

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity'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 (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2019).

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Royal Society for Asian Affairs was reconstituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 23rd July 2018 reference 1179300, and assets transferred from the old Society on 10th January 2019. The Society was originally established as the Central Asian Society in 1901 and in 1931 received its Royal Patronage. In 1975 the Charity changed its name to The Royal Society for Asian Affairs (known also as RSAA).

The Society is now governed by its trust deed following conversion to CIO status.

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting for a three year term and are eligible for re-election.

On appointment all Trustees received an induction pack, and are informed of their duties as Trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity's objectives are to promote learning and advance education in the subject of and with regard to all the countries of Asia.

The Charity aims to achieve this through publishing material, arranging events, tours and courses, maintaining a library and collaboration with other organisations.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission general guidance on public benefit and continue to do so. The Trustees believe public benefit is satisfied by the advancement of education the Charity undertakes.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2021 saw some important changes in the Society.

Frank Slevin stood down on 6 December 2021, having been a Trustee since 2016 and Chairman since 2017. The board elected Sophie Ibbotson as his successor, the first female Chair of the Society and the youngest in its history.

Most of the Society's Library moved to Haileybury in 2016, but a small portion remained at the Society's offices. This was never a satisfactory arrangement and in the Spring of 2021 the Society and Haileybury entered into a new agreement under which the Library was consolidated at Haileybury under the care of the Society's new Librarian and Archivist, Dr Toby Parker. The Society's Archive and other artefacts were also moved to Haileybury where they can be better conserved, displayed and more readily consulted by researchers (including senior pupils of the school).

The Society's office had been somewhat unsatisfactorily located in Euston since 2016 and in October 2021 moved to better located and more accessible premises in Westminster from where it will be easier to engage with government, embassies and other learned societies and think-tanks.

September 2021 saw the Society's first face-to-face event since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, when the annual Hugh Leach Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prince Turki AlFaisal Al-Saud on his efforts to secure peace in Afghanistan between 1979 and 2001. The Society was fortunate to have the support and collaboration of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies and Medina Publishing in delivering this event, which attracted an audience in person and online of over 400.

In Spring 2021 the Society hosted a successful half-day online conference jointly with the University of Virginia on "Citizenship, Belonging and the Partition of India" and the presentations will be published in *Asian Affairs* in 2022.

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Eighteen other online lectures and panel discussions were held, culminating with the opening, by Rory Stewart, of a series on "Culture, Conflict and Recovery in Asia". The annual Lord Denman Lecture was given by Lord Ricketts on the subject "Is Britain Really an Indo-Pacific Power?"

Asian Affairs continued to perform strongly and is the Society's largest source of income. Combined circulation and downloads were slightly lower than in 2020 but remained up on 2019 and previous years. Downloads were particularly strong in the USA. China accounted for the highest number of citations.

The Society's Travel Awards remained suspended because of uncertainty about trends in the continuing pandemic, as did the annual Schools' Day normally delivered jointly with SOAS.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society had a surplus of £88,403 for the year (2020: surplus of £49,721). Investments showed unrealised gains of £115,294 (2020: £49,306). Reserves currently stand at £986,166 (2020: £897,763) and free reserves at £985,999 (2020: £877,763) and the Trustees consider the financial situation of the Charity satisfactory.

RESERVE POLICY

The Society has no permanent endowment, but has a policy of retaining funds in reserves to support future growth, to allow for future expenditure and to generate ongoing income to support the Society's charitable activities. The Trustees consider the current level of free reserves at £986,166 appropriate to these purposes.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

With the lifting of all remaining pandemic restrictions, in 2022 the Society intends incrementally to resume meetings in person, but will continue the successful programme of online events indefinitely, building on their additional reach and popularity.

The Society will also experiment with initiatives aimed at enhancing the value of membership of the Society, including more exclusive activities such as book discussions, online forums and social events.

KEY PERSONNEL AND PAY POLICY

The Charity is directed and controlled on a day to day basis by a Chief Executive Officer and one assistant, together with support from volunteers. The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction of the Charity and are not remunerated for their duties as Trustees. The CEO is accountable to the Trustees.

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 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 period. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles 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;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Trustees on 6 June 2022
and signed on their behalf.



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S IBBOTSON
CHAIRMAN



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A CARTWRIGHT
HONORARY TREASURER

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Charity's Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' STATEMENT

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by s.310 of the 2011 Act;
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of the 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; or;

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 accounts to be reached.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME			
Subscriptions, donations and legacies	2	55,364	58,879
Charitable Activities	3	62,571	66,065
Investment Income	4	25,959	26,713
TOTAL INCOME		<u>143,894</u>	<u>151,657</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable Activities	5	170,785	159,182
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>170,785</u>	<u>159,182</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME BEFORE GAINS ON INVESTMENTS			
		(26,891)	(7,525)
Net gains on investment assets	10	115,294	57,246
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>88,403</u>	<u>49,721</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total Funds brought forward		897,763	848,042
Total Funds carried forward		<u>986,166</u>	<u>897,763</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Library	8		1		1
Tangible fixed assets	9		11,456		19,982
Investments	10		908,350		793,056
			<u>919,807</u>		<u>813,039</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	11	956		1,033	
Debtors	12	43,831		58,420	
Cash at bank and in hand		44,194		64,590	
		<u>88,981</u>		<u>124,043</u>	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors falling due within one year	13	22,622		39,319	
Net Current Assets			66,359		84,724
NET ASSETS			<u>986,166</u>		<u>897,763</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted funds	16		984,605		896,202
Designated funds			1,561		1,561
			<u>986,166</u>		<u>897,763</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 6 June 2022 and signed on their behalf.



S IBBOTSON
CHAIRMAN



A CARTWRIGHT
HONORARY TREASURER

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) 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 notes to these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by 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 and effective 1st January 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the Trust are the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets.

(b) INCOME RECOGNITION

Incoming resources are included when receivable, with the exception of subscriptions which are recognised as income when received, subscriptions in advance however are deferred.

(c) EXPENDITURE RECOGNITION

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category.

(d) GOVERNANCE COSTS

These costs relate to central management and administration costs, management of the Charity's assets, organisational management and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(e) SUPPORT COSTS

Overheads and support costs have been apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. staff time.

(f) TAXATION

The Society is a registered Charity and its income is exempt from Corporation tax as it is applied for charitable purposes.

(g) DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided to write off the costs of tangible fixed assets on a reducing balance over their useful economic lives at the following rates:-

Office equipment and fittings - 25% reducing balance

Software - 33% straight line

(h) FIXED ASSETS 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 gains and losses arising on the revaluation and disposal throughout the year.

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

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The main form of financial risk faced by the Charity 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 and sub sectors.

(f) 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 sales 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.

(j) FUND ACCOUNTING

Funds are incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the Charity without further specific purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are to be used to specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Designated funds are unrestricted general funds designated by the Trustees to be set aside and expended on a specific purpose.

(k) STOCK

Stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

(l) CASH FLOW STATEMENT EXEMPTION

The Charity has taken advantage of exemptions under Charities SORP and Section 7 of FRS 102 to not produce a Statement of Cash Flows.

2.	SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2021	2020
	- Unrestricted	£	£
	Grants	-	3,500
	Subscriptions	54,432	48,294
	Donations and legacies	932	7,085
		<u>55,364</u>	<u>58,879</u>
3.	INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2021	2020
	- Unrestricted	£	£
	Secretarial services	794	3,176
	Lectures	-	90
	Publications/royalties	59,332	62,242
	Presentations and events	1,250	348
	Sale of images of archive material	119	209
	Other income	1,076	-
		<u>62,571</u>	<u>66,065</u>
4.	INVESTMENT INCOME	2021	2020
		£	£
	Dividends on listed investments	25,954	26,707
	Interest receivable on cash deposits	5	6
		<u>25,959</u>	<u>26,713</u>

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5.	COST OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2021	2020
		£	£
	Lectures	-	500
	Library services	-	62
	Publications	23,937	26,138
	Presentations and events	-	2,342
	Ties/shields/notelets	-	-
	Support costs (note 6)	146,848	130,140
		<u>170,785</u>	<u>159,182</u>

6.	SUPPORT COSTS	Charitable		2021
	YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021	Activities	Governance	Total
		£	£	£
	Staff costs	62,161	-	62,161
	IT support and consumables	11,205	-	11,205
	Cleaning	870	-	870
	Rent, rates and utilities	32,965	-	32,965
	Relocation and storage costs	4,646	-	4,646
	Insurance	2,967	-	2,967
	Repairs to property	7,833	-	7,833
	Printing, stationery, postage and advertising	4,170	-	4,170
	Other office costs	347	-	347
	Telephone	1,366	-	1,366
	Bank charges	842	-	842
	Depreciation	7,924	-	7,924
	Loss on disposal	1,133	-	1,133
	Governance (note 7)	-	8,419	8,419
		<u>138,429</u>	<u>8,419</u>	<u>146,848</u>

	SUPPORT COSTS	Charitable		2019
	YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020	Activities	Governance	Total
		£	£	£
	Staff costs	62,137	-	62,137
	IT support and consumables	10,815	-	10,815
	Cleaning	1,350	-	1,350
	Rent, rates and utilities	33,545	-	33,545
	Insurance	2,191	-	2,191
	Repairs to property	2,831	-	2,831
	Printing, stationery, postage and advertising	3,464	-	3,464
	Other office costs	355	-	355
	Telephone	1,127	-	1,127
	Bank charges	802	-	802
	Depreciation	4,387	-	4,387
	Governance (note 7)	-	7,136	7,136
		<u>123,004</u>	<u>7,136</u>	<u>130,140</u>

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7.	GOVERNANCE COSTS	2021	2020
		£	£
	Legal and professional costs	913	-
	Independent Examiners fee	1,890	1,824
	Bookkeeping	5,616	5,312
		<u>8,419</u>	<u>7,136</u>

8. LIBRARY
Library assets have not been capitalised other than their inclusion in the balance sheet at a written down net book value of £1.

9.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
	YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021	Software	Office Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
	COST			
	Balance at 1st January 2021	21,162	6,039	27,201
	Additions	-	531	531
	Disposals	-	2,534	2,534
	Balance at 31st December 2021	<u>21,162</u>	<u>4,036</u>	<u>25,198</u>
	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
	Balance at 1st January 2021	4,761	2,458	7,219
	Charge for the year	7,054	870	7,924
	Eliminated on disposal	-	1,401	1,401
	Balance at 31st December 2021	<u>11,815</u>	<u>1,927</u>	<u>13,742</u>
	NET BOOK VALUE			
	At 31st December 2021	<u>9,347</u>	<u>2,109</u>	<u>11,456</u>

	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
	YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020	Software	Office Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
	COST			
	Balance at 1st January 2020	5,994	5,362	11,356
	Additions	15,168	677	15,845
	Balance at 31st December 2020	<u>21,162</u>	<u>6,039</u>	<u>27,201</u>
	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
	Balance at 1st January 2020	1,499	1,333	2,832
	Charge for the year	3,262	1,125	4,387
	Balance at 31st December 2020	<u>4,761</u>	<u>2,458</u>	<u>7,219</u>
	NET BOOK VALUE			
	At 31st December 2020	<u>16,401</u>	<u>3,581</u>	<u>19,982</u>

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10.	INVESTMENTS	2021	2020
	Listed Investments	£	£
	Market value at 1st January 2021	793,056	810,810
	Additions	-	-
	Disposals	-	(75,000)
	Net realised investment gain	-	7,940
	Net unrealised investment gains	115,294	49,306
	Market value at 31st December 2021	908,350	793,056

Listed investments are revalued at the year end to their market value. The listed investments are held indirectly on behalf of the Society.

The historical cost of listed investments is £651,063 (2020: £651,063). The majority of investment assets are held in the UK and there are no restrictions on the realisation of these investments.

11.	STOCK	2021	2020
		£	£
	Inventory	956	1,033
12.	DEBTORS	2021	2020
		£	£
	Trade receivables	1,019	19,792
	Other debtors	30,579	27,410
	Prepayments	12,233	11,218
		43,831	58,420
13.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2021	2020
		£	£
	Social security and other taxes	1,373	212
	Accruals and deferred income	18,100	38,566
	Trade creditors	2,634	541
	Other creditors	515	-
		22,622	39,319
14.	RESERVES		
	YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021		
		Balance at	Balance at
		1st January	31st December
		2021	2021
		£	£
	Designated	1,561	1,561
	Unrestricted	896,202	984,605
		897,763	986,166
		Income	Expenditure
		£	£
		-	-
		143,894	170,785
		Gains	Transfers
		£	£
		115,294	-

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RESERVES

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	Balance at 1st January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Gains	Transfers	Balance at 31st December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Designated	1,561	-	-	-	-	1,561
Unrestricted	846,481	151,657	159,182	57,246	-	896,202
	<u>848,042</u>	<u>151,657</u>	<u>159,182</u>	<u>57,246</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>897,763</u>

The Trustees have designated a sum of money as a book fund.

15.	NET ASSETS BY FUND	2021	2020
		£	£
	Library	1	1
	Tangible fixed assets	11,456	19,982
	Investments	908,350	793,056
	Current assets	88,981	124,043
	Current liabilities	(22,622)	(39,319)
	Net Assets	<u>986,166</u>	<u>897,763</u>

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year a total of £80 was reimbursed to the Trustees (2020: £5).

B Omrani, a Trustee was paid £22,852 (2020: £23,547) during the year for services in relation to editing.