REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1000175

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2026

for

Jill and Norman Franklin Trust

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Jill and Norman Franklin Trust



Jill and Norman Franklin at their wedding in 1953

In memory of Jill Franklin (1928 ~ 1988)

Obituary from the *Guardian*, Friday 1 April 1988

THE death of Jill Franklin at only 59 has robbed the world of architectural history of one of its most distinguished practitioners.

The daughter of a senior civil servant in the Treasury she read Greats at St. Hugh's College, Oxford and subsequently worked as a typographer and designer for Chatto and Windus. She married Norman Franklin of Routledge and Kegan Paul in 1953, and it was while their four children were growing up that she began the study of art history as an extra mural student of the University of London, by way of an intellectual diversion. Her exceptional ability was swiftly recognised by Margaret Whinney, and she went on to study for a Ph.D. at the Courtauld under the supervision of Nikolaus Pevsner.

The thesis she wrote then on the planning of the English country house became the basis of The Gentleman's Country House and its Plan 1835-1940, published in 1981, a scholarly and exhaustive study. She described the refinements of planning which followed the polarisation of society into distinct classes, and the changing manners and the developing domestic technology of the time.

The research for this involved the study of the architects' drawings, house visiting, and interminable reading of professional periodicals and building magazines, as well as the literature and many volumes of reminiscences written during this period. All this material was analysed, the houses separately described, and their plans meticulously redrawn to scale. It is a book which is constantly referred by her fellow architectural historians and those studying the sociology of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

In 1973 she took up the post of tutor in the history of art and architecture with the Extramural Department of London University and later became a voluntary worker with the Camden Bereavement Service. Despite these calls upon her | time she was an enthusiastic member of the Victorian Society and organised each year memorable expeditions to country houses, during which the members were encouraged to contribute to a continuing discussion of planning and design. The care she took in arranging these visits made them most instructive and enjoyable, and they were always over-booked. She had recently been working on a new book on the development of lodges and gatehouses which promised to be as widely researched and innovative as that on the country houses. and it is sad that this cannot now appear.

Jill Franklin will probably be best remembered by her colleagues for her constant encouragement and readiness to talk over either major problems of interpretation of material, or interesting snippets of information which might turn out to be of importance. The value of such a friend is hard to express. She was greatly loved and is missed dreadfully.

Jill Allibone

In 1980 she was operated on for cancer, and in 1988 she died of septicaemia brought on by the lack of lymphatic glands in the armpit just after her 35th wedding anniversary, and just before her 60th birthday.

Trust Founder and Benefactor, Norman Franklin (1928 ~ 2023)

The founder, chairman of trustees and benefactor of the Jill Franklin Trust, Norman Franklin, died on 1 January 2023, just shy of his 95th birthday. We have renamed the trust to honour his memory

Norman Franklin was the youngest of four children and the only boy, born into a prosperous North London Jewish family. Norman was sent to prep school at seven. From Charterhouse, he went up to Balliol College, Oxford, where he read chemistry.

After university. Norman Franklin joined the family publishing firm, Routledge & Kegan Paul, where he worked until his retirement on the takeover of the company. Norman took over running the company after his father's sudden death in 1961. He oversaw a golden era in the company's history, publishing books by some of the great post-War thinkers, including Bertrand Russell, Edmund Husserl, Theodor Adorno and Carl Jung, making the house a hotbed of left-wing ideas in an era when serious academic publishing was undertaken by independent publishers. He also oversaw the expansion of the business into America and Australia, and the development of new areas of publishing including the Rough Guide brand and Pandora, a feminist imprint.

Norman met his first wife, Jill Franklin, through publishing at a Society of Young Publishers meeting when she was a designer at Chatto. Sadly, two months after the enforced retirement, Jill died suddenly, Norman established the trust in her memory. Norman was the driving force behind the trust for many years and was Chairman until his death. He had a strong vision to help unpopular causes where fundraising is harder, and often led the way with his funding decisions, leading others to follow suit.

He married Carol Gardiner, a copy-editor from RKP, in 1989. He outlived her too, because she died in 2007. Very soon after her death, Norman, aged 89, did a charity abseil down the outside of Guy's hospital to raise funds for the hospice where Carol died.

Norman was also closely involved in a number of charities, sitting on their boards, giving help and advice and supporting them himself.

Norman was a devoted cyclist. Many of the charities we have supported, all over the country, will be familiar with Norman visiting them by bicycle. In older age he used an electric bike. In 2017, aged 89, Norman and his sons cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats, raising £120,000. In 2021, he switched to an electric tricycle on medical advice. In November 2022, a mishap on the tricycle caused a broken hip from which he sadly did not recover.

Norman is survived by his four children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren

We have renamed the trust to reflect the memory of both Jill and Norman.

Jill and Norman Franklin Trust

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Jill and Norman Franklin Trust

Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 5 April 2026

TRUSTEES	Andrew Cecil Franklin Samuel Alexander Franklin Thomas N Franklin Daniel Thomas Taylor Franklin
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1000175
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	JBC Accountants Limited Chartered Accountants 3B Lockheed Court Preston Farm Stockton on Tees TS18 3SH
BANKERS	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling ME19 4JQ
INVESTMENT MANAGERS	CCLA Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4ET

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The Trust is a grant-making trust with powers to give money for any charitable purpose. We aim to support organisations working in the poorer regions of the UK (especially NE England) who work with:

- Refugees and asylum seekers including people with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)
- Education and training of prisoners
- Women who have survived or are at risk of domestic abuse
- People with mental health issues
- People with learning difficulties

especially those working with the LBGT+ community.

Additionally, we will provide grants for the restoration of architecturally significant churches anywhere in UK. This is in particular reference to Jill's work as an architectural historian.

Grant Policy

The trust's funds are currently fully committed and we are not currently inviting requests for funding, with the exception of small grants for the restoration of churches.

The Jill and Norman Franklin Trust has continued its policy of giving a smaller number of larger grants (up to £45,000 per year) and is supporting charities which improve the lives of people in the North East of England and Central Scotland.

The Trust receives income from investments and donations and makes grants from both capital and income. We are granting a proportion of our capital in recognition of

- Capital growth on our investments above inflation
- Severe pressures on charities, facing increased demand and pressure on income
- A decision by the trustees to spend down the capital over a period of approx. 15 years from 2023.

Public benefit

We have considered the Charity Commission's guidelines on what is a public benefit and we consider that all our grants fall under this rubric.

Mental Health and Learning Difficulties: ensure that our beneficiaries' clients are more likely to live a satisfying life.
Asylum seekers: we help a fraction of those suffering because of the Government's restrictions forbidding them to work and so help to remove their need to beg, which affects the wider community, preventing delinquency, begging, starvation and ill health.
Desistance from crime: research has shown that the desistance rate for prisoners who have received a grant for an educational course is double that of those prisoners who have not undertaken distance learning. Support for disengaged youth helps keep them from serious crime and imprisonment.
Women's Aid: We are supporting women and families who have suffered from and are at risk of domestic violence. We seek to support women and families to keep them safe from harm, to survive their trauma and to rebuild their lives. This supports vulnerable people in society.
LGBT+ People: We are supporting marginalised members of the LGBT+ community particularly in relation to their health and welfare. This supports vulnerable people in society.
Other Registered Charities: We gave a number of smaller grants to registered charities close to our founder's heart in fields of preservation of cultural heritage, promoting cycling and providing and supporting education.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

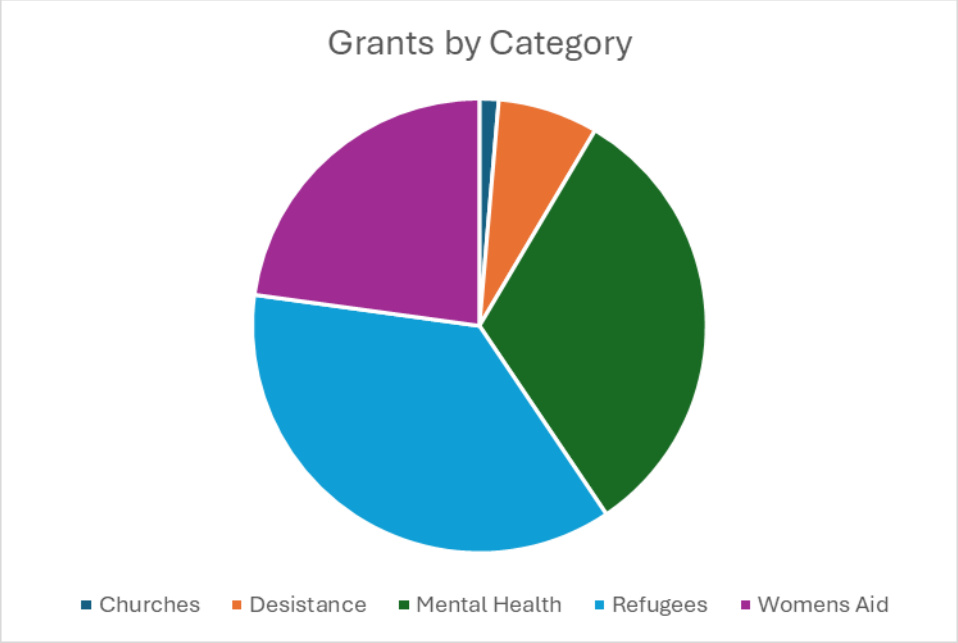
Grantmaking

The four principal fields in which we have been providing grants are:
- Self-help groups etc. for people with a mental illness or learning difficulties.
- Organisations helping and supporting asylum seekers and refugees to the UK, including people with NRPF.
- Grants to prisoners for education and training.
- Women's Aid, supporting women and families who have suffered from and are at risk from domestic violence.

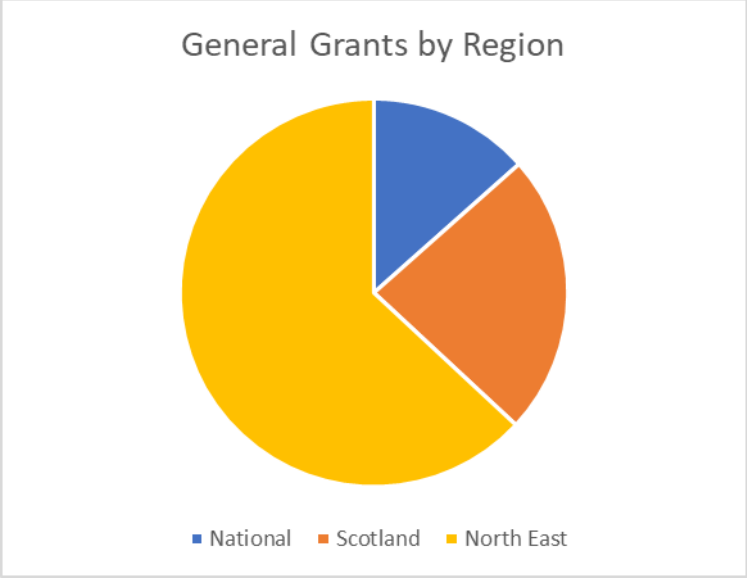
The grants for work with LGBT+ people falls into the above categories.

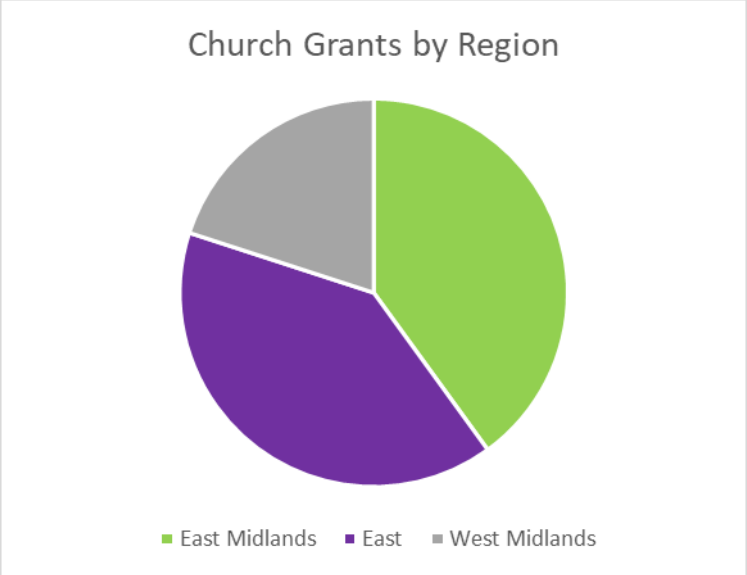
Analysis of our grants by category

Please note, some of our grants could be placed in more than one sector, for example, our grant to Wearside Women in Need is to fund a mental health link worker, but we have categorised this grant as Women's Aid not Mental Health.



Analysis of our Grants by UK Region





OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Grants of more than £10,000 to any one charity in the year:

Charity	Category	UK Region	Grant (£)
Prisoners Education Trust	Desistance	National	26,200
The Bike Project	Refugees	National	22,500
LGBT Healthy Living Centre	Mental Health	Scotland	43,000
Ubuntu	Womens Aid	Scotland	42,000
Blyth Star Enterprises	Mental Health	NE	34,000
Fightback	Refugees	NE	27,000
Halo Project	Refugees	NE	20,900
Handcrafted Project	Mental Health	NE	40,700
Mary Thompson Fund	Refugees	NE	24,000
Somewhere Else	Refugees	NE	40,000
Wearside Women in Need	Womens Aid	NE	41,760

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust is a grant-making trust with powers to give money for any charitable purpose. It was established in a deed dated 28 August 1988

Trustees

All trustees have remained in post throughout the year.

Investment Management

The Trustees' Investment strategy is to sustain long-term income growth so that we can continue to increase our annual donations at least in line with inflation. We have an ethical investment policy and we invest in ethical charity combined funds in UK equities, property funds and global investment funds.

The value of the trust's investments at 5 April 2026 is £1,710,400 (2025: £1,966,278). Total investment income during the year to 5 April 2026 was £68,182 (2025: £68,911) and total income for the year was £274,253 (2025: £556,612). The total value of grants made during the year to 5 April 2026 £367,060 (2025: £654,708).

Investments have fallen in value over the year by 3.9%.

Reserves Policy

All of the Trust's funds are expendable. The trustees aim to keep sufficient liquid funds to cover committed and likely expenditure.

Capital of £200,000 has been used to maintain our support for charitable purposes.

Risk Management

The principal risk to be met by the Trust would be the failure of the investment made to produce sufficient money to support the grant making commitments already announced; such commitments are moral and not contracted although we would still see them as binding. We consider that the assets of the trust are such that this risk is negligible considering the size of our commitment and investments and the diversity of our investments.

Future Commitments and Income

The trustees have also committed to provide grants totalling £491,630 during 2026-27. All of these commitments were made before the year-end covered by this report.

Long Term Future of the Trust

The trustees have resolved that the trust should have a limited life and to gradually spend the capital within the trust over a period of approx. 10-15 years from 2023. The exact life of the trust is not certain, owing to the unpredictability of long-term financial forecasts.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 3 August 2026 ..... and signed on its behalf by:

Sam A Franklin

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Samuel Alexander Franklin - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Jill and Norman Franklin Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Jill and Norman Franklin Trust
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Jill and Norman Franklin Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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



Mrs Lynne Dickson

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Date: 11 August 2026

Jill and Norman Franklin Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 5 April 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	5/4/26 Total funds £	5/4/25 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	205,525	-	205,525	485,000
Investment income	3	68,728	-	68,728	71,611
Total		274,253	-	274,253	556,611
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Charitable		367,060	-	367,060	654,708
Other		5,341	-	5,341	1,869
Total		372,401	-	372,401	656,577
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(55,878)	-	(55,878)	(100,705)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(154,026)	-	(154,026)	(200,671)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		2,010,981	-	2,010,981	2,211,652
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,856,955	-	1,856,955	2,010,981

The notes form part of these financial statements

Jill and Norman Franklin Trust

Balance Sheet
5 April 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	5/4/26 Total funds £	5/4/25 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	9	1,710,400	-	1,710,400	1,966,278
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		147,635	-	147,635	45,783
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,080)	-	(1,080)	(1,080)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		146,555	-	146,555	44,703
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,856,955	-	1,856,955	2,010,981
NET ASSETS		1,856,955	-	1,856,955	2,010,981
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				1,856,955	2,010,981
TOTAL FUNDS				1,856,955	2,010,981

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 3 August 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Sam A Franklin

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Samuel Alexander Franklin - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Jill and Norman Franklin Trust

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 5 April 2026

	Notes	5/4/26 £	5/4/25 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(166,876)	(171,578)
Net cash used in operating activities		(166,876)	(171,578)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Sale of fixed asset investments		200,000	60,000
Interest received		546	2,700
Dividends received		68,182	68,911
Net cash provided by investing activities		268,728	131,611
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		101,852	(39,967)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		45,783	85,750
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		147,635	45,783

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 5 April 2026

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	5/4/26 £	5/4/25 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(154,026)	(200,671)
Adjustments for:		
Losses on investments	55,878	100,705
Interest received	(546)	(2,700)
Dividends received	(68,182)	(68,911)
Decrease in creditors	-	(1)
Net cash used in operations	(166,876)	(171,578)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 6/4/25 £	Cash flow £	At 5/4/26 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	45,783	101,852	147,635
	45,783	101,852	147,635
Total	45,783	101,852	147,635

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income
Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliably.

When income has related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts are included in the SOFA st the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the cost of trustee meetings and the costs of any legal advice to the trustees on governance or constitutional matters and membership of the Association of Charitable Foundations.

Grants offered subject to performance conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure. They are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants offered without performance conditions are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
The Charity has a single endowment the income from which the trustees may, at their discretion, allocate to the general purpose of the Trust.

Restricted funds are funds to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

Fixed assets
The charity has no tangible fixed assets.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fixed assets
Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market value on a recognised stock exchange. Other investment assets are included at the trustees' best estimate of market value.

The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year. Income arising from investments is included in the accounts when receivable. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value oe their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between their market value at the year end and their carrying value.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	5/4/26	5/4/25
	£	£
Donations	205,525	-
Legacies	-	485,000
	205,525	485,000

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5/4/26	5/4/25
	£	£
Charitable investment funds	47,848	55,731
Property Fund	20,334	13,180
Interest received	546	2,700
	68,728	71,611

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities (see note 5)
	£
Charitable	367,060

	2026	2025
Grants made:	£	£
Unrestricted fund	367,060	654,708
Restricted fund	-	-
	367,060	654,708

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5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	5/4/26	5/4/25
	£	£
Charitable	367,060	654,708

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	5/4/26	5/4/25
	£	£
Church Restoration	5,000	-
Desistance	26,200	20,000
Mental Health	117,700	115,252
Refugees	134,400	109,000
Women Aid	83,760	75,456
Norman Legacy	-	335,000
	367,060	654,708

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended	60	5,281	5,341

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2026 nor for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2026 nor for the year ended 5 April 2025.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	485,000	-	485,000
Investment income	71,611	-	71,611
Total	556,611	-	556,611
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable	654,708	-	654,708
Other	1,869	-	1,869
Total	656,577	-	656,577
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(100,705)	-	(100,705)

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(200,671)	-	(200,671)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	2,211,652	-	2,211,652
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,010,981	-	2,010,981

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2026 £
MARKET VALUE	
At 6 April 2025	1,966,278
Disposals at carrying value	(200,000)
Revaluation	(55,878)
At 5 April 2026	1,710,400

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5/4/26 £	5/4/25 £
Other creditors	1,080	1,080

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6/4/25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5/4/26 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,010,981	(154,026)	1,856,955
TOTAL FUNDS	2,010,981	(154,026)	1,856,955

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	274,253	(372,401)	(55,878)	(154,026)
TOTAL FUNDS	274,253	(372,401)	(55,878)	(154,026)

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5/4/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,211,652	(200,671)	2,010,981
TOTAL FUNDS	2,211,652	(200,671)	2,010,981

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	556,612	(656,578)	(100,705)	(200,671)
TOTAL FUNDS	556,612	(656,578)	(100,705)	(200,671)

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 5 April 2026.

13. GRANT MAKING

Details of larger grants are included in the Trustees' Annual Report, which includes details of material grants made to institutions.
Full lists of grants are available on our website www.jill-franklin-trust.org.uk