

Charity Registration No. SC004031

JOHN MURDOCH'S TRUST

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

For The Year Ended 5 April 2020

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2020**

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 5 April 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006(as amended) 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 published on 16 July 2014.

Objectives & Activities

The purpose of the Trust is to provide financial relief for people in need over 50 years of age of whatever religious denomination or belief who have shown a practical sympathy either as amateurs or professionals in the pursuit of science in any of its branches whose lives have been characterised by sobriety, morality and industry.

Review of Achievements & Performance

The Trustees approved grants to 17 individuals and 1 organisation (2019: 17 individuals) during the year with a total of £55,018 (2019: £44,579) awarded, including £5,000 to the Council for At Risk Academics to help place a Fellow at a University. There were £22,100 (2019: £4,895) of grants approved but not paid out at the year-end.

Financial Review

The charity's results for the year, and the charity's financial position at the year-end are shown in the attached financial statements. Net expenditure before revaluation of investments amounted to £27,188 (2019: £11,201). The Trustees reviewed expenditure in 2018 and reduced support costs for the future by changing service providers as appropriate. Investment losses of £294,407 (2019: gains of £117,582) means the net movement in funds was an decrease of £321,595 (2019: increase of £106,381).

Investment policy & performance

The Trustees have appointed an investment manager to assist them in managing the investments. The investments are managed with a view to obtaining a balanced growth of both Capital and Income and diversified to enhance the real value of capital over the medium to long term whilst ensuring an appropriate income level is maintained. This aim was achieved in the year.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied the systems are in place to mitigate exposure to such risks.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees pursue a policy of maintaining a free reserve available to be spent in furtherance of the charity's objectives, as well as covering future needs, opportunities, contingencies and risks.

Plans for the future

The Trustees plan to maintain funds to cover the ongoing needs of the charity whilst providing grants in furtherance of the charitable objectives.

COVID-19 response:

- There have been no changes to John Murdoch's Trust budget for 2020 as a result of the pandemic.
- The impact of Covid-19 on the charity's finances has been a reduction in income earned from the investment portfolio given the stock market conditions. The Trustees are receiving regular updates and advice from the investment portfolio managers, Brewin Dolphin.
- The Trustees have intimated to grant holders that they will be flexible in relation to grant duration if the purpose of the grant cannot immediately be fulfilled as a result of the grant holder being required stay at home or who are staying shielding. This statement has been published on the John Murdoch's Trust webpage and Twitter accounts.
- The business of the trust continues as usual, with trustee meetings taking place virtually.
- The trust administrators continue to work full time to answer queries and deal with applicants.
- There has been no discernible change in the number and nature of applications. The administrators have encouraged soft copies of applications to be send via email or using the online application form.
- John Murdoch's Trust's banking is dealt with online, and grants continue to be processed.

Legal and Administrative Information

CHARITY NUMBER	SC037136
REGISTERED OFFICE	The WS Society, The Signet Library Parliament Square, Edinburgh, EH1 1RF
TRUSTEES	Professor Guy Lloyd-Jones Professor Malcolm Iain McMahon (Chair of Trustees) Professor Dirk Kroon David Neil Macdonald

Legal and Administrative Information (continued)

TRUST SOLICITORS	Turcan Connell WS Princes Exchange, 1 Earl Grey Street Edinburgh, EH3 9EE
INVESTMENT ADVISORS	Brewin Dolphin Limited Sixth Floor, Atria One 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8EX
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Hollis CA Hollis Accounting Limited 3 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh, EH3 7HW

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Trust is constituted by the Will of the late John Murdoch dated 17 July 1897 and which was registered in the Books of Council and Session on 20 December 1901. The Trust is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. The Scottish Charity reference number is SC004031.

Appointment of Trustees

John Murdoch's Will appoints as Trustees: three University of Edinburgh Professors in Chemistry, Natural philosophy/Physics and Geology, together with a Senior Manager of a major Scottish Bank.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Professor Guy Lloyd-Jones
Professor Malcolm Iain McMahon
Professor Dirk Kroon
David Neil Macdonald

Trustee Induction and Training

The Trustees are considered by the nature of their professions to have the appropriate background for the Trust. Trustees are encouraged to use appropriate resources including the website of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator to update themselves as required.

Organisation

The trustees usually meet at least twice a year. Trustees are responsible for the strategic oversight of the Trust and implementation of that strategy through a management contract with the WS Society.

Structure, Governance and Management

Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Trust's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- 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 departure disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Trust and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with Charity regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board of Trustees

David N MacDonald

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David Neil MacDonald
TRUSTEE

Dated: 26 November 2020

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seek explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion of the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met; or

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



Sarah Hollis CA
Hollis Accounting Limited

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Date: 26/11/2020

JOHN MURDOCH'S TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2020

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	Revenue Account	Capital Account	Total	Revenue Account	Capital Account	Total	
Note	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:							
Investments	2	58,282	-	58,282	58,811	-	58,811
Total		<u>58,282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,282</u>	<u>58,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,811</u>
Expenditure on:							
<i>Raising Funds</i>							
Investment Management		-	12,007	12,007	-	11,934	11,934
<i>Charitable activities</i>							
Grants payable in furtherance of the charity's objects:							
Grants	4	55,018	-	55,018	44,579	-	44,579
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects:							
Support costs	3	1,380	17,065	18,445	1,380	12,119	13,499
Total		<u>56,398</u>	<u>29,072</u>	<u>85,470</u>	<u>45,959</u>	<u>24,053</u>	<u>70,012</u>
Net income / (expenditure) before Transfers		1,884	(29,072)	(27,188)	12,852	(24,053)	(11,201)
Transfers between Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses on investments		1,884	(29,072)	(27,188)	12,852	(24,053)	(11,201)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	-	(294,407)	(294,407)	-	117,582	117,582
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>1,884</u>	<u>(323,479)</u>	<u>(321,595)</u>	<u>12,852</u>	<u>93,529</u>	<u>106,381</u>
Transfers between Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>1,884</u>	<u>(323,479)</u>	<u>(321,595)</u>	<u>12,852</u>	<u>93,529</u>	<u>106,381</u>
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		153,172	1,540,462	1,693,634	140,320	1,446,933	1,587,253
Total funds carried forward		<u>155,056</u>	<u>1,216,983</u>	<u>1,372,039</u>	<u>153,172</u>	<u>1,540,462</u>	<u>1,693,634</u>

All operations are continuing

**JOHN MURDOCH'S TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 5 APRIL 2020**

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020		Unrestricted Funds 2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	7		1,358,882		1,660,692
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	8	42,617		45,197	
		<u>42,617</u>		<u>45,197</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	9	<u>(29,460)</u>		<u>(12,255)</u>	
Current assets less current liabilities			13,157		32,942
			<hr/>		<hr/>
Net Assets			<u>1,372,039</u>		<u>1,693,634</u>
Unrestricted Funds					
Capital Account			1,216,983		1,540,462
Revenue Account			<u>155,056</u>		<u>153,172</u>
			<u>1,372,039</u>		<u>1,693,634</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 23 November 2020.

David N MacDonald
David Neil MacDonald
TRUSTEE

The notes on pages 8-10 form part of these accounts.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

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 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 on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Income

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as income when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for the expenditure.

Grants payable

In accordance with recommended practice, grants payable are recognised as expenditure when the Trustees have approved the grant and the obligation exists. In terms of multiple year funding, the total amount payable is recognised as expenditure and a creditor is included in either creditors due after more than one year or creditors due in less than one year as appropriate.

2 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Dividend and Interest Income	58,245	58,792
Bank Interest	37	19
Other income	-	-
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Total	<u>58,282</u>	<u>58,811</u>

3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Other Costs £	Grant Funding £	Total 2020 £	Other Costs £	Grant Funding £	Total 2019 £
Charitable activities						
<i>Grant making activities:</i>						
Grant funding of activities	-	55,018	55,018	-	44,579	44,579
	-	55,018	55,018	-	44,579	44,579
<i>Support costs</i>						
Administrative fees	-	17,065	17,065	-	12,119	12,119
Withdrawal fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marketing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Examiners fees	1,380	-	1,380	1,380	-	1,380
Total	1,380	17,065	18,445	1,380	12,119	13,499

4 GRANTS PAYABLE

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Grants to individuals	50,018	44,579
Grants to other organisations	5,000	-
Total	<u>55,018</u>	<u>44,579</u>

5 TRUSTEES

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year (2019 £nil). There were no donations by Trustees in the year (2019 £nil).

6 EMPLOYEES

There were no employees during the year (2019 none).

7 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Market Value at start of year	1,660,692	1,567,645
<u>Add: Acquisitions at Cost</u>	118,570	114,380
<u>Less: Disposals at Market value</u>	(125,973)	(138,915)
Valuation changes	<u>(294,407)</u>	<u>117,582</u>
Market Value at 5 April	<u>1,358,882</u>	<u>1,660,692</u>
Historical Cost at 5 April	<u>1,276,967</u>	<u>1,231,918</u>

Investments at fair value comprise:

UK Equities	437,066	555,253
UK Property	29,274	34,951
Overseas Equities	641,041	817,077
UK Fixed Interest	<u>251,501</u>	<u>253,411</u>
	<u>1,358,882</u>	<u>1,660,692</u>

8 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2020	2019
	£	£
RBS WS Society Account	8,735	2,444
Brewin Dolphin Revenue	20,252	24,519
Brewin Dolphin Capital	<u>13,630</u>	<u>18,234</u>
	<u>42,617</u>	<u>45,197</u>

9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Grants approved not yet paid	22,100	4,895
Accruals - Administrative fees	3,000	3,000
Accruals - Examination fee	1,380	1,380
Accruals - Investment Management fees	<u>2,980</u>	<u>2,980</u>
	<u>29,460</u>	<u>12,255</u>