

**CHARITY NUMBER: 526031**

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION  
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

The Council of the Old Birkonian Society, on behalf of the Trustees for the Birkenhead School Endowment Fund in connection with the Birkenhead School Limited, whose working name is The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund, presents its report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Fund's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**Objectives and Activities for the public benefit**

The Fund was set up by its governing trust deed dated 21 November 1928 as an unincorporated charitable body. Day to day management of the Fund is devolved to the Council of the Old Birkonian Society. The trustees, through the Council, have the power to spend or retain both capital and income and so the fund is classed as expendable endowment.

The purposes of the Fund are set out in detail in the Trust Deed, but can be summarised as the advancement of education at Birkenhead School for such purposes as the Council of the Old Birkonian Society shall think fit, but principally through the making of grants to Birkenhead School. The Council confirms that it has referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Fund's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the grant making policy for the year.

The Fund furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant-making policy which aims at:

- Financing scholarships and bursaries provided by Birkenhead School in order to assist pupils and potential pupils whose financial circumstances are such that they are unable to meet the fee obligation.
- Providing grants to Birkenhead School for specific capital projects that will improve the fabric of the educational establishment.

By focusing on these areas, the Fund achieves its strategic priority of maintaining both the continuity of education by Birkenhead School, and also providing the opportunity for those unable to meet the fee obligation to attend and receive the benefit of the education provided by the school.

**Grant making policy**

The Fund has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit. The Fund's aim is to provide educational opportunities through Birkenhead School, and in particular to those who are unable to meet the fee obligation.

The Fund meets on an at least an annual basis with the senior management of Birkenhead School who presents a formal request for assistance, having identified pupils requiring bursary assistance. The request is considered by the Council and the decision on the level of funding to be provided agreed.

**Achievements, Performance and Financial Review**

The benefits of the Fund's work are the provision of a Birkenhead School education to pupils that would otherwise be unable to attend the school. The Council is pleased that the continuing success of the school is testament to the level of education delivered and that such an education is available to those who would not otherwise be able to take advantage is evidence of the delivery of benefits through the Fund.

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The Fund's work is entirely reliant on income and investment returns from its endowments. The investments are managed on a total return basis. Investment income performance in 2021 continues to be stable and in 2021 the overall value of the portfolio increased in value by £152,960 – 11.4% (2020: £108,044 – 8.7%). Overall, the Fund increased in 2021 by £155,662 to £1,582,915.

Investment returns remain stable in volatile markets, especially in light of the pandemic, and a gain on disposal of investments of £89,869 was realised (2020: £25,237). Overall, the Fund had a small net loss of £10,004 (2020: £1,695 loss) before overall investment gains of £166,666 (2020: £49,482).

In 2020, the Fund reinstated the Old Birkonian War Memorial Scholarships, dormant for many years, to provide assistance for those entering at Sixth Form level. Also, The Neil Gracey Memorial Fund, a restricted fund within the Old Birkonian War Memorial and Scholarship Fund, instituted in order to provide fee assistance for a potentially talented student of financially disadvantaged parents, exhausted its funds during 2020. The Trustees of both that fund and this have committed to continue such fee funding for the future, and support of £14,867 was provided in 2021 to enable this.

**Investment policy and performance**

The underlying objective is to achieve a balanced return from both income and capital whilst accepting a moderated degree of risk. Within this overall objective, the Trustees aim to generate an income return so as to maintain the level of grant to Birkenhead School whilst maintaining the real value of capital in order to maintain the viability of the charity for future beneficiaries.

The performance of the Fund's investment portfolio will be measured, broadly, in reference to the WMA Balanced index.

**Risk management**

The Trustees recognise the risks associated with investment in mainstream financial markets and accept this risk in return for the prospect of additional returns over the long term. As such, they wish to remain largely invested at all time, subject to cash reserves held as part of the investment management process to cover known liabilities such as fees. The investments should be well diversified and include a range of assets such as fixed interest stocks, UK shares, overseas shares and alternative investments. In light of the size of the investment portfolio, exposure to these asset classes should be through collective investment funds.

The investment management of the fund has been mandated to Rathbone Investment Management on a discretionary basis.

**Reserves policy**

Whilst Council is seeking to rebuild the Fund's investment funds, following volatile financial markets over the past decade, the overall aim is to maintain so far as is possible the investment fund, distributing income.

The balance of unrestricted funds at 31 December 2021 was £1,583,915

**Plans for Future Periods**

The Council confirms its commitment to provide as much assistance as possible to Birkenhead School in future years.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)**

**Structure, governance and management**

The Fund is a registered charity, number 526031. The Fund was set up by its governing trust deed dated 21 November 1928 as an unincorporated charitable body.

Day to day management of the Fund is devolved to the Council of the Old Birkonian Society. New Trustees are appointed periodically. However, the Council of the Old Birkonian Society consists of members who are elected on an annual basis at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Council meets at least four times per year at which meetings the performance of the fund is considered. Council is assisted by professional investment managers.

**Key management personnel remuneration**

Neither the Trustees nor the members of the Council of the Old Birkonian Society are remunerated.

**Reference and administrative information**

**Board of Trustees**

Trevor Mathew-Jones

Andrew Maxwell (resigned 19 April 2022)

William Nute

Daniel Ellis (appointed 30 August 2022)

**Chair, Old Birkonian Society**

Will Roberts

**Hon Treasurer, Old Birkonian Society**

Trevor Mathew-Jones

**Registered Charity Number:** 526031

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**Investment Managers**

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**Independent Examiner**

J Ellis, DSG, Castle Chambers, 43 Castle Street, Liverpool L2 9TL

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)**

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The charity's trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year 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 year.

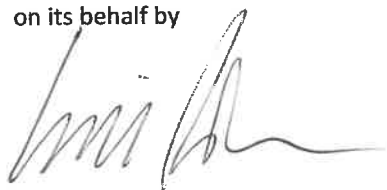
In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principle in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that 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, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Approved by the Council of the Old Birkonian Society, on behalf of the Trustees on 31 October 2022, and signed on its behalf by



**W Roberts**  
Chair

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund in connection with The Birkenhead School Limited**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Birkenhead School Endowment Fund ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



**Jean Ellis BA FCA CTA**  
**For and on behalf of:**  
**DSG**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Liverpool**  
**31 October 2022**

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION  
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Investments		38,110	35,336
Donations		4,008	4,305
Bank interest received		9	120
		<u>42,127</u>	<u>39,761</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>			
Investment managers' fees	3	<u>14,967</u>	<u>13,402</u>
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Grants to Birkenhead School	4	20,797	18,150
Neil Gracey Memorial Grant		14,867	-
Grant to Old Birkonian War Memorial & Scholarship Fund		<u>-</u>	<u>8,205</u>
<i>Governance Costs</i>	5	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,699</u>
		<u>52,131</u>	<u>41,456</u>
<b>Net incoming and net movement in funds before gains on investments</b>		<b>(10,004)</b>	<b>(1,695)</b>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	8	166,666	49,482
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>156,662</u>	<u>47,787</u>
Total Funds at 1 January 2021		1,427,253	1,379,466
<b>Total Funds at 31 December 2021</b>		<u>1,583,915</u>	<u>1,427,253</u>



**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investments	8		1,496,400		1,343,440
<b>Current Assets</b>	9				
Debtors		-		4,145	
Balances at Bank		101,056		94,019	
		<u>101,056</u>		<u>98,164</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors under 1 year	10		13,541	14,351	
<b>Net current assets</b>			87,515		83,813
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>1,583,915</u>		<u>1,427,253</u>
Financed by:					
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted General Funds	11		1,209,094		1,129,229
Unrealised investment gains	11		374,821		298,024
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>			<u>1,583,915</u>		<u>1,427,253</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Council of the Old Birkenian Society, on behalf of the Trustees, on 31 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by



**W Roberts**  
Chair



**T J Mathew-Jones**  
Hon Treasurer

**BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**1 Accounting Policies**

**Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The 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 to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

**Going concern**

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

**Fund Structure**

The Fund has a single permanent endowment. Endowment funds are unrestricted and comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on general funds and cumulative realised and unrealised gains on property. They are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Fund's charitable objectives.

As in previous years, the financial statements include the Neil Gracey Memorial Fund set up in memory of the passionate and long standing supporter of both Birkenhead School and the Old Birkonian Society. The funds in respect of this Fund are transferred to the Birkenhead School War Memorial Scholarship Fund.

**Income recognition**

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

Donations are recognised when the Fund has been notified in writing of both the amount and the settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the Fund is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Fund and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor of the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by the Fund's investment advisors of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

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**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Fund to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution please refer below.

Grants payable are payments made to Birkenhead School in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Fund. Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make the grant has been communicated to the School.

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to accounts examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

No support costs are incurred by the Fund.

**Charitable activities**

Costs of charitable activities include grants made to Birkenhead School and governance costs.

**Fixed asset investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Fund does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the Fund is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

**Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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**Contingent liabilities**

A contingent liability is identified and disclosed for those grants resulting from:

- a possible obligation which will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the Trustees' control; or
- a present obligation following a grant offer where settlement is either not considered probable; or
- the amount has not been communicated in the grant offer and that amount cannot be reliably estimated.

**2 Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration.**

The trustees and members of the Council of the Old Birkenian Society all give freely of their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or in kind or of reimbursement of expenses.

**3 Investment management costs**

Investment management costs are represented by fees charged by the Fund's investment advisors.

In 2021 and 2020 all of the investment advisor's costs were attributable to endowment funds.

**4 Charitable grants**

Grants are represented by bursary support grants to Birkenhead School in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Fund.

**5 Governance costs**

Governance costs are represented by the independent examiner's costs.

**6 Staff costs and remuneration of key management personnel**

The Fund has no staff and no individual received any remuneration during either 2021 or 2020.

**7 Independent examiner's costs**

The independent examiner's remuneration consisted of an examination fee of £1,320 (2020: £1,320)

**8 Fixed Asset Investments**

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Movement in fixed asset listed investments:</b>		
<b>Cost</b>		
Cost at 1 January 2021	1,045,416	961,617
Additions	500,036	609,195
Disposal proceeds	(513,742)	(550,633)
Profit/(Loss) on disposal of investments	89,869	25,237
Cost at 31 December 2021	<u>1,121,579</u>	<u>1,045,416</u>
Unrealised gains on restatement to market value	<u>374,821</u>	<u>298,024</u>
<b>Market value at 31 December 2021</b>	<u><u>1,496,400</u></u>	<u><u>1,343,440</u></u>

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<b>8 Fixed Asset Investments</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>Net gains on investments comprise:</b>		
Profit/(loss) on disposal of investments	89,869	25,237
Movement in unrealised gains for the year	<u>76,797</u>	<u>24,245</u>
	<u>166,666</u>	<u>49,482</u>
<b>9 Analysis of current assets</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Birkenhead School – Grants in advance	-	4,145
Balances at bank	<u>101,056</u>	<u>94,019</u>
	<u>101,056</u>	<u>98,164</u>
<b>10 Analysis of current liabilities - creditors under 1 year</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Old Birkonian Society	6,226	7,036
Prize & Scholarship Fund	5,815	5,815
Accruals	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>13,541</u>	<u>14,351</u>
<b>11 Funds of the Charity</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>General Funds</b>		
At 1 January 2021	1,129,229	1,105,687
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>79,865</u>	<u>23,542</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,209,094</u>	<u>1,129,229</u>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>Unrealised investment gains</b>		
At 1 January 2021	298,024	273,779
Movement for the year	<u>76,797</u>	<u>24,245</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>374,821</u>	<u>298,024</u>

**THE OLD BIRKONIAN SOCIETY**  
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**THE OLD BIRKONIAN SOCIETY  
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO THE OLD BIRKONIAN SOCIETY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of The Old Birkonian Society for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and notes from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at [www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance](http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance).

This report is made solely to the Board of Trustees of The Old Birkonian Society, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of The Old Birkonian Society and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Trustees of The Old Birkonian Society, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 08/16. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Old Birkonian Society and its Board of Trustees as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that The Old Birkonian Society has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of The Old Birkonian Society. You consider that The Old Birkonian Society is exempt from both the statutory audit requirement and requirement for an Independent Examination for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of The Old Birkonian Society. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

DSG Chartered Accountants,

**DSG  
Chartered Accountants  
Liverpool  
31 October 2022**



**THE OLD BIRKONIAN SOCIETY  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	878	913
Life Member Subscriptions	17,138	15,811
Investment income	1,535	1,437
Gain on disposal of investments	-	1,113
Bank interest received	-	2
Surplus on sales of memorabilia and publications	-	-
	<u>19,551</u>	<u>19,276</u>
<b>Direct expenditure</b>		
Golf	528	-
Netball	-	-
Leavers' memorabilia	1,709	1,625
<b>Other expenditure</b>		
Printing and postage	3,378	5,696
Archives	564	883
Website costs	216	216
OB Dinners and lunches	-	1,085
Accountancy fees	1,544	1,767
Investment management fees	523	500
Sundry	38	72
	<u>6,263</u>	<u>10,219</u>
<b>Net incoming resources for the year</b>	<b>11,051</b>	<b>7,432</b>
Movement in Deferred Life Member Funds	873	546
Movement on net unrealised investment gains and losses	<u>2,448</u>	<u>(1,536)</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>14,372</b>	<b>6,442</b>
Total Funds at 1 January 2021	<u>110,540</u>	<u>104,098</u>
<b>Total Funds at 31 December 2021</b>	<b><u>124,912</u></b>	<b><u>110,540</u></b>

**THE OLD BIRKONIAN SOCIETY  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investments	2		49,285		46,837
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Stock		575		575	
Debtors and prepayments	3	48,890		42,527	
Balances at Bank		39,228		36,692	
		<u>88,693</u>		<u>79,794</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors and accruals	4	13,066		16,091	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>75,627</u>		<u>63,703</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
			<u>124,912</u>		<u>110,540</u>
Financed by:					
<b>Accumulated General Fund</b>					
General Funds	5		82,507		71,456
Deferred Life Member Funds	6		36,764		35,891
Unrealised investment gains	7		5,641		3,193
			<u>124,912</u>		<u>110,540</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
			<u>124,912</u>		<u>110,540</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Council of the Old Birkonian Society on 31 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



**W Roberts  
Chairman**



**T J Mathew-Jones  
Hon Treasurer**

**THE OLD BIRKONIAN SOCIETY  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**1 Accounting Policies**

The 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 to these accounts.

**Stock**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

**Fund Accounting**

General Funds are unrestricted and comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on general funds and cumulative realised and unrealised gains on investments. They are available for use at the discretion of the Council in furtherance of the Society's objectives.

**Deferred Life Member Funds**

Life Member Subscriptions are transferred to income over 7 years from the date of payment or of leaving the school whichever is the later.

The Pupil Life Member Subscriptions consist of subscription instalments paid by pupils over a period of 7 years, the course of their education at Birkenhead School. On leaving school their accumulated subscriptions are transferred to General Life Member Subscriptions and are transferred to income in accordance with the policy for those subscriptions.

**2 Fixed Asset Investments**

	2021 £	2020 £
Market value at 1 January 2021	46,837	48,102
Purchases	-	43,644
Proceeds of disposal	-	(44,486)
Surplus/(Loss) on disposal	-	1,113
Movement in unrealised gains on restatement to market value (see note 7)	2,448	(1,536)
<b>Market value at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>49,285</b>	<b>46,837</b>

**THE OLD BIRKONIAN SOCIETY  
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**3 Debtors**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Endowment Fund	6,226	-
Prize Fund	37,172	37,172
Birkenhead School	5,355	5,355
Golf	137	-
	<u>48,890</u>	<u>42,527</u>

**4 Creditors**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions in advance	10,666	11,667
Endowment Fund	-	2,824
Accruals	2,400	1,600
	<u>13,066</u>	<u>16,091</u>

**5 General Funds**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 January 2021	71,456	64,024
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	11,051	7,432
	<u>82,507</u>	<u>71,456</u>

**6 Deferred Life Member Funds**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Pupil Subscriptions</b>		
At 1 January 2021	22,140	22,568
Additions	18,011	16,357
Transferred to Life Member subscriptions	<u>(17,986)</u>	<u>(16,785)</u>
	22,165	22,140
<b>Life Member Subscriptions</b>		
At 1 January 2021	13,751	12,777
Additions	-	-
Transferred from Pupil Subscriptions	17,986	16,785
Transferred to income	<u>(17,138)</u>	<u>(15,811)</u>
	14,599	13,751
<b>Deferred Life Member Funds at 31 December 2021</b>	<u>36,764</u>	<u>35,891</u>

**THE OLD BIRKONIAN SOCIETY  
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**7 Unrealised Investment Gains and losses**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 January 2021	3,193	4,729
Movement for the year	<u>2,448</u>	<u>(1,536)</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>5,641</u>	<u>3,193</u>

**WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 1939/45 WAR MEMORIAL FUND  
IN CONNEXION WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED**

**REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 1939/45 WAR MEMORIAL FUND  
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**WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 1939/45 WAR MEMORIAL FUND  
IN CONNEXION WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED  
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

The Council of the Old Birkonian Society, on behalf of the Trustees for the War Memorial Scholarship Fund and the 1939/45 War Memorial Fund in connexion with the Birkenhead School Limited, whose working name is Old Birkonian Society – Prize and Scholarship Fund, presents its report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Fund's trust deed, 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 2019)".

**Objectives and Activities for the public benefit**

The Fund was set up by its governing trust deed dated 21 March 1923 and the subsequent declaration of Trust dated 6 March 1967, as an unincorporated charitable body. Day to day management of the Fund is devolved to the Council of the Old Birkonian Society. The trustees, through the Council, have the power to spend or retain both capital and income and so the fund is classed as an expendable endowment.

The purposes of the Fund are set out in detail in the Trust Deed but can be summarised as the advancement of education at Birkenhead School by providing scholarship funds to Birkenhead School. The Council confirms that it has referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Fund's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the grant making policy for the year.

The Fund furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant-making policy which aims at:

- Providing scholarship funds to Birkenhead School for pupils who have shown diligence and excellence in excess of the expected level

In addition to the General Fund, the Neil Gracey Memorial Fund was a restricted fund set up in 2007 in memory of the passionate and long-standing supporter of both the School and the Old Birkonian. The restricted fund provided assistance with fees for potential pupils whose financial circumstances were such that they were unable to meet the fee obligation. This fund was exhausted in 2020; however, The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund, a related charity, has committed to continue support in Neil Gracey's name.

By focusing on these areas, the Fund achieves its strategic priority of maintaining both the continuity of education by Birkenhead School, and also providing the opportunity for those unable to meet the fee obligation to attend and receive the benefit of the education provided by the school.

**Grant making policy**

The Fund has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit. The Fund's aim is to provide educational opportunities through Birkenhead School, in particular those deserving of recognition of their excellence.

The Fund meets on at least an annual basis with the senior management of Birkenhead School who presents a formal request for assistance, having identified pupils deserving of recognition by way of a scholarship. The request is considered by the Council and the decision on the level of funding to be provided agreed.



**WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 1939/45 WAR MEMORIAL FUND  
IN CONNEXION WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED  
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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**Achievements, Performance and Financial Review**

The benefits of the Fund's work are the recognition of educational excellence and, through the Neil Gracey Memorial Fund, the provision of a Birkenhead School education to a pupil or pupils that would otherwise be unable to attend the school. The Council is pleased that the continuing success of the school is testament to the level of education delivered and that such an education is available to those who would not otherwise be able to take advantage is evidence of the delivery of benefits through the Fund.

The Fund's work is entirely reliant on income and investment returns from its endowments. The investments are managed on a total return basis. Overall, the unrestricted Fund increased in 2021 by £7,591 to £233,012.

Income levels in 2021 increased slightly. Overall, the Fund showed a net gain before investment gains and losses of £4,284 (2020: deficit of £5,225) and a gain of £7,591 (2020: deficit of £3,995) after the adjustment to market value on investments.

The Fund will continue to support Birkenhead School to the fullest extent possible, although no scholarship grants were made in either 2021 or 2020, though grants will recommence in coming years following the reinstatement of Old Birkenhead Ware Memorial Scholarships, providing Sixth Form access opportunities.

As noted above, the Neil Gracey Memorial Fund was exhausted in 2020, due to the continuing payment of fees in respect of a deserving individual as flagged in the previous accounts. Again as noted, a deserving individual will continue to be assisted, in Neil's memory.

**Investment policy and performance**

The underlying objective is to achieve a balanced return from both income and capital whilst accepting a moderated degree of risk. Within this overall objective, the Trustees aim to generate an income return so as to maintain the level of grant to Birkenhead School whilst maintaining the real value of capital in order to maintain the viability of the charity for future beneficiaries.

The performance of the Fund's investment portfolio will be measured, broadly, in reference to the WMA Balanced index.

**Risk management**

The Trustees recognise the risks associated with investment in mainstream financial markets and accept this risk in return for the prospect of additional returns over the long term. As such, they wish to remain largely invested at all time, subject to cash reserves held as part of the investment management process to cover known liabilities such as fees. The investments should be well diversified and include a range of assets such as fixed interest stocks, UK shares, overseas shares and alternative investments. In light of the size of the investment portfolio, exposure to these asset classes should be through collective investment funds.

The investment management of the fund has been mandated to Rathbone Investment Management on a discretionary basis.

**Reserves policy**

The Council is seeking to rebuild the Fund's investment funds, the overall aim is to maintain so far as is possible the investment fund, distributing income.

The balance of unrestricted funds at 31 December 2021 was £233,012.

**WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 1939/45 WAR MEMORIAL FUND  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)**

**Plans for Future Periods**

The Council confirms its commitment to provide assistance to Birkenhead School in 2022 and in future years.

**Structure, governance and management**

The Fund is a registered charity, number 529958. The Fund was set up by its governing trust deed dated 21 March 1923 as an unincorporated charitable body, and by a subsequent declaration of trust dated 6 March 1967, certain other small, related funds were incorporated within the overall umbrella of the Prize and Scholarship Fund.

Day to day management of the Fund is devolved to the Council of the Old Birkonian Society. New Trustees are appointed periodically. In 2019 a change in Trustees did take place following the retirement of two trustees who no longer had regular involvement with the Old Birkonian Society and thus the Fund. However, the Council of the Old Birkonian Society consists of members who are elected on an annual basis at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Council meets at least four times per year at which meetings the performance of the fund is considered. Council is assisted by professional investment managers.

**Key management personnel remuneration**

Neither the Trustees nor the members of the Council of the Old Birkonian Society are remunerated.

**Reference and administrative information**

**Board of Trustees**

Trevor Mathew-Jones  
Andrew Maxwell (resigned 19 April 2022)  
William Nute  
Daniel Ellis (appointed 30 August 2022)

**Chair, Old Birkonian Society**

Will Roberts

**Hon Treasurer, Old Birkonian Society**

Trevor Mathew-Jones

**Registered Charity Number:** 529958

**Correspondence Address**

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**Bankers**

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**Independent Examiner**

J Ellis, DSG, Castle Chambers, 43 Castle Street, Liverpool L2 9TL

**WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 1939/45 WAR MEMORIAL FUND  
IN CONNEXION WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED  
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)**

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The charity's trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year 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 year.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principle in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that 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, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Approved by the Council of the Old Birkenian Society, on behalf of the Trustees on 31 October 2022, and signed on its behalf by



**W Roberts**  
**Chair**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the War Memorial Scholarship Fund and the 1939/45 War Memorial Fund in connexion with the Birkenhead School Limited**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the War Memorial Scholarship Fund and the 1939/45 War Memorial Fund in connexion with the Birkenhead School Limited ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



**Jean Ellis BA FCA CTA**  
**For and on behalf of:**  
**DSG**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Liverpool**  
**31 October 2022**

**WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 1939/45 WAR MEMORIAL FUND  
IN CONNEXION WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	2021			2020
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Investment income	-	2,701	2,701	1,831
Bank interest received	-	1	1	8
Rental income	-	2,500	2,500	1,667
Donation from Endowment Fund	-	-	-	8,205
	-	<b>5,202</b>	<b>5,202</b>	<b>11,711</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<i>Costs of raising funds</i>				
Investment managers' fees (note 3)	-	918	918	864
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Prizes and scholarships (note 4)	-	-	-	16,072
	-	918	918	16,936
<b>Net incoming and net movement in funds before gains on investments</b>	-	<b>4,284</b>	<b>4,284</b>	<b>(5,225)</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments (note 8)	-	3,307	3,307	1,230
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	-	<b>7,591</b>	<b>7,591</b>	<b>(3,995)</b>
Total Funds at 1 January 2021	-	225,421	225,421	229,416
<b>Total Funds at 31 December 2021</b>	-	<b>233,012</b>	<b>233,012</b>	<b>225,421</b>

**WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 1939/45 WAR MEMORIAL FUND  
IN CONNEXION WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Freehold Property	6		162,387		162,387
Investments	7		85,695		82,388
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	9	5,815		7,482	
Balances at Bank	9	17,120		10,336	
		<u>22,935</u>		<u>17,818</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors	10	38,005		37,172	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>(15,070)</u>		<u>(19,354)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
			<u><b>233,012</b></u>		<u><b>225,421</b></u>
Financed by:					
<b>Accumulated General Fund</b>					
General Funds (Unrestricted)	11		75,940		71,656
Unrealised investment and property gains	11		157,072		153,765
Restricted Fund – Neil Gracey Memorial Fund	11		-		-
			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	12		<u><b>233,012</b></u>		<u><b>225,421</b></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Council of the Old Birkenian Society, on behalf of the Trustees, 31 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by



**W Roberts**  
Chair



**TJ Mathew-Jones**  
Hon Treasurer

**WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 1939/45 WAR MEMORIAL FUND  
IN CONNEXION WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**1 Accounting Policies**

**Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The 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 to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

**Going concern**

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

**Fund Structure**

The Fund consists of a single unrestricted permanent endowment together with the Neil Gracey Memorial Fund, a restricted endowment. General endowment funds are unrestricted and comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on general funds and cumulative realised and unrealised gains on property and investments. They are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Fund's charitable objectives.

In addition, the financial statements include the Neil Gracey Memorial Fund, a restricted fund, set up in memory of the passionate and long standing supporter of both Birkenhead School and the Old Birkenian Society. Neil Gracey Memorial funds are restricted and comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on such funds. They are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Fund's charitable objective, that of providing a Birkenhead School education for an individual or individuals who are unable to meet the school's fee obligation.

**Income recognition**

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

Donations are recognised when the Fund has been notified in writing of both the amount and the settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the Fund is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Fund and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period. Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor of the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by the Fund's investment advisors of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

**WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 1939/45 WAR MEMORIAL FUND  
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**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Fund to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution please refer below.

Grants payable are payments made to Birkenhead School in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Fund. Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make the grant has been communicated to the School.

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to accounts examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

No governance or support costs are incurred by the Fund.

**Charitable activities**

Costs of charitable activities include grants made to Birkenhead School.

**Fixed Asset investment property**

Investment property consists of the freehold property situated at 58 Beresford Road, Oxton, Birkenhead.

The property is classed by the Trustees as being held for investment purposes only. In accordance with the Charities Act no provision for depreciation is required on such investment properties.

**Fixed asset investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Fund does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the Fund is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

**Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.



**WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 1939/45 WAR MEMORIAL FUND  
IN CONNEXION WITH THE BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL LIMITED  
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**Contingent liabilities**

A contingent liability is identified and disclosed for those grants resulting from:

- a possible obligation which will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the Trustees' control; or
- a present obligation following a grant offer where settlement is either not considered probable; or
- the amount has not been communicated in the grant offer and that amount cannot be reliably estimated.

**2 Related Party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration.**

The trustees and members of the Council of the Old Birkenian Society all give freely of their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or in kind or of reimbursement of expenses.

**3 Investment management costs**

Investment management costs, are represented by fees charged by the Fund's investment advisors.

In 2021 and 2020 all of the investment advisor's costs were attributable to endowment funds.

**4 Charitable grants**

Grants are represented by scholarship grants to Birkenhead School in accordance with the charitable objectives of the Fund.

**5 Staff costs and remuneration of key management personnel**

The Fund has no staff and no individual received any remuneration during either 2021 or 2020.

**6 Investment Property**

	2021 £	2020 £
Balance at 1 January and at 31 December 2021, at valuation	<u>162,387</u>	<u>162,387</u>

**7 Fixed Asset Investment**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Movement in fixed asset listed investments:</b>		
<b>Cost</b>		
Cost at 1 January 2021	78,764	70,382
Purchases	-	86,578
Proceeds of disposal	-	(87,218)
Surplus/(Loss) on disposal (note 8)	-	9,022
Cost at 31 December 2021	<u>78,764</u>	<u>78,764</u>
Unrealised gains/(losses) on restatement to market value (note 8)	<u>6,931</u>	<u>3,624</u>
Market value at 31 December 2021	<u>85,695</u>	<u>82,388</u>

**WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND 1939/45 WAR  
MEMORIAL FUND  
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<b>8 Fixed Asset Investments</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>Net gains/(losses) on investments comprise:</b>		
Gain on disposal of investments	-	9,022
Movement in unrealised gains for the year	3,307	(7,792)
	<u>3,307</u>	<u>1,230</u>
<b>9 Analysis of current assets</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Rental debtor	-	1,667
Endowment Fund	5,815	5,815
Balances at bank	17,120	10,336
	<u>22,935</u>	<u>17,818</u>
<b>10 Analysis of current liabilities - creditors under 1 year</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Scholarships and Bursaries	-	-
Old Birkonian Society	37,172	37,172
Rental creditor	833	-
	<u>38,005</u>	<u>37,172</u>
<b>11 Funds of the Charity</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>General Funds</b>		
At 1 January 2021	71,656	60,949
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	4,284	10,707
	<u>75,940</u>	<u>71,656</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>75,940</u>	<u>71,656</u>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>Unrealised investment and property gains</b>		
At 1 January 2021 - property	150,000	150,000
At January 1 2021 – investments	3,765	11,416
	<u>153,765</u>	<u>161,558</u>
Movement for the year - investments	3,307	(7,793)
At 31 December 2021 – property	150,000	150,000
At 31 December 2021 – investments	7,072	3,765
	<u>157,072</u>	<u>153,765</u>

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**11 Funds of the Charity (continued)**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Restricted Funds - Neil Gracey Memorial Fund</b>		
At 1 January 2021	-	6,908
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-	(6,909)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,909)</u>
 At 31 December 2021	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>

Following the death of Neil Gracey OB in June 2007, the Neil Gracey Memorial Fund was set up to provide fees assistance for a potentially talented student of financially disadvantaged parents. The funds are now exhausted; However, The Birkenhead School Endowment Fund, a related charity, has committed to continue support in Neil Gracey's name.

**12 Analysis of Fund**

	<b>Restricted Fund</b>	<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed Assets and investments	-	248,082	248,082
Current Assets	-	22,935	22,935
Current Liabilities	-	(38,005)	(38,005)
	<u>-</u>	<u>233,012</u>	<u>233,012</u>

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS HELD AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

<b> Holding</b>	<b> Cost</b>	<b> Market Value</b>
73,000 Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Income Portfolio	78,764	85,695
	<b>78,764</b>	<b>85,695</b>