

Company number: 6430304  
Registered Charity: 1122396

**DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE TRUST LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

# DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE TRUST LIMITED

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# DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE TRUST LIMITED

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Charity name** Dr Johnson's House Trust Limited

**Registered charity number** 1122396

**Company number** 6430304

**Registered office** 17 Gough Square  
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## **DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE TRUST LIMITED REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year to 31 March 2021 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the charitable company's memorandum and articles and 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) published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

### **Objectives and governance**

The objects of the Trust as stated in the memorandum of association are:

- to preserve for the use and benefit of the public Dr Johnson's House at 17 Gough Square, London, and
- to advance and encourage learning and scholarship.

Dr Johnson's House is a Grade I listed small historic town house in the City of London and an independent, fully accredited museum. Samuel Johnson, the writer and wit, lived and worked here in the middle of the eighteenth century, compiling his great Dictionary of the English Language in the Garret.

In 1911, Dr Johnson's House, derelict and empty, was bought by philanthropist Cecil Harmsworth, a Liberal MP. He restored it and opened it to the public, building a cottage next door for the resident Curator. In 1929, a Trust was formed to run the House. This was registered with the Charity Commission in 1962; and in 2007 the charity was incorporated with the company being registered with the Charity Commission in 2008

On 1 April 2009 the activities of the original unincorporated charity and its net assets were transferred to the charitable company under a Scheme approved by the Charity Commission on 30 October 2008, with a permanent endowment holding the House, some chattels and some investments. The endowment is registered as a linked charity of the charitable company under the name Dr Johnson's House Trust, charity number 122396-1, and all transactions and balances are separately disclosed under endowment funds in the accounts.

The company is constituted under a memorandum of association which establishes the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its articles of association. The articles provide that the business of the company is managed by not less than five nor more than 15 trustees. The trustees may at any time appoint any individual as a trustee, provided that the prescribed maximum is not exceeded.

The trustees may also appoint persons with suitable knowledge and experience (known as governors) to advise the trustees. Governors are members of the company and attend trustees' meetings but have no voting rights. The trustees seek to identify skills shortages among the trustees and governors and endeavour to recruit new trustees or governors to fill the gaps, or to replace outgoing trustees and governors. Newly-appointed trustees and governors visit the House and are briefed by the Chairman and Curator.

Trustees during the year are listed in the Reference and Administrative information section of this report.

### **Public benefit**

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.

Cecil Harmsworth was adamant that Dr Johnson's House should always feel like a home and not a 'stuffy museum'; therefore, he insisted that tea parties and dinner parties should always be welcome. Dr Johnson's House continues to adhere to Harmsworth's wishes today.

In normal circumstances Dr Johnson's House is open to the public with a collection relating to Johnson, a research library, restored interiors and a wealth of original features (but see below for a description of the impact of the current pandemic). The popular curator-led tours of the House are given to a wide range of groups, including U3As, history societies, social clubs, work colleagues and student groups. The House runs a lively education programme that includes a range of free or low cost workshops for schools, tours and talks. There is throughout the year a varied programme of events and exhibitions, ranging from staged performances to Curators' talks. There are special late night openings and open days, as well as concerts, lectures and some more quirky events. Dr Johnson's House is a unique venue in the heart of the historic City of London with a long history of entertaining, providing a charming and atmospheric setting for hosting a variety of different corporate and private events. Some of the activities during the last year are summarised in this report.

## **Activities in 2020/21**

### *Covid-19 backdrop*

Any present review of the activities of the House must start with the position in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic. In response to lockdown instructions from the government, the House closed its doors to the public in mid-March 2020, and remains closed as this report is being written.

Although museums and galleries across the UK were allowed to re-open from Saturday 4 July 2020, the House faced particular issues as a fairly typical Georgian town house with relatively small spaces and a single, central, narrow dog-leg staircase. We were of course very keen to re-connect with our visitors but reopening proved to be a substantial challenge with regard to welcoming visitors back safely, with social distancing measures drastically limiting visitor numbers. The House engaged a Museum Contractor during the absence of The Donald Hyde Curator (on maternity leave) to oversee the re-opening process and had a planned re-opening date of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Regrettably this was not able to go ahead as the Government had to announce a second national lockdown, starting 2 November 2020.

Our focus remained on ensuring that the House was securely locked down, and that our staff and volunteers are safe as far as their involvement with the House is concerned, and that costs are contained as far as possible.

Our major cost is staff salaries and in that regard:

- \* the Curator went on maternity leave before the first lockdown and a cover Curator had been identified. However, as a result of the lockdown, the cover Curator did not take up the position
- \* the Curator returned to work on flexible furlough from the start of December 2020
- \* the Administrator continued in post until early June, in particular to prepare the annual accounts. He was furloughed for the major part of June and returned on flexible furlough from the beginning of July 2020
- \* the Deputy Curator was furloughed at the start of lockdown and also returned on flexible furlough from July 2020 onwards

We are most grateful for the furlough scheme which has significantly contained salary costs throughout the pandemic. Payments from the scheme amounted to £36,365 in the year.

The House took steps to reduce its costs as far as practical and has taken up all available Covid-related grants, amounting to £23,944. Only essential costs are being incurred, with discretionary items such as non-essential maintenance and book conservation, being postponed. Discussions about facilitating working from home and developing a digital offering concluded that, with the Curator on maternity leave for much of the year, there was neither the staff nor the expertise in place to proceed, and that the fiscally responsible thing to do was to partake in the furlough scheme in order not to incur a substantial loss this year.

As a result of the closure of the House, minimal revenue was generated from the usual income streams of admissions, private hire and events, but the action taken during the crises has meant that the loss for the 2020/21 financial year, before gains on disposal and revaluation investments, was contained at £1,621, a creditable achievement. Investment gains of £243,276 meant a net increase in funds of £241,655. Investment income, however, showed a decrease of £11,978 on the previous year.

The House's book club, the Dr Johnson's House Reading Circle, continued to meet throughout the year via zoom. The group was led by Dr Jane Darcy and members appreciated being able to continue their reading and discussions despite not being able to meet in person at the House.

However, we are pleased to report that the House remains very much a going concern in both intellectual and financial terms as may be judged from this report. Financial matters are dealt with in more detail on the pages below.

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### *Activities 2020/21 during the Covid-19 pandemic*

In financial terms the following points should be noted:

#### **Income**

- \* visitor numbers were zero during the course of 2020-21, meaning no income was generated this year
- \* shop sales were taken online only, amounting to £293
- \* private hire and in-person events were not held due to closure
- \* grants were received to support the House during national lockdown, amounting to £23,944. The House also received £36,365 via the Job Retention Support Scheme. We are very grateful to the government for these means of support
- \* donations of £8,140 were received. We are grateful to all who have supported the House in this way, including the members of the Gough Square Club and individual donors
- \* investment income, being the dividends on the House's investment portfolio, declined 29% to £29k.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenditure was greatly reduced this year owing to the suspension of regular activities. The salaries were reduced, owing to the parental leave of the Curator. Thus, we are pleased to report a total expenditure of £109,425, meaning the House made a loss of only £1,621 this year, pre investment gains, despite disruption caused by the pandemic.

## **Investment portfolio**

The House portfolio was valued at 31 March 2021, when stock markets everywhere had recovered from the low position of one year earlier. The result is that the House has recorded an unrealised gain on its investments of £237k, leaving their value at £1.5m in these accounts.

As noted above the income generated from this portfolio continues to be an essential part of the House's income, without which in a 'normal' trading year it would incur a substantial loss. However, it also acts as a buffer in times of crisis such as the present, enabling the Trustees to take a measured approach to costs and how the house might best move towards reopening. It ensures that we can continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. However, the Trustees are mindful of the need to maintain this investment portfolio and the income it produces.

The Trustees may invest in any securities approved by law for the investment of trust or charitable monies or such other securities as the Trustees may from time to time approve. Independent advisers, appointed by the Trustees, manage the Trust's investment portfolio with a view to capital maintenance and the generation of income on a mid - to - low risk basis.

Following a long-planned review of investment arrangements the Trust has transferred its holdings, managed by Charles Stanley, to a C.O.I.F. fund managed by C.C.L.A. from April 2021.

At 1 April 2020 investments totalled £1,235,114. Overall returns based on this amount were £266,417, a total return of 21.6% net of fees (2020 -£142,195 (-10%)), which is broadly in line with the markets in which the portfolio is invested at this time. Investment income is used by the Trust in its day-to-day management of the House, with unrealised gains and losses remaining within the portfolio.

## **Collections: acquisitions and conservation**

No acquisitions were made this year and conservation cleaning was conducted in-house by the Curator during the closure of the House.

## **Exhibitions:**

No exhibitions took place this year as the House was closed to the public.

## **Events:**

The House was unable to host any events this year, with the exception of our Reading Circle, the book club led by Dr Jane Darcy, which met online via Zoom. Now in its sixth year, it remains as popular as ever. Several authors joined the sessions wherein their books were discussed. The Reading Circle makes a significant contribution to the intellectual life of the House, and its activities may be followed on the webpage which includes a regular blog after each meeting; the Circle also has its own dedicated Facebook page.

## **Education, engagement and outreach**

Our education and outreach programmes had to be suspended this year owing to House closure and staff being placed on furlough.

## **Shop**

A small number of sales were made via the online shop, amounting to £293.

## **Staff and volunteers**

Staff were placed on flexible furlough to enable them to conduct the essential operational needs of the organisation while ensuring the House remained financially sustainable. Our volunteers were contacted regularly throughout to ensure their well-being and continued engagement with the House. We look forward to welcoming them all back soon.

## **Future Plans**

At the time of writing this report, the Trustees plan to begin a phased reopening of the House from the beginning of July 2021, initially for two days a week. Much of the preparatory work in making the House as covid-safe as possible was carried out in Autumn 2020 with the assistance of an external consultant. Costs of £6,400 have been incurred to date in preparing the House for reopening.

Mindful of any continuing restraints as a result of Covid-19 outlined above, the House will:

- \*continue the on-going preservation and interpretation of the building and collections by further developing our strategy for the development programme
- \*source funding for the maintenance of the House, prioritising the painting of the exterior windows and the repair of damaged sash windows
- \*implement the funding strategy for the conservation of vulnerable books in the library
- \*develop partnerships for the delivery of charitable ESOL education programmes, onsite and outreach
- \*seek to increase the number of private hire events and commercial income to support and further our charitable aims
- \*further develop Black History workshops to explore the C18th and Francis Barber
- \*apply for continued membership of the Museum Accreditation scheme

## **Reserves Policy and going concern**

As noted under investments above, investment income is a key element of the Trust's overall income for the year and the high level of reserves held reflects this.

The Trust has a single permanent endowment comprising the House, chattels and some of the investments deemed to belong to the original endowment under the scheme approved by the Charity Commission on 30 October 2008. The endowment provides for the Trustees to invest the capital in perpetuity, the income from which is wholly unrestricted. The endowment fund amounts to £115,051 at 31 March 2021.

The Donald Hyde Curatorial Fund is a designated fund for the payment of the salary and related costs of the Donald Hyde Curator and Deputy Curator. Between 2003 and 2006 a legacy of £924,657 was received from Lady Mary Eccles in memory of her first husband, Donald Hyde. A major part of this, £750,000, was appropriately designated by the Trust as the Donald Hyde Curatorial Fund in 2017, to ensure sufficient funds for the salary and related costs of the Donald Hyde Curator and Deputy Curator. This fund stands at £663,126 at 31 March 2021. The remaining unrestricted funds, amounting to £776,474, are required to produce income to support the Trust's other core running costs, including maintenance and conservation, and to help unlock funds which need partnership funding.

The Reserves position ensures that the Trust is a going concern and that it will be able to continue its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future.

Approved by the trustees on 15 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Gibbins', written in a cursive style.

Alan Gibbins (Honorary Treasurer)

# DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE TRUST LIMITED

## Independent examiner's report

### To the trustees of Dr Johnson's House Trust Limited

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dr Johnson's House Trust Limited ('the Company') for the year ended 31 March 2021.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purpose of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies act 2006 ('the 2006 Act')

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination. I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out under section 396 of the Companies Act 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.
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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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15 June 2021

**DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE TRUST LIMITED**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	Note 14 £
<b>Income</b>							
Donations and grants	2	77,425	-	-	-	77,425	27,473
Investment income and interest	3	13,326	15,644	-	-	28,970	40,948
House and other income	4	1,409	-	-	-	1,409	73,193
<b>Total income</b>		<b>92,160</b>	<b>15,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,804</b>	<b>141,614</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Investment management fees		2,681	3,148	-	-	5,829	9,838
Fundraising Costs		-	-	-	-	-	3,000
House, exhibitions and admin costs		54,238	47,438	-	-	101,676	140,228
Accountancy and independent examination		1,920	-	-	-	1,920	1,500
<b>Total expenditure</b>	5	<b>58,839</b>	<b>50,586</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,425</b>	<b>154,566</b>
<b>Net income before investment gains and losses</b>							
Realised gain/(loss) on disposal of investments	9	2,361	2,772	-	1,130	6,263	(7,922)
Unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments	9	100,823	118,358	-	17,832	237,013	(165,383)
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>136,505</b>	<b>86,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,962</b>	<b>241,555</b>	<b>(186,257)</b>
Transfers between funds		170	-	-	(170)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>136,675</b>	<b>86,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,792</b>	<b>241,555</b>	<b>(186,257)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Funds brought forward		639,799	576,938	6,143	96,259	1,319,139	1,505,396
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	13	<b>776,474</b>	<b>663,126</b>	<b>6,143</b>	<b>115,051</b>	<b>1,560,794</b>	<b>1,319,139</b>

BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Heritage assets	3		15,282	15,282
Tangible assets	3		-	-
Investments	3		1,474,918	1,235,114
			<u>1,490,200</u>	<u>1,250,396</u>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Stock		12,693		12,700
Debtors	10	11,926		18,824
Cash at bank and in hand		52,945		46,054
		<u>77,564</u>		<u>77,578</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(6,970)		(8,835)
			<u>70,594</u>	<u>68,743</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>				
			<u>1,560,794</u>	<u>1,319,139</u>
<b>Net assets</b>				
			<u>1,560,794</u>	<u>1,319,139</u>
<b>Funds</b>				
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>				
General funds		607,451		498,268
Revaluation reserve		169,023		141,531
			<u>776,474</u>	<u>639,799</u>
<b>Designated funds</b>				
Donald Hyde Curator fund		464,708		576,938
Revaluation reserve		198,418		
			<u>663,126</u>	<u>576,938</u>
<b>Restricted income funds</b>				
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
Permanent endowment		99,831		100,150
Revaluation reserve		15,220		(3,891)
			<u>115,051</u>	<u>96,259</u>
	13		<u>1,560,794</u>	<u>1,319,139</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime

Approved by the trustees on 15 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by



Alan Gibbins  
(Honorary treasurer)



Stephen Clarke  
(Chairman)

# DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 1 Accounting policies

#### (a) Basis of preparation

Dr Johnson's House Trust Limited is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these accounts.

The charity 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), 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 Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value. The accounts are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

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

#### (b) Income

All income is recognised when receivable by the Trust. This includes any related Gift Aid.

Donations and grants are included in the statement of financial activities when receivable by the Trust. Gift aid receipts are accounted for when recovered. Investment income is included when receivable, and includes any related tax recoverable. Investment income arising from endowment assets is wholly unrestricted. Income from grants is recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Income from admissions to the House, lectures and other events, lettings of the House and Shop income are included when receivable.

## **DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE TRUST LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

#### **(c) Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered.

#### **(d) Heritage and tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets held for continuing use by the Trust are recorded at original cost, or in the case of donated assets, at a valuation. Heritage assets are not revalued as it is considered that any valuation would be very subjective and the cost of valuation would outweigh any benefit received. Heritage assets form part of the permanent endowment of the Trust and cannot be disposed of. A register of all heritage assets held by the Trust is available and the assets themselves are accessible to the public.

No depreciation is charged on heritage assets as it is the intention of the trustees to ensure these are maintained to the highest standard and their residual value will be in excess of cost. Depreciation of other fixed assets is provided in order to write off the cost or valuation less any residual value of each asset evenly over its estimated useful life of four years on the straight line basis.

#### **(e) Investments**

Fixed asset investments are included at fair (market) value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains or losses on the disposal of investments together with unrealised gains or losses resulting from the movement in fair value of the investments during the year are shown in the statement of financial activities.

#### **(f) Stock**

Stock represents purchased goods held for resale in the Shop and valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### **(g) Debtors and creditors**

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) Pensions**

Contributions to the government auto-enrolment scheme are charged to the statement of financial activities in the year they are payable.

#### **(i) Foreign currencies**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recognised at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are translated into sterling at the exchange rate on the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are recognised through the statement of financial activities.

#### **(j) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are the general funds of the charity and are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Trust. They include a revaluation reserve which represents the difference between unrestricted investments at market value and historic cost.

Restricted funds represent grants and donations received that can only be used for the particular purpose(s) stipulated by the donor. Any deficit on a restricted fund is eliminated by transfer from unrestricted funds.

The charity has a single permanent endowment comprising the House, chattels and some of the investments deemed to belong to the original endowment under the Scheme approved by the Charity Commission on 30 October 2008. The endowment is a linked charity of the main charity. The endowment provides for the trustees to invest the capital in perpetuity, the income from which is wholly unrestricted. Endowment funds include a revaluation reserve which represents the difference between endowment investments at market value and historic cost.

# DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

<b>2</b>	<b>Donations and grants</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Gough Square Club subscriptions and donations	8,976	10,674
	Sundry individual donations and gift aid recovered	8,140	3,889
	HMRC - Furlough Scheme	36,365	
	Government grants via City of London re covid closure	23,394	
	Museum of London re-opening grant	550	
	City of London Corporation grants - restricted	-	10,425
	Arab British Centre - restricted	-	270
	Worshipful Company of Basketmakers' 2011 Charitable Trust - restricted	-	2,215
		<u>77,425</u>	<u>27,473</u>

Income from donations and grants was £77,425 (2020 - £27,473) of which £77,425 (2020 - £14,563) was attributable to unrestricted and £ nil (2020 - £12,910) was attributable to restricted funds.

<b>3</b>	<b>Investment income</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Income from UK listed investments	28,956	40,815
	UK bank interest receivable	14	133
		<u>28,970</u>	<u>40,948</u>

All investment income, including that arising on encowment assets, is attributable to unrestricted funds. An appropriate allocation is then made to the Donald Hyde Curatorial Designated Fund, to reflect the investment.

<b>4</b>	<b>House and other income</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	House admissions	-	44,864
	Shop sales	293	14,457
	Lettings	-	10,440
	Camera, filming, photo library	-	300
	Events, lectures, plays and miscellaneous income	1,116	3,132
		<u>1,409</u>	<u>73,193</u>

All House and other income is attributable to unrestricted funds.

# DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

5	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Total expenditure</b>		
Investment management fees	5,829	9,838
<b>Fundraising Costs</b>	-	3,000
<b>House, exhibitions and admin costs</b>		
Salaries	67,587	86,952
Training	606	280
Gough Square Club Costs	17	2,854
Library cataloguing	2,653	2,930
Education	-	17
Events and talks	300	1,480
Exhibitors	782	1,284
Acquisition of books	-	3,390
Books, manuscripts and prints conservation	-	-
Development costs	-	80
Property repairs and maintenance	5,498	9,350
Rates and services (House)	1,014	3,703
Rates and services (Cottage)	3,275	1,554
Insurance	8,070	7,808
General House expenses	1,276	3,021
Shop purchases	61	7,164
Advertising and marketing	450	2,514
Other administrative costs	2,565	3,718
Bank charges	1,122	2,129
Re-opening costs	2,900	-
Consultancy costs	3,500	-
	101,676	140,228
<b>Accountancy and independent examination</b>		
	1,920	1,500
<b>Total expenditure</b>	109,425	154,566

House, exhibitions and admin costs were £101,676 (2020 - £140,228) of which £54,238 (2020 - £74,605) was attributable to unrestricted, £47,438 was attributable to designated (2020 - £42,413) and £ nil (2020 - £23,210) was attributable to restricted funds. All investment management fees and accountancy and independent examination costs are attributable to unrestricted funds but an appropriate charge is then made to the Donald Hyde Curatorial Designated Fund for the investment management fees.

6	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>		
This is stated after charging:		
Gain / (loss) on fair value movement of investments	237,013	(165,383)
Accountants' fees	900	900
- independent examination		
- accountancy and payroll	1,020	600
	1,020	600

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### 7 Information regarding staff, trustees and related parties

	Unrestr. 2021 £	Designated 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Gross salaries	22,320	47,642		69,962	79,675
Employer's national insurance	622	1,415		2,037	4,201
Employer's pension contributions	481	2,424		2,905	3,076
SMP recovery		(7,317)		(7,317)	
	23,423	44,164	-	67,587	86,952

On average four (2020 - four) employees were employed during the year. No employee earns in excess of £60,000 per year.

There were no outstanding or prepaid pension contributions at 31 March 2021. Salary costs relating to the Donald Hyde Curator and Deputy Curator are paid out of a designated fund. All other salary costs are paid out of undesignated funds.

### 8 Heritage and tangible assets

	Heritage assets £	Tangible assets - equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2020	15,282	1,923	17,205
At 1 April 2020 and at 31 March 2021	15,282	1,923	17,205
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2020	-	1,923	1,923
Charge for year	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	-	1,923	1,923
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2021	15,282	-	15,282
At 31 March 2020	15,282	-	15,282

Heritage assets comprise the House at 17 Gough Square and chattels forming part of the original endowment of the Trust and cannot be disposed of. No additions or disposals have been made in the last five years.

Heritage assets are not revalued as it is considered that any valuation would be very subjective and the cost of valuation would outweigh any benefit received.

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9	Fixed asset investments	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
	<b>Movement in fixed asset listed investments</b>				
	Market value brought forward at 1 April 2020	1,029,057	80,824	1,109,881	1,352,162
	Add: additions to investments at cost	233,814	13,953	247,767	240,985
	Cost adjustments	9,542	(33)	9,509	
	Disposal proceeds	(174,433)	(14,039)	(188,472)	(309,961)
	Realised gain/(loss) on disposal of investments	5,133	1,130	6,263	(7,922)
	Unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation	219,181	17,832	237,013	(165,383)
	Market value carried forward at 31 March 2021	1,322,294	99,667	1,421,961	1,109,881
	Cash held within the investment portfolio	52,855	102	52,957	125,233
	Investments at fair value at 31 March 2021	1,375,149	99,769	1,474,918	1,235,114

**Investments at fair value comprise:**

Equities	1,077,925	72,885	1,150,810
Fixed income securities	127,854	11,703	139,557
Alternatives	92,267	15,079	107,346
Mixed investment	24,248		24,248
Cash held within the investment portfolio	52,855	102	52,957
	1,375,149	99,769	1,474,918

There were no investments in individual entities held at 31 March 2021 which represent 5% or more of the portfolio by value.

All investments are held primarily to provide an investment return for the Trust, but investments forming part of the permanent endowment can only be exchanged and not disposed of. Permanent endowment investments including cash deposits of £102 were valued at £99,769 at 31 March 2021.

10	Debtors	2021 £	2020 £
	Other debtors	2,633	8,978
	Prepayments	9,293	9,846
		11,926	18,824

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11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021 £	2020 £
	Trade creditors	6,070	6,340
	Owed to Johnson Society of London	-	195
	Accruals and deferred income	900	2,300
		<u>6,970</u>	<u>8,835</u>

## 12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Heritage assets	-	-	-	15,282	15,282
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	712,023	663,126	-	99,769	1,474,918
Net current assets	64,451		6,143	-	70,594
	<u>776,474</u>	<u>663,126</u>	<u>6,143</u>	<u>115,051</u>	<u>1,560,794</u>

## 13 Funds

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Net investment gains £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
General income funds	498,268	92,160	(58,839)	75,692	170	607,451
Revaluation reserve	141,531	-	-	27,492	-	169,023
	<u>639,799</u>	<u>92,160</u>	<u>(58,839)</u>	<u>103,184</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>776,474</u>
<b>Designated funds</b>						
Donald Hyde Curator	576,938	15,644	(50,586)	(77,288)	-	464,708
Revaluation reserve				198,418		198,418
	<u>576,938</u>	<u>15,644</u>	<u>(50,586)</u>	<u>121,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>663,126</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
City of London specific projects	5,506					5,506
Curious Travellers	344					344
Sponsor Kitty	243					243
Basement Project	50					50
	<u>6,143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,143</u>
<b>Endowment funds</b>						
Permanent endowment funds	100,150	-	-	(149)	(170)	99,831
Revaluation reserve	(3,891)	-	-	19,111	-	15,220
	<u>96,259</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,962</u>	<u>(170)</u>	<u>115,051</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,319,139</u>	<u>107,804</u>	<u>(109,425)</u>	<u>243,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,560,794</u>

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### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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#### **Transfers**

Transfers between funds are made to equate fund balances with the underlying assets they represent. The net transfer of £170 from endowment to unrestricted funds is the difference between investment management fees relating to endowment investments but paid out of unrestricted funds and unrestricted investment income arising on endowment investments not paid into unrestricted fund bank accounts.

#### **Revaluation reserves**

Revaluation reserves represent the difference in value between investments at market value and historic cost, as required by the Companies Act 2006. These reserves form part of the funds in which the investments are held.

#### **Restricted funds:**

There were no restricted grants received during the year.

#### **Permanent endowment:**

The permanent endowment was created by the Scheme approved by the Charity Commission on 30 October 2008. The purpose of the fund is to ring-fence the House, chattels and investments deemed to constitute the original endowment of the Trust. Income arising from the endowment investments is unrestricted, but the heritage assets cannot be sold or transferred out of the endowment fund. The endowment is a linked charity of the main charity.

Sufficient resources are held to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with any relevant restrictions.

#### **Designated Fund**

On 21 June 2017 the Finance Committee and Full Board agreed to designate £750,000 as the Donald Hyde Curatorial Fund, to provide the salary and other costs associated with the engagement of the Donald Hyde Curator.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
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	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2020	Total funds 2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
Donations and grants	2	14,563		12,910	-	27,473	26,605
Investment income and interest	3	18,836	22,112	-	-	40,948	45,089
House and other income	4	73,193		-	-	73,193	76,974
<b>Total income</b>		<b>106,592</b>	<b>22,112</b>	<b>12,910</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>141,614</b>	<b>148,668</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Investment management fees		4,525	5,313	-	-	9,838	7,832
Fundraising Costs		3,000				3,000	9,000
House exhibitions and admin costs		74,605	42,413	23,210	-	140,228	161,193
Accountancy and independent examination		1,500		-	-	1,500	1,213
<b>Total expenditure</b>	5	<b>83,630</b>	<b>47,726</b>	<b>23,210</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>154,566</b>	<b>179,238</b>
<b>Net income before investment gains and losses</b>		<b>22,962</b>	<b>(25,614)</b>	<b>(10,300)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(12,952)</b>	<b>(30,570)</b>
Realised gain/(loss) on disposal of investments	9	(3,578)	(4,200)	-	(144)	(7,922)	(4,802)
Unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments	9	(68,239)	(80,106)	-	(17,038)	(165,383)	60,735
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(48,855)</b>	<b>(109,920)</b>	<b>(10,300)</b>	<b>(17,182)</b>	<b>(186,257)</b>	<b>25,363</b>
Transfers between funds		847		-	(847)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(48,008)</b>	<b>(109,920)</b>	<b>(10,300)</b>	<b>(18,029)</b>	<b>(186,257)</b>	<b>25,363</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Funds brought forward		687,807	686,858	16,443	114,288	1,505,396	1,480,033
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	13	<b>639,799</b>	<b>576,938</b>	<b>6,143</b>	<b>96,259</b>	<b>1,319,139</b>	<b>1,505,396</b>