

FLORIS BOOKS TRUST LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended 31 December 2024

FLORIS BOOKS TRUST LIMITED

Directors (Trustees)	:	Jane Grant Peter Holman Tom Ravetz Lesley Taylor
Senior Management Team:	:	Katy Lockwood-Holmes – Chief Executive Christian Maclean
Auditors	:	MHA Chartered Accountants 6 St Colme Street Edinburgh EH3 6AD
Bankers	:	Bank of Scotland 8 Morningside Road Edinburgh EH10 4DD Aldermore Bank 100 West Regent Street Glasgow GU2 2QD
Solicitors	:	Balfour & Manson 54-66 Frederick Street Edinburgh EH2 1LS
Registered Office	:	22 Baylie Street Stourbridge West Midlands DY8 1AZ
Principal Office	:	Canal Court 40 Craiglockhart Avenue Edinburgh EH14 1LT
Company Registration Number	:	02398655
Charity Commission Registration Number	:	801790
OSCR Registration Number	:	SC041837

FLORIS BOOKS TRUST LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors, who are also trustees for the purposes of charity law, submit their report and the audited financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The principal activities of the charitable company are producing books relating to its charitable objectives which are to propagate Christian principles, the ideas of anthroposophy, and wholesome spiritual and ethical values for children for the benefit of the public anywhere in the world, and to advance the work of The Christian Community in Great Britain.

To achieve these objectives, the books published are a balance between those relating directly to the aims, and those which are in harmony with the aims. For some publications grants are sought either from individuals, public bodies, or from other trusts.

How Our Activities Deliver Public Benefit

The books relating to the Christian religion and anthroposophy help give readers meaning and purpose in their lives and contribute to their spiritual well-being, and provide a moral or ethical framework to live by.

The books for children help children to experience and adopt wholesome spiritual and ethical values which offer meaning and purpose in their childhood and future adult life, ultimately contributing to their spiritual well-being, and providing a moral or ethical framework to live by.

Promoting an understanding of the human being as a spiritual being contributes towards a better society by promoting social cohesion and recognition of the worth of every individual.

The directors have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee charging. In setting the prices of books the directors give careful consideration to those on low incomes, and also give consideration to the lower cost of books in some foreign countries by appropriate discounts to distributors and bookshops in those countries.

Achievements & Performance

During the year, 38 (2023: 36) new books were published, including *When Fragments Make a Whole*, *Spirit of Community*, *Music Therapy* and *Pathways from Pain to Meaning*, which are of fundamental importance to the Christian Community or help propagate the ideas of anthroposophy; and *Bumblebee Garden* and *Blue Sky Morning*, which help propagate wholesome values for children.

2024 was a challenging year for trading, with sales quantities and values down in all our major markets, including the US. For most of the year, the pound was strong, driving down the value of US dollar sales. A surplus is a good achievement in these conditions.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

Financial Review

The surplus for the year was £109,307 (2023: £82,749).

The charitable company's funds are raised through the sale of books and are used to fund further publications of religious books. The directors continue to explore ways of directly targeting readers including use of the internet and direct mail.

Reserves policy

The directors' reserves policy is to retain sufficient funds within the charitable company for working capital together with a contingency to cover either unexpected expenditure or the cash flow problems a change in market conditions would produce. The directors have therefore established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not designated or invested in tangible fixed assets ("the free reserves") held by the charitable company should be between 12 and 15 months of resources expended in addition to the costs of investing in new premises and staff as part of the expansion of the charitable company's activities. The directors have adopted a prudent approach to the related risks of that expansion.

Total reserves at 31 December 2024 were £2,487,336 (2023: £2,378,029). The unrestricted funds less those invested in tangible fixed assets ("the free reserves") were £2,482,093 (2023: £2,366,763) which represents around 13.3 months of the normal annual expenditure of the charitable company. The directors regularly review the level of free reserves and are satisfied that the present level is acceptable.

Plans for Future Periods

Trading in Q1 of 2025 is above 2024 levels, despite difficult international circumstances, including US tariffs. The board is confident that the healthy level of reserves will enable the organisation to continue to trade past the current challenges.

Structure, Governance, Management

Governing Document

Floris Books Trust Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The charitable company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. Each member has undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up. As at 31 December 2024 there were 33 members (2023: 33).

Recruitment and appointment of directors (trustees)

The current directors of the charitable company, and those in office throughout the year, are listed on page 1. The directors, defined as Trustees in the Articles of Association, are all members of the charitable company. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association one third of the directors retire each year, and are eligible for re-election, at the AGM.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

Structure, Governance, Management (continued)

Organisation & structure

The directors meet once a year, while the finance committee made up of Lesley Taylor, Jane Grant, Christian Maclean and Katy Lockwood-Holmes aim to meet quarterly. The day to day operations of the charitable company are the responsibility of Katy Lockwood-Holmes as delegated by the board of directors.

Director induction and training

All directors appointed are already familiar with the practical work of the charitable company and their responsibilities as directors of the company, and as trustees of the charitable company. They all have the main documents of the charitable company including the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and receive regular accounts and papers on the financial situation of the company.

Key management personnel

The Board consider that they, together with the Chief Executive and Editor comprise the key management personnel. The directors give their time freely and the pay and remuneration of the key management personnel is set by the Finance Group and is kept under annual review.

Risk management

The directors continue to assess the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finance, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the charitable company's exposure to those risks.

The main risks that the directors have identified and plans to manage these risks are:

- general downturn in sales
- bad debt of major customer

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

Katy Lockwood-Holmes is a director of Scottish Book Source Limited during the year. Scottish Book Source is one of Floris Books Trust Limited main distributors of publications and considered to be a key organisation with which it co-operates in pursuit of its charitable objectives.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

Directors' Responsibility Statement

The directors (who are also trustees of Floris Books Trust Limited for the purpose of charity law) are responsible for preparing the Director's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material differences 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

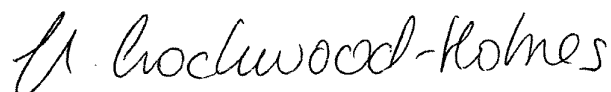
The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all relevant steps that they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

By Order of the Board



Katy Lockwood-Holmes
Company Secretary

19 May 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF FLORIS BOOKS TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Floris Books Trust Limited ("the charitable company") for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cashflows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Act 2011 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Basis for opinion

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 charitable company 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 directors' 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 charitable company'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 directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the directors' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the directors 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF FLORIS BOOKS TRUST LIMITED
(Continued)**

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirements to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors (who are also the trustees of the charitable company for the purposes of charity law) 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the charitable company'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 directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Act 2011 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF FLORIS BOOKS TRUST LIMITED
(Continued)**

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outline above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of charity management and those charged with governance to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including the testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of the charity's activities and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and to the charitable company's directors, as a body, in accordance with section 44 (1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Act 2011 and Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and its directors 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 company, the company's members as a body, and its directors as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Paul Marshall (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of MHA, Statutory Auditor
6 St Colme Street
Edinburgh
EH3 6AD

19 May 2025

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FLORIS BOOKS TRUST LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Charitable activities	2	2,311,180	8,281	2,319,461	2,362,274
Donations and legacies	3	3,551	-	3,551	3,551
Other trading activities	4	3,000	-	3,000	2,500
Investments	5	18,093	-	18,093	11,050
Total income		<u>2,335,824</u>	<u>8,281</u>	<u>2,344,105</u>	<u>2,379,375</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	(2,226,517)	(8,281)	(2,234,798)	(2,296,626)
Total expenditure		<u>(2,226,517)</u>	<u>(8,281)</u>	<u>(2,234,798)</u>	<u>(2,296,626)</u>
Net income and movement in funds	9	109,307	-	109,307	82,749
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,378,029</u>	-	<u>2,378,029</u>	<u>2,295,280</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u>2,487,336</u>	-	<u>2,487,336</u>	<u>2,378,029</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing operations.

FLORIS BOOKS TRUST LIMITED

**BALANCE SHEET
at 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	11	5,243	11,266
Investments	12	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
		<u>10,243</u>	<u>16,266</u>
Current Assets			
Stocks	13	725,512	733,883
Debtors	14	761,218	775,291
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,537,926</u>	<u>1,367,362</u>
		3,024,656	2,876,536
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(516,887)</u>	<u>(484,097)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>2,507,769</u>	<u>2,392,439</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		2,518,012	2,408,705
Provisions for liabilities	16	<u>(30,676)</u>	<u>(30,676)</u>
Net Assets		<u>2,487,336</u>	<u>2,378,029</u>
The funds of the charity:			
General Funds - unrestricted	17	2,487,336	2,378,029
Designated Funds	17	-	-
Restricted Funds	17	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>2,487,336</u>	<u>2,378,029</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the charitable company.

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the directors on 19 May 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:



Lesley Taylor
Director

Company Registration Number: 02398655

FLORIS BOOKS TRUST LIMITED

**RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<i>Net income for the reporting period (as per the SOFA)</i>	109,307	82,749
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	6,690	6,623
Interest from investments	(18,093)	(11,050)
Decrease in stocks	8,371	183,666
Decrease in debtors	14,073	91,011
Increase in creditors	32,790	18,734
	<u>153,138</u>	<u>371,733</u>
<i>Net cash provided by operating activities</i>	<u>153,138</u>	<u>371,733</u>

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
<i>Net cash provided by operating activities</i>	<u>153,138</u>	<u>371,733</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest from investments	18,093	11,050
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(667)	-
	<u>17,426</u>	<u>11,050</u>
<i>Net cash flow provided by investing activities</i>	<u>17,426</u>	<u>11,050</u>
<i>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</i>	170,564	382,783
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>1,367,362</u>	<u>984,579</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>1,537,926</u>	<u>1,367,362</u>

FLORIS BOOKS TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

The charitable company's principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period.

a) *Company status*

Floris Books Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

b) *Basis of accounting*

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 in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

Floris Books Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

Based on the charitable company's business plans and the related expected financial outcomes, the directors deem it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis which assumes that the charitable company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

c) *Income recognition*

Income is recognised when the charitable company is entitled to the income, any performance conditions attached have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income from grants and donations, including government grants, is recognised when the charitable company has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grant or donation have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies (continued)

d) *Expenditure*

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes any irrecoverable VAT.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charitable company in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs which can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charitable company and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charitable company.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, while others are apportioned on an appropriate basis as set out in notes 6-8.

e) *Tangible fixed assets*

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each assets evenly over its expected useful life as follows:

Tenants improvements	- over the term of the lease
Fixtures and fittings	- over 4 years

f) *Investments*

The investment is viewed as a programme related investment held to further the charitable objectives and its fair value is deemed to relate to its cost.

g) *Stocks*

Finished goods and work in progress have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Provision is made for obsolete, slow moving and defective stock with the cost of a new publication written off evenly over 50 months.

h) *Debtors*

Trade debtors are recognised at settlement amount due after any discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

i) *Cash at bank and in hand*

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies (continued)

j) *Creditors and provisions*

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charitable company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement date after allowing for any discounts due.

k) *Financial instruments*

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

l) *Foreign exchange*

Assets and liabilities denoted in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate applicable to the balance sheet date. Exchange gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

m) *Pensions*

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme held personally by staff. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable.

n) *Operating leases*

Rental charges are charged on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

o) *Fund accounting*

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company. Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

p) *Taxation*

Floris Books Trust Limited has been accorded charitable status for tax purposes. For the year ended 31 December 2024 it is considered the company's activities were within the scope of the charitable status and accordingly no provision for taxation is necessary.

FLORIS BOOKS TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

2 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Books and incidental sales income	2,311,180	2,346,798
Grants	<u>8,281</u>	<u>15,476</u>
	<u><u>2,319,461</u></u>	<u><u>2,362,274</u></u>

The income from charitable activities was £2,319,461 (2023: £2,362,274) of which £2,311,180 was unrestricted (2023: £2,346,798) and £8,281 was restricted (2023: £15,476).

3 Donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Contribution received from landlord for Tenant's improvements	<u>3,551</u>	<u>3,551</u>

Income from donations and legacies was unrestricted in both the current and prior year.

4 Other trading activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Consulting income	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>

Income from other trading activities was unrestricted in both the current and prior year.

5 Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest received	<u>18,093</u>	<u>11,050</u>

Income from investments was unrestricted in both the current and prior year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost of books sold	911,600	1,004,908
Distribution and advertising	527,658	538,487
Travel and book fairs	11,417	10,377
Trade subscriptions	1,896	1,842
Carbon offset scheme	15,523	14,986
Foreign exchange gain	(82,109)	(36,099)
Donations and grants	20,000	10,000
Support costs (see note 7)	811,178	734,893
Governance costs (see note 8)	17,635	17,232
	<u>2,234,798</u>	<u>2,296,626</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £2,234,798 (2023: £2,296,626) of which £2,226,517 was unrestricted (2023: £2,281,150) and £8,281 was restricted (2023: £15,476).

7 Support costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and consultancy	713,199	645,709
Postage and stationery	11,314	8,683
Depreciation	6,690	6,623
Property expenses and insurances	71,493	65,768
Legal and professional fees	2,629	2,480
Sundry expenses	5,853	5,630
	<u>811,178</u>	<u>734,893</u>

8 Governance costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Audit and accounting fees	7,715	7,345
Salaries and consultancy	9,920	9,887
	<u>17,635</u>	<u>17,232</u>

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9	Net income for the year	2024	2023
		£	£
	<i>Stated after charging/(crediting):</i>		
	Depreciation of fixed assets	6,690	6,623
	Auditors' remuneration	7,715	7,345
	Operating lease payments	13,571	11,579
	Foreign exchange (gain)	<u>(82,109)</u>	<u>(36,099)</u>
10	Employee information	2024	2023
		£	£
	<i>Staff costs during the year amounted to:</i>		
	Wages and salaries	642,530	575,996
	Social security costs	48,902	42,741
	Employer pension costs	<u>31,687</u>	<u>28,484</u>
		<u>723,119</u>	<u>647,221</u>
	Other staff costs	<u>-</u>	<u>8,375</u>
		<u><u>723,119</u></u>	<u><u>655,596</u></u>

The average monthly number of employees on a FTE basis, excluding directors, during the year was 19 (2023: 17).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £72,929 (2023: £80,084). The key management personnel comprise the Chief Executive and Editor (2023: Chief Executive and Editor).

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 in either the current or prior year.

No travel expenses were reimbursed to any directors during the year (2023: £Nil).

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11 Tangible fixed assets	Tenants Improvements £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	30,676	10,370	41,046
Additions	-	667	667
Disposals	-	(422)	(422)
	<u>30,676</u>	<u>10,615</u>	<u>41,291</u>
At 31 December 2024			
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	20,410	9,370	29,780
Charge for the year	6,123	567	6,690
Released on disposal	-	(422)	(422)
	<u>26,533</u>	<u>9,515</u>	<u>36,048</u>
At 31 December 2024			
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>4,143</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>5,243</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>10,266</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>11,266</u>

12 Investments

5,000 ordinary shares of £1 each are held in Scottish Book Source. Scottish Book Source are contracted to act as agents and book distributors for the company. These are reported at cost in the financial statements at £5,000 (2023: £5,000).

13 Stocks	2024 £	2023 £
Work in progress	166,976	126,051
Publications for resale	<u>558,536</u>	<u>607,832</u>
	<u>725,512</u>	<u>733,883</u>

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14	Debtors	2024	2023
		£	£
	Trade debtors	699,621	712,453
	Other debtors	<u>61,597</u>	<u>62,838</u>
		<u>761,218</u>	<u>775,291</u>
15	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
		£	£
	Trade creditors	491,949	466,491
	Accruals	12,551	10,584
	Deferred income	-	942
	Other creditors	<u>12,387</u>	<u>6,080</u>
		<u>516,887</u>	<u>484,097</u>

Deferred Income 2024

	Balance 1 January 2024 £	Deferred in year £	Released in year £	Balance 31 December 2024 £
Bologna Children's Book Festival grant	<u>942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(942)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(942)</u>	<u>-</u>

The above amounts were released as the Bologna Children's Book Festival took place in 2024.

Deferred Income 2023

	Balance 1 January 2023 £	Deferred in year £	Released in year £	Balance 31 December 2023 £
Bologna Children's Book Festival grant	<u>-</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>942</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>942</u>

The above amounts were deferred on the basis that these were to be carried over for the purpose of the Bologna Children's Book Festival due to take place in 2024.

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16	Provisions for liabilities	2024	2023
		£	£
	Dilapidation charge	<u>30,676</u>	<u>30,676</u>

The provision for dilapidation is in respect of ensuring the leased office premises are returned to their original condition and will come into effect on the termination of the lease.

17	Funds	Balance at				Balance at
	2024	1 January				31 December
		2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds:					
	<i>General</i>	<u>2,378,029</u>	<u>2,335,824</u>	<u>(2,226,517)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,487,336</u>
	Restricted funds:					
	<i>Book publication grants</i>					
	Christian Community	-	4,339	(4,339)	-	-
	Other	-	3,942	(3,942)	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>8,281</u>	<u>(8,281)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	Total funds	<u>2,378,029</u>	<u>2,344,105</u>	<u>(2,234,798)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,487,336</u>
	Funds	Balance at				Balance at
	2023	1 January				31 December
		2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds:					
	<i>General</i>	2,280,280	2,363,899	(2,266,164)	14	2,378,029
	<i>Designated</i>					
	Carbon footprint offset charge	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,986)</u>	<u>(14)</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>2,295,280</u>	<u>2,363,899</u>	<u>(2,281,150)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,378,029</u>
	Restricted funds:					
	<i>Book publication grants</i>					
	Christian Community	-	13,276	(13,276)	-	-
	Other	-	2,200	(2,200)	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>15,476</u>	<u>(15,476)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	Total funds	<u>2,295,280</u>	<u>2,379,375</u>	<u>(2,296,626)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,378,029</u>

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17 Funds (continued)

Restricted funds

Book publication grants

This fund represents grants received in the year for the publication of specific book titles.

19 Analysis of net funds	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fixed assets	10,243	-	10,243
Net current assets	2,507,769	-	2,507,769
Provisions for liabilities	(30,676)	-	(30,676)
	<u>2,487,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,487,336</u>
Net assets at 31 December 2024			
Fixed assets	16,266	-	16,266
Net Current assets	2,392,439	-	2,392,439
Provisions for liabilities	(30,676)	-	(30,676)
	<u>2,378,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,378,029</u>
Net assets at 31 December 2023			

20 Financial commitments

At the year end the charitable company had minimum future commitment under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 Buildings £	2023 Buildings £
Not later than one year	24,347	35,508
Between two and five years	-	24,347
	<u>24,347</u>	<u>59,855</u>

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21 Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,367,362</u>	<u>170,564</u>	<u>1,537,926</u>

22 Related parties

During the year the charitable company paid charges relating to the distribution of publications amounting to £185,899 (2023: £188,258) to Scottish Book Source Limited, a company in which K Lockwood-Holmes is a director. Income was also received by the charitable company of £1,094,727 (2023: £1,134,918) from the sale of publications by Scottish Book Source Limited, and £3,000 (2023: £2,500) for consultancy fees provided. There was bad debt write offs of £1,478 (2023: £Nil) during the year and there was a balance of £269,049 (2023: £271,394) due from Scottish Book Source Limited to Floris Books at 31 December 2024.

Total donations of £20,000 (2023: £10,000) were also made in the year to the Christian Community International and Christian Community Great Britain, organisations which are part of The Christian Community Trustees Limited, of which C Maclean is a director. Of this amount donations of £10,000 (2023: £10,000) were in connection with the Christian Community Book Fund. There was a balance of £10,000 outstanding at the year-end (2023: £Nil).

A fee of £56 (2023: £Nil) was paid to Edinburgh Steiner School Trust Limited in the year, a company in which C Maclean is a director.