

The Pushkin Trust
Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 5 April 2021

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Annual report for the year ended 5 April 2021

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Trust Information

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Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2021

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Organisational structure

The organisational structure of the Charity is as set out in the Trust Deed. The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1.

Charitable objects

The Charity is a Trust governed by its deed, dated 21 February 1989.

The objectives of the Trust are:-

- To bring together people (children, teachers and other adults) from both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and from different backgrounds, experience and traditions, in the common goal of exploring and expressing their creative energy;
- To develop the full potential of children by making use of their creative energies and to help them express these energies through creative arts;
- To encourage children and teachers to draw upon the inspiration of the natural world as a source of artistic expression;
- To affirm teachers and pupils in their joint creative expression;
- To devise programmes for student teachers that will help them develop their own creativity and imagination and that of their future pupils;
- To develop Pushkin House as a centre of excellence and as a resource for the creative arts in an environmental context;
- To include the wider use of the Irish Language; and
- To maintain and develop cultural contact with Russian schools which may be involved in the programme from time to time.

The Charity aims to achieve its objectives by the granting of awards in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and elsewhere in the world when applicable, for successfully completing the Trust's School's Programme involving the environment and the creative arts.

The Trustees confirm they have referred to 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.

The Trust carried out these objects in the course of the 2020-2021 year through the following activities:-

Baronscourt days

15 Baronscourt days took place at the Stableyard Conference Centre, Baronscourt Estate, Co. Tyrone during the year ended 5 April 2021. Approximately 1,450 teachers, children and student teachers drawn from the Counties of Tyrone, Derry, Antrim, Fermanagh, Greater Belfast, Cavan, Dublin, Longford, Leitrim, Roscommon, Clare, Kildare, Donegal and Tipperary attended. Both children and adults participated in various creative workshops with professional facilitators in music, creative writing, art and movement. Each adult and child also took part in an environmental workshop in the grounds of Baronscourt Estate with professional nature guides. They all worked on the theme 'Spark in the Stillness.'

Achievements and performance

(i) Facilitator days

All of the schools which attended the Baronscourt days were provided with two facilitator days. This meant the Trust paid for an artist and an environmentalist to visit a participating school and work with the pupils in their classroom. They worked on the theme 'On the Air.'

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Achievements and performance (continued)

(ii) Celebration days

Celebration days were held in schools throughout Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. At the Celebration days, schools displayed the work they had done on the Trust's annual theme 'On the Air'. The Trust contributed to each school to enable them to pay for this celebration. They also awarded plaques and certificates to all those that were involved. In addition, books were presented to each school by Scholastic Ireland.

(iii) Pushkin Pathway programme

The Pushkin Pathway is the Pushkin Trust's Secondary Schools' Programme. It follows the Pushkin principles of creativity as the key to unlocking young people's voices.

Knockavoe School from Strabane, Co. Tyrone participated in the programme this year. Due to the Covid19 Pandemic, health and safety only allowed for one School at a time to be on site this year.

The Pushkin Pathway Programme was delivered over a three-day experience at Baronscourt, where the young people from these Schools participated in an environmental exploration in the morning led by a different environmental facilitator each day. In the afternoon, three groups rotate through, creative writing, dance and a creative media workshop partnership with the Nerve Centre from Derry/Londonderry. By the end of their three Pushkin Pathway Days, all pupils and their teachers have experienced all three different environmental workshops and all three arts-based workshops on a theme defined by the Trust.

The unique element of this project is the involvement of the 'Nerve Centre', Ireland's leading Creative Media Arts Centre. This provides a means through which the natural world, the arts and technology can merge so that today's teenagers can communicate in a medium which is familiar to them.

The Nerve Centre staff have fallen in love with the setting and purposes of the project. As Sharon Tosh, the Education Manager writes:

'Bringing young people together through the use of new and emerging digital fabrication technologies where the emphasis is on the technology but the underlying subtext is cross-community interaction and the search for one's voice through creative expression, is at the heart of our involvement with this project. Having the backdrop of the magical Baronscourt Estate and being able to turn it into a digital canvas is an experience not easily replicated anywhere else.'

The Pushkin Pathway Programme concluded with a celebration day hosted in the Stableyard at Baronscourt Estate, Co. Tyrone. This day is a showcase of all that these young people have experienced during their days at Baronscourt. This includes, pupils reading or singing their pieces produced at their Creative Writing Workshop and performing a dance routine. There is also a film which documents magical moments from their three days at Baronscourt. The day is celebrated with family members, teachers and the wider community.

The Pushkin Pathway Co-ordinator and the Chair and Trustees of the Pushkin Trust acknowledge these young people's achievements and thank them and their teachers.

(iv) Partners in Education

Partners in Education Zoom sessions were hosted in November 2020 to introduce a new generation of Lecturers and Student teachers from Teacher Training Colleges (North and South) to Pushkin. The aim was to incorporate Pushkin in to Connected Learning through their experiences of the environment and the creative arts.

This was attended by:

- 2 lecturers and 4 student teachers from St Mary's College, Belfast
- 2 lecturers and 6 student teachers from Stranmillis College, Belfast
- 2 lecturers and 6 student teachers from DCU, Dublin.

The participants were told the story of how the Pushkin Trust came about and has evolved in to what it is today. Everyone experienced an environmental workshop, an art workshop and a creative writing workshop via Zoom. There was plenty of opportunity for interaction between participants during these workshops and through a reflective discussion at the end.

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(v) The Inspiring Educators programme

In the year 2020/21 there were 2 main aspects to the Inspiring Educators programme:

- Creative partnerships
- The Russia/Ireland Pushkin programme

- Creative partnerships

A total of 36 schools participated in this aspect of the programme drawn from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Representative teachers from all participating schools took part in residential induction sessions to work alongside Pushkin environmentalists and creative facilitators to gain insight and inspiration. Facilitators also worked with each participating class, with a further day of workshops for children based at Baronscourt Estate. All work undertaken was based on the theme for the year, 'Spark in the Stillness'.

- The Russia/ Ireland Pushkin programme

This aspect continues to go from strength to strength. A total of 26 schools took part this year in various aspects of the Pushkin Programme provided by our schools in Moscow, St Petersburg and Khabarovsk. They held several conferences in each of the venues and children and teachers travelled across Russia to attend these and to share and showcase their work.

A Pushkin Creative Writer, John Harding, hosted two Zoom sessions each month with teachers and their pupils. They all worked together on the Pushkin theme and produced beautiful poems and stories.

- Pushkin Trust Vimeo Channel

The Pushkin Trust is excited to have launched the Pushkin Trust Private Vimeo Channel in October 2020 with pre-recorded video workshops specifically for Pushkin teachers to use in the classroom.

Each engaging video embraces an area of Creative Arts (Poetry/ Creative Writing, Visual Arts, Dance/ Movement, Music) and can also be used as an invaluable tool for inspiration and remote home learning.

They are password protected and exclusive to Pushkin Schools.

Pushkin Trustees see the importance of continuing to promote the vision and work of our Founder, the Duchess of Abercorn, in seeking to inspire our Pushkin teachers and Principals who will in turn pass on the legacy of Pushkin to their pupils. The workshops provided by our talented facilitators will help build capacity for creativity and the pupil's voice and enrich our resource pool at a time when teachers need it most.

Governance and internal control

The system of internal control is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:-

- A strategic business plan and an annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance from budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews.
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks.

The Trustees have introduced a formal risk management process to assess business risks and to implement risk management strategies. This involves identifying the types of risk the Charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, and identifying means of mitigating the risks. As part of this process the Trustees have reviewed the adequacy of the Charity's current internal controls. The Trustees are pleased to report that the Charity's internal financial controls, in particular, conform with guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year ended 5 April 2021, the Charity received total income of £110,132 (2020: £128,064) and had an overall surplus of £17,569 (2020: deficit of £14,857). Income from donations showed a decrease of £17,912 (2020: increase £2,280) during the year. Capital expenditure of £1,148 was incurred on IT equipment during the year (2020: £Nil).

Plans for the future

The Trust plans to continue the work undertaken to date by continuing the Facilitator Days and classes provided to children, teachers and other adults.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires 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 at the year end and its incoming resources and resources expended during that year. 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 and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any 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 the Charity will continue its activities.


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. 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.

Auditor

An audit is not required by the charity. In lieu of this an independent examiner's report will be prepared by Des Reid & Co.



Shiela McCaul
Chairperson



Neville Orr
Trustee

27 September 2021

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Pushkin Trust

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, and that an independent examination is needed..

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Des Reid & Co
Chartered Accountants
27 September 2021

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Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 5 April 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Incoming resources:					
Donations	3	56,887	53,200	110,087	127,999
Income from investments	4	45	-	45	65
Other income	5	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		56,932	53,200	110,132	128,064
Resources expended:					
Costs of generating voluntary income:					
Fundraising		(3,496)	-	(3,496)	(2,695)
Net incoming resources available for charitable application		53,436	53,200	106,636	125,369
Cost of charitable activities:					
In furtherance of the Charity's objectives	6	(29,925)	(11,813)	(41,738)	(95,797)
Governance costs	7	(47,294)	(35)	(47,329)	(44,429)
Total resources expended		(77,219)	(11,848)	(89,067)	(140,226)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(23,783)	41,352	17,569	(14,857)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net incoming resources after transfers		(23,783)	41,352	17,569	(14,857)
Fund balances at 6 April 2020		239,252	36,583	275,835	290,692
Fund balances at 5 April 2021		215,469	77,935	293,404	275,835

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of financial position as at 5 April 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	126,370	139,563
Current assets			
Debtors	9	23,961	24,741
Cash at bank and in hand		154,655	119,473
		178,616	144,214
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(11,582)	(7,942)
Net current assets		167,034	136,272
Net assets		293,404	275,835
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	11	215,469	239,252
Restricted funds	11	77,935	36,583
Total funds		293,404	275,835

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the Trustees on 27 September 2021 and were signed on their behalf by:



Shiela McCaul
Chairperson



Neville Orr
Trustee

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2021

1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements of The Pushkin Trust have been prepared on the going concern basis in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 10, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities and with the Charities Act 2011.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

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

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which falls within the criteria laid down by the donor is identified with the fund, together with a fair allocation of support costs.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the Trust without further specific purpose and are available as general funds.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Trust in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs relate to the costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the Trust as opposed to the direct management functions. These include the activities which allow the Trust to operate and generate the information required for public accountability, including the strategic planning process that contributes to the future development of the Trust.

Tangible fixed assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost, or revaluation, of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

Land and buildings	-	4% straight line basis
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% reducing balance basis

Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. All assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date or the exchange rate of a related exchange contract where appropriate. The resulting gain or loss is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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3 Donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Individuals	29,600	3,700	33,300	10,530
Charitable foundations	5,000	24,500	29,500	68,478
Department of Education and Skills (ROI)	22,287	-	22,287	23,991
Frederik Paulsen	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
	56,887	53,200	110,087	127,999

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Interest receivable	45	-	45	65

5 Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Book sales	-	-	-	-

6 Cost of activities in furtherance of the objects of the charity

	2021 £	2020 £
Summer school	-	3,463
Russian programme	2,231	11,855
Baronscourt days	12,846	35,134
Pushkin Pathway	4,282	11,247
Inspire programme	14,686	29,305
Insurance	2,434	2,593
Home schooling	2,640	-
Online video channel	1,022	-
Stationery, postage and printing	901	440
Computer and website costs	696	1,760
	41,738	95,797

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7 Governance costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Office rent	2,000	2,000
Rates	198	93
Light and heat	1,235	1,627
Repairs and maintenance	1,589	822
Stationery, printing and postage	1,802	879
Telephone	3,551	3,673
Travel and subsistence	-	677
Consultancy and office administration	17,425	20,253
Audit and accountancy fees	3,480	3,080
Loss/(gain) on exchange	1,463	(4,085)
Sundry	105	998
Depreciation	14,341	14,113
Bank charges	140	299
	47,329	44,429

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 April 2020	347,142	33,923	381,065
Additions	-	1,148	1,148
At 5 April 2021	347,142	35,071	382,213
Accumulated depreciation			
At 6 April 2020	208,260	33,242	241,502
Charge for the year	13,884	457	14,341
At 5 April 2021	222,144	33,699	255,843
Net book value			
At 5 April 2021	124,998	1,372	126,370
At 5 April 2020	138,882	681	139,563

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 5 April 2021 (continued)

9 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments and other debtors	983	750
Grant due - Department of Education and Skills (ROI)	22,978	23,991
	23,961	24,741

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deferred income	-	-
Creditors and accruals	11,582	7,942
	11,582	7,942

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 5 April 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	126,265	105	126,370
Current assets	100,786	77,830	178,616
Current liabilities	(11,582)	-	(11,582)
	215,469	77,935	293,404

12 Restricted funds

	Balance at 5 April 2020 £	Restricted incoming £	Restricted outgoing £	Total transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2021 £
Schools programme	140	-	(35)	-	105
Pathways programme	3,753	6,450	(4,282)	-	5,921
Summer school	-	16,450	-	-	16,450
Baronscourt days	-	5,300	(5,300)	-	-
Russian programme	32,468	25,000	(2,231)	-	55,237
Book	222	-	-	-	222
	36,583	53,200	(11,848)	-	77,935