

**THE GRAY'S INN
SCHOLARSHIPS TRUST**

**Financial Statements
for the year to
31 December 2024**

Registered Charity No. 313604

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Trustees' Report

Reference and Administrative Details, Trustees and Advisers

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David Forsdick KC
Rebecca Sabben-Clare KC
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313604

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Charity Commission Scheme dated 2nd May 1995

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SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Chief Executive: Stephen Cartwright
Director of Finance: Clare Johns

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

Structure, Governance and Management

The Gray's Inn Scholarships Trust ("the Trust") is a Charitable Trust registered with the Charity Commission. Trustees who acted throughout the year are disclosed on Page 3.

The Trustees are kept conversant with the law and the requirements of the Charity Commission, as required, by professional advisers.

The Trustees receive reports of the two key meetings of the Scholarships Committee. They approve the amount of money to be divided between the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL), Bar Course and pupillage awards and they approve the list of those who should receive scholarships. The selection is undertaken by other Masters of the Bench, members of Hall and staff of The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn ("the Society").

Trustees are selected by the Management Committee of The Society and their appointments are confirmed by Pension, the ultimate policy and decision-making body of The Society. The day-to-day management of the Trust is delegated to the management staff of The Society and there are regular meetings of the Trustees.

Funds

The Hebe Plunkett Fund

The Hebe Plunkett Fund was initially registered with the Charity Commission as a separate charity but, with the approval of the Commission, it was transferred to this Trust on 31 December 2003.

The original governing document required that the income and, if considered proper by the Trustees in the light of exceptional circumstances, the capital should all be applied in advancing legal education by assisting persons with defective eyesight in the study of law in such manner as the Trustees thought fit and in particular (and without prejudice to the generality of the forgoing) by providing equipment in The Society's library.

To the extent that the income was not applied, it was to be accumulated for the 21-year period from 11 February 1989. The Trustees had discretion to spend the income so accumulated.

Following the expiry of the 21-year period of permitted accumulation on 11 February 2010, the Trustees have discretion to apply the income for such purposes of an educational nature connected with The Society to the extent that the specified original objective cannot be achieved.

The Trustees resolved at their meeting on 21 September 2010 that this fund should continue as a separate and discrete fund and the original objectives adhered to as far as possible.

The Sir Brian Smedley Fund

The income arising on the endowment is available as a scholarship open to members of The Society who are barristers of not more than one year's call, or students, and who are practising or intending to practice at the Bar of England and Wales. Preference is to be given to candidates practising or intending to practice on the Midland Circuit.

The Troy Fund (Beloff Essay Prize)

This fund is expendable, and is to be applied in funding an annual essay prize in Administrative Law for those who are applying for pupillages.

The Bingham Fund

This is shown separately in an unrestricted fund while fund raising continues. It is hoped that if the fund reaches £1,500,000, 5 scholarships of £10,000 will be awarded annually in memory of the late Lord Bingham. A Bingham scholarship was awarded in 2023.

The Charnley award

This award is made, on merit, to a high potential candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Law.

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

The Ann Goddard Fund

A total bequest of £1,503,833 is invested in a separate portfolio and the income arising therefrom is to be used to assist barristers during their pupillage with preference being given to those seeking to practice at the criminal bar.

Risk Review

The Trustees have assessed the major risks faced by the charity and keep them under review. All the operational activities of the Trust are undertaken by the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn and the Trustees rely on their risk control processes. Specific reference is made in these processes to the risk management requirements of the Trust. The key risks relate to the performance of the investment portfolio (see "Investment performance" in the Trustees Report for more detail), and the risk of a lack of liquidity for the payment of awards. Trustees monitor these risks regularly by receiving updates from investment managers on the performance of the portfolio, considering cash requirements as part of the annual budget process and by maintaining regular dialogue with the Society.

Objectives and Activities

The principal charitable objective of the Trust is the advancement of education in the law for students and members of the Society and this is principally achieved by way of giving a donation to The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn for its scholarships program. The Inn holds separate Scholarships interviews for those taking the Graduate Diploma in Law Course (GDL) and Bar Course exams and those seeking pupillage awards following their Call to the Bar. Details of the grant policy and the scholarships are given below.

Grant Policy

The grant policy is to identify able students and to assist them to complete their studies and to be called to the Bar. In order to attract the brightest students to The Society, the awards made must be competitive with the other Inns of Court. The Scholarships Committee considers applications from students on an annual basis. These awards are available to cover each year of a student's study – the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL), the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) and during pupillage. In addition, there is a special fund within the charity, The Hebe Plunkett Fund, to provide additional assistance to handicapped students with a preference for those with a visual impairment.

This policy remains unchanged however, from 2024, payments to successful students are made directly from the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn and the Scholarship's Trust supports that programme by way of a grant to the Society. This change of process remains under review for the current time.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trust's sole activity is the awarding of scholarships to students to enable them to pursue careers as barristers. This function is delegated to the Scholarships Committee which is guided by a policy document designed to achieve and to demonstrate that all awards are made on non-discriminatory bases.

Information about the scholarships is made publicly available through The Society's website and the Scholarships Handbook which is issued to all new students or those interested in becoming students of The Society. Awards are monitored to ensure that the charitable objectives of the Trust are being achieved.

The public benefit derived from the Trust's activities is two-fold. Firstly, it offers legal educational opportunities to all of ability irrespective of background, and secondly it helps to maintain the highest standards required and expected of the legal profession by members of the public.

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

Achievements and Performance in the year

The Scholarship Trust made a significant contribution, of £890k, to the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn scholarship programme. Awards cover all or part of tuition and living costs. This was partially offset by £33k of awards made in 2023 being written back in the accounts as they had not been taken up.

Included in the donation to the Society were funds to be used for specific awards, as required by the donors, these include the Ann Goddard, Beddingfield Trust, Beloff, Mustil and Hebe Plunket awards.

The Society aims to increase the totality of its Scholarships programme year on year, supported by the Scholarships Trust, as it did in 2024.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 13 discloses the following:

	2024	2023
	£000s	£000s
Income received	430	739
Expenditure incurred	<u>(869)</u>	<u>(1,349)</u>
	(439)	(610)
Gains on investments	<u>777</u>	<u>1,058</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>338</u>	<u>448</u>

Income received

The income received in 2024 came from a number of donations and legacies (£239k) and investment and bank interest (£191k). The Income received in 2023 was significantly higher due to a generous bequest of £286k.

Expenditure incurred

The fall in expenditure incurred is due to the change in policy which was referred to on page 5. In previous years, the Trust paid the scholarships directly, receiving a contribution from the Society. As noted earlier in this report, the overall value of scholarships awarded has been unaffected by this change in accounting treatment.

The amount of the Scholarship's Trust award to the Society's scholarship program in the year was £890k, withdrawn awards relating to the prior year were £33k and other costs of the Trust amounted to £12k.

Gains on investments

Improved market conditions in the second half of 2023 led to a significant recovery in values in that year. Growth was steadier, but lower in 2024.

Investment Performance

Details of investments are given in Note 8. The Goddard legacy (amounting to £1.9m at the end of 2024) is invested in a separate account within the Charites Investment Fund ("COIF") managed by CCLA.

A further investment in COIF, amounting to £4.9m at the end of 2024 is an investment of part of the Trust's endowment.

COIF Charity Fund

The total return performance of the COIF Charity Fund, net of fees and expenses, in the 12 months to December 2024 was 5.1% (2.8% was distributed as income), against CPI of 2.6%.

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Investment performance (%) of the COIF Charity Fund, over longer periods is shown below:

Total Return	5 years	3 years	12 months
Fund	6.72	2.42	5.08
Comparator	7.4	5.51	15.3

Comparator - composite: From 01/01/21, MSCI WORLD 75%, MSCI UK Monthly Property 5%, iBoxx £ Gilts 15% & SONIA 5%. From 01/01/18, MSCI UK IMI 30%, MSCI World ex UK 45%, MSCI UK Monthly Property 5%, iBoxx £ Gilt 15% & 7 Day LIBID 5%.

As at the end of December the asset allocation of the fund (where greater than 5%) was:

Overseas equities 63.16%
Infrastructure and operating assets 8.4%
UK equities 8.3%
Fixed interest 7.69%

CCLA reported that the funds had a challenging year in performance terms. Lost equities with the main drivers for delivering the funds positive absolute returns underweight positions relative to the wider global equity market (specifically the less concentrated position in the magnificent 7 stocks that drove broad market performance in 2024) contributed to significant relative underperformance against the competitor although they anticipate that holding a more diverse portfolio than the comparator will ultimately be beneficial in terms of the reduction of fund risk relative to the comparator. Elsewhere underweight positions in banks and overweight positions in healthcare were additional contributing factors to the underperformance.

WillisTowersWatson

Funds with WillisTowersWatson ("WTW") amounted to £11.5m at the end of 2024 and are invested with the aim achieving real returns of at least 5% pa averaged over five-year rolling periods with half the volatility of equity markets. In 2024 fund growth was 5.5%.

Investment performance (%) of the WTW fund, over longer periods is shown below:

Return	10 years	5 years	3 years	12 months
Fund (net)	5.7	5.1	1.9	5.5
CPI + 5%	8.1	9.6	10.6	7.6
Equity comparator	10.2	10.8	7.2	20.2

WTW entered 2024 with an optimistic outlook for the year ahead following a challenging year for the portfolio and the major fallout of the UK gilts crisis, there remained a lot of uncertainty in the markets. Looking back over the funds performance in the year, close to all layers of the fund delivered a positive return, however some parts of the portfolio fell below WTW's expectations. They consider that this is to be expected given the diversified nature of the fund. Their underperformance is more pronounced given the extremely strong returns of equities. The Diversifiers and private equities layers delivered a return of only 0.6%.

The equity market in 2024 was dominated by the 'magnificent seven' US technology stocks. WTW's approach of investing in equities to hold and concentrated portfolio of stocks across complementary investment styles has failed to match the returns of funds more heavily invested in the 'Magnificent Seven'.

Turning to private markets, exits are crucial to the return of these strategies. A meaningful drop off of activity in the market over the past couple of years has therefore impacted on returns. However, WTW suggest that there is now evidence of increasing deal activity in 2025 which should lead to improved returns and fund liquidity.

The medium-term intention was previously to move to investing all the endowment reserves of the Trust in COIF with the unrestricted and restricted reserves being invested in WTW. This policy, which is driven by the fact that COIF gives a regular income whilst WTW generates capital growth only, and was to be gradually implemented over a number of years.

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The policy of transferring endowment funds to COIF was paused in 2023 as WTW had placed a significant Anti-Dilution Levy (ADL) on the fund. A transfer out of the WTW fund was made during 2024, but only to meet cashflow requirements as the ADL remains in place.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is to retain sufficient funding to establish a strong investment portfolio to ensure continuity and certainty in providing future awards. As at 31 December 2024 total reserves were £18.6m, of which £11.0m was endowed for specific purposes and held in investments to generate an income out of which grants will be made in future periods. A further £0.1m was restricted for specific purposes and the remaining £7.5m was unrestricted but held in investments. Trustees are content that the current level of reserves are sufficient to meet existing strategic plans of the Charity. The unrestricted reserves are sufficient to cover over five years of expenditure on scholarships at existing levels.

Investment Powers and Policy

The Trustees have broad powers of investment. The policy is to preserve and grow the real value of the portfolio over the longer term.

Plans for Future Periods

The continuing aim remains to give scholarships to able students, irrespective of background, to enable them to achieve careers as barristers. To affect this the Trust works closely with the Society and the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn Charitable Trust to ensure that processes for the award of Scholarships are fair and in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Trust.

An external review of the Trusts investment managers was carried out in early 2025. As a result the Trustees have agreed to transfer the funds held in WTW to a new WTW distribution fund, and to recommence the transfer of funds from WTW to CCLA. The Trustees will monitor the performance of the WTW fund in deciding the pace of these transfers.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are required to prepare, for each financial year, financial statements which observe the principles and methods of the Charities SORP, and which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that this basis applies.

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 statutory requirements. 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 the Trustees on 18th June 2024 and signed as authorised on their behalf by:

DAVID FORSDACK

..... Trustee

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Gray's Inn Scholarships Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Gray's Inn Scholarships Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, cash flow statement 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 charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of the charity's net movement in funds for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. 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 charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees 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 charity'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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Annual Report. 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charity, or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Gray's Inn Scholarships Trust (Cont'd)

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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 extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with the Charity SORP in the preparation of the accounts and fund accounting, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as Charities Act 2011.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that there were no such risks.

Our procedures included the following:

- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities, and minutes of trustee meetings;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud both at planning and at completion;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Sample testing the allocation of expenditure to restricted funds;
- Identifying and testing journals process by management in the preparation of the financial statements; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates.

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.

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Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Gray's Inn Scholarships Trust (Cont'd)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an 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 charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

HaysMac LLP

**HaysMac LLP
10 Queen Street Place
Statutory Auditors London
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Date: 20/06/2025

HaysMac LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	Notes	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies	2	234	5	-	239	544
Investments	3	132	54	-	186	183
Bank Interest		5	-	-	5	12
Total		<u>371</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>739</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Charitable activities						
Education of law students	4	768	89	-	857	1,343
Other	5	12	-	-	12	6
Total		<u>780</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>1,349</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		(409)	(30)	-	(439)	(610)
Net (losses)/gains on investments	8	413	1	363	777	1,058
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE		<u>4</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>448</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total Funds brought forward		7,544	70	10,688	18,302	17,854
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>7,548</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>11,051</u>	<u>18,640</u>	<u>18,302</u>

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those shown in the above Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on page 15 – 20 form part of the financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	8		18,336		17,748
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and Bank deposits			121		457
Debtors	9		189		213
			<u>310</u>		<u>670</u>
CREDITORS:					
Sundry creditors	10		(6)		(116)
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES) / ASSETS			304		554
NET ASSETS			<u>18,640</u>		<u>18,302</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	11		7,548		7,544
Restricted	11		41		70
Endowments	11		11,051		10,688
			<u>18,640</u>		<u>18,302</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 18th June 2025 and signed as authorised on their behalf by:

DAVID FORSDACK

Trustee:.....

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2024	2023
	£000s	£000s
Net movement in funds	338	448
Deduct : investment gains	(777)	(1,058)
Deduct: investment income shown in investing activities	(186)	(183)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	24	(29)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(111)	23
	<u>(712)</u>	<u>(799)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income	186	183
Withdrawals from investments	190	-
	<u>376</u>	<u>183</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(336)	(616)
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year	457	1,073
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>121</u>	<u>457</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) General Information

The Gray's Inn Scholarships Trust is a UK Based Charitable Trust registered with the Charity Commission. Its registered address is Treasury Office, 8 South Square, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5ET.

(b) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (Second edition – October 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

In preparation of the accounts there are estimates relating to prepayments and accruals which are non-complex in nature. None of the estimates are material to the accounts.

(c) Income

All income is recognised once the Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

(d) Donations and Legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised when there is entitlement to the income, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

(e) Scholarships

Scholarships are accounted for as they are awarded.

(f) Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses during the year are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

(g) Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources to be applied in meeting the broad objects of the charity. Restricted funds represent the unexpended income to be applied for specific purposes. Endowment funds (unless expendable in specified circumstances) are not to be spent but retained to preserve the capital value of the original bequests.

(h) Expenditure

The expenditure of the Trust is directly allocated to the charitable activity to which it relates or to the governance of the Trust.

(i) Financial Instruments

The Trust only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

(j) Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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(k) Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at the transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

(l) Provisions

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Trust a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Provisions are charged as an expense to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year that the Society becomes aware of the obligation and are measured at the best estimate at the Balance Sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties. When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Balance Sheet.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £000s	Restricted Funds £000s	Endowment Funds £000s	2024 Total £000s
General Donations and legacies	227	5	-	232
Bingham Appeal	7	-	-	7
	<u>234</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £000s	Restricted Funds £000s	Endowment Funds £000s	2,023 Total £000s
General Donations and legacies	504	31	-	535
Bingham Appeal	9	-	-	9
	<u>513</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>544</u>

3. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £000s	Restricted Funds £000s	Endowment Funds £000s	2024 Total £000s
Investment portfolio	132	54	-	186

	Unrestricted Funds £000s	Restricted Funds £000s	Endowment Funds £000s	2023 Total £000s
Investment portfolio	130	53	-	183

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4. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

The Trust employs no members of staff and hence there are no staff costs or key management personnel costs to disclose.

	2024	2023
	£000s	£000s
Scholarships awarded for the education of law students		
General Fund		
Unrestricted Fund	801	1,307
Awards not taken and written back	(33)	(78)
	<u>768</u>	<u>1,229</u>
Bingham Fund	-	8
Charnley Fund	-	12
Mustill Fund	5	13
Hebe Plunkett Fund	2	5
Ann Goddard Fund	81	75
The Troy Trust (Beloff Essay Prize)	1	1
	<u>857</u>	<u>1,343</u>
Total scholarships awarded in year	890	1,421
Awards not taken and written back	(33)	(78)
Net cost of scholarships awarded in year	<u>857</u>	<u>1,343</u>

5. OTHER COSTS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2024
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Audit Fees	7	-	-	7
Other	5	-	-	5
	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>
	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2023
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Audit Fees	5	-	-	5
Other	1	-	-	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>

The Trust receives support services donated by The Society. These relate entirely to its sole charitable activity, the education of law students. It is not practicable to quantify the value of donated services with any degree of precision. On the basis that the value is likely to be immaterial, a value of nil has been ascribed to the donated services in these accounts.

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6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year no trustee received any remuneration or expenses (2023: nil). There were no related party transactions in the year (2023: nil)

7. TAXATION

The Trust is a registered charity, and its income and gains are exempt from taxation.

8. INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
	£000s	£000s
<u>INVESTMENTS HELD WITH WTW</u>		
Market value at 1 January	11,103	10,612
Capital introduced/(withdrawn)	(190)	-
Investment gains/ (losses)	627	490
Market value at 31 December	<u>11,540</u>	<u>11,102</u>
Cost at 31 December	<u>4,263</u>	<u>4,333</u>
<u>INVESTMENTS HELD WITH COIF (GENERAL FUND)</u>		
Market value at 1 January	4,749	4,344
Capital introduced/(withdrawn)	-	-
Investment gains/ (losses)	107	406
Market value at 31 December	<u>4,856</u>	<u>4,750</u>
Cost at 31 December	<u>4,150</u>	<u>4,150</u>
<u>INVESTMENTS HELD WITH COIF (GODDARD)</u>		
Market value at 1 January	1,896	1,734
Capital introduced/(withdrawn)	-	-
Investment gains/ (losses)	43	162
Market value at 31 December	<u>1,939</u>	<u>1,896</u>
Cost at 31 December	1,571	1,571
<u>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</u>		
Market value at 1 January	17,748	16,690
Capital introduced/(withdrawn)	(190)	-
Investment gains/ (losses)	778	1,058
Market value at 31 December	<u>18,336</u>	<u>17,748</u>
Cost at 31 December	<u>9,983</u>	<u>10,054</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£000s	£000s
Accrued income	189	213
	<u>189</u>	<u>213</u>

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10. CREDITORS

	2024	2023
	£000s	£000s
Scholarships awarded but not yet paid	-	112
Audit fee	6	4
	<u>6</u>	<u>116</u>

11. ANALYSIS OF UNRESTRICTED, RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The movement of funds during the year is as detailed below:

	1 January	Incoming	Resources	Investment	31 December
	2024	Resources	Expended	Gains / (Losses)	2024
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
<u>Unrestricted Fund</u>					
General	6,184	334	(780)	339	6,077
The Bingham Fund	1,360	37	-	74	1,471
Total Unrestricted	<u>7,544</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>(780)</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>7,548</u>
<u>Restricted</u>					
Stephen Silber Fund	1	-	-	-	1
The Charnley Fund	1	-	-	-	1
Hebe Plunkett Fund	20	1	(2)	1	20
The Mustill Fund	7	5	(5)	-	7
Sir Brian Smedley Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Troy Fund/Beloff Prize	4	-	(1)	-	3
Ann Goddard Fund	37	53	(81)	-	9
Total Restricted	<u>70</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>(89)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>41</u>
<u>Endowment</u>					
General	8,298	-	-	302	8,600
Hebe Plunkett Fund	463	-	-	17	480
Sir Brian Smedley Fund	28	-	-	1	29
Ann Goddard Fund	1,899	-	-	43	1,942
Total Endowment	<u>10,688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>11,051</u>
Total Funds	<u>18,302</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>(869)</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>18,640</u>
Analysis of Net Assets between Funds as at 31 December 2024					
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
Investments	7,256	32	11,048	18,336	
Net Current Assets	292	9	3	304	
	<u>7,548</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>11,051</u>	<u>18,640</u>	

The Endowment Fund of the General Fund arose from various legacies and donations and represents a permanent endowment. The Unrestricted Fund is to be applied to meet the charitable objectives of the Trust. The purposes of the various funds are outlined in more detail in the Trustee's Report.

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11. ANALYSIS OF UNRESTRICTED, RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS (Continued)

The movement of funds during the prior year is as detailed below:

	1 January 2023 £000s	Incoming Resources £000s	Resources Expended £000s	Investment Gains / (Losses) £000s	31 December 2023 £000s
<u>Unrestricted Fund</u>					
General	6,519	619	(1,234)	280	6,184
The Bingham Fund	1,276	37	(9)	56	1,360
Total Unrestricted	<u>7,795</u>	<u>656</u>	<u>(1,243)</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>7,544</u>
<u>Restricted</u>					
Stephen Silber Fund	1	-	-	-	1
The Charnley Fund	3	10	(12)	-	1
Hebe Plunkett Fund	24	-	(5)	1	20
The Mustill Fund	-	21	(13)	-	8
Sir Brian Smedley Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Troy Fund/Beloff Prize	4	-	(1)	-	3
Ann Goddard Fund	60	52	(75)	-	37
Total Restricted	<u>92</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>(106)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>Endowment</u>					
General	7,770	-	-	528	8,298
Hebe Plunkett Fund	434	-	-	29	463
Sir Brian Smedley Fund	26	-	-	2	28
Ann Goddard Fund	1,737	-	-	162	1,899
Total Endowment	<u>9,967</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>10,688</u>
Total Funds	<u>17,854</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>(1,349)</u>	<u>1,058</u>	<u>18,302</u>
Analysis of Net Assets between					
Funds as at 31 December 2023		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Assets
Investments		7,030	33	10,685	17,748
Net Current Assets		513	37	3	554
		<u>7,543</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>10,688</u>	<u>18,302</u>