>347,944</u> | <u>390,089</u> | <u>439,586</u> |

2.4 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted £ | Designated £ | Restricted £ | Endowment £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Conferences, student fees, accommodation and library funding | - | - | 74,601 | - | 74,601 | 58,866 |
| Journal of Jewish Studies | - | 20,279 | - | - | 20,279 | 88,138 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>20,279</u> | <u>74,601</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>94,880</u> | <u>147,004</u> |

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

3 Costs of raising funds

| | Unrestricted £ | Designated £ | Restricted £ | Endowment £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Advertising and fundraising | 22,481 | - | - | - | 22,481 | 27,891 |
| Support costs | 16,233 | - | - | - | 16,233 | 20,640 |
| | <u>38,714</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>38,714</u> | <u>48,531</u> |
| Investment management | | | | | | |
| Investment management fees | - | 7,665 | - | 63,303 | 70,968 | 77,242 |
| | <u>38,714</u> | <u>7,665</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>63,303</u> | <u>109,682</u> | <u>125,773</u> |

4 Charitable activities

| | Unrestricted £ | Designated £ | Restricted £ | Endowment £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Academic | 364,511 | 137,616 | 307,318 | - | 809,445 | 930,348 |
| Movement in pension provision | (80,673) | - | - | - | (80,673) | (27,512) |
| Clarendon Institute facilities and supplies | 5,717 | - | - | - | 5,717 | 5,717 |
| MSt teaching and scholarships | 2,408 | - | 3,854 | - | 6,262 | 6,329 |
| Library | 156,525 | - | 45,099 | - | 201,624 | 229,336 |
| Hebrew and Jewish Studies Unit | 6,867 | - | 8,314 | - | 15,181 | 18,484 |
| Clarendon Institute Building | 69,845 | 4,919 | 4,919 | - | 79,683 | 67,079 |
| Support costs | 46,944 | - | - | - | 46,944 | 49,422 |
| | <u>572,144</u> | <u>142,535</u> | <u>369,504</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,084,183</u> | <u>1,279,203</u> |

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

5 Governors' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

Except for the president, the Governors received no remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: £Nil).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel was £38,218 (2023: £38,910).

The Centre considers its key management personnel are the Board of Governors, and the Senior Management Team.

No Governors (2023: none) are accruing pension arrangements.

6.1 Further analysis of total resources expended, between staff and other costs

| | Staff costs £ | Other costs £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|---|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Charitable activities | | | | |
| Academic | 172,791 | 636,654 | 809,445 | 930,348 |
| Movement in pension fund | (80,673) | - | (80,673) | (27,512) |
| Clarendon Institute facilities and supplies | 5,717 | - | 5,717 | 5,717 |
| MSt teaching and scholarships | 6,262 | - | 6,262 | 6,329 |
| Library | - | 201,624 | 201,624 | 229,336 |
| Hebrew and Jewish Studies Unit | 8,314 | 6,867 | 15,181 | 18,484 |
| Clarendon Institute Building | - | 79,683 | 79,683 | 67,079 |
| Support Costs | - | 46,944 | 46,944 | 49,422 |
| | <u>112,411</u> | <u>971,772</u> | <u>1,084,183</u> | <u>1,279,203</u> |
| Costs of raising funds | 14,986 | 94,696 | 109,682 | 125,773 |
| | <u>127,397</u> | <u>1,066,468</u> | <u>1,193,865</u> | <u>1,404,976</u> |

6.2 Net resources expended

Results for the year are stated after charging:

| | | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| Depreciation | Owned asset | 8,167 | 8,166 |
| Auditor's fee | Fees payable for the audit of the charity's accounts | 13,800 | 12,900 |
| | Other fees | 4,560 | 4,492 |
| | | <u>26,527</u> | <u>25,558</u> |

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

7 Governors' remuneration

Payments totalling £509,760 (2023: £509,836) were made to the university, of which £143,649 (2023: £139,635) relate to services rendered as President.

Expenses of £nil (2023: £nil) were reimbursed to or paid on behalf of the President, in respect of accommodation and travel costs incurred.

Other Governors

No other Governor received remuneration or expenses from the Centre during the year.

The cost of Professional Indemnity, Governors' and Officers' Liability was £5,253 (2023: £4,897).

8 Staff costs

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 173,424 | 190,922 |
| Social security costs | 10,745 | 10,016 |
| Other pension contributions | 23,901 | 31,364 |
| Movement in pension provision | (80,673) | (27,512) |
| | 127,397 | 204,790 |
| | 127,397 | 204,790 |

There were no employees earning over £60,000 per annum.

Research stipends of £18,157 (2023: £115,065) were paid to visiting academics to cover living expenses, rental accommodation in Oxford and travel costs.

Salary grants of £312,544 (2023: £335,194) were paid to the University of Oxford which remunerated five (2023: five) of the Centre's Fellows, none of whom were Governors during the period.

The average number of persons, including Governors, employed by the Centre including those working part-time on a long-term basis, were as follows:

| | 2024 | | 2023 | |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time |
| Academic | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Administration | 2 | 5 | 1 | 7 |
| | 3 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| | 3 | 6 | 2 | 8 |

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

9 Tangible fixed assets

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Clarendon Institute Building | | |
| Capital improvement and alternations to internal space at 31 July | 57,168 | 65,335 |
| Less: Depreciation charge for the year | (8,167) | (8,166) |
| | 49,001 | 57,168 |
| Books and equipment | | |
| Library collections | 1 | 1 |
| | 49,002 | 57,169 |
| Total tangible fixed assets at 31 July | 49,002 | 57,169 |

The assets are all used for the furtherance of the Centre's objects in the advancement of education in the field of Hebrew and Jewish Studies.

Leopold Muller Memorial Library

All holdings and collections of the LMML were gifted to the Chancellor Masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford under a Deed of Gift dated 29 August 2014 and are held on trust as part of the Bodleian Libraries Fund.

The Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford

On 1 September 2014, the Centre relocated its operations to University of Oxford offices in central Oxford under a Licence to Occupy part of the Clarendon Institute until 21 September 2030.

Depreciation

The Centre has previously spent £122,501 on alterations and refurbishment of a new lecture room. The capital sum is being depreciated over the term of the Centre's Licence to Occupy (15 years). Depreciation charged for the year was £8,167.

Equipment

In accordance with the accounting policies of the Centre, fixed assets purchased in the period were written down to zero.

10 Heritage assets

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Gadany Estate artwork | | |
| At 1 August | 260,000 | 260,000 |
| Additions at valuation | - | - |
| | 260,000 | 260,000 |
| At 31 July | 260,000 | 260,000 |

Heritage assets held are pieces of artwork bequeathed to the Centre from the Gadany Estate. The artwork was subject to an independent, professional valuation for insurance purposes during the year ended 31st July 2022. The Trustees consider this to be equivalent to the fair value.

Heritage assets comprising books, coins, and other historical pieces, also from the Gadany Estate, are not recognised on the balance sheet due to a valuation not being available.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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11 Movement in fixed asset investments

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Fair value at 1 August | 12,353,997 | 14,065,775 |
| Additions | 2,762,887 | 2,264,205 |
| Disposals | (3,267,879) | (2,604,828) |
| Change in cash held by investment managers | (7,234) | 13,381 |
| Realised net gains/(losses) | (60,180) | (35,653) |
| Unrealised net gains/(losses) | 389,857 | (1,348,883) |
| | <u>12,171,448</u> | <u>12,353,997</u> |
| Fair value at 31 July | <u><u>12,171,448</u></u> | <u><u>12,353,997</u></u> |

An analysis of the location of investment assets is as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Investment assets listed in the United Kingdom | 6,523,127 | 7,414,318 |
| Investment assets listed outside the United Kingdom | 5,648,321 | 4,939,679 |
| | <u>12,171,448</u> | <u>12,353,997</u> |
| | <u><u>12,171,448</u></u> | <u><u>12,353,997</u></u> |

Cash included in fixed asset investments amounts to £49,917 (2023: £56,454) and is held on deposit.

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

| | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 12 | Debtors | | |
| | Due within one year: | | |
| | | 2024 | 2023 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Prepayments and accrued income | 119,762 | 97,082 |
| | | <u>119,762</u> | <u>97,082</u> |
| | | <u><u>119,762</u></u> | <u><u>97,082</u></u> |
| 13 | Creditors | | |
| | Due within one year: | | |
| | | 2024 | 2023 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Creditors – suppliers | 6,664 | 33,205 |
| | Other creditors – taxation and social security | 673 | 2,996 |
| | Accruals | 33,928 | 34,306 |
| | Deferred income (see below) | 28,468 | 76,817 |
| | | <u>69,733</u> | <u>147,324</u> |
| | | <u><u>69,733</u></u> | <u><u>147,324</u></u> |
| | Deferred income funds – movement in year | | |
| | | 2024 | 2023 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Opening balance at 1 August | 76,817 | 38,820 |
| | Introduced during the year | 27,564 | 58,125 |
| | Released during the year | (75,913) | (20,128) |
| | | <u>28,468</u> | <u>76,817</u> |
| | Closing balance at 31 July | <u><u>28,468</u></u> | <u><u>76,817</u></u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

14 Endowment Funds - 2024

| | Balance 31 July 2023 | Management Fees | Net Incoming Resources | Reallocated to Income & Expenditure <i>Unrestricted</i> | Reallocated to Income & Expenditure <i>Restricted</i> | Transfers in / (out) of fund | Net Realised Gains/Losses for the year | Net Unrealised Gains/Losses for the year | Balance 31 July 2024 |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Partly expendable endowment funds | | | | | | | | | |
| MCA Fund | 5,181,595 | (30,442) | 162,844 | (162,844) | - | - | (19,313) | 178,201 | 5,310,041 |
| The Leopold Muller Memorial Library fund | 1,209,744 | (7,107) | 38,019 | - | (38,019) | - | (4,509) | 41,604 | 1,239,732 |
| George Pinto Legacy | 1,067,505 | (6,358) | 32,051 | (32,051) | - | - | (8,254) | 49,128 | 1,102,021 |
| | <u>7,458,844</u> | <u>(43,907)</u> | <u>232,914</u> | <u>(194,895)</u> | <u>(38,019)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(32,076)</u> | <u>268,933</u> | <u>7,651,794</u> |
| General endowment funds | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| The Polonsky Foundation, Fellowship, equities | 930,224 | (5,430) | 30,309 | - | (30,309) | - | (7,123) | 7,877 | 925,548 |
| Lectures : David Patterson and Lehmann Memorial, equities | 145,377 | - | 4,674 | - | (4,674) | - | 298 | 4,647 | 150,322 |
| TOTAL EXPENDABLE (and partly expendable) ENDOWMENTS | <u>8,534,445</u> | <u>(49,337)</u> | <u>267,897</u> | <u>(194,895)</u> | <u>(73,002)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(38,901)</u> | <u>281,457</u> | <u>8,727,664</u> |
| Permanent Endowments | | | | | | | | | |
| J M Finn investments Library | | | | | | | | | |
| Catherine Lewis and Simon Davis Library Fund | 111,980 | (656) | 3,760 | - | (3,760) | - | (734) | 3,237 | 113,827 |
| HRO Library Fund | 19,614 | (115) | 659 | - | (659) | - | (129) | 567 | 19,937 |
| Isaiah Berlin Library Fund | 14,091 | (83) | 473 | - | (473) | - | (92) | 407 | 14,323 |
| Fellowships/scholarships | | | | | | | | | |
| David Patterson Fellowship in Jewish Law | 352,267 | (2,064) | 11,830 | - | (11,830) | - | (2,309) | 10,182 | 358,076 |
| Jacobs Fellowship | 115,598 | (677) | 3,882 | - | (3,882) | - | (758) | 3,341 | 117,504 |
| Mason Lectureship | 111,311 | (652) | 3,738 | - | (3,738) | - | (730) | 3,217 | 113,146 |
| Goldman Lecture Fund | 14,351 | (84) | 482 | - | (482) | - | (94) | 415 | 14,588 |
| General Funds | 95,054 | (557) | 3,192 | - | (3,192) | - | (623) | 2,748 | 96,622 |
| | <u>834,266</u> | <u>(4,888)</u> | <u>28,016</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(28,016)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(5,469)</u> | <u>24,114</u> | <u>848,023</u> |
| The Yarnton Trust | | | | | | | | | |
| The Paisner, Leigh, Hyman, Green and Schreiber Funds | 524,397 | (3,072) | 17,610 | - | (17,610) | - | (3,437) | 15,158 | 533,046 |
| SUB TOTAL -PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS, EQUITIES | <u>1,358,663</u> | <u>(7,960)</u> | <u>45,626</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(45,626)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(8,906)</u> | <u>39,272</u> | <u>1,381,069</u> |
| General permanent endowment | 1,024,964 | (6,006) | 34,421 | (34,421) | - | - | (6,717) | 29,623 | 1,041,864 |
| TOTAL PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS | <u>2,383,627</u> | <u>(13,966)</u> | <u>80,047</u> | <u>(34,421)</u> | <u>(45,626)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(15,623)</u> | <u>68,895</u> | <u>2,422,933</u> |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS | <u>10,918,072</u> | <u>(63,303)</u> | <u>347,944</u> | <u>(229,316)</u> | <u>(118,628)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(54,524)</u> | <u>350,352</u> | <u>11,150,597</u> |
| Heritage Assets | | | | | | | | | |
| Gadany Estate Artwork | 260,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 260,000 |
| TOTAL ALL ENDOWMENTS | <u>11,178,072</u> | <u>(63,303)</u> | <u>347,944</u> | <u>(229,316)</u> | <u>(118,628)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(54,524)</u> | <u>350,352</u> | <u>11,410,597</u> |

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14 Endowment Funds (continued) - 2024

| | Balance 31 July 2023 | Management Fees | Net Incoming Resources | Reallocated to Income & Expenditure <i>Unrestricted</i> | Reallocated to Income & Expenditure <i>Restricted</i> | Transfers Designated Funds | Net Realised Gains/Losses for the year | Net Unrealised Gains/Losses for the year | Balance 31 July 2024 |
|----------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| MCA Fund | 5,181,595 | (30,442) | 162,844 | (162,844) | - | - | (19,313) | 178,201 | 5,310,041 |

The MCA Endowment Fund is a separate fund for the purposes of advancing education in Hebrew and Jewish Studies. The donor of the original grant of £3,000,000 specified that the capital, which is to be invested on professional advice in order to obtain the maximum long-term total return (net of any tax) which is regarded from time to time as a prudent target for the Fund, may be spent provided that:

- (1) the total of income, realised and unrealised gains spent in any full financial year of the Centre does not exceed 8% of the original grant as increased by the percentage increase in the UK Retail Prices Index from 30 June 2001 to the beginning of such financial year, but so that any unspent part of such 8% may be carried forward and spent in subsequent financial years in addition to such 8% limit each such financial year and
- (2) the market value of the capital of the Fund (after deducting any losses and liabilities, whether actual, accrued or contingent) not more than 30 days prior to the date on which the Governors resolve to spend the gains is not less than the original grant (increased as specified in the proviso (1) above) after excluding the gains resolved to be spent.

Provisos (1) and (2) are also applied to the additional grants of £1,062,350 from their respective dates of receipt. There were no additional grants during the year ended 31 July 2024 (2023: £Nil). At 31 July 2024, the total grants increased by the UK Retail Prices Index for the relevant periods, amounted to £7,217,634 (2023: £7,071,389) so that the market value of £5,310,041 (2023: £5,181,595) gave rise to a deficit of (£1,907,593) (2023: deficit of (£1,889,794)).

The unspent parts of 8% per annum aggregate to £5,770,460 (2023: £5,355,893).

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14 Endowment Funds - 2023

| | Balance 31 July 2022 | Management Fees | Net Incoming Resources | Reallocated to Income & Expenditure <i>Unrestricted</i> | Reallocated to Income & Expenditure <i>Restricted</i> | Transfers in / (out) of fund | Net Realised Gains/Losses for the year | Net Unrealised Gains/Losses for the year | Balance 31 July 2023 |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Partly expendable endowment funds | | | | | | | | | |
| MCA Fund | 5,773,651 | (32,108) | 181,184 | (181,184) | - | - | (29,304) | (530,644) | 5,181,595 |
| The Leopold Muller Memorial Library fund | 1,347,973 | (7,496) | 42,422 | - | (42,422) | - | (6,842) | (123,891) | 1,209,744 |
| George Pinto Legacy | 1,188,757 | (6,564) | 33,278 | (33,278) | - | - | 3,925 | (118,613) | 1,067,505 |
| | <u>8,310,381</u> | <u>(46,168)</u> | <u>256,884</u> | <u>(214,462)</u> | <u>(42,422)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(32,221)</u> | <u>(773,148)</u> | <u>7,458,844</u> |
| General endowment funds | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| The Polonsky Foundation, Fellowship, equities | 1,033,698 | (5,798) | 30,787 | - | (30,787) | - | 546 | (98,222) | 930,224 |
| Lectures : David Patterson and Lehmann Memorial, equities | 150,106 | - | 4,510 | - | (4,510) | - | 109 | (4,838) | 145,377 |
| TOTAL EXPENDABLE (and partly expendable) ENDOWMENTS | <u>9,494,185</u> | <u>(51,966)</u> | <u>292,181</u> | <u>(214,462)</u> | <u>(77,719)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(31,566)</u> | <u>(876,208)</u> | <u>8,534,445</u> |
| Permanent Endowments | | | | | | | | | |
| J M Finn investments | | | | | | | | | |
| Library | | | | | | | | | |
| Catherine Lewis and Simon Davis Library Fund | 126,516 | (697) | 4,027 | - | (4,027) | - | 256 | (14,095) | 111,980 |
| HRO Library Fund | 22,160 | (122) | 705 | - | (705) | - | 45 | (2,469) | 19,614 |
| Isaiah Berlin Library Fund | 15,921 | (88) | 507 | - | (507) | - | 32 | (1,774) | 14,091 |
| Fellowships/scholarships | | | | | | | | | |
| David Patterson Fellowship in Jewish Law | 397,991 | (2,191) | 12,669 | - | (12,669) | - | 805 | (44,338) | 352,267 |
| Jacobs Fellowship | 130,603 | (719) | 4,158 | - | (4,158) | - | 264 | (14,550) | 115,598 |
| Mason Lectureship | 125,760 | (692) | 4,003 | - | (4,003) | - | 254 | (14,011) | 111,311 |
| Goldman Lecture Fund | 16,213 | (89) | 516 | - | (516) | - | 33 | (1,806) | 14,351 |
| General Funds | 107,392 | (591) | 3,419 | - | (3,419) | - | 217 | (11,964) | 95,054 |
| | <u>942,556</u> | <u>(5,189)</u> | <u>30,004</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(30,004)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,906</u> | <u>(105,007)</u> | <u>834,266</u> |
| The Yarnton Trust | | | | | | | | | |
| The Paisner, Leigh, Hyman, Green and Schreiber Funds | 592,464 | (3,262) | 18,860 | - | (18,860) | - | 1,199 | (66,004) | 524,397 |
| SUB TOTAL -PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS, EQUITIES | <u>1,671,393</u> | <u>(8,451)</u> | <u>48,864</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(48,864)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>3,105</u> | <u>(171,011)</u> | <u>1,358,663</u> |
| General permanent endowment | 1,158,008 | (6,378) | 36,861 | (36,861) | - | - | 2,343 | (129,009) | 1,024,964 |
| TOTAL PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS | <u>2,693,028</u> | <u>(14,829)</u> | <u>85,725</u> | <u>(36,861)</u> | <u>(48,864)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,448</u> | <u>(300,020)</u> | <u>2,383,627</u> |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS | <u>12,187,213</u> | <u>(66,795)</u> | <u>377,906</u> | <u>(251,323)</u> | <u>(126,583)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(26,118)</u> | <u>(1,176,228)</u> | <u>10,918,072</u> |
| Heritage Assets | | | | | | | | | |
| Gadany Estate Artwork | 260,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 260,000 |
| TOTAL ALL ENDOWMENTS | <u>12,447,213</u> | <u>(66,795)</u> | <u>377,906</u> | <u>(251,323)</u> | <u>(126,583)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(26,118)</u> | <u>(1,176,228)</u> | <u>11,178,072</u> |

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14 Endowment Funds (continued) - 2023

| | Balance 31 July 2022 | Management Fees | Net Incoming Resources | Reallocated to Income & Expenditure <i>Unrestricted</i> | Reallocated to Income & Expenditure <i>Restricted</i> | Transfers Designated Funds | Net Realised Gains/Losses for the year | Net Unrealised Gains/Losses for the year | Balance 31 July 2023 |
|----------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| MCA Fund | 5,773,651 | (32,108) | 181,184 | (181,184) | - | - | (29,304) | (530,644) | 5,181,595 |

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15 Unrestricted funds

| | 31 July 2023 £ | Incoming Resources £ | Transfers £ | Other gains/ (losses) £ | Outgoing Resources £ | 31 July 2024 £ |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| General reserve | 394,231 | 52,828 | 670,554 | (1,198) | (691,531) | 424,884 |
| Pension reserve | (80,673) | - | - | - | 80,673 | - |
| | 313,558 | 52,828 | 670,554 | (1,198) | (610,858) | 484,884 |
| | 31 July 2022 £ | Incoming Resources £ | Transfers £ | Other gains/ (losses) £ | Outgoing Resources £ | 31 July 2023 £ |
| General reserve | 469,306 | 159,838 | 501,323 | (4,548) | (731,688) | 394,231 |
| Pension reserve | (108,185) | - | - | - | 27,512 | (80,673) |
| | 361,121 | 159,838 | 501,323 | (4,548) | (704,512) | 313,558 |

16 Designated Funds

| | At 31 July 2023 £ | Incoming Resources £ | Transfers £ | Net realised gains/losses for the year £ | Net unrealised gains/losses for the year £ | Outgoing Resources £ | 31 July 2024 £ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---|---|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Journal of Jewish Studies | 123,857 | 20,279 | - | - | - | (44,444) | 99,692 |
| Fellowship Fund | 1,213,329 | 37,727 | (517,629) | (5,656) | 39,505 | (105,756) | 661,520 |
| | 1,337,186 | 58,006 | (517,629) | (5,656) | 39,505 | (150,200) | 761,212 |
| | At 31 July 2022 £ | Incoming Resources £ | Transfers £ | Net realised gains/losses for the year £ | Net unrealised gains/losses for the year £ | Outgoing Resources £ | 31 July 2023 £ |
| Journal of Jewish Studies | 122,524 | 88,138 | - | - | - | (86,805) | 123,857 |
| Fellowship Fund | 1,782,975 | 57,049 | (337,212) | (9,535) | (172,655) | (107,293) | 1,213,329 |
| | 1,905,499 | 145,187 | (337,212) | (9,535) | (172,655) | (194,098) | 1,337,186 |

17 Restricted Funds

| | 31 July 2023 £ | Incoming Resources £ | Outgoing Resources £ | Transfers £ | 31 July 2024 £ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Conferences and lectures | 40,875 | - | (380) | 5,156 | 45,651 |
| Conferences (Corob) | - | - | (12,026) | 12,026 | - |
| Conference (Summer Institute 2014) | 566 | 45,699 | (33,411) | - | 12,854 |
| Fellowships, visiting | 29,916 | 33,596 | (14,261) | - | 49,251 |
| Fellowships, permanent | - | 15,294 | (147,198) | 134,904 | 3,000 |
| Hebrew manuscript workshop | 11,568 | 26,080 | (23,405) | - | 14,243 |
| Library fund | 12,791 | 2,187 | (45,099) | 42,912 | 12,791 |
| Memorial lecture | 6,996 | - | (1,957) | - | 5,039 |
| Musica Judaica | 208 | - | (178) | - | 30 |
| L Paisner Fund | 2,000 | - | - | - | 2,000 |
| Paul Goodman archive | - | 201 | (222) | 21 | - |
| Baron Foundation | - | 10,134 | - | - | - |
| OSRJL | 1,850 | 123,025 | (91,367) | - | 33,508 |
| Stern Family Fdn | 53 | - | - | - | 53 |
| | 106,823 | 256,216 | (369,504) | 195,019 | 188,554 |

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17 Restricted Funds (continued)

| | 31 July 2022 £ | Incoming Resources £ | Outgoing Resources £ | Transfers £ | 31 July 2023 £ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Conferences and lectures | 36,840 | - | (991) | 5,026 | 40,875 |
| Conferences (Corob) | 1,467 | - | (12,075) | 10,608 | - |
| Conference (Summer Institute 2014) | 61 | 38,144 | (37,639) | - | 566 |
| Fellowships, visiting | 42,917 | 42,158 | (55,159) | - | 29,916 |
| Fellowships, permanent | - | 19,254 | (169,754) | 150,500 | - |
| Hebrew manuscript workshop | 11,281 | 21,009 | (20,722) | - | 11,568 |
| Library fund | 12,791 | 10,935 | (58,597) | 47,662 | 12,791 |
| Memorial lecture | 6,996 | - | - | - | 6,996 |
| Musica Judaica | 495 | - | (287) | - | 208 |
| L Paisner Fund | 2,000 | - | - | - | 2,000 |
| OSRJL | 9,195 | 76,892 | (84,237) | - | 1,850 |
| Stern Family Fdn | - | 500 | (447) | - | 53 |
| | <u>124,043</u> | <u>208,892</u> | <u>(439,908)</u> | <u>213,796</u> | <u>106,823</u> |

Fellowships, visiting

Grants received cover the costs of the Oxford Seminars on Advanced Jewish Studies, Oxford Summer Institute, OCHJS/Bodleian Workshop in Hebrew Manuscripts held during the year. A full report on the academic activities relating to the Seminars is published in the Centre's separate Annual Report for the year.

Fellowships, permanent

The money received represents donations to pay for the employment of Centre fellows.

Library Fund

This income represents investment income received from the Leopold Muller Memorial Library fund held within The Yarnton Trust.

Teaching Programmes

This income represents the grants for the salaries of the teachers, administrative support and the development of an online teaching platform for the Oxford School of Rare Jewish Languages.

18 Analysis of Group Assets

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Designated Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Total Funds £ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Fund balances at 31 July 2024 are represented by: | | | | | |
| Fixed assets | 49,002 | - | - | 260,000 | 309,002 |
| Investments | - | 1,020,851 | - | 11,150,597 | 12,171,448 |
| Debtors | 79,401 | 28,919 | 11,442 | - | 119,762 |
| Bank deposit | 217,993 | (288,588) | 214,333 | - | 254,768 |
| Creditors | (32,512) | - | (37,221) | - | (69,733) |
| Pension provision | - | - | - | - | - |
| | <u>424,884</u> | <u>761,212</u> | <u>188,554</u> | <u>11,410,597</u> | <u>12,785,247</u> |
| Fund balances at 31 July 2023 are represented by: | | | | | |
| Fixed assets | 57,169 | - | - | 260,000 | 317,169 |
| Investments | - | 1,435,925 | - | 10,918,072 | 12,353,997 |
| Debtors | 79,420 | 10,934 | 6,728 | - | 97,082 |
| Bank deposit | 320,496 | (109,673) | 184,565 | - | 395,388 |
| Creditors | (62,854) | - | (84,470) | - | (147,324) |
| Pension provision | (80,673) | - | - | - | (80,673) |
| | <u>313,558</u> | <u>1,337,186</u> | <u>106,823</u> | <u>11,178,072</u> | <u>12,935,639</u> |

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19 Pension Commitments

Universities Superannuation Scheme (“USS”)

The pension charge for the year includes -£67,270 (2023: -£8,033) in relation to the USS. This represents contributions of £13,403 (2023: £19,478) payable to the USS in the year, as adjusted by the change in the deficit funding liability between the opening and closing balance sheet dates of -£80,673 (2023: of -£24,896) and deficit contributions net of discounting of £nil (2023: £2,615).

A deficit recovery plan was put in place as part of the 2020 valuation, which required payment of 6.2% of salaries over the period 1 April 2022 until 31 March 2024, at which point the rate would increase to 6.3%. No deficit recovery plan was required under the 2023 valuation because the scheme was in surplus on a technical provisions basis. The Centre was no longer required to make deficit recovery contributions from 1 January 2024 and accordingly has released the outstanding provision to the income and expenditure account. The latest available complete actuarial valuation of the Retirement Income Builder is as at 31 March 2023 (the valuation date), which was carried out using the projected unit method.

Since the Centre cannot identify its share of USS Retirement Income Builder (defined benefit) assets and liabilities, the following disclosures reflect those relevant for those assets and liabilities as a whole.

At 31 July 2023, the charity’s balance sheet included a liability of £80,673 for future contributions, following the 2020 valuation when the scheme was in deficit. No deficit recovery plan was required from the 2023 valuation, because the scheme was in surplus. Changes to contribution rates were implemented from 1 January 2024 and from that date the Centre was no longer required to make deficit recovery contributions. The remaining liability of £80,673 was released to the income and expenditure account.

The 2023 valuation was the seventh valuation for the scheme under the scheme-specific funding regime introduced by the Pensions Act 2004, which requires schemes to have sufficient and appropriate assets to cover their technical provisions (the statutory funding objective). At the valuation date, the value of the assets of the scheme was £73.1 billion and the value of the scheme’s technical provisions was £65.7 billion indicating a surplus of £7.4 billion and a funding ratio of 111%.

The key financial assumptions used in the 2023 valuation are described below. More detail is set out in the Statement of Funding Principles (uss.co.uk/about-us/valuation-and-funding/statement-of-funding-principles).

| | |
|--|---|
| CPI assumption | Term dependent rates in line with the difference between the Fixed Interest and Index Linked yield curves less: 1.0% p.a. to 2030, reducing linearly by 0.1% p.a. from 2030. |
| Pension increases (subject to a floor of 0%) | Benefits with no cap: CPI assumption plus 3bps Benefits subject to a “soft cap” of 5% (providing inflationary increases up to 5%, and half of any excess inflation over 5% up to a maximum of 10%): CPI assumption minus 3bps |
| Discount rate (forward rates) | Fixed interest gilt yield curve plus: Pre-retirement: 2.5% p.a. Post retirement: 0.9% p.a. |

The main demographic assumptions used relate to the mortality assumptions. These assumptions are based on analysis of the scheme’s experience carried out as part of the 2023 actuarial valuation. The mortality assumptions used in these figures are as follows:

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Mortality base table | 101% of S2PMA “light” for males and 95% of S3PFA for females |
| Future improvements to mortality | CMI 2021 with a smoothing parameter of 7.5, an initial addition of 0.4% p.a. and a long-term improvement rate of 1.8% pa for males and 1.6% pa for females |

The current life expectancies on retirement at age 65 are:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Males currently aged 65 (years) | 23.7 | 24.0 |
| Females currently aged 65 (years) | 25.6 | 25.6 |
| Males currently aged 45 (years) | 25.4 | 26.0 |
| Females currently aged 45 (years) | 27.2 | 27.4 |

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19 Pension Commitments

A provision of £nil has been made at 31 July 2024 (2023: £80,673) for the present value of the estimated future deficit funding element of the contributions payable under these agreements, using the assumptions shown. The provision reduces as the deficit is paid off according to the pension recovery scheme.

The next formal actuarial valuation is due as at 31st March 2026.

A copy of the full actuarial valuation report and other further details on the scheme are available on the USS website www.uss.co.uk.

Oxford Staff Pension Scheme (“OSPS”)

The pension charge for the year includes £10,498 (2023: £11,885) in relation to the OSPS. This represents contributions of £10,498 (2023: £11,885) payable to the OSPS in the year, as adjusted by the change in the deficit funding liability between the opening and closing balance sheet dates of £nil, (2023: £nil) and deficit contributions net of discounting of £nil (2023: £nil).

The University of Oxford Staff Pension Scheme (OSPS) is a multi-employer hybrid scheme set up under trust and sponsored by the University. It is the pension scheme for support staff at the University, participating colleges and other related employers. New members joining the scheme build up benefits on a defined contribution basis. Members who joined before 1st October 2017 build up benefits on a career average revalued earnings basis.

The latest full actuarial valuation for the OSPS scheme was completed as at 31 March 2022. The funding position of this scheme has improved significantly moving from deficit of £113m to a surplus of £47m at the valuation date. As a result, the recovery plan agreed at the last valuation is no longer required and the deficit contribution ended on 30th September 2023.

The Trustee and the University have agreed a new contribution schedule which took effect from 1 October 2023 and takes account of the benefit improvements and changes to member contributions since the last valuation date. It was agreed that the scheme will meet its own running costs from the scheme's assets, including expenses relating to both the DB and DC Sections and the cost of pension Protection Fund /other statutory levies.

The table below summarises the key actuarial assumptions. Further details of the assumptions are set out in the statement of funding principles dated 27 June 2023 and can be found at <https://finance.admin.ox.ac.uk/osps-documents>

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Date of valuation: | 31/03/2022 |
| Value of liabilities: | £914m |
| Value of assets: | £961m |
| Funding surplus / (deficit): | £47m |

The principal assumptions used by the actuary were:

| | |
|---|--|
| Rate of interest (periods up to retirement) | Gilts' +2.25% |
| Rate of interest (periods after retirement) | Gilts' +0.5% |
| RPI | Break-even RPI curve less 0.5% pa pre-2030 and 1.0% pa post-2030 |
| CPI | RPI inflation assumption less 1% pa pre-2030 and 0.1% pa post-2030 |
| Pensionable Salary increases | RPI +pa |
| Funding Ratios: | |
| Technical provisions basis: | 105% |
| 'Buy-out' basis: | 62% |

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19 Pension Commitments (continued)

Non-financial assumptions:

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| Post-retirement mortality - base table | Non-Pensioners: 105% of standard S3PxA medium tables for both males and females Pensioners: 105% of standard S3PxA medium tables for both males and females |
| Post-retirement mortality - improvements | Non-Pensioners: 105% of standard S3PxA medium tables for both males and females Pensioners: 105% of standard S3PxA medium tables for both males and females |
| Recommended employer's contribution rate (as % of pensionable salaries): | 16.5% DB for members from 01/10/2023 10% /12% /14% DC members in relation to 4% /6% /8% cost plan - from 01/10/2023 |
| Effective date of next valuation: | 31/03/2025 |

A provision of £nil has been made at 31 July 2024 (2023: £nil) for the present value of the estimated future deficit funding element of the contributions payable under these agreements, using the assumptions shown. The provision reduces as the deficit is paid off according to the pension recovery scheme.

A copy of the full actuarial valuation report and other further details on the scheme are available on the University of Oxford website finance.admin.ox.ac.uk/osps.

| | 2024 £ |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Pension obligation at 1 August | 80,763 |
| Decrease in provision | (80,673) |
| Pension obligation at 31 July | - |

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

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Net income for year | (149,194) | (1,897,689) |
| Investment income | (390,089) | (438,586) |
| Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets | 8,167 | 8,166 |
| Investment management fees paid from capital account | 70,967 | 77,242 |
| Gains/(losses) on foreign exchange | (1,198) | (4,548) |
| Net (gains)/losses on investments | (329,677) | 1,384,536 |
| Decrease/(increase) in debtors | (22,680) | 835 |
| Increase/(decrease) in creditors | (77,591) | 37,574 |
| (Decrease)/increase in pension provision | (80,673) | (27,512) |
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| Net cash flow from operating activities | (971,968) | (860,982) |
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