

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER 2023 TO 31 OCTOBER 2024
FOR
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FOUNDERS
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024. 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).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1006402

Principal address

Founders' Hall
Number One
Cloth Fair
London
EC1A 7JQ

Trustees

The trustee of the charity is The Worshipful Company of Founders of the City of London.

The Master, Wardens and Assistants comprise the Court of The Worshipful Company of Founders, its governing body.

Both the governing body and the Charity Committee meet quarterly. Grant applications are considered by the Charity Committee which reports to and recommends appropriate grants to the governing body for its approval.

Independent Examiner

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal objectives of the fund are helping the disadvantaged whose need is caused by poverty, infirmity or disability.

Following a restructure of the charities administered by The Worshipful Company of Founders funds the charity took over the funds established by an endowment dated 22 September 1941 from Gordon and Douglas Young (previously known as The Young Trust Fund) for the sole purpose of funding the gift of the Bible to each new Freeman.

"The Donors hereby declare that it is their united prayer that our Heavenly Father shall richly bless and prosper both those who receive benefits of the said Gift made by them and those who shall from time to time serve in administration thereof."

The funds of the Young Trust Fund are ring-fenced to ensure that the original purpose of this endowment are met by the charity.

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Significant activities

The charity transferred its investments to a pooled fund - The Founders Combined Charity Income Common Investment Fund - Non Endowed fund on 1 April 1996. The charity receives a share of the net income of the fund arising in the period and owns the net assets in proportion to the market value of the investments at 1 April 1996 and any subsequent capital contributions to that fund. At the start of the year the fund's share of the unrestricted income and net assets was 23.698% (2023 - 23.677%).

The charity has transferred £1,000,000 to a pooled fund - The Founders Combined Charity Capital Common Investment Fund - Endowed fund. The charity receives a share of the net income of the fund arising in the period and owns the net assets in proportion to its capital contribution and any subsequent capital contributions to that fund. At the start of the year the fund's share of the income and net assets was 44.116% (2023 - 44.087%).

During the year all investments were consolidated at Charles Stanley, and the charity was allocated its separate endowed and non-endowed investment portfolios, removing the need to split investments and income on a percentage basis.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which are readily available for spending and have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level between six and twelve months' expenditure. The trustee considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, it will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

At 31 October 2024 the charity held £55K (2023, £35K). These levels are in line with the target range. The trustee intends to manage its expenditure to maintain the reserves in line with the target range over the coming 5 years.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Fund was established in 1990 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the grant of the arms to The Worshipful Company of Founders of the City of London (The Founders Company).

Capital was subscribed by the members of The Worshipful Company of Founders by outright gift and additional capital is received each year from members' deed of covenants and occasional gifts.

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

Decision making

The trustee meets quarterly. The Charity Committee of the Worshipful Company of Founders agrees the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of grant making, investment, reserves and risk management, policies and performance. The day-to-day administration of grants and the processing and handling of new grant applications prior to consideration by the Charity Committee is delegated to the Clerk of the Company.

The Charity Committee also considers the monitoring information concerning the performance of grants to date, and makes recommendations to the Court concerning the extension, cessation or suspension of existing grant approvals.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the Clerk and if appropriate to withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

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Risk management

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

The trustees consider variability of investment returns on the charitable assets to constitute the charity's major financial risk and recent extreme volatility in world stock markets has demonstrated this risk. The trustees manage the assets on a medium risk basis of income generation and capital growth, thereby maintaining stability for grant making, and hopefully thereby facilitating longer term grants and a more stable number of awards, but the trustees also take account of the outlook for investment returns and keep the level of awards under review.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

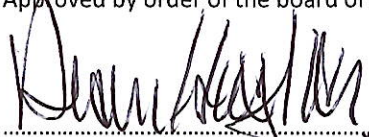
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28/07/25 and signed on its behalf by:


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A Hughes
Master


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Revd NK Stephenson
Clerk

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FOUNDERS
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Worshipful Company of Founders Anniversaries Fund

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Worshipful Company of Founders Anniversaries Fund (the Trust) for the period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024.

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

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.



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Date:31/10/25.....

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER 2023 TO 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	44,103	-	-	44,103	16,993
Other trading activities	3	-	-	-	-	43
Investment income	4	<u>38,420</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,726</u>	<u>27,732</u>
Total		82,523	306	-	82,829	44,768
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities						
Grants payable		34,389	-	-	34,389	28,447
Bibles		-	1,895	-	1,895	80
Other		<u>5,090</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,122</u>	<u>7,143</u>
Total		39,479	1,927	-	41,406	35,670
Net gains/(losses) on investments	6	<u>9,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,135</u>	<u>96,896</u>	<u>(87,532)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		52,805	(1,621)	87,135	138,319	(78,434)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		<u>167,731</u>	<u>709</u>	<u>1,172,072</u>	<u>1,340,512</u>	<u>1,418,946</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>220,536</u>	<u>(912)</u>	<u>1,259,207</u>	<u>1,478,831</u>	<u>1,340,512</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Investments	6	166,514	-	1,259,207	1,425,721	1,295,826
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	7	27,160	-	-	27,160	29,262
Cash at bank		<u>38,327</u>	<u>(912)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,415</u>	<u>31,947</u>
		65,487	(912)	-	64,575	61,209
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(8,465)	-	-	(8,465)	(10,523)
		<u>57,022</u>	<u>(912)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,110</u>	<u>50,686</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS						
		<u>223,536</u>	<u>(912)</u>	<u>1,259,207</u>	<u>1,481,831</u>	<u>1,346,512</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES						
CREDITORS						
Falling due after one year	8	(3,000)	-	-	(3,000)	(6,000)
		<u>220,536</u>	<u>(912)</u>	<u>1,259,207</u>	<u>1,478,831</u>	<u>1,340,512</u>
NET ASSETS						
FUNDS						
Unrestricted funds	8				220,536	167,731
Restricted funds					(912)	709
Endowment funds					<u>1,259,207</u>	<u>1,172,072</u>
TOTAL FUNDS						
					<u>1,478,831</u>	<u>1,340,512</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 ~~April~~ ^{July} 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

HHJ SJ Oliver
The Worshipful Company of Founders – Upper Warden

TP Westley
The Worshipful Company of Founders – Under Warden

The notes form part of these financial statements

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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

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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 and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value. Market value is calculated as the charity's share of the net assets of The Founders Combined Charity Income and Capital Common Investment Fund. The charity's share is calculated in proportion to the market value of the investments transferred at 1 April 1996 and any subsequent capital contributions.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Legacy to Anniversaries Fund	33,000	-
Donations to Anniversaries Fund	<u>11,103</u>	<u>16,993</u>
	<u>44,103</u>	<u>16,993</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising activity - AmazonSmile	<u>-</u>	<u>43</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charity Income CIF	4,419	2,656
Charity Capital CIF	<u>34,307</u>	<u>25,076</u>
	<u>38,726</u>	<u>27,732</u>

The financial statements include net income from investments managed by Charles Stanley and Ruffer, which is distributed to the Charity.

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the period the charity paid £3,648 (2023 - £4,767) to its trustee, the Worshipful Company of Founders, for administrative and management support.

No persons connected to the trustee received any remuneration during the year.

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6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 November 2023	1,295,826
Additions	33,000
Revaluations	<u>96,895</u>
At 31 October 2024	<u>1,425,721</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 October 2024	<u>1,425,721</u>
At 31 October 2023	<u>1,295,826</u>

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange.

The total value of investments includes £12,525 (2023 - £11,348) that relates to the Young Trust Fund.

Cost or valuation at 31 October 2024 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2024	<u>1,425,721</u>

Listed investments represents the Anniversaries Fund's and the Young Trust Fund's share of the funds held in The Worshipful Company of Founders Combined Charity Income and Capital Common Investment Funds.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Loan to Robert Warner Fund	14,000	14,000
HMRC Gift Aid Claim – Unrestricted	426	3,047
Investment Income from Founders Capital CIF	<u>12,734</u>	<u>12,215</u>
	<u>27,160</u>	<u>29,262</u>

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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors – WCF administration fee	3,648	4,767
Deferred income – doxy.me match funding for Medical Electives	3,000	3,000
Accrue Cornfield accountancy fees	991	778
Accrue RAF award 2023	-	250
Owed to Founders Charity Income CIF	826	371
Owed to Founders Charity Capital CIF	-	1,357
	<u>8,465</u>	<u>10,523</u>

CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

Deferred income – doxy.me match funding for Medical Electives	<u>3,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01/11/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/10/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	167,731	52,805	220,536
Restricted funds			
Young Trust Fund	709	(1,621)	(912)
Endowment funds			
Founders Combined Charity Capital CIF	1,172,072	87,135	1,259,207
	<u>1,340,512</u>	<u>136,818</u>	<u>1,477,330</u>

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	82,523	(39,479)	9,761	52,805
Restricted funds				
Young Trust Fund	306	(1,927)	-	(1,621)
Endowment funds				
Founders Combined Charity Capital Common Investment Fund	-	-	87,135	87,135
	<u>82,829</u>	<u>(41,406)</u>	<u>95,395</u>	<u>136,818</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 01/11/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/10/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	162,284	5,447	167,731
Restricted funds			
Young Trust Fund	539	170	709
Endowment funds			
Founders Combined Charity Capital CIF	1,256,123	(84,051)	1,172,072
	<u>1,418,946</u>	<u>(78,434)</u>	<u>1,340,512</u>

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	43,161	(34,233)	(3,481)	5,447
Restricted funds				
Young Trust Fund	250	(80)	-	170
Endowment funds				
Founders Combined Charity Capital CIF	1,357	(1,357)	(84,051)	(84,051)
	<u>44,768</u>	<u>(35,670)</u>	<u>(87,532)</u>	<u>(78,434)</u>

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10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the period, the charity had investment income receivable of £4,419 (2023 - £2,656) from The Founders Combined Charity Income Common Investment Fund. At the period end £826 was included in creditors (2023 - £371).

During the period, the charity had investment income receivable of £34,307 (2023 - £25,076) from The Founders Combined Charity Capital Common Investment Fund. At the period end £12,734 (2023 - £10,858) was included in debtors.

During the period the charity agreed to pay £3,648 (2023 - £4,767) to its trustee, the Worshipful Company of Founders, for administrative and management support. At the period end this amount was in creditors (2023 - £4,767).

At the year end £14,000 (2023 - £14,000) was included in debtors as due from the Robert Warner Fund.

The charities have the same trustee and governing body.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	11,103	16,993
Legacy	<u>33,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	44,103	16,993
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	-	43
Investment income		
Charity Income CIF	4,419	2,656
Charity Capital CIF	<u>34,307</u>	<u>25,076</u>
	38,726	27,732
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total incoming resources	82,829	44,768
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Bibles	1,895	80
Grants to institutions	34,139	28,197
Grants to individuals	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
	36,284	28,527
Support costs		
Finance and Governance costs		
Bank charges	63	63
Management fees – current year	3,648	4,767
Management fees – prior year adjustment	-	3,340
Talks and lectures	192	-
Income transferred to Capital CIF	-	143
Income transferred to Income CIF	-	1,357
ICO registration	35	35
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,184</u>	<u>778</u>
	<u>5,122</u>	<u>7,143</u>
Total resources expended	41,406	35,670
Net income / (expenditure)	<u>42,923</u>	<u>9,098</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements