

Balliol Society

Financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2024

Charity number 314240

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st July 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies as set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Activities

The Balliol Society is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 314240. Balliol Society's governing document was adopted in January 1926 and amended in October 1952 and September 2021.

Its charitable objects are to encourage closer relationships between former members of Balliol, keeping them in touch with the College and publishing news of interest about present and past members of the College.

The Society achieves its purpose mainly by making grants to Balliol College. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The Trustees have considered this guidance when reviewing the Society's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

Trustees

The trustees, all of whom held office through the whole of the year ended 31st July 2024 were as follows:

Lord Reed
Professor Seamus Perry
Professor Martin Conway

Registered address

Balliol College, Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BJ.

Secretary

Professor Martin Conway

Trustee induction and training

New Trustees are appointed either to fill a casual vacancy or by way of addition to the Board. Particular emphasis is placed upon the appointment of Trustees with knowledge and experience relevant to the Trust's charitable activities. When new Trustees are appointed they are given an introduction to the work of the Trust and provided with the information they need to fulfil their roles, which includes information about the role of the Trustees and their responsibilities under the Charities Act 2011.

Organisational structure

Day-to-day administration of the Trust is delegated to an administrator under the supervision of the Trustees. Decision-making powers are retained by the Trustees and exercised at regular Trustees' meetings. They have appointed a fund manager to manage a diversified portfolio of suitable investments on a discretionary basis.

The trustees consider the Board of Trustees as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charges of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

Risk management

The major risks to which the Charity could be exposed have been investigated by the Trustees and systems have been established to mitigate these risks, a review of these risks will be carried out at least annually.

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Achievements, performance and financial review

The Society aims to award grants at the approximate level of the investment income received on its investment portfolio in the year.

The income for the year to 31st July 2024 was £31,492 (2023: £30,473), and the cost of fulfilling the Society's primary purpose during the year was £30,368 (2023: £35,008). The Society has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit. Grants of £9,951 (2023: £10,308) were awarded to Balliol College, Balliol Musical Society and Balliol College Nursery ranging from £250 to £3,000.

Net realised and unrealised gains on investments were £39,218 (2023: Loss £10,797). At the year end the aggregate value of the funds was £448,362 an increase of £40,342 since 31 July 2023.

The Society's investment portfolio is managed by Charles Stanley. The Trustees intend that the real value of the investment portfolio is maintained and enhanced over the long term by investment in a portfolio comprised of equities, fixed income stocks and cash. The Trustees will regularly consider whether there is a need to review its investment policy.

The Trustees consider that the Society has sufficient resources available to continue to meet its objectives of the Society, in particular to provide grants to Balliol College.

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above

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Statement of Financial Activities

31st July 2024

31st July 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
<i>Incoming Resources</i>			
<i>Income from:</i>			
Donations and legacies	2	160	120
Charitable activities	3	17,507	17,940
Investment income	4	13,825	12,413
Total income		<u>31,492</u>	<u>30,473</u>
<i>Resources expended</i>			
<i>Expenditure on:</i>			
Charitable activities		29,077	33,080
Investment management costs		1,291	1,928
Total expenditure	5, 6	<u>30,368</u>	<u>35,008</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		<u>1,124</u>	<u>(4,535)</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		39,218	(10,797)
Net movement in funds		<u>40,342</u>	<u>(15,332)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		<u>408,020</u>	<u>423,352</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>448,362</u>	<u>408,020</u>

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Balance sheet

		31st July 2024 Unrestricted Funds	31st July 2023 Unrestricted Funds
<i>Fixed asset investments</i>	<i>Note</i>		
Investments	7	441,726	356,307
<i>Current assets</i>			
Debtors	8	19,675	10,107
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>7,791</u>	<u>63,009</u>
		<u>27,466</u>	<u>73,116</u>
<i>Creditors - amounts falling due within one year</i>			
Creditor	9	(20,830)	(21,403)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		6,636	51,713
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>448,362</u>	<u>408,020</u>
		31st July 2024	31st July 2023
<i>Funds of the Charity</i>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>448,362</u>	<u>408,020</u>
Total funds		<u>448,362</u>	<u>408,020</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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Notes to the financial statements

Note 1 - Accounting policies

Going concern

The Society's accounts have been prepared on the going concern assumption. The charity provides grants and would be in a position to reduce the value of the grants awarded if necessary.

Recognition of income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where income is received in advance of an event, this is deferred until the date of the event.

Grants

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Investment gains and losses

Investment gains and losses include any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value as at the balance sheet date.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end.

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	31st July 2024	31st July 2023
<i>Note 2 - Donations and legacies</i>		
Donations	<u>160</u>	<u>120</u>
<i>Note 3 - Charitable activities</i>		
Balliol Society weekend event	<u>17,507</u>	<u>17,940</u>
<i>Note 4 - Income from investments</i>		
Dividend income	<u>13,825</u>	<u>12,413</u>
<i>Note 5 - Analysis of expenditure</i>		
Balliol Society weekend costs	17,004	22,772
Other expenses	2,123	-
Investment management costs	1,291	1,928
Grants	<u>9,950</u>	<u>10,308</u>
	<u>30,368</u>	<u>35,008</u>
<i>Note 6 - Grant making</i>		
<i>Balliol Society made grants to Balliol College during the year as detailed below:</i>		
Amalgamated Sports Club	1,500	1,500
Balliol Musical Society	3,000	3,000
Travel grants for Balliol students	3,000	-
Balliol College Nursery	700	568
Balliol College Chapel Choir tour	500	-
Library	-	2,000
Student activities	500	500
Student engagement with Europe	-	2,000
Organ scholar	250	240
Contingency fund to be used at the discretion of the Chair of Balliol Society	500	500
	<u>9,950</u>	<u>10,308</u>
<i>Note 7 - Investment assets</i>		
Carrying value at the beginning of the year	356,307	367,104
Additions to investments in the year	86,393	-
Disposal of investments at carrying value	(40,192)	-
Net gain/ (loss) on revaluation	39,218	(10,797)
Carrying value at the end of the year	<u>441,726</u>	<u>356,307</u>
Analysis of investments:		
Listed investments and bonds	<u>441,726</u>	<u>356,307</u>
	<u>441,726</u>	<u>356,307</u>
<i>Note 8 - Debtors</i>		
Other debtors	<u>19,675</u>	<u>10,107</u>
<i>Note 9 - Creditors:</i>		
Accruals and deferred income	20,830	11,095
Grants authorised not yet paid	-	10,308
	<u>20,830</u>	<u>21,403</u>

Note 10 - Transactions with trustees and related parties

There have been no transactions with related parties during the year.

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.