

THE FOLLY FELLOWSHIP
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
31 MAY 2024

Company number

02600672

Charity number

1002646

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

31 MAY 2024

Status

The Folly Fellowship is a company limited by guarantee governed by its memorandum and articles of association and was incorporated 11 April 1991.

It was registered as a charity on 22 April 1991.

Directors and Trustees	MT Bright IKS Gray EA Waters PDG Todd
Company number	02600672
Charity number	1002646
Registered office	1 Keble House Manor Fields London SW15 3LS
Independent examiner	IMW Latham FCA Chartered Accountant 166 Boundaries Road London SW12 8HG
Bankers	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc London Drummonds Branch Admiralty Arch 49 Charing Cross London SW1A 2DX

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

31 MAY 2024

A year ago we were still reeling from the impact of Covid which claimed the life of our beloved Rita Boogaart. Not long afterwards her husband Pieter also succumbed. In my last Report we had received their legacy of over £100,000. I can now tell you that in the months that followed that legacy increased by some £130,000. We welcome members' recommendations for the use of these funds.

Just before the end of our last financial year we gathered in good numbers for a tour of the Cotswolds' splendid follies, some of which were the creations of members. A year later we visited more delights in Hertfordshire and a little later the marvels of the Bristol area. We rounded off the summer with a magnificent Garden Party and a season-ending trip to the Paris surrounds. The Trustees as ever have to thank our outings organisers for these wonderful occasions.

As ever our superb webmaster organized ever more Zoom talks which continue to be popular, well attended and can also be seen and heard after their initial broadcast.

I have to report continuing problems of vandalism of Browne's Folly in the outskirts of Bath. Many efforts have been made to counter this but the vandals are well organized and determined. We have experts in our ranks who have devoted time without end to trying to preserve this distinguished structure and continue to do so.

The Journal was to have been edited by an experienced member who suddenly died and a successor was unable to produce a planned issue but we now have the prospect of not just one but two Journals over the coming two years.

We will also continue to protect, preserve and promote follies, grottoes and garden buildings and look forward to members' loyal support and that of like-minded bodies.



MT BRIGHT
Chairman

22 January 2025

THE FOLLY FELLOWSHIP
DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT
31 MAY 2024

The trustees present their report and the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

Structure, governance and management

Trustees

All the directors of the company are also trustees of the charity, and there are no other trustees. The trustees who served during the year are set out on page 1. In accordance with requirements of the Articles of Association, the trustees are appointed for a maximum period of three years, and retiring trustees are eligible for re-election.

Appointment of trustees

The trustees are recruited in order to ensure that the expertise of the board members will enhance the development of the charity. Recruitment to the board of trustees has generally been achieved through word of mouth and therefore they are already familiar with the practical work of the charity.

Organisation

The charity is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs.

Risk

The trustees have discussed the charity's position with regard to risk, and continue to review the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and have established systems to mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to protect, preserve and promote for the benefit of the public the historical, architectural and constructional heritage existing in and around follies, grottoes and garden buildings. The charity undertakes the publication of 'Follies', the international magazine for follies, grottoes and garden buildings together with the publication of 'The Follies Journal'. The charity also holds several events each year at folly sites in and outside the UK.

Achievements, performance and future plans

These are described in the Chairman's report on page 2.

Financial review

The statement of financial activities shows a net surplus, before unrealised losses on investments, for the year of £137,158 (2023 deficit £1,558) and reserves totalling £279,268 (2023 £141,950).

The directors have established a policy whereby the free reserves (being the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets) held by the charity should be between three and six months of the resources expended, which equates to £5,000 to £10,000 in general funds. At this level the trustees believe they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The free reserves at 31 May 2024 amounted to £251,994 (2023 £114,835).

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DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT

31 MAY 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Company law and law applicable to charities in England and Wales require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 1993, the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting by charities 2005 and the governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



IKS GRAY
Director and Trustee

22 January 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE FOLLY FELLOWSHIP**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 May 2024 set out on pages 6 to 10

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the charitable company's directors, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year, under S43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under S43 of the Charities Act 1993, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under S43(7)(b) of the Charities Act 1993, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- a) to keep accounting records in accordance with S386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005) have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

22 January 2025
London


IMW LATHAM FCA
Chartered Accountant

THE FOLLY FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income					
- Donations		138,755	-	138,755	125
- Membership subscriptions		10,784	-	10,784	10,200
- Tax refund		1,499	-	1,499	1,593
Investment income and interest		2,724	-	2,724	807
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
- Events		1,845	-	1,845	3,617
- Merchandise sales		63	-	63	799
Total incoming resources		<u>155,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>155,670</u>	<u>17,141</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
- Newsletter		12,604	-	12,604	11,606
- Events		1,766	-	1,766	3,114
Support costs					
- Secretarial assistance		448	-	448	369
- Postage and stationery		291	-	291	297
- Meeting costs		71	-	71	144
- Website		-	-	-	381
- "English Heritage/London Historic" subscriptions		132	-	132	193
- Storage		2,158	-	2,158	1,405
- Insurance		182	-	182	174
Governance costs					
- Independent examiner's fee		960	-	960	960
- Data protection		-	-	-	49
Total resources expended		<u>18,512</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,512</u>	<u>18,699</u>
Net surplus/(deficit) for year		137,158	-	137,158	(1,558)
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investment asset		160	-	160	(42)
Fund balances brought forward		130,186	-	130,186	131,786
Fund balances carried forward		<u>£ 267,504</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 267,504</u>	<u>£ 130,186</u>

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

All incoming resources and resources expended derived from continuing activities

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET - 31 MAY 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4		15,000		15,000
Investment	5		510		351
Current assets					
Stock	6	-		-	
Prepayments	7	192		192	
Bank balances		267,166		129,047	
		267,358		129,239	
Current liabilities					
Creditors	8	3,600		2,640	
Net current assets			263,758		126,599
Net assets			£ 279,268		£ 141,950
Funds	9				
Designated funds			11,764		11,764
General funds			267,504		130,186
Total funds			£ 279,268		£ 141,950

- a) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.
- b) For the year in question the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under S477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the small companies regime.
- c) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act
- d) the directors acknowledges their responsibility for:
 - i) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with S386; and
 - ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its result for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of S393 of the Companies Act 2006 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of that Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.



IKS GRAY - Director and Trustee



MT BRIGHT - Director and Trustee

Approved by the trustees on 22 January 2025 and signed on their behalf

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 MAY 2024

1 Principal accounting policies

The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year and are set out below.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2005 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting by charities 2005. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Fund accounting

There is a general fund for the designated objects and activities of the charity.

There is a designated fund for reserves set aside by the trustees for specific purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of donations, subscriptions and gift aid tax and are recognised when received.

Income from fundraising events and the sale of merchandise is recognised when it has been earned, provided it can be quantified.

Investment income is recognised when receivable. Bank interest has been received net of income tax.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as liabilities are incurred. Expenditure includes unrecoverable VAT, which is reported as part of the cost to which it relates.

Support costs are not apportioned to the different activities

Governance costs include the cost of meeting the charity's statutory requirements and strategic management.

2 Trustee remuneration and expenses

None of the trustees has received any remuneration for their services during the year (2023 - £nil), nor have they claimed any expenses. (2023 - nil)

3 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that income and gains are applicable and applied to charitable purposes only.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 MAY 2024

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation At 1 June 2023 and at 31 May 2024	15,000	174	15,174
Depreciation At 1 June 2023 and at 31 May 2024	-	174	174
Net book value At 1 June 2023 and at 31 May 2024	£ 15,000	£ -	£ 15,000

The freehold land and buildings consist of:

- Land and building known as Browne's Folly, Wiltshire with a market value of £15,000.

5 Investment

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 June 2023	351	392
Unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation	160	(42)
At 31 May 2024	£ 511	£ 350

This represents 232 Barclays Bank plc 25p Ordinary shares.

6 Stock

	2024 £	2023 £
Sweatshirts, scarves, ties, binders, cards and booklets	£ -	£ -
Prepayments	£ 192	£ 192

8 Creditors

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	£ 3,600	£ 2,640

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 MAY 2024

9 Analysis of net assets by funds

	General funds £	Designated fund £	Net assets £
Fixed assets			
- tangible	15,000	-	15,000
- investments	510	-	510
Net current assets	251,994	11,764	263,758
	<u>£ 267,504</u>	<u>£ 11,764</u>	<u>£ 279,268</u>

The designated fund was created in 1998 by the trustees to fund the costs of restoration of current and any future follies acquired by the charity

10 Liability of members

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The members have a limited liability of £1 in the event of the company being wound up, or within one year after they cease to be members.