

**Queen Mary's
Roehampton
Trust**

**Annual Report and Financial
Statements**

31 March 2023

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211715

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Reference and administrative information

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The Trustees present this annual report and financial statements of Queen Mary's Roehampton Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 18 to 20 of the attached financial statements and comply with the applicable laws 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The conduct of the Trust is governed by an Order of the Charity Commissioners dated 10 April 1972, which superseded earlier Orders, as varied later by the Schemes of 7 November 1990, 3 September 1999 and 30 October 2006 and as amended by Resolutions of the Trustees at Special Meetings held on 18 June 2002, 1 December 2005, 21 June 2007 and 16 June 2009.

Trustees

The names of the Trustees who served during the period and up to the date of approval of this report are set out as part of the reference and administrative information on page 1 of these annual report and financial statements.

In accordance with the Trust's Governing Document, the Board of Trustees consists of no fewer than ten and not more than thirteen Trustees.

On 22 October 2022, Mr Tilley stepped down as a Trustee having been appointed in June 2018. Mr Tilley had brought with him an enormous amount of experience in the military charity sector, particularly in grant-giving and the Chairman and Board wish to thank him for his contribution as a Trustee and member of the Grants Sub-Committee.

The Board of Trustees has an open and transparent recruitment policy. However, it was felt that in spite of the departure of Mr Tilley, it was not necessary to embark on a Trustee recruitment process until the end of 2023 as the Board remained above the minimum number of Trustees permitted.

Under normal circumstances, the full Board of Trustees meets twice a year. It is assisted in its work by a Grants Sub-Committee and a Finance & Investments Sub-Committee, whose members are appointed by the Trustees. In 20/21, no face to face meetings took place as a consequence of the Covid -19 pandemic and, like so many other organisations, the Trust had arranged virtual meetings using the Zoom software package. Albeit normality has returned, the Trustees decided to continue to have the ability to join meetings virtually for those Trustees that might be unable to join a meeting in person. Thus, meetings have been a blend of face-to- face generally with some Trustees joining virtually.

GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 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 income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

Risk management

The Trustees reviewed their approach to risk during the year, reviewing and, where necessary, updating the risk management strategy. The chief risks to the Trust remain those associated with safeguarding the value of the funds whilst generating appropriate levels of income that may be awarded to organisations' eligible beneficiaries and ensuring that suitable financial systems are in place including those relating to the awarding and monitoring of grants.

The Trustees minimise investment risk through the use of a firm of investment managers and maintaining a diversified portfolio with a balance of asset allocations. The investment risk is further minimised through the detailed scrutiny by the Finance & Investment sub-committee, which is comprised of knowledgeable and financially astute members. Contingency meetings with the investment managers are programmed during the year should the investment situation demand. General operating risk is minimised through the regular review of the Trust's activities by the Trustees.

GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Risk management (continued)

The Trustees are satisfied that the arrangements which are in place to manage and reduce risk to a minimum are appropriate in the circumstances. All data used by the Trust is held electronically with a copy being held by the Treasurer as a back-up, should the need arise.

The Trustees have agreed a suitable risk management strategy to ensure that the business of the Trust and support to beneficiaries continues, as discussed below.

Key management personnel

The Trustees consider that they, along with the Clerk to the Trustees, comprise the key management of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. The Treasurer acts as the principal line-manager for the Clerk.

The salary of the Clerk is reviewed and set by the Trustees using the annual retail price index as a guide.

ACTIVITIES, SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND RELEVANT POLICIES

Charitable objectives and activities

The object of the Trust is to relieve persons of the following classes who are in need of assistance:

- ◆ Persons who served in any of the Armed Forces of the Crown and who were disabled in such service and the widows and other dependants of such persons.
- ◆ Persons who served in the mercantile marine or in any service established under the Civil Defence Acts 1937 and 1939 and who were disabled in such service and the widows and other dependants of such persons.

The Trustees meet the object of the Trust by making grants to any charitable institutions or organisations whose objects include the reception, accommodation, treatment or after-care of persons who come within the Trust's object as set out above. The Trustees may also make grants in aid of medical or surgical research having particular regard to the needs of disabled persons who served in the Armed Forces of the Crown.

Mindful of the ever-changing landscape within the serving and ex-service community, and the evolving needs of beneficiaries, the Trustees review the grant-giving policy on an annual basis and have a robust programme of visits to previous and current beneficiary organisations.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission concerning public benefit. They are satisfied that the information given in this Report, particularly regarding the activities undertaken when read in conjunction with the objects of the Trust, demonstrates that the requirements to identify public benefit have been met.

The Trustees publicise the work of the Trust and each year invite relevant organisations to apply to it for assistance.

ACTIVITIES, SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND RELEVANT POLICIES (continued)

Grant making policy

The Trustees consider applications for grants from charitable institutions or organisations whose objects come within the Trust's object as set out above.

There is no minimum or maximum grant and the amount awarded is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Terms and conditions for grants are discussed and drafted by the Trustees based on the applications, also on a case-by-case basis, but mindful of available funds. In some circumstances, the Trustees may decide to award grants without any accompanying conditions.

Investment policy and performance

The Trust invests in accordance with the Trustee Investment Act 2000.

Under the present law, the Trustees cannot spend the Trust's capital endowment or any capital gains which derive from it, unless special permission is obtained from the Charity Commission.

The future numbers of potential beneficiaries depend on a wide range of significant factors including:

- ◆ the mass mobilisation in 1939-45 of men and women who are now well into their nineties, and the large number of casualties incurred by that group during their war service;
- ◆ the subsequent decade and a half of National Service involving a significant proportion of the male population, serving for short periods, although with a limited number of injuries and deaths in service;
- ◆ the progressive reduction thereafter of the Armed Forces (although noting recent operations and casualties, many of whom would not have survived in earlier conflicts but who will need expensive and long-term help);
- ◆ an increasing recognition of the long-term nature and often debilitating effects of the severe mental stress that may be incurred by persons with military service; and
- ◆ the additional life expectancy of widows, widowers and civil partners extending the life-long period of need of each generation of beneficiaries.

Given the passage of time, and with due consideration to the age of those from the mass-mobilisation of 1939-45, the peak in numbers of veterans has passed. The number of veterans with War Pensions or awards from the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme appears to have peaked also although some injuries take time to come to light. However, the proportion of veterans of working age continues to rise and support in their advancing years is likely to increase also. What is clear is the increasing cost of medical and care services which are prolonging both life length and quality at an accelerating rate.

ACTIVITIES, SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND RELEVANT POLICIES (continued)

Investment policy and performance (continued)

The Trustees' continuing aim is to balance the interests of current and future beneficiaries by maximising investment income, subject to the agreed risk profile, for distribution, while seeking to maintain the value of the undistributed capital endowment by no less than the RPI measure of inflation and more recently, CPI. Since 1990, the Trustees have distributed over £17.5 million in grants from income generated by the capital fund. The Trustees resolve to continue their long-term defensive approach to the Trust's investment policy, applying due diligence through quarterly reviews.

As previously reported, during 21/22 the Finance & Investment Sub-Committee recommended to the Board of Trustees that the portfolio should be invested in the Charity Multi-Asset Fund which was in full effect throughout 22/23. This should result in the smoothing-out of the income over a three-year period and give a greater ability to forecast annual income. Just prior to this reporting period however, world events witnessed some dramatic changes which have impacted on economies across the world.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of activities

During the year the Grants Sub-Committee reviewed the Grants Policy, making recommendations for minor changes which were endorsed by the full Board of Trustees ensuring the needs of beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries could be matched with available funds. The Trustees agreed to continue to review the Grants Policy on a regular basis. In parallel, the Grants Sub-Committee reviewed and made some changes to the application form in order to give greater visibility to the number of eligible beneficiaries who will benefit if the application is successful.

Ordinarily the Trustees have an annual programme of visits to beneficiary and potential beneficiary organisations. See below for further details.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

A summary of the year's results can be found on page 15 of this report and financial statements. The Trust's total income for the year ended 31 March 2023 was £528,215 (2022 – £491,524), comprising investment income and interest receivable.

After grants and other expenses, the net income of the unrestricted general fund was £26,300 (2022 – net expenditure of £17,503). The net expenditure is subtracted from the unrestricted general fund and the balance of the fund is available for distribution. At 31 March 2023 the balance of the fund was £79,877 (2022 – £53,577). 97% of total outgoings were attributed to charitable expenditure (2022 – 97%).

Investment safe custody charges of £17,366 (2022 – £18,036) and net losses on investments of £1,135,707 (2022 – net gains of £607,859) are credited (or charged) to the endowed capital fund in accordance with the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice. The balance of the endowed capital fund at 31 March 2023 was £13,819,567 (2022 – £14,972,640).

FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Recognition of Income

In the previous year, the Trust invested in a balance of distribution and accumulation units of the Cazenove Charity Multi Asset Fund in order that the total income received constituted a prudent level of distribution, balancing the needs of present and future beneficiaries. The accumulation units, as their name implies, distribute no income and the trustees, in accordance with the Charity SORP ("dividends should be accrued where the right to receive payment has been established") have, in both the current and previous years, therefore treated growth in the value of these units as an unrealised capital gain because they have no right to receive payment. Treating such unrealised gains as income would not only misleadingly overstate the Trust's income by material amounts which the Trust would have no ability to distribute but also be an imprudently high distribution, diminishing the endowment to the detriment of future beneficiaries.

The Trust's investment managers have confirmed that the Trust has no right to any income from the accumulation units, only to their capital value on any disposal. If that value had diminished, it is unclear what any amounts accounted for as income would represent. The Trust's auditors, however, having not challenged this approach in the previous year, have disagreed with the trustees' approach in the current one and have reflected this in their audit opinion.

Reserves policy

It is the Trustees' policy to maintain a level of free reserves necessary to meet any sudden and unforeseen needs of Trust beneficiaries and to enable the Trust's level of support for beneficiaries to be maintained in any year when income falls below expectations. At present, the Trustees judge the appropriate level of such reserves to be in the region of £50,000 to £100,000. Where it becomes necessary to use up any of these reserves, the aim is to restore them to the desired level as soon as practicable. Where the Trust's accumulated income reserves exceed the desired level, the Trustees seek to disburse the excess by way of grants to beneficiaries. At 31 March 2023 the free reserves of the Trust were within the desired level, at £79,877(2022 – £53,577).

Covid-19 Pandemic

The Covid-19 Pandemic prompted a number of restrictions on visits to medical and social care establishments to reduce the likelihood of further infections. In 22/23, many of these restrictions were relaxed and a degree of normality returned. However, within the social care sector, the ongoing cautionary approach impacted on the Trust's ability to carry out its programme of annual visits to some beneficiary organisations. Where such visits remained difficult due to the presence of vulnerable residents, a useful dialogue was maintained through other means such a telephone and virtual meetings with staff.

Going concern

The Trustees have assessed the position of the charity as a going concern in preparing this report and financial statements and have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these accounts, based on the expected level of activity during 2023/24. The charity had net current assets at 31st March 2023 and significant fixed asset investments which can be converted to cash if necessary in order to meet future grant commitments as they are made.

The Trustees have therefore concluded that, despite the residual challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic and wider socio-economic circumstances, there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern, and the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

FUTURE PLANS

It is widely accepted that a principal role of Government is to ensure the safety of its citizens and secure the country from foreign interference or hostile action. Thus, the need for Armed Forces in pursuit of defence of the country is enduring, for the foreseeable future at least. To that end the Trustees feel the need for charitable support for those who have served in the Armed Forces and have been injured or disabled (be it mental or physical injury) and their dependents will remain in perpetuity.

On the one hand, those who have served and are likely to see service in the Armed Forces will continue to decline in future years; on the other hand, the cost and complexity of support to individuals is likely to continue to rise. Historically, the costs of medical support and social care have tended to outpace the general rate of inflation by a significant margin and there is no suggestion that this tendency is likely to change. Set against such a background, the Trustees are minded to continue to support organisations which provide services to individuals who fall within the objects of the Charity, to the extent that the financial resources will allow. Thus, the Trustees intend to manage the Trust's income through the proper and prudent investment policies whilst maintaining the value of the endowment.

Following the challenges of the Covid pandemic and the ongoing political uncertainty, with the associated rises in costs of raw materials, power and foodstuffs, the general (but significant) rise in inflation has and will continue to see a corresponding increase in the need for support to beneficiary organisations. This is certainly a theme in the short-term albeit the longer-term is somewhat less predictable. However, when considering applications for support, the Trustees will continue to focus their priority for support to those organisations that provide support to eligible beneficiaries who are most in need. To this end, the application form and Grants Policy will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis ensuring the most effective use of the Trust's income.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Chairman

Approved by the Trustees on: 18 January 2024

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Queen Mary's Roehampton Trust

Qualified opinion

We have audited the accounts of Queen Mary's Roehampton Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the accounts. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, except for the effect of the matter described below in the Basis for qualified opinion section of our report, the accounts:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- ◆ have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- ◆ have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for qualified opinion

The charity has invested a proportion of their investments in accumulation units in the Charity Multi Asset Fund. Through its holding of accumulation units, the Charity received dividends of £65,947 in the year to 31 March 2022 and £75,345 in the year to 31 March 2023 which were automatically reinvested in the fund. As the trustees do not have the power of accumulation and have not elected to adopt the total return approach, the correct treatment under the Charities' SORP and FRS 102 would be to treat this as unrestricted income. The Charity however has recognised this income as unrealised gains in the endowment fund. This is contrary to the Accounting Standards. Therefore, after taking account of unrealised investment losses of £8,240 on the reinvested funds, unrestricted funds at the year-end are understated by £132,872 and the endowment fund is overstated by £132,872.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the accounts, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report and accounts other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

As described in the Basis for qualified opinion section of our report, our audit opinion is qualified due to the misclassification of unrestricted income. Information included in the trustees' report also includes this error and accordingly we have concluded that the other information is materially misstated for the same reason.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Except for the matter described in the Basis for qualified opinion section of our report, we have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- ◆ the information given in the trustees' annual report is inconsistent in any material respect with the accounts; or
- ◆ sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- ◆ the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- ◆ we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these accounts.

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

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- ◆ the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
- ◆ we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant frameworks which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the accounts are those that relate to the reporting framework (Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011).

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts (continued)

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's accounts to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- ◆ making enquiries of management as to their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- ◆ considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- ◆ performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ◆ review of the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- ◆ enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Independent auditor's report Year to 31 March 2023

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Buzzacott LLP

Buzzacott LLP
Statutory Auditor
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Date: 19 January 2024

Buzzacott LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

Statement of financial activities Year to 31 March 2023

	Notes	Endowment funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Endowment funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and endowments from:							
Investments	1	—	528,215	528,215	—	491,524	491,524
Total income		—	528,215	528,215	—	491,524	491,524
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds							
Investment management costs	2	17,366	—	17,366	18,036	—	18,036
Charitable activities	3	—	501,915	501,915	—	509,027	509,027
Total expenditure		17,366	501,915	519,281	18,036	509,027	527,063
Net (expenditure) income before investment (losses) gains	6	(17,366)	26,300	8,934	(18,036)	(17,503)	(35,539)
Net (losses) gains on investments	9	(1,135,707)	—	(1,135,707)	607,859	—	607,859
Net income (expenditure) and net movement in funds		(1,153,073)	26,300	(1,126,773)	589,823	(17,503)	572,320
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2022		14,972,640	53,577	15,026,217	14,382,817	71,080	14,453,897
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2023		13,819,567	79,877	13,899,444	14,972,640	53,577	15,026,217

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

All of the Trust's activities derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	9		13,845,063		14,980,770
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>61,521</u>		<u>51,597</u>	
Total current assets		<u>61,521</u>		<u>51,597</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(7,140)</u>		<u>(6,150)</u>	
Net current assets			54,381		45,447
Total net assets			<u>13,899,444</u>		<u>15,026,217</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Endowment funds	12		13,819,567		14,972,640
Unrestricted funds					
. General fund			79,877		53,577
Total charity funds			<u>13,899,444</u>		<u>15,026,217</u>

Approved by the Trustees
and signed on their behalf by:



Trustee

Approved on: 18 January 2024

Statement of cash flows 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash used in operating activities	A	(518,291)	(504,672)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Cash dividends and interest from investments		528,215	491,522
Purchase of investments		—	(40,313)
Net cash provided by investing activities		528,215	451,209
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		9,924	(53,463)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2022	B	51,597	105,060
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2023	B	61,521	51,597

Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year to 31 March 2023

A Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash used in operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)	(1,126,773)	572,320
Adjustments for:		
Losses / (gains) on investments	1,135,707	(585,124)
Dividends and interest from investments	(528,215)	(491,522)
Increase (decrease) in creditors	—	—
Net cash used in operating activities	(518,291)	(504,672)

B Analysis of cash and cash equivalents and movement in net debt

	2022 £	Cash flows £	2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	51,597	9,924	61,521
Total cash and cash equivalents	51,597	9,924	61,521

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 March 2023.

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 accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

There are no significant areas of judgement or key assumptions that affect items in the financial statements. With respect to the next reporting period, the most significant areas of uncertainty are the carrying value of investment assets held by the charity, which will depend on the performance of investment markets and the investment income from these assets.

Assessment of going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements. The trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The trustees of the charity have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees are of the opinion that the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due. This is because the value of assets held by the charity is very materially in excess of the liabilities of the charity and the level of commitments in respect of grants approved for projects payable in future years. The most significant areas of judgement that affect items in the financial statements are detailed above. With regard to the next accounting period, the year ending 31 March 2024, the most significant areas that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the charity are the level of investment return and the performance of the investment markets (see the investment policy and the risk management sections of the trustees' report for more information).

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income recognition (continued)

Income comprises interest receivable and investment income. All income is accounted for on an accruals basis in accordance with the conditions of the SORP.

Investment income from listed investments is recognised once the income has been declared and notification has been received of the amount due.

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.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenditure, including support costs, is allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

Expenditure comprises the following:

- a. Expenditure on raising funds includes the fees payable to the investment managers in connection with the management of the charity's investments.
- b. Expenditure on charitable activities comprises grants payable to relieve persons who are in need of assistance who served in any of the armed forces of the Crown or in the mercantile marine or in any service established under the Civil Defence Acts 1937 and 1939 and who were disabled in such service and their dependants, together with the cost of administering the grant programme.

Grants payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant and has satisfied all related conditions.

Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure. In order to carry out the object of the charity it is necessary to provide support in the form of financial and governance procedures, provision of office services and equipment and a suitable working environment.

Governance costs comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charity (including audit costs) and costs in respect to its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs and governance costs are allocated to the charity's single charitable activity as any apportionment between expenditure on raising funds and charitable activities would be immaterial.

Investments

Listed 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 charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

Realised gains (or losses) on investment assets are calculated as the difference between disposal proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains (or losses) are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value at that date. Realised and unrealised investment gains (or losses) are combined in the statement of financial activities and are credited (or debited) in the year in which they arise.

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 within particular sectors or sub sectors.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Cash placed on deposit for more than one year is disclosed as a fixed asset investment.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

Fund accounting

The unrestricted funds represent funds available for the general charitable purposes of the Trust at the discretion of the Trustees.

The endowment fund comprises monies which must be held indefinitely as capital. The income therefrom can be used for general purposes and is credited directly to unrestricted funds.

1 Income from investments

	Unrestricted and total funds 2023 £	Unrestricted and total funds 2022 £
Income from listed investments	528,215	491,524
	528,215	491,524

2 Expenditure on raising funds

	Endowment and total funds 2023 £	Endowment and total funds 2022 £
Investment manager costs	17,366	18,036

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Grants payable (note 4) £	Support costs (note 5) £	Unrestricted and total funds 2023 £	Grants payable (note 4) £	Support costs (note 5) £	Unrestricted and total funds 2022 £
Grant making activities	465,000	36,915	501,915	477,100	31,927	509,027

4 Grants payable

	Unrestricted and total funds 2023 £	Unrestricted and total funds 2022 £
Royal British Legion Industries – routine expenditure and relief work	35,000	25,000
Broughton House – routine expenditure and relief work	15,000	15,000
Combat Stress – in support of the Community Mental Health Programme for eligible beneficiaries	30,000	30,000
Erskine Hospital – routine expenditure and relief work	30,000	30,000
Poppy Factory – In support of the 'Get You Back to Work' programme for eligible beneficiaries	30,000	30,000
Stoll (previously Sir Oswald Stoll Foundation) – routine expenditure and relief work	30,000	30,500
Blesma The Limbless Veterans – in support of the 'Making Generation R' programme	25,000	25,000
Defence Medical Welfare Service – routine expenditure and relief work	25,000	25,000
The 'Not Forgotten' Association – routine expenditure and relief work	10,000	10,000
Royal Naval Benevolent Trust – routine expenditure and relief work	—	20,000
Veterans Aid – In support of eligible beneficiaries	25,000	25,000
British Ex-Services Wheelchair Sports Association – routine expenditure	10,000	10,000
Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League – routine expenditure and relief work for eligible beneficiaries	20,000	20,000
Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association – routine expenditure and relief work	25,000	25,000
Canine Partners – in support of a specific canine partnership	7,000	8,100
Gurkha Welfare Trust – welfare support to eligible pensioners and in support of their two care homes in Nepal	16,000	14,000
Scottish Veterans' Residences – repair and maintenance work	10,000	5,000
Alabare – routine expenditure and relief work	10,000	10,000
Chaseley Trust – routine expenditure and relief work	20,000	25,000
Launch pad – routine expenditure and relief work	10,000	10,000
Royal Navy and Royal Marine Children's Fund – routine expenditure and relief work	5,000	5,000
Spinal Injuries Association – routine expenditure and relief work	10,000	7,500
National Gulf Veterans and Families Association – routine expenditure and relief work	5,000	10,000
Wings for Warriors	5,000	—
Turn to Starboard	5,000	—
Royal Star and Garter Homes	7,000	—
Queen Alexandra Hospital Home – routine expenditure and relief work	—	4,000
Veterans Outreach Support – routine expenditure and relief work	11,000	8,000
William Simpson's Home, Stirling – routine expenditure and relief work in support of eligible beneficiaries	5,000	5,000
RAF Association	10,000	20,000
RM Association	5,000	5,000
Royal Alfred Seafarers	10,000	15,000
Care for Veterans	4,000	—
Kart Force – routine expenditure and relief work	—	5,000
Total grants payable to institutions	465,000	477,100

5 Support costs

	Unrestricted and total funds 2023 £	Unrestricted and total funds 2022 £
Staff costs (note 7)	26,825	23,886
Governance costs	9,167	6,859
Other costs	2,086	1,182
	38,078	31,927

6 Net expenditure for the year before net investment gains

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditor's remuneration		
. Audit fees	7,140	6,150

7 Staff costs and remuneration of key management personnel

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and wages	25,662	22,723
Pension contributions	1,163	1,163
	26,825	23,886

No employee earned £60,000 or more in the year (2022 – none).

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2022 – 1).

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis comprise the trustees and the Clerk to the trustees. The total remuneration (including taxable benefits and employer's pension contributions) of the key management personnel for the year was £26,825 (2022 – £23,886).

No remuneration or other benefits have been paid or are payable to any Trustee or person connected with such a Trustee directly or indirectly from the funds of the Trust in the year (2022 – none).

During the year the Trust reimbursed to 5 Trustees (2022 – 5) travel, subsistence and meeting expenses of £1,022 (2022 – £610). Expenses of £1,037 were incurred to facilitate Trustees' meetings during the year (2022 – £709).

8 Taxation

Queen Mary's Roehampton Trust is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

9 Investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Market value at 1 April 2022	14,980,770	14,355,333
Additions at cost	—	17,578
Unrealised investment (losses) gains	(1,135,707)	607,859
Market value at 31 March 2023	13,845,063	14,980,770
Cash held by investment managers for re-investment	—	—
	13,845,063	14,980,770
Historical cost of investments at 31 March 2023	14,520,883	14,445,538

At 31 March 2023, the charity's investments comprised holdings in UK Multi-Asset Holding Unit Trusts only.

At 31 March 2023 investments included the following individual material holdings when compared to the total portfolio valuation as at that date:

Holding at 31 March 2023	%	£
Charity Multi-Asset Fund -Dis	86.58	11,987,009
Charity Multi-Asset Fund-Acc	13.42	1,858,054
		13,845,063
		1,858,054
		13,845,063
Holding at 31 March 2022	%	£
Charity Multi-Asset Fund -Dis	87.07	13,044,042
Charity Multi-Asset Fund-Acc	12.93	1,936,726
		13,044,042
		1,936,726
		13,044,042

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	7,140	6,150
	7,140	6,150

11 Related party transactions

All Trustees sitting as members of the Grants Sub-Committee are required to declare any interests they may have with organisations that are applying for support at every meeting.

The following Trustees were also trustees of, or connected with, other voluntary organisations which received grants and donations from Queen Mary's Roehampton Trust during the year ended 31 March 2023:

11 Related party transactions (continued)

Trustee	Voluntary organisation	Amount 2023 £
Major James J Macnamara	Defence Medical Welfare Service	25,000
Ms. Alison Wyman	Royal Air Force Association	10,000
		Amount 2022 £
Trustee	Voluntary organisation	
Major James J Macnamara	Defence Medical Welfare Service	25,000
Air Commodore B Cooper	Defence Medical Welfare Service	25,000

12 Endowment funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure, gains and losses £	At 31 March 2023 £
Endowment funds	14,972,640	—	(1,153,073)	13,819,567
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	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure, gains and losses £	At 31 March 2022 £
Endowment funds	14,382,817	—	589,823	14,972,640

The endowment fund of the charity derives originally from the sale of real estate, the proceeds of which were invested. It is, therefore, not available for distribution by the Trustees.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Endowment funds £	Unrestricted general fund £	Total funds 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:			
Investments	13,819,567	25,496	13,845,063
Current assets	—	61,521	61,521
Creditors: amounts falling within one year	—	(7,140)	(7,140)
Total net assets	13,819,567	79,877	13,899,444

13 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

	<i>Endowment funds</i> £	<i>Unrestricted general fund</i> £	<i>Total funds 2022</i> £
<i>Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:</i>			
<i>Investments</i>	14,980,770	—	14,980,770
<i>Current assets</i>	(8,130)	59,727	51,597
<i>Creditors: amounts falling within one year</i>	—	(6,150)	(6,150)
<i>Total net assets</i>	<u>14,972,640</u>	<u>53,577</u>	<u>15,026,217</u>

The total unrealised gains as at 31 March 2023 constitute movements on revaluation and are as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Unrealised (losses) gains included above:		
On investments	(675,819)	535,233
Total unrealised (losses) gains at 31 March 2023	(675,819)	535,233
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised (losses) gains		
Unrealised gains at 1 April 2022	535,233	(6,682)
Book cost adjustment	(75,345)	(65,945)
Net gains (losses) arising on revaluation in the year	(1,135,707)	607,860
Total unrealised (losses) gains at 31 March 2023	(675,819)	535,233